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### **Semifinalists determined – Austria eliminated**

On the third day of the 3-Cushions World Team Championships in Viersen/Germany the participants of tomorrow's semifinals were determined.

The day begun with the remaining four matches of the group stages were both Belgium and title holder Korea celebrated their third win. Furthermore Austria beat the Lebanon and France had the better end against Mexico so both teams advanced to the round of the last 8.

On Saturday afternoon the first two quarterfinals took place and due to the seeding system it was possible that some teams could face each other again. And this is what exactly happened as the Netherlands had to play again against Vietnam and also Turkey already played against Columbia in the group stages the day before.

However both matches became very thrilling. Until the 10-minutes break in the middle of each match no team could develop a lead. Vietnam was up with a score of 19:9-points but only a few minutes later the match was tied again. After the break between the match of Turkey and Columbia the Turkish duo with Lütfi Cenet and Murat Naci Coklu was the first team to develop a decisive lead. And unlike yesterday Robinson Morales and Huberney Catano didn't make a comeback so Turkey was the first team to advance to the semifinal.

Meanwhile on table 2 the score was 35:35 between the Netherlands and Vietnam. Then world champion Dick Jaspers and Raymund Burgman ran 4 points and had match point. Jaspers didn't make it so the Vietnamese had their last chance. But they also missed so it was on Burgman to make the deciding 40th point.

In the second session Belgium played versus Austria



The Netherlands are in the semifinals.

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while Korea was the big favorite against France. The reigning champions especially scored very well after the break and finally won the match by a clear score of 40:18 after 26 innings. Meanwhile the fourth and last quarterfinal was a much closer won. At the score of 14:14 Austria made 7 points to take the lead. Right after the break the Belgians as usual came back much stronger so the match was tied again by a score of 34:34. From that point Frédéric Caudron and Eddy Merckx ran 4 and 2 points to make it 40:34. Austria had only one chance left to score but failed at the opening shot.

Tomorrow at 10:00 o'clock a.m. CET the first semifinal will be played. The final will start at 3:00 o'clock p.m. CET.

### Results Day 3:

Korea - Egypt 40:25  
Austria - Lebanon 40:27  
Belgium - Japan 40:27  
France - Mexico 40:35

### Quarterfinals:

Turkey - Columbia 40:31  
Vietnam - Netherlands 35:40  
Belgium - Austria 40:34  
Korea - France 40:18

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