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While memories are still fresh of Barça clinching their record-extending 11th EHF Champions League title just a few months ago, the new season is ready for throw-off. A total of 16 elite teams from all over the continent are set to start another enthralling race to the most coveted trophy in men's club handball. Welcome to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

Barça returned to the throne by winning the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne last June, defeating Aalborg Håndbold in a high-class final that concluded yet another captivating season of Europe's top-flight competition.

Both Barça and Aalborg are back on the starting grid for the 2024/25 campaign – and fans don't have to wait long to see them lock horns again, as the finalists from last season will already meet in the group phase of the new season, since they were both drawn into group B.

The same section of the competition includes several more teams that have played EHF Champions League finals in the past, most notably two-time winners SC Magdeburg – who lifted the trophy as recent as 2023 – and 2016 champions Industria Kielce.

With HC Zagreb and HBC Nantes, the group has two more former finalists in the mix, while the experienced OTP Bank - PICK Szeged and the ambitious Kolstad Håndbold complete a strong line-up in this half of the competition.

Over in group A, the race to the play-off and quarter-final spots will be just as intense, with eight teams that make for a well-balanced section. Veszprém HC and Paris Saint-Germain Handball are two perennial contenders for the trophy, who both hope that 2024/25 will finally become their season of ultimate success.

Again, Orlen Wisla Plock and HC Eurofarm Pelister will be high hurdles to clear for any team, while a trio that rocked the EHF European League in recent years now aim to do nothing but the same at Europe's top level: Füchse Berlin, Sporting CP, and Dinamo Bucuresti.

Group A also includes the only EHF Champions League debutants this season, as Danish outfit Fredericia Håndbold Klub will be eager to make their first steps at the continental top level unforgettable ones.

The stage is set for another tantalising season as handball fans across the globe are following their favourite teams and players during the group phase matches, traditionally played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Enjoy the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

EHF Media & Communications

After the success of EHF's 30th anniversary season digital campaign, 'Handmade History', EHF Marketing launched a new EHF Champions League campaign last season, carrying the slogan 'Dare to Rise'.

This 360-degree campaign across all fields of the competition will continue with new visuals in the 2024/25 season. 'Dare to Rise' inspires players and fans to overcome challenges, face their fears, and reach their full potential. It encourages them to step out of their comfort zone, set their goals higher, and push themselves beyond their perceived limits.



MOTW: Closer to the action

Match of the Week (MOTW) is back for the 2024/25 seasons of the EHF Champions League Women and Machineseeker EHF Champions League. MOTW sees fans brought closer to the action in the most significant game of the week through special coverage.

Each round, one match earns the prestigious MOTW title, and fans are offered exclusive insights, behind-the-scenes footage, and on-site interviews by the content creators. Fans can follow the EHFCCL social media channels on match days and throughout the week to get the unique perspective and full experience.

In each MOTW, don't miss the traditional award for the Player of the Match. The award recognises the most valuable player on the field and celebrates their remarkable performance with a special trophy presented after the game.

For the 2024/25 season, all MOTW games will feature live English commentary on the EHFTV platform, ensuring fans around the world receive special coverage that brings the action even closer.



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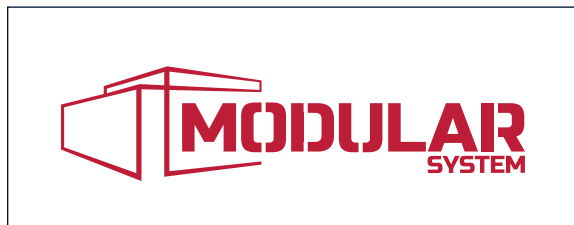
- Title partner of the EHF Champions League Men, referred to as the Machineseecker EHF Champions League
- After two successful seasons in 2022/23 and 2023/24, the agreement was prolonged for the 2024/25 season
- The agreement includes the Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2024/25 season and TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2025



- Part of the Machineseecker Group
- Title partner of the EHF FINAL4 Men 2025, referred to as the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2025



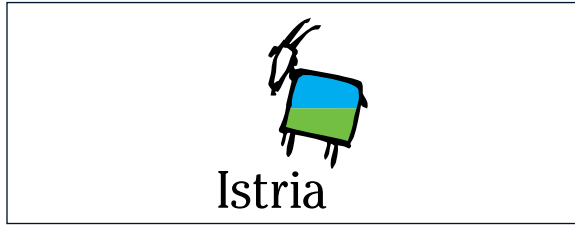
- Premium partner of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League since 2022
- Part of the EHF family since 2017, heading into the eighth season as a partner of the EHF Champions League
- One of the leading European manufacturers of household appliances, with a history reaching back 70 years



