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FIP European Padel Championships, day 5 women The final will be Spain-Italy. Spaniards for the 'Tenth', Azzurre hope on Cagliari crowd

It will be **Italy** between **Spain** and the tenth women's title in the **FIP European Padel Championships**: great showdown on Saturday at **TC Cagliari**. The Spaniards closed 3-0 in their semifinal tie against **Portugal**: the youngsters **Ale Alonso** and **Andrea Ustero**, who are both in the top 20 of the FIP ranking, won the first match with a double 6-0 win over **Gaspar/Ribeiro**, while **Marta Ortega** and **Jessica Castelló** gave Spain the decisive point with a 6-2 6-3 win over **Sofia Araujo** (who plays with 'Martita' in the **Premier Padel** circuit) and **Ana Catarina Nogueira**. **Spain** and **Portugal** also took to the court for the last match, with **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno** (two-time finalists in Premier Padel 2024) dropping just one game to **Castro Vilela/Rodrigues**.

The other semifinal was an incredible fight, which started at 9 a.m. and ended seven hours later. The first match was won by Italy, thanks to the comeback of **Carlotta Casali** and **Emily Stellato**, 4-6 6-3 6-3 over **Lucile Pothier** and **Charlotte Soubrié**; France, however, didn't give up, managing to regain a set down in the second match. **Alix Collombon** and **Lea Godallier**, in two hours and 41 minutes, won 5-7 7-6 6-2 over **Carolina Orsi** and **Giulia Sussarello**. The match between **Jessica Ginier Barbier** and **Carla Touly** against **Giorgia Marchetti** and **Chiara Pappacena** was then decisive, with the Italians able to close 7-5 6-3 in one hour and 33 minutes and to start the celebration of the Azzurre, which tomorrow will try to stop the Spanish domination. *"You need courage, it has already happened to beat a Spanish pair, we did it in Krakow in the women's final of the European Games with Orsi and Marchetti – said Italian captain Marcela Ferrari -. And then in life and in sport you need to dream and until the ball stops you have to keep doing it"*.

If **Portugal** and **France** will be back on court tomorrow for the final for third and fourth place, it will be **Sweden** (2-0 to **Germany**) and the **Netherlands** (2-1 to **Denmark**) who will play for fifth and sixth place.
