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EG 2023 day 1, here are the first scores Graziotti-Sinicropi ok, but what a marathon!

The padel show has begun in Krakow. But it's also time for the marathons. In the morning session of the first round of the men's draw at the European Games, Italians **Giulio Graziotti** and **Riccardo Sinicropi** spent almost three hours on court to defeat Dutchmen **Bram Meijer** and **Stan Franciscus Richters**. After losing 6-2 in the first set, the **Azzurri** faced two match points at 6-5 in the second, before taking the match to the third set by winning the tiebreak and repeating themselves in the deciding set.

Double 6-0 for other italians, **Chiara Pappacena** and **Giulia Sussarello** over Azerbaijan's **Samira Aliyeva** and **Narmina Baghirova**; much more balanced was the game between the Frenchwomen **Jessica Ginier Barbier** and **Lucile Pothier**, who in three sets and in almost two hours of play (7-5 4-6 6-2) defeated the Portuguese **Catarina Dos Santos** and **Margarida Fernandes**.

Good debut for **Adrien Maigret** and **Benjamin Tison**, the number 4 seed in the men's draw, 6-2 6-2 to Estonians **Siim Tuus** and **Erko Nigula**. T

The afternoon session began at 12 noon, with a triumph of flags and colours surrounding the four courts set up in **Krakow Main Square**.

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