- Official partner of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League since 2023
- Poland-based company that designs and creates modern, mobile modular spaces
- Their products are recognised by a large group of customers in Poland, European markets and the United States



- Official partner of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League from the 2023/24 season until 2025/26
- MOL Group is an international integrated oil, gas, petrochemicals and consumer retail company, which is active in over 30 countries
- MOL is committed to transforming its traditional fossil-fuel based operation into a low-carbon, sustainable business model and aspires to become net carbon neutral by 2050



- Official destination partners of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League since the second part of the 2023/24 season
- CNTB is a national tourist organisation founded with the aim of creating and promoting the identity and reputation of Croatian tourism domestically and internationally
- ITB is a regional management organisation founded with the aim of developing and promoting tourism while managing the reputation of Istria as a sustainable and responsible tourist destination



- New official partner of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League for the 2024/25 season
- Austrian-based company with a focus on retail and corporate banking
- 12 subsidiary banks in Central and Eastern Europe
- 38.83% of Raiffeisen Bank International is owned by free float; 61.17% is owned by regional Raiffeisen banks



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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

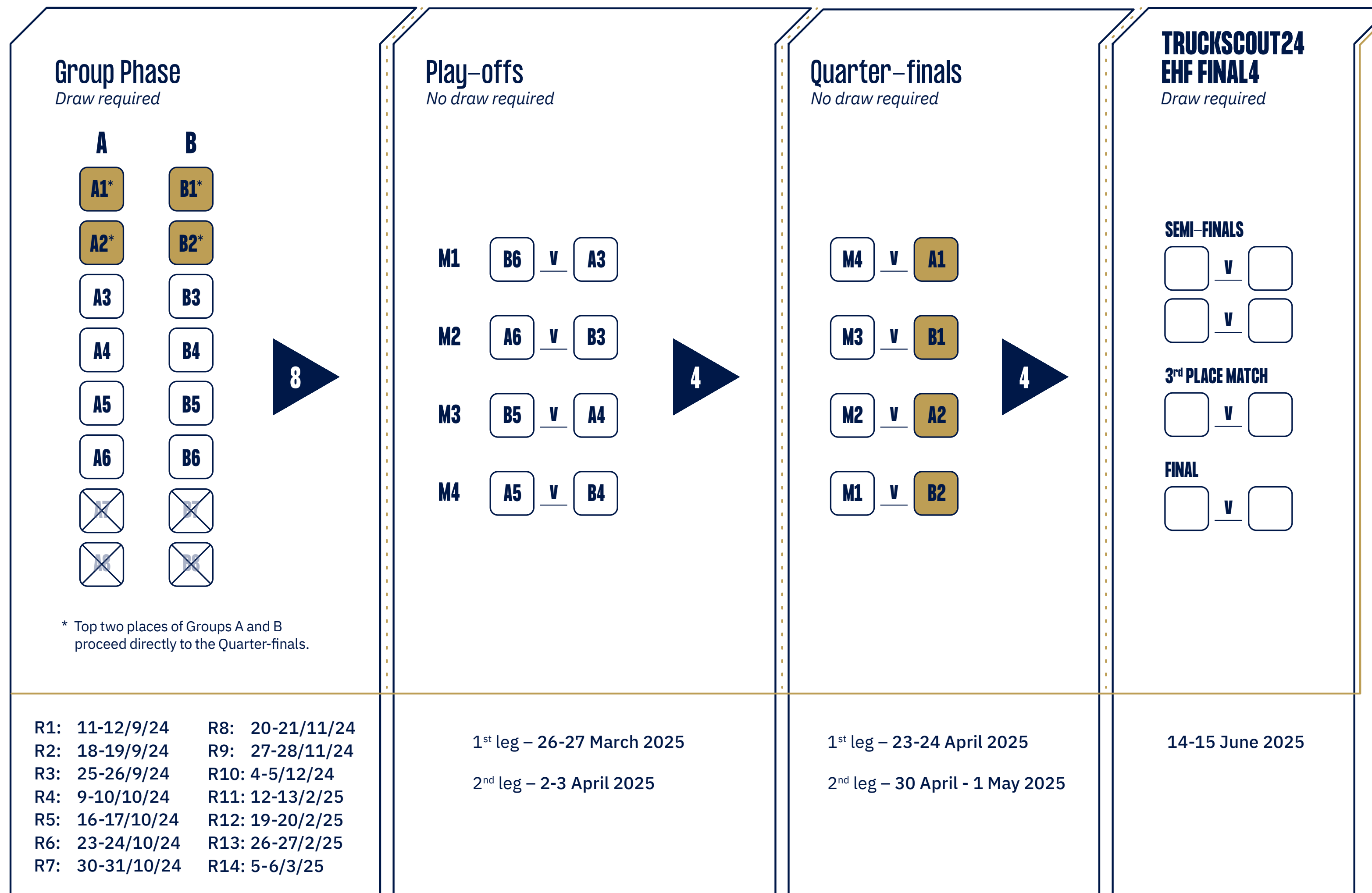
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2024/25 SEASON

