

Germany 5-0 Netherlands: Wirtz scores twice as Kloppâ??s side top Nations League group in Berlin

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Germany went into the last night of Nations League Group A2 in third place and came out of it on top. Jurgen Kloppâ??s side beat the Netherlands 5-0 at a sold-out Olympiastadion in Berlin on Monday 16 November 2026, with Florian Wirtz scoring twice, and both teams go through to the quarter-finals.

The game kicked off at 3.45am on Tuesday in Singapore. It ended with three teams level on 11 points: Germany, the Netherlands and Greece, who beat Serbia 1-0 in the other game. Results between the three decided the order rather than overall goal difference, and the five-goal margin in Berlin lifted Germany above both. The Netherlands finish second, and Greece go out in third despite their 11 points. It was Germanyâ??s biggest win over their neighbours since a 7-0 in 1959.



Derry Scherhant during Germanyâ??s 5-0 win over the Netherlands at the Olympiastadion in Berlin, 16 November 2026. Photo: DFB/GES-Sportfoto

A goal in his home town

For 40 minutes the chances were thin. The Dutch sat deep and looked to break, and Germany were let off midway through the half when Crysencio Summerville slipped just as he was about to shoot from inside the box. Freiburgâ??s Derry Scherhant hit the post after half an hour.

Four minutes before the break he made it count. Scherhant took a pass from captain Joshua Kimmich, cut inside in the box and drove a shot into the far corner. It was his first goal for Germany, in his fourth

international, scored in the city where he was born.

Wirtz takes over

The second half belonged to Germany. On the hour Wirtz chased down Quinten Timber, won the ball back and drove it into the top corner from 20 metres. Five minutes later Nico Schlotterbeck headed in Brajan Grudaâ??s free-kick for 3-0.

Gruda then skipped past JurriÃ«n Timber and lifted the ball across for Wirtz to smash in from six yards for 4-0. Gruda got the fifth himself, tapping in after Scherhant had hit the post from Kimmichâ??s low cross.

â??We hope that we can make it fun for the fans. It was definitely fun for us, especially in the second half,â• Wirtz told German broadcaster ARD. â??We donâ??t mind who we play. We want to play attacking football. We want to score goals and dominate the opponent, and I think we did that perfectly.â•

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Germanyâ??s players celebrate a goal in the 5-0 win over the Netherlands in Berlin, 16 November 2026. Photo: DFB/GES-Sportfoto

Plenty for Premier League fans to watch

There was plenty for Premier League fans in Singapore to follow. Wirtzâ??s Liverpool team-mate Cody Gakpo started for the Netherlands, as did Tottenhamâ??s Micky van de Ven and Jan Paul van Hecke and Arsenalâ??s JurriÃ«n Timber. Timberâ??s club colleague Kai Havertz started for Germany and made way for Younes Ebnoutalib after 65 minutes. Gruda, who made two goals and scored one, is on loan at Leipzig from Brighton.

For Xavi Hernandezâ??s Netherlands it was a first defeat of this Nations League campaign, three days after they beat Greece 7-0. The sides had drawn 1-1 in Amsterdam in September.

What happens next

The quarter-final draw is in Nyon on Friday 20 November at 12pm CET, which is 7pm in Singapore. Germany go in as a group winner and will meet one of the runners-up, while the Netherlands go in as a runner-up. The ties are played from 25 to 30 March 2027, and the finals are scheduled for 9 to 13 June 2027.

England, who topped Group A3, are among the other group winners, so a Germany v England quarter-final is not on the cards: winners only meet runners-up.

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