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Final stage starts today

The group stage of this year's 5-Pins World Championships in Calangianus/Italy ended late on Thursday evening. The 32 finalists were determined, who will now play in a single knockout to determine the world champion. The matches will be played in a best of 7 sets, whereby a set requires 60 points.

As expected, the event is dominated by the Italian and Argentinian athletes. In the draw, which was made last night, there are a total of 14 Italians and ten Argentinians. But the Uruguayans also make up a considerable delegation with four athletes. The field of the top 32 is completed by two Danes, one Swiss and one German.

A total of seven of the eight preliminary round groups were won by Italian athletes. Group A saw reigning world champion Ciro Davide Rizzo at the top. He was able to win all seven matches. The same feat was achieved in the other groups by his compatriots Santi Caratozzolo, Natalino Scorza, Daniel Ricardo Lopez, Andrea Quarta, Severino Marchioretto and Paulo Infortuna.

Only in Group B were two Argentinians at the top, Ricardo Dieguez and Juan Demasi, while Flavio Alberto Ballotta, the first and only Italian in this group, came third.

The final round will feature one clash between two Italians with Santi Caratozzolo and Giovanni Primon. There are eight duels between Italians and Argentines, while only the matches between Maximo Fernandez and Diego Capote (both Uruguay) and Emiliano D'Amelio (Switzerland) and the Danish European runner-up Kasper Kristoffersen are without Argentine or Italian participation.

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