Playing system and dates



The most important numbers prior to the start of the Machineseker EHF Champions League season

Traditional sides, a newbie and big names returning; three former champions are among the 16 clubs from 11 countries on the road to the 16th EHF FINAL4 in Cologne in the 32nd season of the Machineseker EHF Champions League.

Here are the most important numbers you need to know prior to the start of the group phase.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE NEW SEASON

1 debutant is among the 16 teams of the 2024/25 season: Danish runners-up Fredericia Håndbold Klub, who made it to the finals of the Danish league and were close to snatching the trophy from 2024 EHF Champions League finalists Aalborg Håndbold.

1

coach has won the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne as a player and coach: Filip Jicha (with Kiel in 2010 and 2012 as player and 2020 as THW coach).

1 only one team has managed to defend the trophy since the implementation of the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne in 2010: record and defending champions Barça beat Kielce in the 2022 final after overtime and a penalty shootout. In 2021, the record winners beat Aalborg Handbold in the final.

1 time only - in 2018 - neither a German nor a Spanish team was part of the EHF FINAL4.

1 draw only is needed before the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2025; the one for the semi-finals. The remaining rounds towards the pinnacle event are decided by the final ranking of the group phase. The 16th edition of the EHF FINAL4 will be played on 14/15 June 2025 at the LANXESS arena in Cologne.

2 EHF FINAL4 finals so far have been decided by penalty shootouts – and in both games, Kielce were involved: in the 2016 edition they beat Veszprem, 39:38, and in 2022, they lost against Barça, 35:37.

2 coaches have led two different teams to EHF Champions League trophies: Iceland-born Alfred Gislason (2002 SC Magdeburg, 2010 and 2012 THW Kiel) and Talant Dujšebaev (2006, 2008, 2009 Ciudad Real, 2016 Kielce).

2 group winners and two runners-up all directly qualify from the group phase to the quarter-finals.

2 teams per group, finishing in seventh and eighth position in the final ranking, will end their European journey after the group phase.

2 Barça players won their fifth trophy in Cologne in 2024: Aitor Arino, and Gonzalo Perez de Vargas.

2 former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year are part of the 16 squads of this Machineseecker EHF Champions League season: Niklas Landin (Aalborg/2019, 2021) and Mathias Gidsel (Füchse Berlin/2023). Nikola Karabatic (PSG/2007, 2014, 2016) and Mikkel Hansen (Aalborg/2011, 2015, 2018) have now finished their respective careers.

3 participants of the 2024 EHF FINAL4 are part of the group phase: Barça, Aalborg and Magdeburg – THW Kiel failed to qualify for the Machineseecker EHF Champions League and will play in the EHF European League.

3

former or current EHF Champions League champions with a total of 14 trophies are part of the 2024/25 group phase: Barça (11), Magdeburg (2) and Kielce (1).

4 current coaches of the 16 teams have won the Champions League as players: Talant Dujšebaev (Kielce - with Santander), David Davis (Dinamo Bucuresti - with Ciudad Real), Jonas Källman (Szeged – with Ciudad Real) and Bennet Wiegert

(Magdeburg – with Magdeburg). New Aalborg coach Maik Machulla was officially an assistant coach of SG Flensburg-Handewitt when they won the EHF Champions League in 2024, but was also on the player list.

4

matches will be played at two different throw-off times over two days, the same as in recent seasons: on Wednesday and Thursday the EHF Champions League matches will be played at 18:45 or 20:45 CET/CEST.

4 people have won the EHF Champions League as a player and a coach: Carlos Ortega (Barça), Talant Dujšebaev (Santander, Ciudad Real, Kielce), Roberto Parrondo (Ciudad Real and Vardar) and Filip Jicha (Kiel).

