

Germany beat Serbia 3-1 and Netherlands hit Greece for seven to set up a Nations League decider in Berlin

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Germany beat Serbia 3-1 in Belgrade and the Netherlands thrashed Greece 7-0 in Amsterdam on Friday night, 13 November 2026, which turns Mondayâ??s meeting between Germany and the Netherlands in Berlin into the decider in UEFA Nations League Group A2.



Germany celebrate during their 3-1 UEFA Nations League win over Serbia at Stadion Rajko MitiÄ?, Belgrade, 13 November 2026. Photo: GES-Sportfoto/DFB

Kloppâ??s Germany do it early in Belgrade

JÃ¼rgen Klopp changed seven of his starting line-up, and Germany were ahead in the third minute. Kai Havertz, the Arsenal forward, headed a corner towards goal and Serbia defender SrÄ?an BabiÄ? turned it into his own net.

The second came in the 14th minute. Aleksandar PavloviÄ? slipped Havertz through, Vanja MilinkoviÄ?-SaviÄ? saved the first shot, and Liverpoolâ??s Florian Wirtz was there to finish the rebound.

Brajan Gruda, the RB Leipzig winger, then gave the night its best moment. On his Germany debut, he picked the ball up in his own half five minutes after the restart, ran clear of the Serbian defence and drilled a low shot in from 18 metres for 3-0.

BabiÄ?, the man who had put through his own goal at the start, pulled one back at the right end in the 56th minute, tapping in from close range after a free kick. That was as close as Serbia came. Derry Scherhant hit the post, Niclas FÃ¼llkrug came on for his Germany comeback, and Serbia finished with nine men: substitute Vanja DragojeviÄ? was sent off after a VAR review, and Andrija Å½ivkoviÄ? was shown a second yellow card in the 89th minute.



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Florian Wirtz and debutant Brajan Gruda, Germanyâ??s two scorers, during the 3-1 win over Serbia in Belgrade on 13 November 2026. Photo: DFB

Reijnders hat-trick sinks Greece

In Amsterdam, Greece arrived unbeaten and left on the wrong end of a rout. Crysencio Summerville opened the scoring after six minutes, and Tijjani Reijnders scored three times between the 12th and 33rd minutes, the first from Joey Veermanâ??s pass, the second from Donyell Malenâ??s ball and the third from a Denzel Dumfries header.

Arsenal defender JurriÃ«n Timber added the fifth before half-time from another Malen pass and struck again just before the hour. Malen finished the scoring himself for 7-0. For Premier League followers, Liverpoolâ??s Cody Gakpo and Tottenhamâ??s Micky van de Ven started for the Dutch, while Liverpoolâ??s Kostas Tsimikas was in the Greece side that took the beating.

What Berlin decides

Xavi HernÃ¡ndezâ??s Netherlands top the group on 11 points from five games. Greece and Germany both have eight. Germanyâ??s goal difference of plus three is far better than Greeceâ??s minus five, but Greece sit second because head-to-head record comes first in the Nations League: they won 1-0 in Augsburg and drew 0-0 in Thessaloniki. Serbia are bottom without a point and cannot climb off the foot of the table.

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The top two in each group reach the quarter-finals. A draw at the Olympiastadion would make the Dutch group winners, because neither Greece nor Germany can get past 11 points. Germanyâ??s only sure route is a win, which would guarantee them a top-two place whatever happens when Greece host Serbia in Volos at the same time. A draw would only be enough for Kloppâ??s side if Serbia beat Greece.

Germany v Netherlands kicks off at 8.45pm in Berlin on Monday, 16 November, which is 3.45am on Tuesday, 17 November, in Singapore. The first meeting, in Amsterdam on 24 September, finished 1-1.

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