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FIP World Padel Championships, men's day 1 Argentina and Spain, winning debut. Brazil also ok

An exciting day 1 in the men's draw at the **FIP World Padel Championships**. At the **Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex** in **Doha**, it was immediately a show: the last tie to be concluded, between **France** and **Uruguay**, was the most uncertain, with the final success of the Bleus (2-1) thanks to Guichard/Vives, after the first point had been conquered by Bergeron/Fonteny thanks to a 6-3 6-0 win over Jimenez/Illarida and the momentary draw by Ramos/Araujo de Lizarza. In the other Group C match, 3-0 by **Chile** to hosts **Qatar**.

The other match that kept everyone in suspense was the Group D one between **Brazil** and **Sweden**. After Olsson/Rutgersson's two-set (7-6 6-3) victory over Da Cunha/Rodrigues, Seleçao signed the comeback thanks to Julianoti/Bergamini and Campagnolo/De Avila Simonato, the latter thanks to a 6-7 6-2 6-4 win over Appelgren-Frost. In the same group, 3-0 by **Portugal** over the **Netherlands** thanks to victories by the Deus brothers, Perry/Fazendeiro and Araujo/Luque.

Three victories also for the two finalists of the 2022 edition. In Group A, 3-0 by world champion **Argentina** over **Italy** thanks to Tapia/Chingotto, Stupaczuk/Libaak and Di Nenno/Augsburger; in Group B, 3-0 by **Spain** over **Mexico** with wins by Lebron/Yanguas, Navarro/Coello and Galan/Ruiz. Along with **Argentina**, in Group A, **Belgium** also won over the **United States** (2-1); in Group B, however, a comeback victory (2-1) by the **United Arab Emirates** over **Paraguay** with wins by Ayats/Jurado and Icardo/Jofre.

On Tuesday, not before 6 p.m. local time (4 p.m. CET), everyone is back on court: **Belgium-Italy**, on centre court, may already be decisive. Eyes also on **Spain-Arab Emirates** and **Portugal-Sweden**.

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