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## Drama for Germany and Greece

What a drama here at the World Team Championships in 3-Cushions at the Festhalle in Viersen. In group D the host nation Germany needed a win against Peru and if Turkey would at least draw against Columbia it would be good enough for Martin Horn and Ronny Lindemann.

In the beginning the two Germans had their problems to find into the match but after the break they both played a little more solid and found some kind of a rhythm. At the same time Turkey had a clear lead against Columbia so the quarter final seemed to be safe for both duos. But at the score of 36:23 in favor of Turkey the Columbians run nine points and only two innings later they ran another 7 to score the 40th point. Turkey had another chance but only could make one point. Meanwhile Germany was still in the lead but they already knew that it won't be good enough to make it to the next round. At the end they won 40:37 but only finished third due to a poor average comparing to Turkey and Columbia.

Similarly dramatic was also Group C where Greece had the best cards to progress after defeating the Netherlands this morning. But against the duo from Vietnam Filipos Kasidokostas and Nikos Polychronopoulos failed to play as strong as before and lost quite clearly by 19:40 points. At the same time the Dutch team played a very good match against Danmark and won 40:12 after only 17 innings. In the end the average had also to decide who is going through to the next round. Vietnam was best with 1,630, right before the Netherlands with 1,609 and Greece with 1,337.

In Group A Belgium continues to march towards group victory. Against France, Frédéric Caudron and Eddy Merckx secured the second victory in the second match.

At the same time Japan defeated Mexico, but in the final match against France they also need something countable, otherwise the Asians will be eliminated.



Colombia defeats Turkey and qualifies for the quarter-finals. Germany is out.

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In group A the reissue of last year's finals took place between South Korea and Austria. As in the previous year the duo from Austria was in the lead until the break but after that Korea returns much stronger. With a final score of 40:28 South Korea had the better end and already secured two wins. In the second group match, Egypt won over Lebanon, but on Saturday they will need another win against South Korea to make it to the quarters.

### Results Day 2:

Netherlands - Greece 23:40  
Vietnam - Danmark 40:32  
Korea - Austria 40:28  
Libanon - Egypt 32:40  
Belgium - France 40:25  
Mexico - Japan 22:40  
Turkey - Columbia 38:40  
Germany - Peru 40:37  
Netherlands - Dänemark 40:12  
Greece - Vietnam 19:40

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