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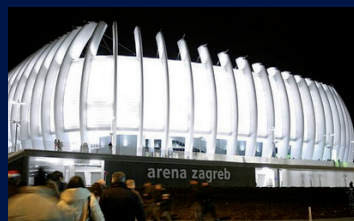
MOTW Round 1: HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel

HC ZAGREB (CRO) VS THW KIEL (GER)

GROUP A



Thursday 14 September 2023, 18:45 CEST



Playing hall

Arena Zagreb
Laniste 30
10000 Zagreb
Croatia

Capacity: 15,200

ROUND 1



Most games HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel:

Tonci Valcic	11
Zlatko Horvat	7
Mirza Dzomba	6
Luka Sebetic	6
Lovro Sprem	6
Josip Valcic	6

Most goals HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel:

Zlatko Horvat	33
Zvonimir Bilic	22
Tonci Valcic	20
Sandro Obranovic	19
David Mandic	17

Domestic competitions

Premijer Liga

First game of the season:

08/09 vs Moslavina W37:21

Next game:

16/09 vs Sesevete

Standings as of 12/09:

GROUP A

1 Zagreb	1	37:21	2
2 Sesevete	1	28:24	2
3 Varazdin	1	28:27	2
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14 Moslavina	1	19:42	0

GROUP B

1 Nexe	1	37:19	2
2 Metkovic	1	28:22	2
3 Kastela	1	31:30	2

- Zagreb play their 30th EHF Champions League season (and are record holders), Kiel have their 26th appearance ahead.
- In 25 participations, Kiel made it to the quarter-finals 22 times, were finalists eight times and four times winners as second best team after Barça (10 trophies).
- Zagreb were CL finalists four times, but never took the trophy.
- Besides Barça (368) and Veszprém (350), Kiel (346) and Zagreb (330) are the only clubs with more than 300 CL matches.
- Zagreb and Kiel faced each other 18 times by now.
- THW team captain Domagoj Duvnjak played for Zagreb until 2009, then moved to Hamburg and joined Kiel in 2014; he will play his 11th duel of Zagreb vs Kiel
- Kiel lost two key players, both returned to their home countries: Niklas Landin to Aalborg (DEN) and Sander Sagosen to Kolstad (NOR).
- Among Kiel's new arrivals is World and Olympic champion Vincent Gerard, who replaces Landin in the goal (but is currently injured), and Faroese super talent Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu.

Besides Gerard, line player Hendrik Pekeler and right back Steffen Weinhold are ruled out by long-term injuries. As Weinhold's replacement, Kiel signed Spaniard Eduardo Gurbindo from Dinamo Bucuresti.

THW have won the first trophy of the season in Germany, beating Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the Super Cup after penalty shoot-out.

Two Zagreb players – Ivan Cupic (Rhein-Neckar Löwen) and new team captain Jakov Gojun (Füchse Berlin) – and coach Slavko Goluzica (Nettelstedt) have played for German clubs before.

Two Zagreb players left this summer to Germany, both to Balingen: Csaba Leimeter and Nikola Grahovac

THW coach Filip Jicha is the only person, who became EHF Champions League winner at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne as player (2010, 2012) and as a coach (2020).

Zagreb's wing Ivan Cupic was the first ever player to defend his title at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: 2016 he won the trophy with Kielce, in 2017 (and 2019) with Vardar. Second CL winner in Zagreb's current squad is Timur Dibirov (2017, 2019 with Vardar too).

Zagreb count on players from six different countries (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia, Cuba and Russia), while players from ten nations are represented in Kiel's squad (Germany, France, Czech Republic, Austria, Croatia, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Spain, Denmark and Norway).

Both sides are record champions and record cup winners in their countries.