4 former EHF Champions League top scorers are part of the competition this season: Kamil Syprzak (PSG/2023/2024), Aleix Gomez (Barça/2021/22), Valero Rivera (Nantes/2020/21) and Alex Dujšebaev (Kielce/2018/19).

4 players have scored more than 1000 goals in EHF Champions League history. The list is topped by Kiril Lazarov (1482), third-placed Timur Dibirov (1164) is still on court for HC Zagreb.

5 MVPs of the previous EHF FINAL4 tournaments are on court in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League next season: Melvyn Richrdson (Barça/2024), Gisli Kristjansson (Magdeburg/2023), Artsem Karalek (Kielce/2022), Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça/2021) and Igor Karacic (Kielce/2019).

5 teams who featured in the 2023/24 competition are not in the 2024/25 edition: HBC Nantes replace Montpellier as the second French participant, Fredericia replace GOG as Danish runners-up, Sporting CP participate as Portuguese champions, succeeding FC Porto. Füchse Berlin and Dinamo Bucuresti return to the top flight competition in place of THW Kiel and RK Celje Pivovarna Laško.

5

nations are represented by two participants each in the 2024/25 season – the same as recent seasons: France, Germany, Poland, Denmark and Hungary.

5 current coaches of the 16 teams have won the EHF Champions League as coaches: Bennet Wiegert (with Magdeburg), Carlos Ortega (with Barça), Talant Dujshebaev (Kielce - with Ciudad Real and Kielce), Raul Gonzalez (PSG - with Vardar) and Xavi Pascual (Bucuresti, with Barça).

5 times in a row (1996-2000) Valero Rivera steered Barça to the winners' podium of the EHF Champions League, no coach has won the trophy more often.

5 - only five times in 15 years has the defending champions made it to Cologne: Barça in 2022 and 2023, Kiel in 2013, Vardar in 2018 and Magdeburg in 2024.

7

of the 15 previous winners of the EHF FINAL4 are part of the 2024/25 EHF Champions League season: Barça (5 trophies), Magdeburg and Kielce (1 each).

6 countries are represented by the previous 31 EHF Champions League champions: Spain (17 titles), Germany (8), France (2), North Macedonia (2), Poland and Slovenia (each 1). In total, 13 different clubs are in the winners' list of the competition.

8 of the 16 current teams have already been part of the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: Barça, Aalborg, Magdeburg, Paris, Nantes, Veszprém, Kielce and Fühse.

8 times – six times as a player, twice as a coach – Carlos Ortega won the EHF Champions League. After winning the trophy in 2024, the Spaniard passed the previous record holder Andrej Xepkin, who won the trophy seven times as a player for Barça (6) and Kiel.

10 different Spanish coaches have steered their teams to a total of 20 EHF Champions League trophies so far: Valero Rivera (5), Talant Dujshebaev (4), Xavi Pascual (3), Carlos Ortega (2), Javier Cuesta, Julian Ruiz, Francisco Equisoain, Francesc Espar, Raul Gonzalez and Roberto Parrondo (each 1). Dujshebaev (Kielce, 2016), Parrondo (Vardar, 2019), and Gonzalez (Vardar, 2017) were the only ones to win the trophy with non-Spanish teams.

11

of the 16 teams were part of the CL group phase in the previous season.

11 - the number of times Barça have won the EHF Champions League, making them the record winners (1995-2000, 2011, 2015, 2021, 2022, 2024). In addition, they won the Champions Cup (forerunner competition to the EHF Champions League) once. Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) have won four trophies, Ciudad Real three (2006, 2008, 2009), Magdeburg (2002, 2023), Vardar (2017, 2019) and Montpellier (2003, 2018) two each.

11 nations – the same number as in the previous two seasons - are represented by the 16 group phase participants: Croatia, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Romania – the only change was from Slovenia (Celje) to Romania (Dinamo).

12 times out of 15, Barça were part of the EHF FINAL4, ahead of Kiel (9), Veszprém (7) and PSG (6).

13 goals in the 2021 final, Barça vs Aalborg (36:23), was the biggest margin of victory in all 30 matches at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne so far.

17

times Spanish teams have won the EHF Champions League - Barça (11), Ciudad Real (3), Santander, Irun and Portland (each 1).

18 matches have been played by Gonzalo Perez de Vargas so far at EHF FINAL4 events, making the goalkeeper the record holder of those on court next season. The overall record is held by Aron Palmarsson with 19 matches.

