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FIP World Padel Championships, Day 2 Women's The favorites soar, and what a showdown between Germany and Brazil!

A large number of spectators, chants, trumpets, flags, and the shouts of athletes accompanied the plays of their teammates. With the second day of the **FIP World Padel Championships** in Qatar, the tension level has risen in the hunt for qualification for the knockout stage.

BRAZILIAN THRILLER Only one match was tightly contested until the end, as well as spectacular: the one between **Brazil** and **Germany**. A beautiful and spectacular showdown on Court 6 at the **Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex** in Doha, where **Dana Ackerman** and **Khatarina Hering** forcefully claimed the first point, overcoming the duo **Abbud de Barros-Lenz** 6-1 6-4. Then it was the turn of **Denise Hofer** and **Victoria Kurz**, who faced the highly regarded Brazilian pair **Schuck Silva-Cirne**. The first set was a severe whiplash for the Germans, ending 6-0, the result of both tension and the aggressive and precise play of the Brazilians. In the second set, it became a closely fought battle for every point, with Hofer tactically and mentally driving her partner, gradually transforming a challenging match into a climb that ended 6-4 for the Germans.

An epilogue that the Brazilians felt, and as the crowd filled the perimeter around Court 6 to enjoy the show, Hofer-Kurz soared to a partial score of 4-1 that seemed close to a German celebration. Instead, a story seen a thousand times began: Kurz made a few too many errors, the Brazilians held their serve, and then managed the break, taking the lead at 5-4. And there, despite two consecutive match points saved by Hofer — who played a great match — the final score of 6-4 sealed the tie at 1-1 in the clash between the two nations. In the third and decisive match, **Abarzua-Branchi-Menna** defeated **Buttner-Scholten** 6-2, 6-3, a score that brings it to 2-1 and gives them a chance to qualify in Group A for the quarterfinals. For the Germans, tomorrow brings a hard match against **Spain**.

SPAIN AND ARGENTINA OK Speaking of the “Wonder 8,” the reigning world champions, on Tuesday they achieved their second victory — securing first place in Group A with a perfect score— against **Chile** by 3-0. In Group B, **Argentina** won 3-0 against **Egypt**, just like **Portugal**, which defeated the **United States** by the same score. In Group C, the European vice-champions **Italy** and **Sweden** flew high after their 3-0 victories against **Japan** and **Uruguay**, respectively. Finally, in Group D, **France** is in the lead after their success against the **Netherlands** (3-0), while



Belgium defeated **Denmark**. Tomorrow brings decisive challenges for advancing to the quarterfinals in both drawn: the title and the ninth to sixteenth positions.

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