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## RUSSIA

Competing in the very first subdivision the Russian team showed a real possibility of walking away with the team title in Doha. The team posted 258.402 despite some errors on one of their strongest events pommel horse. **Nikita Nagornyy** and **Arthur Dalaloyan** lead the all-around after day one with 87.098 and 84.572, respectively (fall on pommel horse by Dalaloyan). The pair also posted the top two floor scores and the second and third highest vault scores of the day and should easily make the final on both events. Dalaloyan and

### **David Belyavskiy**

stand on second and third place on p-bars with 15.041 and 15.033, respectively. "My main goal was to get in the final on floor, vault and all-around and I completed my goal for today, now the focus is on the team." - Nagornyy reflected after the competition.

## NETHERLANDS & SWITZERLAND

The Dutch team surprised with strong difficulty and good consistency and is currently in second place after Russia and ahead of Switzerland and Ukraine. **Epke Zonderland** posted the highest score on high bar with a Cassina to Kovacs combo. Teammate

### **Bart Deurloo**

is currently in fourth with strong chances for the final as well. The strong Swiss team had a disappointing day with multiple mistakes on vault, p-bars and high bar. Both

### **Pablo Bragger**

and

### **Oliver Hegi**

erred on high bar, and, therefore, will not make the final there.

## UKRAINE

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**Oleg Verniaiev** was back to his best on p-bars posting the top score of the day 15.458. He competed lower difficulty routines on high bar and rings, and had a fall on pommel horse. He is currently in 7th place in the all-around with 80.522. "I will have to wait and see if I can make it (to the all around final). But I would like to try, I will make the effort to compete the all-around. I started training three months ago, and I'd say I am 30% ready." Teammate **Igor Radivilov** leads rings with 14.733 but fell on his first vault and didn't compete a second. The Ukrainians are in fourth place behind Switzerland.

### THE REST OF THE FIELD

**Carlos Yulo**, just 18 years old, from the Philippines was the surprise of the day. He is likely to make floor and vault finals and is in 5th in the all-around despite a fall on high bar.

#### **Ri Se Gwang**

(North Korea) landed both of his Ri vaults and leads qualification on the event. Defending high bar champion

#### **Tin Srbic**

posted the second top score on the event behind Zonderland and should be back in the final. France's

#### **Cyril Tommasone**

hit his trademark routine on pommels for second best score of the day 14.241, behind

#### **Nariman Kurbanov**

(Kazakhstan) who leads the event with a 14.466.

#### **Nestor Abad**

from Spain totaled 81.507 for 4th highest all-around of the day. The Spanish team is 5th just behind Ukraine.

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