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## FIP World Padel Championships, Day 1 women's What a battle between Belgium and the Netherlands, solid debut for Spain and Argentina

The first women's round of the **FIP World Padel Championships** in Qatar has wrapped up, and it was an exciting start at the **Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex** in Doha. Spectators, who had already packed the stands on day 1, were held in suspense by the tie between **Belgium** and the **Netherlands** in Group D: a clash that began shortly after lunch and extended into dinnertime after a long, hard-fought battle. The "Oranje" came out on top, with Betz/Hemmes securing the decisive point in the third match against Cuypers/Boeykens (6-1 3-6 6-2). The tie opened with a win for the Dutch team Groenveld/Luttikhuis against Pysson/Van Mol (1-6 6-1 6-0), and Belgium later evened the score with Wyckaert/Mestach against Koek/Weterings (6-4 0-6 6-4).

Among the day's most exciting matches was **Germany** against **Chile**, both vying for a quarterfinal spot behind Spain. On court 4, Germany took the first match with Hering/Blaschke (6-0 7-6 over Mosca/Paz Coccio) and went on to win the second with a 2-1 by Kurz/Hoefer against Arancibia/Ahumada Carrasco (6-1 1-6 6-2). "La Roja" claimed the third match, with Castro Diaz/Araneda Curtze triumphing over Scholten/Buttner (6-4 2-6 6-0).

**SPAIN, BEA RETURNS** Spain's opening round wrapped up smoothly with a 3-0 win over **Brazil**. The defending champions quickly took the lead in Group A, with the added highlight of Bea Gonzalez's return to the court. Paired with Paula Josemaria, they cruised to a comfortable 6-0 6-0 win over Julia Gomes and Luana Trautwein. The duo of Triay/Salazar also started strong, winning 6-1 6-1 against Schuck Silva/Cirne, and "Martita" Ortega and Ari Sanchez closed with a 6-2 6-0 over Abbud De Barros/Abarzua Branchi. In Group B, **Argentina** also finished with a 3-0 in their tie against the **United States**: starting powerfully with Valenzuela/Riera (6-0 6-0 over Morga Alonso/Ruiz Alvarez), the "Albiceleste" sealed the result with Jensen/Fassio against Rodriguez Sanchez/Dubins (6-2 6-2) and wrapped up the "sweep" with Osoro/Ferreya against Riobueno/Adamowich (6-1 6-0).

In Group C, **Italy** had a strong start, with a 3-0 over Uruguay, while **Portugal** (Group B) defeated **Egypt** by the same score, although Egypt managed to take a set in the match between El Nimr/Hakim and Fernandes/Nogueira. **Sweden** and **France** also dropped a set, to **Japan** and **Denmark** respectively, yet both the Scandinavians and the “Bleues” prevailed over their opponents with 3-0 wins.

**DAY 2** On Day 2, beginning at 2 p.m local time (12 CET). on Tuesday the 29th, all eyes will be on the French team, who will face the Netherlands in another match-up to watch closely; other highlight matches include Belgium against Denmark and Germany against Brazil.

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