16 or **18** matches will be played by the four teams who make it to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne - depending whether they skip the play-offs or not.

20

victories in 20 matches were taken by Barça in their perfect 2020/21 season.

21 years – 2002 to 2023 – was the gap between Magdeburg’s two EHF Champions League titles.

31 - the number of times (including the new season) HC Zagreb are part of the EHF Champions League, ahead of Veszprem (30 participations), Barça and Celje (28 each) and Kiel (26). Celje and Kiel are not part of the new season.

84

goals in only 12 matches at the EHF FINAL4 were scored by Aleix Gomez to make him the all-time top scorer of the event in Cologne ahead of Mikkell Hansen (81).

132 matches will be played before the 2024/25 winner of the Machineseker EHF Champions League winner will be crowned in Cologne - 112 group matches, eight play-offs, eight quarter-finals and four matches at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4.

223

goals were scored at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024, 32 fewer than the year before.

298 victories in 386 EHF Champions League matches (plus 23 draws and 65 defeats) have been won by Barça to put them top of the all-time EHF Champions League table.

7786 goals were scored in 132 matches of the 2023/24 season of the Machineseker EHF Champions League.

SHORTEST



170 cm

**Jan Blas
Cos**

Barça

Jan Blas Cos	ESP	Barça	170
Yoav Lumbroso	ISR	Dinamo Bucuresti	172
Luc Steins	NED	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	173
Tim Freihöfer	GER	Füchse Berlin	174
Manuel Ortega Ezcurdia	ESP	Barça	175
Alex Pascual	ESP	Dinamo Bucuresti	175
Miha Zarabec	SLO	Orlen Wisla Plock	178
João Gomes	POR	Sporting CP	178
Pol Valera Rovira	ESP	Barça	179
Daniel Pettersson	SWE	SC Magdeburg	179
Francisco Loureiro	POR	Sporting CP	179
Paolo Kraljevic	CRO	HC Zagreb	180
Timur Dibirov	RUS	HC Zagreb	180
Oscar Grau Ibañez	ESP	Barça	180
Gasper Marguc	SLO	Veszprém HC	180
Benedikt Gunnar Óskarsson	ISL	Kolstad Håndball	180
Nicusor Andrei Negru	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	180
Patrick Wiesmach	DEN	Aalborg Håndbold	181
Luka Cindric	CRO	Veszprém HC	181
Lovro Mihic	CRO	Orlen Wisla Plock	181

TALLEST



212 cm

**Tomasz
Gebala**

Industria Kielce

Tomasz Gebala	POL	Industria Kielce	212
Alin Cozmaciuc	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	210
Kamil Syprzak	POL	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	207
Bence Bánhidi	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	207
Mike Ulrich Jensen	DEN	Veszprém HC	207
Calin Dedu	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	207
Dániel Balogh	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	206
Thibaud Briet	FRA	HBC Nantes	205
Lauro Pichiri	GER	Füchse Berlin	205
Max Beneke	GER	Füchse Berlin	205
Gleb Kalarash	RUS	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	205
Patrik Ligetvári	HUN	Veszprém HC	205
Simon Jeppsson	SWE	Kolstad Håndball	205
Hassan Kaddah	EGY	Industria Kielce	205
Jakov Gojun	CRO	HC Zagreb	204
Matej Mandic	CRO	HC Zagreb	204
Sebastian Leth Frandsen	DEN	Fredericia Håndbold Klub	204
Ruben Marchan	ESP	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	204
Magnus Rød	NOR	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	204
Martin Nagy	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	204

YOUNGEST



8/9/2008

Santiago Póvoas

Sporting CP

OLDEST



12/7/1983

Mirsad Terzic

Orlen Wisla Plock

Santiago Póvoas	POR	Sporting CP	8/9/2008
Francisco Peralta	POR	Sporting CP	11/5/2008
Rafael Vasconcelos	POR	Sporting CP	15/6/2007
Alem Hadzic	BIH	HC Eurofarm Pelister	15/6/2007
Petar Šprem	CRO	HC Zagreb	20/11/2006
Jan Blas Cos	ESP	Barça	17/11/2006
Oskar Stieglitz	GER	SC Magdeburg	31/10/2006
Thomas Omeyer	FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	11/9/2006
Tim Schröder	GER	Füchse Berlin	24/8/2006
János Dániel Barna	HUN	Veszprém HC	22/8/2006
Péter Vincze	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	16/8/2006
Leander Schöbe	GER	SC Magdeburg	24/7/2006
Máté Kucsera	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	21/7/2006
Jan Grüner	GER	Füchse Berlin	23/6/2006
Yoni Peyrabout	FRA	HBC Nantes	7/6/2006
Francisco Loureiro	POR	Sporting CP	30/5/2006
Moritz Wanjura	GER	Füchse Berlin	12/5/2006
Djibril Sarre	FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29/4/2006
William Reichardt	GER	Füchse Berlin	23/4/2006
Théo Ducap	FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	3/4/2006

