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Five seeded players already eliminated

Today, Thursday noon, the final round of the TOP 32 of the European 3-Cushions Championships in Berlicum/Netherlands started. 16 seeded players were joined by 16 qualifiers who had won their respective groups during the last two days.

So it came today also to the first appearance of the world number one and titleholder Dick Jaspers. The Dutchman is of course one of this year's favorites and demonstrated his supremacy in his match against Frenchman Jerome Barbeillon. After just sixteen innings and an average of 3.125, he finished the match. He had a high run of 12 points.

For a total of five seeded players, however, the day went anything but as desired. The first surprise came from Murat Naci Coklu from Turkey, who as the world number nine was clearly favored against Dave Christiani. But the Dutchman played a strong game and deservedly entered the round of 16.

Surprisingly Jeremy Bury (France) had no chance in his match against the Cadre specialist Raymund Swertz from the Netherlands. Swertz played only an average match with 50:24 after 35 innings, but this was enough to eliminate a very weak Bury (average 0.705).

Multiple World Champion Torbjörn Blomdahl also never really got going. The Swede had a feasible draw with Jean-Paul de Bruijn from the Netherlands, but he had big difficulties to find his game. He managed a series of 10 points to take the lead, but after 33 innings it was de Bruijn who finished first with 50:42.



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With Nikos Polychronopoulos (Greece) and the Spaniard Ruben Legazpi two more seeded players were eliminated.

The action continues on Friday from 10:00 with the round of 16, before the quarter-finals take place in the late afternoon.

The entire European Championship can be followed in the livestream via www.kozoom.com. All information about the event can already be found at www.eurobillard.org. There you will also find all the results after the tournament has started.

Photos will be permanently produced by the Touch PR agency during the event days and made available for free download several times a day on the [EC Media page](#). This page also contains editorial reports and much more information about the event.

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