Most games THW Kiel vs HC Zagreb:

Domagoj Duvnjak	8
Dominik Klein	7
Patrick Wiencsek	7
Rune Dahmke	6
Niclas Ekberg	6
Stefan Lövgren	6
Klaus-Dieter Petersen	6
Christian Scheffler	6
Martin Schmidt	6
Christian Sprenger	6
Steffen Weinhold	6

Most goals THW Kiel vs HC Zagreb:

Domagoj Duvnjak	38
Filip Jicha	29
Harald Reinkind	22
Dominik Klein	20
Stefan Lövgren	19
Sander Sagosen	19
Christian Sprenger	19

Domestic competitions

Super Cup

23/08 vs Rhein-Neckar 37:36 a7m

Liqui Moly Bundesliga

Last 3 games:

10/09 vs Melsungen L30:35

07/09 @ Flensburg-Hand. L28:27

03/09 vs Wetzlar W33:22

Next game:

30/09 @ SC Magdeburg

Standings as of 12/09:

1 Melsungen 4 125:102 8

2 Füchse 4 126:114 8

3 Hannover-Burg. 4 125:117 7

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5 THW Kiel 5 167:140 6

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18 Wetzlar 4 91:127 0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel 5-3-10 (473:509) 13:23

15.03.1997	THW Kiel vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	23:23 (8:11)
23.03.1997	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	25:23 (12:14)
19.03.2000	THW Kiel vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	32:21 (14:11)
25.03.2000	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	22:13 (8:7)
24.11.2002	RK Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:28 (8:15)
14.12.2002	THW Kiel vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:28 (14:10)
29.03.2009	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:28 (13:12)
04.04.2009	THW Kiel vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:27 (17:11)
21.04.2012	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:31 (15:12)
29.04.2012	THW Kiel vs Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:27 (16:16)
28.09.2014	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:25 (9:13)
26.11.2014	THW Kiel vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	34:27 (16:16)
17.09.2015	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:22 (13:11)
03.03.2016	THW Kiel vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:29 (14:17)
17.09.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:31 (6:14)
04.03.2021	THW Kiel vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B	36:30 (23:15)
13.10.2021	THW Kiel vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:28 (18:15)
03.03.2022	HC PPD Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:28 (15:12)

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

HC PPD Zagreb vs THW Kiel 27:28 (15:12)

03/03/2022, Zagreb, Croatia



(EHF Champions League, group A)

Referees: Radojko Brkic/Andrei Jusufhodzic (Austria).

Suspensions: 10' – 8' (Šipic 2', David Mandic 2', Gojun 4', Musa 2' – Landin Jacobsen 4', Weinhold 2', Pekeler 2').

Number of 7m: 1/1 – 2/2.

Attendance: 1,721.

				
Dino Slavic -> Limoges				Philip Hartwig Saggau -> Altenholz
Matej Mandic				Dario Quenstedt -> Hannover-Burgdorf
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Marin Šipic -> Kriens-Luzern	(1)	(1)		Sven Ehrig
Filip Vistorop -> Balingen-Weilstetten	(2)	(5)		Domagoj Duvnjak
Davor Cavar		(4)		Sander Sagosen -> Kolstad
David Mandic -> Melsungen	(9)	(5)		Harald Reinkind
Luka Lovre Klarica	(3)	(2)		Magnus Landin
Jakov Gojun		(1)		Steffen Weinhold
Edin Klis		(4)		Patrick Wiencek
Željko Musa -> Kriens-Luzern	(2)			Leon Ciudad Benitez -> Lübeck-Schwartau
Vlado Matanovic -> tba		(2)		Miha Zarabec -> Plock
Ivan Cupic	(5)	(1)		Pavel Horak -> Lovosice
Aleks Kavcic		(3)		Hendrik Pekeler
Sandro Obranovic -> Kadetten Schaffhausen	(3)			
Csaba Leimeter -> Balingen-Weilstetten	(2)			
Nikola Grahovac -> Balingen-Weilstetten				

HC ZAGREB VS GERMAN CLUBS 15–6–39

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1965/66	DHfK Leipzig	14:18	15:17	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	TuSEM Essen	32:26	17:24	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
1992/93	SG Wallau-Massenheim	22:17	18:22	Champions Cup – Final

1996/97	THW Kiel	25:23	23:23a)	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
1999/00	THW Kiel	22:13	21:32b)	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2002/03	THW Kiel	23:28	28:24	EHF Champions League – Group D
2003/04	SG Flensburg Handewitt	26:28	27:30	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2005/06	SG Flensburg Handewitt	25:23	24:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2006/07	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	21:23	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group D
2007/08	HSV Hamburg	27:26	29:32	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3
2007/08	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	29:25	29:36	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3
2008/09	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33	27:27c)	EHF Champions League – Group H
2008/09	THW Kiel	28:28	27:31	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2009/10	HSV Hamburg	29:33	26:35	EHF Champions League – Group C
2010/11	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	31:26	29:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:31	27:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2011/12	THW Kiel	31:31	27:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2012/13	Füchse Berlin	24:25	27:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:28	26:34d)	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2014/15	THW Kiel	27:25	27:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	THW Kiel	29:22	29:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	23:30	27:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	23:24	31:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2016/17	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	25:21	24:25e)	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2017/18	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:26	24:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	21:22	31:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2019/20	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	25:26	17:20	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	THW Kiel	21:31	30:36	EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	0:10*	0:10*	EHF Champions League – Play-offs
2021/22	THW Kiel	27:28	28:36	EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	SC Magdeburg	25:31	25:35	Machineseeker EHF Champions League – Group A