Mirsad Terzic	BIH	Orlen Wisla Plock	12/7/1983
Timur Dibirov	RUS	HC Zagreb	30/7/1983
Roland Mikler	HUN	OTP Bank - PICK Szeged	20/9/1984
Henrik Møllgaard Jensen	DEN	Aalborg Håndbold	2/1/1985
Valero Rivera Folch	ESP	HBC Nantes	22/2/1985
Mirko Alilovic	CRO	Orlen Wisla Plock	15/9/1985
Nikola Mitrevski	MKD	HC Eurofarm Pelister	3/10/1985
Jakov Gojun	CRO	HC Zagreb	18/4/1986
Andreas Palicka	SWE	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	10/7/1986
Przemyslaw Krajewski	POL	Orlen Wisla Plock	20/1/1987
Jorge Maqueda Peno	ESP	Industria Kielce	6/2/1988
Luka Karabatic	FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	19/4/1988
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CLUBS



FOUR SPANISH COACHES, A DEBUTANT AND THREE NEW ARRIVALS FROM THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE



One debutant, three teams arriving from the EHF European League, four Spanish coaches and two main contenders for the Truckscout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne, who have never won the trophy – group A of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League can become something like a jamboree bag and a huge surprise factor.

For the first time ever, Fredericia Håndbold Klub are part of the top-flight competition. Coached by the famous Icelandic Gudmundur Gudmundsson, they made it to the final of the Danish league and gave a tough fight to the 2021 and 2024 EHF Champions League finalists Aalborg, in three matches. The Danes might become the dark horse of this group.

The top favourites for booking straight tickets for the quarter-finals are Paris Saint-Germain and HC Veszprém. Both teams failed on the way to the EHF FINAL4 in the previous season, getting eliminated by the eventual finalists Barça and Aalborg in the quarter-finals. Again, the goal of Raul Gonzalez's team is to make it to Cologne. As Nikola Karabatic has finished

his highly decorated career, PSG will change their playing style – and their top signing comes right from their main contender in group A, Veszprém: Egyptian international Omar Yahia, one of the most prolific right backs of the competition. Apart from this, the PSG squad has remained almost the same as in the previous season.

The biggest change at HC Veszprém is their new coach: Spaniard Xavi Pascual arrived from Dinamo Bucuresti – and even brought their Croatian centre back Luka Cindric to Lake Balaton. Pascual has won the EHF Champions League three times with Barça and has steered Dinamo to their biggest international success, qualifying for the EHF Finals 2024. Cindric will replace Kentin Mahé, who left to his first-ever club, VfL Gummersbach in Germany. Besides him and Yahia, one cornerstone of the previous years has also left: Swedish line player Andreas Nilsson, who returned to his home country.

Below PSG and Veszprém, Orlen Wisla Plock aim to make it to the quarter-finals like in 2023, when they

lost against eventual champions SC Magdeburg on aggregate. Xavi Sabate's roster was bolstered by the signings of Icelandic goalkeeper Victor Hallgrímsson (from Nantes) and Slovenian super talent Mitja Janc, brother of Barça right back Blaz Janc. In the previous season, Plock lost in the play-offs against Paris. And for 2025, the Polish champions – who beat Kielce in thrilling finals – have even announced the transfer of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024 MVP Melvyn Richardson from Barça.

Three of the best teams of the previous EHF European League season return to the top-flight competition: Füchse Berlin, runners-up in Germany and the domestic champions Dinamo Bucuresti and Sporting CP. After passing FC Porto in the domestic league and having the Costa brothers Martim (top scorer of the EHF EURO 2024) and Francisco on board, the Portuguese side have the ability to beat almost every team. Four times EHF Cup and EHF European League champions Berlin return to the premier club competition after eleven years – and hope for the same result as in 2012, when they made it to the EHF

FINAL4 as debutants. Their top star is current IHF Player of the Year, Dane Mathias Gidsel.

