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## FIP European Padel Championships, day 4 women: Spain-Portugal and Italy-France, two European derbies light up the women's semifinals

**Spain-Portugal** and **Italy-France**. If you want to look at the **FIP European Padel Championships** semifinals from the perspective of rivalry, these are undoubtedly two derbies. And very intense ones. **France**, which finished second in the **European Championship in Marbella** won by Spain—with Italy third after being defeated in the semifinals by the Spaniards—won the battle in the quarter-finals against the **Netherlands**. After taking the first match with **Collombon/Ginier** against **Hemmes/Van der Hoek** (6-3 6-3), the most beautiful match of the quarters morning followed, with the experienced Dutch pair **Weterings/Koek**, victorious in a comeback against **Sireix/Touly** 6-7 6-2 6-4. However, France held one of the most in-form players of the moment, **Léa Godallier**, for the last match, who, paired with **Soubrie**, easily overcame **Betz/Segou Jonker** (6-2 6-3). For **Italy**, another rapid victory against **Denmark** by 3-0, conceding only seven games in total by **Stellato/Sussarello, Casali/Vano**, and **Marchetti/Pappacena**.

A lightning victory also for **Spain** against **Germany**, to whom **Alonso/Ustero, Castello/Ortega**, and **Caldera/Rufo** conceded only three games in total. Another close match, however, between Sweden and Portugal, who were playing for the next match against the highly favored Spaniards. The Swedes started strong, winning the first match with **Girido/Navarro Bjork** who inflicted a double 6-2 on **Castro Vilela/Fernandes**. To level things up, amid traditionally heated support from the Portuguese and Swedes, were the FIP number 12 ranked **Sofia Araujo** - paired with **Patricia Ribeiro** - with a decisive 6-1 6-4 against **Bjork/Jarlskog**. In the decisive match, **Nogueira-Rodrigues** sealed the deal 6-3 6-2 over **Behram/Soleymani**, earning the match against Spain.

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