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The challenge to Spain began in La Nucía (Alicante) World champions get off to a strong start: double 5-0

The race for the title of the **FIP Seniors World Padel Championships** has begun. In **La Nucía (Alicante)**, full courts and a great atmosphere for the first day of the team competition and the Open draw for pairs. The **La Nucía** event is the third edition of the FIP Seniors World Padel Championships, the second to be held on Spanish soil and the first to be attended by nations from all continents, testifying to the global dimension that padel has taken on thanks to the synergy between the **FIP** and the **national federations**. The first edition was held in October 2018 in the municipalities of Estepona and Benahavis, both in the province of **Málaga**. In the tournament for nations, Spain won in both categories: Argentina and Italy on the podium among the men, Italy and Portugal among the women. In the pairs tournament, it was Spanish domination in all eight categories (3 women's and 5 men's).

The second edition took place in **Las Vegas (USA)** in April 2022. In the competition for nations, Spain once again prevailed, in both categories: among the men, second place to Argentina and third to Sweden, among the women, Italy second and France third. In the pairs tournament, on the other hand, three Italian pairs (Women +35 and +45 and Men +55), three Argentinean (Men +35, +40, +50), one Brazilian (Women +40) and one French (Men +45) became world champions.

And **Spain** got off to a strong start in the nations' competition, winning 5-0 against **Japan** in the women's and 5-0 against the **Czechia** in the men's, where **Netherlands'** victory over **Portugal** also stands out on a day that saw all the top seeds win. Tomorrow it is back on the court, with the national teams who rested on the first day of competition making their debut.

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