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## European Motoball at Budel (The Netherlands) The challenge goes on



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On July 26<sup>th</sup>, day 2 of European Motoball, Russia took an easy win against Lithuania by 11-0.

France team made a great comeback from 3-1 and drew with Belarus with the final result 4-4.

The title defenders of the European Motoball Championship, that is the German team, lost against their toughest opponents and one of this year's tournament favorites: Russia, with the result of 6-3.

After three games the opening ceremony begun and all national teams were greeted by the major of the hosting city, by the sport director of





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KMNV and by head of organisation of this year's European Motoball Championship.

In the final game of the day, tournament hosts, the Netherlands team, collected a 10-3 win against guests from Ukraine.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> Ukraine did a good fight against the French team, but lost by 6-2. It looked like French players were saving their power for their second game of the day, with Russia.

After a tight game tournament hosts Netherlands lost against their opponents from Belarus and reduced their chances to get to the semi-finals. The "Oranje" team created a lot of opportunities but luck was on the other side, so the game ended by 2-3 for Belarus.

Lithuania suffered a 0-5 defeat against title defenders Germany. It was not an easy win, but it looked like Germany al-





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ready were sure they would play one more game in the day. Lithuania lost their second match in a row.

France versus Russia was a great final match. Both teams played impressive, beautiful motoball, spectators saw motorbike clashes and referee cards, and the game ended with the result of 3-3.

The hosting team Netherlands looked fully refreshed after losing to Belarus and had a big support of local fans, but Germany showed their class and the "Oranje" team suffered the second defeat in a day with the of result 3-7.

Today the Day4 of European Motoball is being held at Budel.



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