



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2020/21

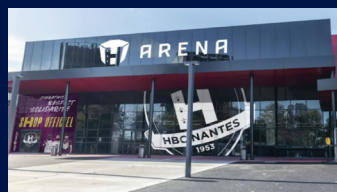
MOTW Round 3: HBC Nantes vs Barça

HBC NANTES (FRA) VS BARÇA (ESP)

GROUP B



Thursday 1 October 2020, 20:45 CEST



Playing hall

H Arena
Palais des Sports de Beaulieu
 7-9 rue André Tardieu
 44200 Nantes, France
 Capacity: 5,400

ROUND 3



Most games vs Barça:

David Balaguer	4
Julian Emonet	4
Rock Feliho	4
Eduardo Gurbindo	4
Kiril Lazarov	4
Romain Lagarde	4
Dragan Pechmalbec	4
Arnaud Siffert	4
Nicolas Tournat	4

Most goals vs Barça:

Romain Lagarde	17
Nicolas Tournat	14
Valero Rivera	12
Eduardo Gurbindo	10
Kiril Lazarov	10

- Nantes won one of their previous four EHF Champions League duels with Barça, 29:25 at home in the group phase of 2017/18

- the last time they met in the CL was in the 2018/19 quarter-final, when Barça won both legs

- Barça have scored 72 goals in their first two matches this CL season, Nantes 59

- last week's 42:28 victory against RK Celje was Barça's 20th straight home win, and 36th straight unbeaten home match

- Nantes surprisingly beat THW Kiel 35:27 last week, handing the German side their biggest home defeat in CL history - alongside a 30:22 loss against SG Flensburg-Handewitt in 2017

- Nantes' victory in Kiel marked the French side's 100th European match, and 54th in the CL; Barça lead the all-time CL standings with 312 matches and 235 wins

- Nantes coach Alberto Entrerrios played one season for Barça (2001/02); his brother Raul has been playing for Barça since 2010 and is one of the team captains

- Alberto Entrerrios won the CL three times as player of Ciudad Real (2006, 2008, 2009); his brother Raul twice with Barça (2011, 2015); in 2011 the two brothers clashed in an all-Spanish CL final

- Barça have four French internationals: Cedric Sorhaindo, Ludovic Fabregas, Dika Mem and Timothy N'guessan; Nantes have two Spanish internationals: Adria Figueras and David Balaguer

- Nantes' squad includes four former Barça players: David Balaguer, Valero Rivera jr., Eduardo Gurbindo and Kiril Lazarov

- Valero Rivera jr. has played for Barça from the youth ranks until 2005, for Nantes from 2010-16, again for Barça from 2016-18, and again for Nantes since 2018

- Rivera's father, Valero, steered Barça to five straight CL titles between 1996 and 2000

- Nantes right back Kiril Lazarov played for Barça from 2013-17 and won his sole CL title in 20 seasons with them in 2015

- having joined Nantes from Barça in 2017, Kiril Lazarov recently announced his retirement at the end of the 2020/21 season

- Kiril Lazarov (40) and Raul Entrerrios (39) are among the four oldest players in the CL this season

- in 2018, Nantes had their debut at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 and made it to the final, against eventual champions Montpellier HB

- 2018 also marked one of just three times since 2010 that Barça missed the EHF FINAL4, losing to Montpellier in the Last 16

- Nantes lost three European finals between 2013 and 2018: in 2013 and 2016 in the EHF Cup, in 2018 in the CL

- currently on eight CL titles, Barça could raise their tally to 10 this season, as they take part in the postponed VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 on 28/29 December in the LANXESS arena in Cologne

- the squads of both sides include a Danish goalkeeper: Emil Nielsen at Nantes, Kevin Møller at Barça

Most games vs HBC Nantes:

Aitor Arino	4
Raul Entrerrios	4
Aleix Gomez	4
Dika Mem	4
Timothy N'guessan	4
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	4
Cedric Sorhaindo	4
Victor Tomas	4

Most goals vs HBC Nantes:

Dika Mem	17
Ludovic Fabregas	12
Victor Tomas	11
Raul Entrerrios	10
Aleix Gomez	8

Domestic league

Lidl Starligue

1st game of season:

27/09 vs US Ivry W30:24

Next game:

04/10 @ C' Chartres Métropole

Standings as of 30/09:

1. Nimes	1	31:23	2
2. Montpellier	1	31:25	2
3. Nantes	1	30:24	2
4. Istres	1	29:24	2
5. Toulouse	1	28:24	2
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16. Limoges	1	23:31	0

Domestic league

Liga ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

26/09 @ BM Guadalajara W21:35

19/09 vs CB Nava W39:22

11/09 @ La Rioja W21:37

Next game:

03/10 @ BM Sinfín

Standings as of 30/09:

1. Barça	4	142:82	8
2. BM Granollers	4	121:105	8
3. Bidasoa Irun	3	89:69	6
4. Cuenca	4	112:102	6
5. Ademar Leon	4	114:105	6
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18. BM Huesca	3	68:85	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

HBC Nantes vs Barça 1-0-3 (105:117) 2:6

07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:25 (13:16)
02.12.2017	HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:25 (16:11)
24.04.2019	HBC Nantes vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:32 (12:16)
04.05.2019	Barça Lassa vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:26 (17:14)

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Barça Lassa vs HBC Nantes 29:26 (17:14) 04.05.2019 (Barcelona, ESP)



(VELUX EHF Champions League, quarter-final)

Referees: Martin Gjeding/Mads Hansen (Denmark).

Suspensions: 6' – 6' (Entrerrios 2', Mem 2', Fabregas 2' – Lagarde 2', Tournat 2', Balaguer Romeu 2').

Number of 7m: 3/1 – 2/2.

Attendance: 5,278.

	Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (1)		Kevin Bonnefoi -> Montpellier HB
	Kevin Møller		Arnaud Siffert -> retired
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	Victor Tomas -> retired (3)	(4)	Romain Lagarde -> Rhein-Neckar Löwen
	Raul Entrerrios (1)	(1)	Florian Delecroix -> Cesson Rennes
	Cedric Sorhaindo (1)	(2)	Romarc Guillo -> Cesson Rennes
	Lasse Andersson -> Füchse Berlin (5)		Olivier Nyokas
	Aitor Arino (4)		Lucien Auffret -> Strasbourg
	Timothy N'guessan (1)	(1)	Dragan Pechmalbec
	Aleix Gomez (3)	(5)	Nicolas Tournat ->Lomza Vive Kielce
	Thiagus Petrus		Rock Feliho
	Jure Dolenc (1)	(1)	Julian Emonet -> Limoges Hand 87
	Dika Mem (3)	(4)	Valero Rivera
	Gilberto Duarte -> Montpellier HB (3)	(3)	Kiril Lazarov
	Nemanja Ilic -> Fenix Toulouse (3)	(2)	Eduardo Gurbindo
	Aron Palmarsson (2)	(3)	David Balaguer
	Ludovic Fabregas (3)		Edson Imare -> Massy Essonne
			

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR HBC NANTES VS BARÇA

Valero Rivera	8	24.04.2019	HBC Nantes-Barça Lassa	25:32
Rudolf Faluvegi	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Romain Lagarde	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
David Balaguer	5	02.12.2017	HBC Nantes-FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25
Nicolas Tournat	5	04.05.2019	Barça Lassa-HBC Nantes	29:26

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR BARÇA VS HBC NANTES

Ludovic Fabregas	9	24.04.2019	HBC Nantes-Barça Lassa	25:32
Dika Mem	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Dika Mem	6	02.12.2017	HBC Nantes-FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25
Kamil Syprzak	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Timothey N'guessan	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Lasse Andersson	5	04.05.2019	Barça Lassa-HBC Nantes	29:26

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN



HBC Nantes: current run – won one

24.09.2020 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	W 27:35
16.09.2020 Nantes FRA	vs Telekom Veszprém HUC HUN	L 24:28
04.05.2019 Barcelona ESP	@ Barça Lassa ESP	L 29:26
24.04.2019 Nantes FRA	vs Barça Lassa ESP	L 25:32
30.03.2019 Nantes FRA	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	W 30:27
20.03.2019 Mannheim GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	L 34:32
27.02.2019 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	D 29:29
23.02.2019 Nantes FRA	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 29:26
17.02.2019 Skjern DEN	@ Skjern Handbold DEN	W 32:34
07.02.2019 Nantes FRA	vs Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	L 31:35



Barça: current run – won 15

24.09.2020 Barcelona ESP	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 42:28
17.09.2020 Zaporizhia UKR	@ HC Motor UKR	W 25:30
29.02.2020 Barcelona ESP	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 30:28
23.02.2020 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 25:37
15.02.2020 Barcelona ESP	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 32:23
09.02.2020 Elverum NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 26:30
01.12.2019 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	W 32:35
23.11.2019 Barcelona ESP	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 31:27
16.11.2019 Barcelona ESP	vs Aalborg Handbold DEN	W 44:35
10.11.2019 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Handbold DEN	W 30:34

HBC NANTES VS SPANISH CLUBS 3-0-3

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2015/16	Fraikin BM. Granollers	27:26		EHF Cup – Final Tournament – Semi-final
2017/18	FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25	25:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Barça Lassa	25:32	26:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2019/20	Abanca Ademar Leon	34:28		EHF Cup – Group C



