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The World Championships are underway

Since yesterday, Tuesday, this year's World Billiards Championships in 5-Pins take place in Calangianus/Italy. A total of 64 athletes are fighting for the 32 places in the final round in eight groups in a round robin mode.

This means that each participant has to play seven matches best of 5 before the final round continues in best of 7 matches. The defending champion is Davide Ciro Rizzo from Italy, who met his compatriot Andrea Martinelli right at the start of Group A and defeated him in a real thriller with 3:2 sets. In the same group, Eliomar Barrutti from Uruguay currently has three wins, just like Rizzo.

Meanwhile, Group B sees Switzerland's Ulisse Calzi at the top with three wins out of three matches, while Italy's Flavio Alberto Ballotta already has one defeat. Argentina's Juan Demasi and Ricardo Dieguez also suffered defeats.

It's a thrilling race in Group C, where Italy's Santi Caratozzolo and Switzerland's Emiliano D'Amelio are both still unbeaten after three matches. Among others, Caratozzolo narrowly beat his compatriot Paolo Spadaro 3:2, while D'Amelio managed a smooth 3:0 victory over the reigning German champion Michel Peters.

German youngster Max Gabel is still without a loss in Group D. He beat his opponents 3:0 three times in a row and is now at the top of the table. The Argentine Gustavo Longo had to admit defeat to the Uruguayan Maximo Fernandez after two wins in the opening round.

Fernandez, in turn, was defeated 3:0 by Gabel. Frenchman Nicolas David also has three wins to his name in Group E. This puts him on a par with title candidate Daniel Lopez Ricardo, who is also undefeated after three matches. Behind these two there is a big fight for the next places, as each player already has victories and defeats on his account.

Andrea Quarta is the player to beat in Group F. The Italian had to go the full distance in two matches, but in



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the end he always managed to win 3:2 sets. In his last match against Maurizio Gobbi (San Marino) he won clearly with 3:0. Right behind him are the Vice European Champion Kasper Kristoffersen (Denmark) and the Argentine Sebastian Paloma. In the direct duel of these two players, Kristoffersen won 3:1.

Also in Group G, Severino Marchioretto, an Italian, leads the table with three wins. Both his compatriot Paolo Marcolin and the German Toni Rosenberg have two wins. The match between Marcolin and Rosenberg went 3:1 to the Italian, while Marcolin lost his match against Marchioretto.

Paolo Infortuna (Italy), meanwhile, leads Group H with three wins. He beat Lautaro Menghi from Argentina 3:1 and thus inflicted the first defeat in the tournament. Italy's Matteo Guallemi lost 3:1 to Infortuna at the start of the tournament, but then showed his best side again with two straight wins.

The group stage will run until late Thursday evening before the final phase of the World Championships begins on Friday. The new title holder will be determined on Saturday evening.

Best regards,

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