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Argentina rewrites history in men's, Spain triumphs in women's. Carraro: "You've made this tournament great, thank you all for the emotions"

After the Spanish double in the first two editions in **Malaga** (2018) and **Las Vegas** (2022), in **La Nucía (Alicante)** there are two nations on top of the world in the **FIP Seniors World Padel Championships**. If the Spanish confirmed their throne in the women's tournament, in the men's, Argentina rewrote history. On **Cristian Gutierrez's** smash that gave the Albiceleste the decisive point, all the team members rushed onto the court to celebrate Gutierrez and **Agustin Gomez Silingo**, the protagonists of the match won 6-3 6-7 7-6 over **Enric Sanmartí** and **José Javier Limones**. Giving the first points to Argentina, which won the tie 3-2 overall, were **Alejandro Novillo** and **Gabriel Dominguez** (double 7-6 over Almazan/Semprun) and the pair formed by **Hernan Auguste** and **Gaby Reca** (4-6 6-4 7-5) over Montes/Contreras. Auguste and Reca had already played together from 2007 to 2011, and in 2002 they won the World Championships: they repeated, more than 20 years later.

If **Spain** was defeated in the men's final, they had nevertheless been able to celebrate the women's title in the morning. **France**, protagonist of a great tournament anyway, had to bow to the Spaniards, who won all five matches without losing a set. On the court, among others, was **Iciar Montes** (+45), many times world champion in teams and pairs during her big career.

On the final day of the FIP Seniors World Padel Championships, which took place in a great atmosphere on all the courts, the rankings of the team tournaments were also formed and the finals of the Open draw were played, divided by category (**+35, +40, +45, +50, +55**). On the podium, among the men, went **France** (fourth place Sweden); among the women, bronze medal for **Italy**, which beat Netherlands in the final for third place.

Finally, these are the winning pairs of the FIP Seniors World Padel Championships in the Open tournaments, with five titles for **France**, two each for **Spain** and **Sweden** and one for **Mexico**.

Over 55 men: Francisco Javier Rodriguez/Ricardo Charfole (Spain)

Over 55 women: Helena Dahlstrom/Monica Lundqvist (Sweden)

Over 50 men: Norberto Sager/Marcos Raya (Spain)

Over 50 women: Catherine Lalanne/Alexia Dechaume Balleret (France)

Over 45 men: Octavio Lara/Fabian Mujica (Mexico)

- Over 45 women:** Peggy Maignen/Emilie Loit (France)
- Over 40 men:** Per Hjalmarson/Johan Brunstrom (Sweden)
- Over 40 women:** Julie Pecastaing/Amelie Detriviere (France)
- Over 35 men:** Maxime Moreau/Adrien Maigret (France)
- Over 35 women:** Melanie Ros/Charlotte Soubrie (France)

The award ceremony was a concentration of emotions, after an unforgettable week made possible thanks to the contribution of the **Spanish Federation (FEP)** and that of the **Comunitat Valenciana (FCV)**, the city of **La Nucía**, the **Diputación de Alicante** and the **Comunitat Valenciana**. *"When we opened this third edition of the FIP Seniors World Padel Championships, I said and emphasised it: you are the ones who have made padel great – said the president of the International Padel Federation, Luigi Carraro –. After six days full of great emotions, I can only thank you because you have not made this tournament great, you have made it huge, gigantic. You have given us a fantastic, incredible week. See you in two years!"*

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