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EG2023, day 3 - Evening session

Here are the semifinalists

Spain will play for the en plein

Not even the rain stopped the padel show. The three draws of the **European Games** in **Krakow** elected the names of the four semifinalist pairs, who will play for a medal between Saturday and Sunday. In the men's, ahead without losing a set are Spain's **Alonso Rodriguez** and **Pablo Garcia**, who defeated Italy's **Giulio Graziotti** and **Riccardo Sinicropi** in two sets (6-4 6-3). In the semifinals they will face the Portuguese **Alfonso Fazendeiro** and **Miguel Oliveira**, who got the better of the French **Adrien Maigret** and **Benjamin Tison** with a double tiebreak.

"We put in extra energy because we wanted to avenge the defeat at the Dubai World Cup - said the Portuguese pair -. We dragged each other to play our best and now we don't want to stop". On the other side of the draw, double 6-1 for **Simone Cremona** and **Marco Cassetta** against Belgians **Jerome Peeters** and **François Azzola**. A super performance, also underlined by coach **Saverio Palmieri**: *"We had prepared it well, but Simone and Marco were perfect. The road is long and we must get down to it now".*

Also because tomorrow is the match against the 'Spanish terrible' boys **Daniel Santigosa** and **David Gala**, who defeated the Portuguese brothers **Nuno** and **Miguel Deus**.

Among the women, it will be an affair between Spaniards and Italians: **Marta Barrera** and **Marta Caparros** - who needed the third set to beat the French **Jessica Ginier Barbier** and **Lucile Pothier** - will face **Chiara Pappacena** and **Giulia Sussarello**. *"It is a big feeling to have reached the semifinals - said the Italians -. Playing in the national team is a unique thing because this jersey is like a second skin and because, unlike the tournaments that are played every week, there are no second chances".* On the other side of the draw, **Noa Canovas** and **Araceli Maria Martinez** find **Carolina Orsi** and **Giorgia Marchetti**. A medal for Italy is real.

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