a) Match played in Hamburg GER.

b) Match played in Hamburg GER.

c) Match played in Karlsruhe GER.

d) Match played in Sankt Leon-Rot GER.

e) Match played in Frankfurt GER.

* Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stat.

THW KIEL VS CROATIAN CLUBS 12–3–5

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1996/97	Badel 1862 Zagreb	23:23a)	23:25	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
1997/98	RK 'Brodomekur' Split	29:26	28:23	EHF Cup – Semi-final
1999/00	Badel 1862 Zagreb	32:21b)	13:22	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2002/03	RK Zagreb	24:28	28:23	EHF Champions League – Group D
2008/09	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	31:27	28:28	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2011/12	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	33:27	31:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2014/15	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	34:27	25:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	31:29	22:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	HC PPD Zagreb	36:30	31:21	EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	HC PPD Zagreb	36:28	28:27	EHF Champions League – Group A

a) Match played in Hamburg GER.

b) Match played in Hamburg GER.

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR HC ZAGREB VS THW KIEL

Igor Vori	9	29.03.2009	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-THW Kiel	28:28
David Mandic	9	03.03.2022	HC PPD Zagreb-THW Kiel	27:28
Zvonimir Bilic	8	15.03.1997	THW Kiel-Badel 1862 Zagreb	23:23
Blazenko Lackovic	8	14.12.2002	THW Kiel-RK Zagreb	24:28
Zlatko Horvat	8	21.04.2012	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb-THW Kiel	31:31
Luka Sebetic	8	03.03.2016	THW Kiel-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	31:29

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR THW KIEL VS HC ZAGREB

Domagoj Duvnjak	10	03.03.2016	THW Kiel-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	31:29
Steffen Weinhold	9	26.11.2014	THW Kiel-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	34:27
Rune Dahmke	9	17.09.2015	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb-THW Kiel	29:22
Oskar Sunnefeldt	9	04.03.2021	THW Kiel-HC PPD Zagreb	36:30
Staffan Olsson	8	15.03.1997	THW Kiel-Badel 1862 Zagreb	23:23
Filip Jicha	8	29.03.2009	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-THW Kiel	28:28
Filip Jicha	8	21.04.2012	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb-THW Kiel	31:31
Harald Reinkind	8	13.10.2021	THW Kiel-HC PPD Zagreb	36:28

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN THE DIRECT ENCOUNTERS (GAMES/GOALS)

HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel

Ilija Brozovic	5 matches, 8 goals	w/Zagreb 4/6 (2012-2014), w/Kiel 1/2 (2016)
Domagoj Duvnjak	10 matches, 44 goals	w/Zagreb 2/6 (2009), w/Kiel 8/38 (2014-2022)

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS:

HC Zagreb vs THW Kiel

Domagoj Duvnjak	Kiel (2014-2023), Zagreb (2006-2009)
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LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



HC Zagreb: current run – lost four

01.03.2023 Odense/Fyn DEN	@ GOG DEN	L 33:29
26.02.2023 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	L 28:26
22.02.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs SC Magdeburg GER	L 25:31
08.02.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 30:33
15.12.2022 Płock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 26:30
08.12.2022 București ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	D 27:27
30.11.2022 Zagreb CRO	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 29:26
24.11.2022 Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 32:28
02.11.2022 Zagreb CRO	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 28:29
26.10.2022 Varaždin CRO	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 26:26



THW Kiel: current run – lost three

17.05.2023 Paris FRA	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 32:29
10.05.2023 Kiel GER	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 27:31
29.03.2023 Kiel GER	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 31:32
22.03.2023 București ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 28:41
01.03.2023 Elverum NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	D 26:26
22.02.2023 Kiel GER	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 39:27
16.02.2023 Szeged HUN	@ Pick Szeged HUN	L 36:33
09.02.2023 Kiel GER	vs Lomza Industria Kielce POL	W 32:29
15.12.2022 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 26:30
08.12.2022 Kiel GER	vs HBC Nantes FRA	W 37:33

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' AWARD

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The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match.

