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European title fights opened

At the European Three-Cushion Championships in Berlicum/Netherlands the qualification round for the TOP 32 has started today. A total of 48 athletes are divided into 16 groups of three, where only the top of each group will reach the final round.

However, the respective group heads were only used very sporadically today. Two interesting matches from the point of view of the Dutch hosts were certainly the performances of Raymund Swertz and Dave Cristiani.

Especially Swertz is known to be a master in Cadre, but in 3-cushion he is rarely seen at the table. All the more impressive is his 40:39 victory against Omer Karakurt from Turkey, who once was European U21 Champion and is one of Europe's greatest young talents.

Dave Christiani also had strong nerves, defeating Nalle Olsson (Sweden) by the same score. Both Dutch players have at least put themselves in a very good starting position to have a say in the allocation of tickets for the final round.

Maxime Panaia (France) celebrated a clear opening victory, while the two young Germans Lukas Stamm and Tom Löwe also left the table as winners. The victory of Dutchman Jean-Paul de Bruijn is also worth mentioning, although his win against Frédéric Mottet (Belgium) was more expected than the successes of his two compatriots.

In the evening session, Roland Forthomme made his first appearance, with the Belgian having the better end in his favor against Radovan Hajek with 40:30 points after 29 shots.



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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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