

Denmark 2-3 Norway: Haalandâ??s stoppage-time penalty takes Norway into the Nations League quarter-finals

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Denmark were seconds from the Nations League quarter-finals. Norway took the place instead. Erling Haaland scored a penalty six minutes into stoppage time to complete a comeback from 2-0 down and win 3-2 at Parken in Copenhagen on Tuesday 17 November 2026, which kicked off at 3.45am on Wednesday in Singapore.

Going into the last round of League A Group 4, Denmark had nine points and Norway six. A draw would have been enough for the Danes. Instead the sides finish level on nine, and Norway take second place because they beat Denmark in both meetings, 3-2 in Oslo in September and 3-2 again here. Denmarkâ??s better goal difference, +2 to Norwayâ??s +1, does not come into it. Portugal top the group on 15 points, with Wales bottom on three.



Erling Haaland celebrates during Norwayâ??s 3-2 win over Denmark at Parken, Copenhagen, 17 November 2026. Photo: Norwegian Football Federation (@nff_landslag)

Two goals in three minutes

Brian Riemerâ??s Denmark started as if the job would be done by half-time. Rasmus HÃ¸jlund scored after 11 minutes, and three minutes later Pierre-Emile HÃ¸jbjerg headed in, set up by Gustav Isaksen, to make it 2-0.

Norwayâ??s way back started with a goalkeeping error. Martin Ã?degaard pounced on a mistake by Mads Hermansen and sent Haaland racing in to finish from close range on 37 minutes. It was 2-1 at the break.

Ã?degaard levels, Haaland wins it

With seven minutes left, substitute Andreas Schjelderup hit the post and Ã?degaard was first to the rebound for 2-2. That still was not enough for StÃ¥le Solbakkenâ??s side, because a draw sent Denmark through.

Then, deep in stoppage time, Turkish referee Halil Umut Meler was sent to the pitchside monitor to look at a handball in the Danish box, and gave Norway a penalty. Haaland put it in the bottom corner, and Denmark had no time left to answer.

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Erling Haaland embraces Martin Ã?degaard after a Norway goal against Denmark in Copenhagen, 17 November 2026. Photo: Norwegian Football Federation (@nff_landslag)

Premier League players on both sides

There was plenty here for Singaporeâ??s EPL crowd. Manchester Cityâ??s Haaland scored twice and Arsenal captain Ã?degaard set up the first and scored the second. Fulham had players on opposite sides, Sander Berge for Norway and Andersen for Denmark, and so did Brentford, with Kristoffer Ajer starting for Norway and Mikkel Damsgaard for Denmark. West Hamâ??s Mads Hermansen kept goal for the Danes.

Portugal win in Cardiff despite a red card

In the groupâ??s other game Portugal beat Wales 3-2 at the Cardiff City Stadium. Manchester Unitedâ??s Bruno Fernandes put them ahead after 11 minutes, Bournemouthâ??s David Brooks equalised two minutes later and Hullâ??s Sorba Thomas gave Wales a 2-1 lead on 40 minutes. Chelseaâ??s Pedro Neto levelled just before half-time and Carlos Forbs scored the winner after 70 minutes. Neto was sent off four minutes after that, but Portugal held on.

What happens next

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Norway are into the quarter-finals, which are played over two legs in March. Denmark finish third, which sends them into the League A/B play-offs in March to keep their place in League A. The draw for both is on Friday 20 November.

Two goals down away to their neighbours after 14 minutes and needing a win, Norway got it in the 96th minute. Denmark go to the play-offs instead.

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