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FIP European Padel Championships, day 4 Portugal against Spain; Italy with a comeback, tomorrow there is France

Cagliari and **Sardinia** dragged Italy to a comeback and qualification for the semifinals. As in the women's draw, in the men's draw of the **FIP European Padel Championships** the semifinals will be **Spain-Portugal** and **Italy-France**. But those quarterfinals were tight matches, starting with the tie between **Italy** and **Sweden**, which began with **Rutgersson/Windahl**'s success over **Dominguez/Sinicropi**. But it was there that Italy's comeback began, able to draw level thanks to **Cremona/Cassetta**'s three-set win over **Axelsson/Olsson**. *"It was a very tough match for the result we entered with and for the pair we had in front of us – the Azzurri said –. As the games went by, however, we played clearly better and the crowd was sensational"*. Italy's fans were also decisive in the third match, with **Graziotti/Patinotis** completing a fantastic evening, to the notes of 'Sarà perché ti amo', a song that has become famous not only among Italians. In the bottom half of the draw, that of Italy, **France** needed only two matches to win the tie against **Germany**: 6-2 6-4 for **Bergeron/Maigret** over **Lindmeyer/Merten**, then double 6-4 for **Blanche/Leygue** over **Reca/Wunner**.

Same at the top end for **Spain**, who got the better of the **Netherlands**: **Leal/Rico** beat **Meijer/Richters** 6-4 7-6, then **Arroyo** and **Ruiz** gave up only three games (6-1 6-2) to **Maarsen** and **Roper**. **Spain** will face **Portugal** tomorrow (from 4 p.m.), who closed in a two-game tie against **Great Britain** thanks to the **Deus** brothers and **Pascoal/Perry**. Women and men, same semifinals: from 9 a.m., in Cagliari, the atmosphere will be very hot.
