

Match 1 – Norway vs Germany

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A beautiful sunny day in Krefeld provided an excellent backdrop for the Series opener between Norway and Germany. Germany won the toss and elected to bowl. The Germans cast a spin-web during the powerplay and our batsmen succumbed to it with the scorecard reading 12-6 at the end of the powerplay. Wickets continued to fall even after the powerplay but Darshana held the fort from one side. He got support on the other end when Sher Sahak joined him at the crease in the 8th over. Up until then it was all about the German spinner Ghulam Ahmadi who ended his spell with 4 wickets while giving away only 5 runs. A six from Darshana in the 9th over and another one from Shera in the 13th over lifted up the Norwegian spirits. Here onwards the two batsmen played patiently and scored in singles and doubles. Towards the end they unleashed into boundaries but leading to Shera losing his wicket in the 18th over. Darshana also got out in the next ball and two balls later the Norwegian innings ended where they had scored 76, all out in 18.4 overs.



Match 1, Bayer Uerdingen Cricket Ground, Krefeld			
MID INNINGS SUMMARY			
Norway			76/10 (18.4)
Muhammad Sher	30 (33)	Ghulam Rasool Ahmadi	4 - 5 (4)
Kuruge Darshana	30 (45)	Sajid Liaqat	3 - 24 (3.4)
Vinay Ravi	5* (2)	Vishnu Elam Bharathi	1 - 12 (4)
GER NEED 77 RUNS IN 120 BALLS AT 3.95 RPO			

Too little or competitive we will figure out in the second innings.

Our on-field reporter suggested that Germany was confident to finish the game in 10 overs. However, our bowlers had different plans. Germany started with confidence and used the powerplay to score quickly in the beginning. They had reached 20 runs unscathed in 3 overs. That is when our speedster, Vinay came in for his second over and dismissed one of the German openers, caught beautifully by Usman. Germany continued their aggressive approach with scoring frequent boundaries but Vinay struck again in the last over of his spell to get rid of dangerous looking Talha Khan. Darshana caught on to this one while he had a tougher chance in Vinay's previous over. After that Waqas and Raza got two in two bringing Norway back into the game. A partnership seemed to be building between the 10th and the 14th over but Raza got another wicket. However, by then it was a bit too late with Germany needing less than 20 run in the remaining 6 overs. Germany finished off in style by scoring the winning runs with a boundary.



Early wickets and not able to play the whole 20 overs hurt Norway's chances in the game. Who knows what could have happened if we had 10-15 runs more. Our bowlers did well and the insider news from our on-field reporter is that the French are going to be careful against our bowlers.

For scorecard - <https://www.ecn.cricket/scores-fixtures/scorecard/germany-vs-norway-live-scores-gerny08052021204357>