Bucuresti signed another Spaniard as successor of Xavi Pascual, three-time EHF Champions League winner David Davis, who has been in charge of Veszprém before. Therefore, both coaches will face their former clubs in the direct duels. With the signings of Haukar Thrastarson, Branko Vujovic and Haniel Langaro from European top clubs, the ambitions in the Romanian capital are high.

After remaining without any points in the 2023/24 group phase, Macedonian champions Eurofarm Pelister hope for a much better result this season – their most important transfers were the change of goalkeepers from Khalifa Ghedbane and Urban Lesjak to experienced Nikola Mitrevski (from Porto) and Croat Filip Ivic.

Björn Pazen

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Orlen Wisla Plock vs Veszprém HC		2-2-8 (320:365)	6:18
09.11.2002	Wisla Plock SSA vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group A		25:30 (9:13)
08.12.2002	Fotex KC Veszprém vs Wisla Plock SSA, EHF Champions League – Group A		38:24 (20:14)
23.03.2014	Orlen Wisla Plock vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		34:33 (16:16)
29.03.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		31:26 (16:11)
19.09.2015	Orlen Wisla Plock vs MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		27:27 (11:13)
05.03.2016	MVM Veszprém vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – group A		27:25 (16:13)
08.10.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:28 (13:14)
25.02.2017	Veszprém HC vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		31:25 (18:14)
03.11.2022	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Veszprém HC HC, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		26:30 (14:15)
08.12.2022	Veszprém HC HC vs Orlen Wisla Plock, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		32:22 (17:9)
19.10.2023	Veszprém HC HC vs Orlen Wisla Plock, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		28:21 (14:9)
07.12.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Veszprém HC HC, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		37:30 (18:11)

Orlen Wisla Plock vs HC Eurofarm Pelister

No previous encounters in European competitions

Orlen Wisla Plock vs Fredericia Håndbold Klub

No previous encounters in European competitions

Orlen Wisla Plock vs Füchse Berlin		1-0-1 (54:57)	2:2
16.11.2021	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Group A		24:28 (14:15)
08.03.2022	Füchse Berlin vs Orlen Wisla Plock, EHF European League – Group A		29:30 (15:16)

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Orlen Wisla Plock vs Sporting CP		1-0-1 (54:53)	2:2
23.03.2021	Sporting CP vs Orlen Wisla Plock, EHF European League – Last 16		25:29 (15:15)
30.03.2021	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Last 16		25:28 (12:14)
Orlen Wisla Plock vs Dinamo Bucuresti		1-1-4 (149:167)	3:9
14.10.2018	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		24:21 (13:10)
03.11.2018	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		29:28 (14:12)
20.10.2019	Orlen Wisla Plock vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		26:26 (13:12)
30.10.2019	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		29:20 (13:10)
24.11.2022	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Orlen Wisla Plock, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		32:27 (15:14)
01.12.2022	Orlen Wisla Plock vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		26:28 (12:12)
Orlen Wisla Plock vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball		0-0-8 (219:251)	0:16
27.09.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		29:24 (16:13)
27.02.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		22:27 (12:16)
02.10.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		33:30 (15:15)
05.03.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		25:29 (11:14)
21.09.2022	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Orlen Wisla Plock, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		37:33 (18:16)
23.02.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		26:32 (14:15)
28.03.2024	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Play-offs		26:30 (12:13)
04.04.2024	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Orlen Wisla Plock, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Play-offs		34:33 (18:15)

Veszprém HC vs HC Eurofarm Pelister

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Veszprém HC vs Fredericia Håndbold Klub

No previous encounters in European competitions

Veszprém HC vs Füchse Berlin

1-0-1 (53:57)

2:2

16.11.2011	Füchse Berlin vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:29 (13:15)
27.11.2011	MKB Veszprém KC vs Füchse Berlin, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:33 (10:15)

Veszprém HC vs Sporting CP

2-0-0 (65:57)

4:0

24.03.2019	Sporting CP vs Veszprém HC HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:30 (15:14)
30.03.2019	Veszprém HC HC vs Sporting CP, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	35:29 (17:14)

Veszprém HC vs Dinamo Bucuresti

4-1-1 (215:178)

9:3

08.10.2005	MKB Veszprém KC vs Dinamo Baunit Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group F	37:27 (20:13)
22.10.2005	Dinamo Baunit Bucuresti vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Group F	27:38 (13:17)
28.10.2021	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Veszprém HC HC, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:29 14:13
02.12.2021	Veszprém HC HC vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	47:32 (22:15)
28.09.2022	Veszprém HC HC vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A	33:30 (15:17)
15.12.2022	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Veszprém HC HC, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A	31:31 (13:16)

