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FIP World Padel Championships, men's day 5 Not one Argentina-Spain, but two. Italy-Portugal the final for a medal

The never-ending challenge. Just as in the women's draw, in the men's draw of the **FIP World Padel Championships** it will be **Argentina** and **Spain** who will play for the world title in Doha. The head to head of world titles sees the Albiceleste ahead 11-4, but Spain won in Qatar in 2021. At the **Khalifa Tennis&Squash Complex**, not before 5 p.m. local time (3 p.m. CET), the world's best players will take the court, many of whom will be opponents for a day despite being partners on the **Premier Padel** circuit. Applause, however, for Italy and Portugal, who in the final for third place will be playing to get on the podium for the first time in their history.

Defending champion **Argentina** beat **Portugal** 2-0. The first match, however, was a painful one for the 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno**, who came back to play together in the national team jersey. After winning 6-1 the first set against brothers **Nuno** and **Miguel Deus**, Portugal took the match to the third set, which closed 6-1 6-7 6-4 in two hours. **Agustin Tapia** and **Fede Chingotto**, on the other hand, took only 49 minutes to beat **Jesus/Pascoal** 6-0 6-1.

Spain, on the other hand, gave Italy a total of just five games in three matches: **Juan Lebron** and **Arturo Coello** beat **Facundo Dominguez** and **Lorenzo Di Giovanni** 6-1 6-1, **Ale Galan** and **Jon Sanz** did the same against **Giulio Graziotti** and **Riccardo Sinicropi** (6-1 6-0), and **Coki Nieto** and **Mike Yanguas** closed the hat-trick against **Michele Bruno** and **Aris Patiniotis** (6-1 6-1), with Bruno, however, playing one of the best points of the tournament at the start of the second set: a pass with his back to the court that also gained the applause of his opponents.

The semifinals for the fifth to eighth positions were also played today: the **United Arab Emirates** defeated **Chile** 2-1 (wins for **Jofre/Icardo** and **Jurado/Ayats**) and, in the final for fifth place, they will face **Brazil**, who beat France 2-1 thanks to **Bergamini/Gomes'** decisive point over **Guichard/Vives**.



FIP WORLD PADEL CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEN'S QUARTER-FINALS

Argentina-Chile 3-0

Portugal-UAE 2-0

Spain-Brazil 2-0

France-Italy 0-2

SEMIFINALS

Argentina-Portugal 2-0

Spain-Italy 3-0

FINAL

Argentina-Spain

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