



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

3-CUSHION: NATIONAL TEAMS & LADIES **ANTALYA 2020**



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Sweden 1 and Italy already eliminated

This afternoon, the seeded teams started the race at the European 3-Cushion Championships for national teams. The first Dutch duo with Jeffrey Jorissen and Raimond Burgman showed a constant performance, which resulted in a clear success against the Croats.

The Italians have already been eliminated, but Marco Zanetti in particular said goodbye to the tournament with a bang. He was hopelessly down against Semih Sayginer with 12:30 after fourteen innings, but he levelled the match with a sensational run of 18 points! Unfortunately that didn't help in the final score as his team partner Alessio D'Agata lost to Murat Naci Coklu and the duo only managed a draw against Spain 2 in the morning.

Meanwhile, Spain 1 started the European Championship with a win. While Ruben Legazpi won his match against Switzerland safely, Daniel Sanchez only managed to beat Cetin Behzat after he was down most of the time in that game.

The match between defending champions Belgium and Turkey 2 didn't find a winner today. Roland Forthomme won against Tayfun Tasmemir, but Eddy Merckx lost against Can Capak. As the Netherlands 2 and Turkey 2 had also drawn in the first group match, everything depends on tomorrow's final match between Belgium and Netherlands 2.

The first match of the Austrians also ended in a draw. Andreas Efler won his game against Sweden 2, who had

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previously lost to Greece 1, but Arnim Kahofer lost at the same time. Thus, the decision will be made in tomorrow's match against the strong Greeks, whereby the Austrians have to win in order to reach the quarterfinals.

The German duo also joined the series of draws. Dustin Jäschke won his match against the Czech Republic, but his teammate Cengiz Karaca lost by a paper-thin margin to Martin Bohac. The Czech scored six points in a row at 24:24, while Karaca scored only five points in his last inning. He missed the sixth point by millimetres.

Denmark and Sweden, who played in a group of two and therefore had to play against each other twice today, also had a highly dramatic time. In both matches, World Champion Torbjörn Blomdahl won against Dion Nelin, while his fellow countryman Michael Nilsson lost to the Dane Jacop Sorensen. Thus, the overall average of both teams had to be used, which finally decided in favour of the Danes with 1.317: 1.256.

Last but not least the French team started with a victory into the European Championship. Jeremy Bury was able to win against Greece 2, while the young Gwendal Marechal at least managed a point split. So in the last group match France is satisfied with a draw against Portugal, who drew against Greece 2 earlier today.

Results, day 1:

Netherlands 2 - Turkey 2 | 1:1
Belgium 2 - Croatia | 2:0
Italy - Spain 2 | 1:1
France 2 - Switzerland | 1:1
Czech Republic - Danmark 2 | 1:1
Portugal - Greece 2 | 1:1
Danmark 1 - Sweden 1 | 1:1
Greece 1 - Sweden 2 | 2:0
Belgium 1 - Turkey 2 | 1:1
Netherlands 1 - Croatia | 2:0
Turkey 1 - Italy | 2:1
Spain 1 - Switzerland | 2:0
Germany - Czech Republic | 1:1
France 1 - Greece 2 | 2:1
Sweden 1 - Danmark 1 | 1:1
Austria - Sweden 2 | 1:1

The whole event is livestreamed via www.kozoom.com and Germanys Touch Magazine will be responsible for newsletters and pictures [which you will find here](#).

Best regards

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