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Larsen, Persson-Planefors, Pöppler and Van Der Meer to bowl for the Masters title in Saturday's arena finals at Efteling Theater

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Rebecka Larsen and **Joline Persson-Planefors** of Sweden, **Birgit Pöppler** of Germany and **Sophie Van Der Meer** of the host country Netherlands remained undefeated in Friday's single-elimination Masters match play and will bowl for the title in Saturday's arena finals at Efteling Theater in Tilburg.

L-R Pöppler, Van Der Meer, Persson-Planefors and Larsen. Click on the image to enlarge it.

Larsen and Persson-Planefors are targeting for their third gold medal of the championships. Top seeded Larsen, who won the gold medal in All Events and Trios, will take on No. 6 Van Der Meer in the semifinals while Doubles and Trios gold medalist Persson-Planefors, seeded third, bowls No. 4 Pöppler.

The top 24 players in All Events (combined individual scores in Doubles, Trios and Teams) advanced to the Masters finals in best-of-three games format. By virtue of finishing in the top eight Larsen, Persson-Planefors, Pöppler and Van Der Meer bypassed the Round of 24.

The Swedes brought another three players in the Round of 16 in which Larsen defeated her team mate **Ida Andersson**, two-games-to-one while Persson-Planefors swept team mate **Nina Flack**, the 2008 WEC Masters champ, 2-0.

In other Round of 16 matches, Pöppler swept Latvian **Diana Zavjalova** and Van Der Meer eliminated Pöppler's team mate **Patricia Luoto**, 223-205, in the decider. **Daria Pajak** of Poland, seeded 16th, came back from a 1-0 deficit to defeat defending Masters champion **Krista Pöllänen**, 2-1 (187-185 in the third game).

In the quarterfinals, Larsen fired games of 245 and 241 to make quick work of Pajak, while Persson-Planefors eliminated Dutch **Wendy Kok** in two games. Pöppler became the first non-Swedish bowler to win a match against a Swede, defeating **Sandra Andersson**, 2-0.

Van Der Meer lost her first game against past European champion and former World Ranking Masters winner, **Britt Brøndsted** of Denmark, but rebounded with back-to-back victories to advance, 2-1.

The **Netherlands Bowling Federation (NBF)**, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012, in cooperation with Uniglobe Special Travel has booked the Efteling Theater to stage the championship match of the five-player Team finals as well as the semifinals and final of the Masters competition in an arena-style format.

Germany and England will bowl for the Team title Saturday at 10 a.m. CEST. Masters match play will resume with the semifinal matches at 1 and 2.45 p.m., respectively.

The winners of the semifinal matches will bowl for the Masters crown in the title match starting at 4.30 p.m., which will conclude the 4th Women's European Championships in Tilburg, Netherlands.



The **2012 Women's European Championships** will be held from June 6 through 17 at Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, Netherlands.

Record 153 players from 27 out of 49 European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) member federations - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Catalonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and the host country Netherlands - participate in the event.

Each team consisted of maximum six players, who competed for gold, silver and bronze medals in Doubles (12 games), Trios (6), Teams (6), All Events (24-game total) and Masters (top 24 in All Events, single-elimination, best-of-three games).

The ETBF Technical Delegate and Kegel, the official lane maintenance partner of ETBF, have decided the two oil patterns which will be used during the 2012 Women European Championships. The **medium pattern** (</media/pdf/2012WECMediumPattern.pdf>) is 38 feet long while the **long pattern** (</media/pdf/2012WECLongPattern.pdf>) has a length of 44 feet.

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2012 Women's European Championships - Masters Semifinals Match-ups

Single-elimination match play in best of-three games format. Winners advance to the title match, losers share the bronze medal.

Seed	Player	Country	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Won-Lost
#1	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden				
#6	Sophie Van Der Meer	Netherlands				
#3	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden				
#4	Birgit Pöppler	Germany				

2012 Women's European Championships - Masters Quarterfinals

Single-elimination match play in best of-three games format. Winners advance, losers eliminated.

Seed	Player	Country	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Won-Lost
#1	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	245	241		2
#16	Daria Pajak	Poland	204	193		0
#3	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	235	187		2
#13	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	180	179		0
#4	Birgit Pöppler	Germany	204	235		2
#10	Sandra Andersson	Sweden	201	210		0
#6	Sophie Van Der Meer	Netherlands	210	245	197	2
#9	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	213	210	185	1

2012 Women's European Championships - Masters Round of 16

Single-elimination match play in best of-three games format. Winners advance, losers eliminated.

Seed	Player	Country	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Won-Lost
#1	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	205	230	220	2
#21	Ida Andersson	Sweden	277	221	188	1
#2	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	211	192	185	1
#16	Daria Pajak	Poland	195	233	187	2
#3	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	256	204		2
#15	Nina Flack	Sweden	247	188		0
#4	Birgit Pöppler	Germany	254	216		2
#14	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	247	211		0
#5	Anja Ginge Jensen	Denmark	163	189		0
#13	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	237	237		2
#6	Sophie Van Der Meer	Netherlands	203	169	223	2
#11	Patricia Luoto	Germany	190	186	205	1
#7	Hayley Rumkee	England	181	226		0
#10	Sandra Andersson	Sweden	252	228		2
#8	Hayley White	England	235	228	173	1
#9	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	238	223	248	2

2012 Women's European Championships - Masters Round of 24

Single-elimination match play in best of-three games format. Winners meet top eight qualifiers in Round of 16, losers eliminated.

Seed	Player	Country	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Won-Lost
#9	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	266	202		2
#24	Olena Mishchenko	Ukraine	206	186		0
#10	Sandra Andersson	Sweden	244	172	227	2
#23	Ghislaine Van Der Tol	Netherlands	175	193	225	1
#11	Patricia Luoto	Germany	220	191	245	2
#22	Lisa John	England	224	172	208	1
#12	Janine Gabel	Germany	214	184		0
#21	Ida Andersson	Sweden	231	211		2
#13	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	246	211		2
#20	Bianca Wiekeraad	Netherlands	168	201		0
#14	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	234	243	226	2
#19	Daria Kovalova	Ukraine	239	182	195	1
#15	Nina Flack	Sweden	215	191		2
#18	Autum Chamberlain	England	214	180		0
#16	Daria Pajak	Poland	198	209	221	2
#17	Janin Ribguth	Germany	247	201	205	1

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