

Handball: Macedonia ties Sweden after French Refereeing Fiasco

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The second game in Group B as part of this year's European championship in handball wrapped up between Macedonia and Sweden. Both teams shared the spoils, however the entire match was marred by terribly biased refereeing by Frenchmen Nordine Lazaar and Laurent Reveret.

It seems the French referees were contempt to ensure Sweden wraps up the match undefeated.

During the entire match, Macedonia had the lead, numerous times by 4 goals, however several scandalous suspensions of Macedonian players helped Sweden get back in the match.

Mak's best player Kire Lazarov disappointed a bit, missed several golden opportunities, including three penalties. However, as a unit the red and yellow seemed compact although were visibly agitated by the referees.

Sweden took a single goal lead going into the second half despite being down by 4 goals the majority of the half.

In the second half, once again Macedonia did well and took a commanding 4 goal lead 19-15, only to see the lead evaporate into thin air, once again thanks to suspensions.

Macedonian players lost their focus and allowed Sweden not just to tie the match, but take a commanding 25-22 lead with only three minutes to go.

Then, the Macedonian fans did what nobody else could. With their loud cheering, they brought our team back to life.

In a furious finish, Macedonia scored 4 goals and took the lead, 26-25.

Sweden tied it at 26 apiece with two dozen seconds left, which meant Macedonia has the last offensive play and a chance to win the match.

With three seconds left, Mojsovski entered the penalty area and during his attempt to shoot the ball he was badly fouled. Of course, the whistle of the French referees remained silent, no penalty was given, which signaled the end of the match.

Macedonia needed this win badly, now it is facing a badly wounded German team who lost to the Czech Republic. It's an absolute must win for Germany.

The Czech Republic at this moment is in the driving seat.