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The balls are rolling again

Today, Thursday morning, the 34th 3-Cushion World Team-Championships were ceremonially opened in Viersen/Germany. Thus the traditional event returns after three years of Corona-break to the Festhalle, where it had already taken place since 1990.

After the participating teams were invited into the arena by the master of ceremonies, Frank Schiffers, the playing area shone in the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

Afterwards, the mayor of Viersen, Sabine Anemüller, and the president of the German Billiards Union (DBU), Helmut Biermann, welcomed the athletes, officials and spectators on site and via livestream. Finally, it was Farouk Barki, President of the World Federation UMB, who officially opened the World Championship.

The total of 16 teams will play in four groups of four in a round robin, whereby the first and second place will move into the quarterfinals.

The competitions kicked off with the games of the host nation Germany against Peru as well as Spain against Belgium. While the German team won 4-0 against the South Americans, the match between Spain and Belgium was completely even. Eddy Merckx prevailed on the Belgian side, while Ruben Legazpi scored for Spain.

Due to the better overall average, Spain was in a better position and therefore played against Germany tonight. This duel ended with a 4:0 for Spain, while in parallel Belgium and Peru shared the points. This means that tomorrow, Friday evening, Germany and Belgium will face each other directly for a place in the quarterfinals.

In Group A the co-favorites from Korea were able to win against Jordan, while Japan was successful against Greece. Thus, South Korea will play against Japan on



UMB President Farouk Barki opened the World Team Championships in Viersen/Germany.

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Friday, while the match between Jordan and Greece is already about staying in the tournament.

Group B saw the first appearance of the defending champions from Turkey. Tayfun Tasdemir and Can Capak also performed as such and had the better end against their opponents from Czech Republic. The second match of this group was very exciting. Jakob Sørensen had put his Danish team in the lead against Egypt, but at the same time Sameh Sidhom had the equalizer on the cue against Dion Nelin. Only in the last innings he lost a safe lead and had to congratulate Nelin for the overall victory of the Danish duo.

Besides that there was a small surprise in group C, because the Netherlands with the world number one Dick Jaspers had to admit defeat to the strong playing Vietnamese. In the second match of this group, France and Colombia faced each other, with the South Americans coming out on top.

All important information about the World Championships can be found on the official website www.wm-viersen.de and the WC media page.

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