BARÇA VS FRENCH CLUBS 27-2-7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1984/85	USM Gagny	25:17	15:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	US Créteil	23:18	20:19	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1990/91	US Nîmes	23:16	18:16	Champions Cup – Quarter-final

1993/94	OM Vitrolles	26:14	20:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
2000/01	Montpellier HB	24:17	25:25	EHF Champions League – Group B
2006/07	Montpellier HB	29:23	25:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2007/08	US Ivry handball	34:26	29:27	EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	Chambéry Savoie HB	38:23	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Chambéry Savoie HB	28:25	30:19	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomération HB	36:20	28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	PSG Handball	38:28	33:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	Montpellier HB	37:27	31:23	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	35:32	26:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	HBC Nantes	31:25	25:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	Montpellier HB	30:28	25:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2018/19	Montpellier HB	35:27	36:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HBC Nantes	29:26	32:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB	36:32	35:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

HBC NANTES PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST BARÇA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Andrea Colleluori	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cyril Dumoulin	FRA	6	2	0	4	0	0,00	0	0
Andreas Hofmann	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Emil Nielsen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Sebastian Augustinussen	DEN	2	0	0	2	1	0,50	1	0
David Balaguer	ESP	4	1	0	3	9	2,25	5	2'
Mathieu Bataille	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thibaud Briet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandre Cavalcanti	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Baptiste Damatrin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lucas De la Breteche	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mattéo Fadhuile-Crepy	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rock Feliho	FRA	4	1	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Adrian Figueras	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Guérolé Gaillard	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Eduardo Gurbindo	ESP	4	1	0	3	10	2,50	4	2'
Kiril Lazarov	MKD	13	3	0	10	58	4,46	7 (2)	0
Joris Limousin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Milan Milic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aymeric Minne	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Théo Monar	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Olivier Nyokas	FRA	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	3	0
Rok Ovnicek	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dragan Pechmalbec	FRA	4	1	0	3	2	0,50	1 (2)	6'
Valero Rivera	ESP	2	0	0	2	12	6,00	8	0

Sebastian Augustinussen (KIF Kolding Kobenhavn 2014/15 – DNP, KIF Kolding Kobenhavn 2015/16); Mathieu Bataille (US Ivry handball 2007/08 – DNP); Cyril Dumoulin (Chambery Savoie HB 2010/11, Chambery Savoie HB 2011/12); Eduardo Gurbindo (Portland San Antonio 2004/05 – DNP, Portland San Antonio 2005/06 – DNP); Kiril Lazarov (Badel 1862 Zagreb 2000/01, Fotex KC Veszprém 2003/04, HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb 2009/10, Renovalia Ciudad Real 2010/11, BM Atletico Madrid 2012/13)

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is being awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Men 2020/21 season.

The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match and presented by IQONIQ.

Awarded players in the 2020/21 season:

Round 1: Sander Sagosen (THW Kiel)

Round 2: Hampus Wanne (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)



BARÇA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HBC NANTES

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Jordi Gonzales Perez	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kevin Møller	DEN	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	ESP	4	3	0	1	2	0,50	1 (2)	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Aitor Ariño	ESP	4	3	0	1	6	1,50	4	0
Alejandro Barbeito	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Cindric	CRO	2	1	0	1	7	3,50	5	2'
Mamadou Diocou	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jure Dolenc	SLO	5	5	0	0	6	1,20	4	0
Raul Entrerrios	ESP	4	3	0	1	10	2,50	4 (2)	2'
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	5	5	0	0	19	3,80	9	4'
Luis Frade	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alex Gómez	ESP	4	3	0	1	8	2,00	3 (2)	0
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	4	2	0	2	1	0,25	1	4'
Blaz Janc	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Haniel Langaro	BRA	2	0	0	2	12	6,00	7	0
Domen Makuc	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dika Mem	FRA	4	3	0	1	17	4,25	6 (2)	4'
Casper Mortensen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Timothee N'guessan	FRA	4	3	0	1	7	3,50	5	0
Aron Palmarsson	ISL	3	2	0	1	7	2,33	3	0
Alex Pascual	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Albert Pujol	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
David Roca	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cedric Sorhaindo	FRA	4	3	0	1	2	0,50	1 (2)	0

Luka Cindric (HC Vardar 2017/18); Jure Dolenc (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14); Ludovic Fabregas (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14, Montpellier HB 2017/18); Thiagus Petrus (MOL-Pick Szeged 2017/18); Haniel Langaro (Naturhouse La Rioja 2016/17); Domen Makuc (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2018/19 – DNP)

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