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## EG 2023, day 1 – Afternoon session Santigosa and Gala light up Krakow

Thirty-six years in two and a common goal: the gold medal. **Daniel Santigosa**, born in 2004, and **David Gala**, two years younger, are two of the best talents on court at the **European Games in Krakow**. In the men's draw, Santigosa and Gala are the second seed and made their debut defeating Lithuania's **Skirmantas Macinskas** and **Nojus Poska** (6-3 7-5). They now await Germany's **Johannes Lindmeyer** and **Matthias Wunner** in the round of 16. Tomorrow, however, it will be the turn of the first seed, the Spanish pair of **Alonso Rodriguez** and **Pablo Garcia**, against Bulgarians **Dimitrov** and **Mladenov**.

Frenchmen **Thomas Leygue** and **Jeremy Scatena**, the number 3 seed, fell instead, defeated 7-6 4-6 6-3 by the Swedish **Anton Andersson** and **Albin Olsson**, giants of over two metres tall. Speaking of giants, there was great curiosity about the debut of Poland's **Jerzy Janowicz**, a 2013 Wimbledon semifinalist in tennis: paired with **Marcin Maszczyk**, he gave up just four games (6-2 6-2) to Monegasque **Chavanis** and **Fedoroff**. In the afternoon session, **Noa Canovas** and **Araceli Maria Martinez**, the second seed in the women's draw, got off to a good start, 6-3 6-4 to Frenchwomen **Charlotte Soubrie** and **Carla Touly**. Already in the round of 16, however, the number one favourites, **Marta Barrera** and **Marta Caparros**.

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