Awarded players in the 2023/24 season:

Round 1: ???



HC ZAGREB PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST THW KIEL

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ante Grbavac	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Matej Mandić	CRO	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Aljaz Panjtar	SLO	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Gabriel Buvinić	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Davor Cavar	CRO	3	0	0	3	8	2,67	5	0
Yoel Cuni Morales	CUB	2	0	0	2	4	2,00	2 (2)	0
Ivan Cupić	CRO	10	4	1	5	42	4,20	7 (2)	4'
Timur Dibirov	RUS	10	2	0	8	45	4,50	10	0
Adin Faljić	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Filip Glavaš	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jakov Gojun	CRO	9	0	1	8	5	0,56	2 (2)	18'
Aleks Kavčić	SLO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Lovre Klarica	CRO	4	0	0	4	10	2,50	3 (2)	2'
Edin Klis	BIH	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Miloš Kos	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Paolo Kraljević	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karpo Sirotić	CRO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Zvonimir Srna	CRO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	2'
Matic Suholežnik	SLO	4	2	0	2	10	2,50	5	10'

Yoel Cuni Morales (HC Vardar 1961 2021/22); Ivan Cupić (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2010/11 – DNP, KS Vive Targi Kielce 2012/13, KS Vive Targi Kielce 2013/14, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2014/15, HC Vardar 2017/18, HC Vardar 2019/20); Timur Dibirov (Chekhovskie Medvedi 2007/08, Chekhovskie Medvedi 2012/13, HC Vardar 2017/18, HC Vardar 2019/20, HC Vardar 1961 2021/22); Jakov Gojun (BM Atletico Madrid 2012/13, Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2014/15, Füchse Berlin 2018/19); Aljaz Panjtar (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2017/18); Matic Suholežnik (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2017/18, RK Celje Pivovarna Laško 2022/23)



THW KIEL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HC ZAGREB

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Magnus Bierfreund	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vincent Gérard	FRA	2	2	0	0	3	1,50	3	0
Tomas Mrkva	CZE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ben Connar Battermann	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mykola Bilyk	AUT	1	1	0	0	2	2,00	2	2'
Rune Dahmke	GER	6	4	0	2	14	2,33	9	4'
Domagoj Duvnjak	CRO	10	8	0	2	48	4,80	10	12'
Sven Ehrig	GER	3	3	0	0	7	2,33	4	6'
Niclas Ekberg	SWE	6	4	0	2	17	2,83	6	0
Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu	FAR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	ESP	10	8	1	1	16	1,60	5	2'
Eric Johansson	SWE	2	1	1	0	8	4,00	5	2'
Magnus Landin Jacobsen	DEN	6	5	0	1	20	3,33	6	6'
Petter Øverby	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Henri Pabst	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Henrik Pekeler	GER	10	7	0	3	28	2,80	8	12'
Harald Reinkind	NOR	12	7	0	5	33	2,75	8	6'
Luca Alexander Schwormstede	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karl Wallinius	SWE	2	2	0	0	7	3,50	5	4'
Steffen Weinhold	GER	6	4	0	2	18	3,00	9	6'
Patrick Wiencek	GER	7	5	0	2	10	1,43	4	4'

Domagoj Duvnjak (HSV Hamburg 2009/10); Vincent Gérard (Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2019/20); Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez (Portland San Antonio 2005/06 – DNP, FC Barcelona Intersport 2012/13, FC Barcelona 2014/15, HBC Nantes 2017/18, HBC Nantes 2018/19 – DNP, HBC Nantes 2020/21, CS Dinamo Bucuresti 2022/23); Eric Johansson (Elverum Handball 2021/22); Magnus Landin Jacobsen (KIF Kolding Kobenhavn 2014/15); Henrik Pekeler (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2015/16, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2016/17, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2017/18); Harald Reinkind (Fyllingen Handball 2009/10, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2015/16, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2016/17, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2017/18); Karl Wallinius (Montpellier HB 2021/22)





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