**4 Cubes Tournament – Third Encounter: Ghent2 vs Antwerp2**  
**Thursday Evening, 15 May**

The third thrilling encounter in the 4 Cubes Tournament saw **Ghent2** face off against **Antwerp2**. Both teams started with equal odds — a 50% winning chance each — but what followed was an electrifying battle that took everyone by surprise.

A group of people standing around a table

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**Round 1: A Tense Beginning**

Antwerp2 came prepared, fielding **Mahir, Riza, Hasan**, and **Can**. Ghent2 countered with **Nick, Alf, Steven**, and **Antonio**. Guy drove 2 hours in rush hour from Wavre to Boom, to overlook and judge when required. Love and dedication…..

* **Nick** started strong for Ghent with a solid win.
* **Steven**, however, stumbled and lost his match.
* The pressure mounted when **Alf** suffered a crushing **0-7** defeat to Can — a mental cliffhanger.
* With everything riding on his shoulders, **Antonio** stepped up... and delivered! His hard-fought victory leveled the score at **2-2**.

With Round 1 behind them, both teams still stood at a **50% chance** of victory. The tournament was wide open.

**Round 2: Bulldozers Unleashed**

Ghent brought in the **bulldozers** for the second round — and what a show it was.

**4 games, 4 wins for Ghent.**  
A few lucky Joker rolls and some aggressive play turned the tide dramatically.

**Highlight of the round:**

* **Mahir** had a dominant position — a **5-point board**, a **gap on the 2-point**, a **blot on the 8-point**, and the **cube on 2**.
* **Alf** was **on the bar**, on roll, staring at his closed board.
* Then came the miracle: **Alf rolled a 2-6**, hitting Mahir’s blot and flipping the board in one incredible shot.

It was the kind of backgammon moment that makes you gasp — depending on which side of the board you’re on.

After this round, **Antwerp’s winning chances plummeted from 50% to just 3.25%**. Ghent had taken full control, but as any backgammon player knows: *anything is possible.*

**Round 3: Closing the Curtains**

The third round brought no reprieve for Antwerp. **Nick**, on fire, claimed his **third consecutive win**, sealing the deal for Ghent.

The suspense may have ended there, but all remaining games were played out — a testament to sportsmanship and love of the game.

**Final Thoughts**

It was a night to remember. A comeback, a miracle shot, a complete team sweep — the kind of evening that reminds us why we love backgammon.

**Next up: Ghent 2 vs Leuven.**  
Get ready. If this match was any indication, we’re in for another rollercoaster.