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Veszprém HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball		7-1-8 (473:471)	15:17
19.04.2014	PSG Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		26:28 (14:12)
26.04.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		31:26 (12:12)
12.04.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		24:24 (10:12)
19.04.2015	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		34:28 (16:12)
25.10.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs MVM Vészprem, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		29:27 (16:12)
28.11.2015	MVM Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:20 (16:14)
20.11.2016	Veszprém HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:29 (14:15)
27.11.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:24 (14:12)
03.06.2017	Veszprém HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final		26:27 (11:11)
12.11.2017	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Veszprém HC HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		33:28 (19:14)
18.11.2017	Veszprém HC HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		24:29 (12:12)
29.12.2020	Veszprém HC HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4		26:31 (11:14)
16.09.2021	Veszprém HC HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B		34:31 (13:17)
10.03.2022	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Veszprém HC HC, EHF Champions League – Group B		39:40 (19:20)
15.09.2022	Veszprém HC HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		36:34 (17:17)
01.03.2023	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Veszprém HC HC, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		37:35 (19:24)

HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Fredericia Håndbold Klub

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Füchse Berlin		0-0-2 (59:77)	0:4
22.11.2022	HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Group D		34:43 (14:22)
21.02.2023	Füchse Berlin vs HC Eurofarm Pelister, EHF European League – Group D		34:25 (18:12)

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HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Sporting CP **1-1-2 (102:118)** **3:5**

18.02.2017	HC Pelister Bitola vs Sporting CP, Challenge Cup – Last 16	18:32 (7:16)
19.02.2017	Sporting CP vs HC Pelister Bitola, Challenge Cup – Last 16	34:26 (15:14)
30.11.2021	Sporting CP vs HC Eurofarm Pelister, EHF European League – Group D	27:27 (14:16)
07.12.2021	HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Group D	31:25 (14:13)

HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball **1-0-3 (110:121)** **2:6**

08.12.2001	Paris St. Germain Handball vs RK 'Pelister' Bitola, Challenge Cup – Last 16	33:30 (12:13)
15.12.2001	RK 'Pelister' Bitola vs Paris St. Germain Handball, Challenge Cup – Last 16	29:26 (19:14)
12.10.2023	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs HC Eurofarm Pelister, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A	31:26 (15:12)
14.02.2024	HC Eurofarm Pelister vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A	25:31 (9:15)

Fredericia Håndbold Klub vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredericia Håndbold Klub vs Sporting CP

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredericia Håndbold Klub vs Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Fredericia Håndbold Klub vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

Füchse Berlin vs Sporting CP		1-0-2 (88:83)	2:4
26.02.2021	Sporting CP vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Group B		10:0 (0:0)*
02.03.2021	Füchse Berlin vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Group B		29:19 (14:10)
20.02.2024	Füchse Berlin vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV		31:32 (19:13)
27.02.2024	Sporting CP vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV		32:28 (17:17)

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

Füchse Berlin vs Dinamo Bucuresti		3-1-0 (125:117)	7:1
01.12.2020	Füchse Berlin vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Group B		33:29 (15:12)
08.12.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Group B		26:26 (12:14)
14.11.2023	Füchse Berlin vs Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Group G		33:30 (16:11)
21.11.2023	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Group G		32:33 (17:16)

Füchse Berlin vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti		4-0-6 (283:291)	8:12
05.11.2006	Dinamo Baunit Bucurest vs Sporting CP Lisboa, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3		35:29 (17:10)
12.11.2006	Sporting CP Lisboa vs Dinamo Baunit Bucurest, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3		27:30 (13:13)
23.02.2019	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches C/D		32:31 (14:14)
28.02.2019	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches C/D		26:27 (15:11)
22.02.2020	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Round C/D		25:26 (9:13)
01.03.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Round C/D		26:24 (14:12)
20.10.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Group B		25:22 (15:16)
26.02.2021	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Group B		31:32 (12:17)
13.02.2024	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV		35:33 (17:18)
05.03.2024	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV		27:31 (11:15)

Sporting CP vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

Dinamo Bucuresti vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball		0-0-4 (116:149)	0:8
23.09.2021	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B		41:30 (21:11)
03.03.2022	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B		31:39 (16:20)
26.10.2022	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		29:36 (16:22)
16.02.2023	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		33:26 (17:14)



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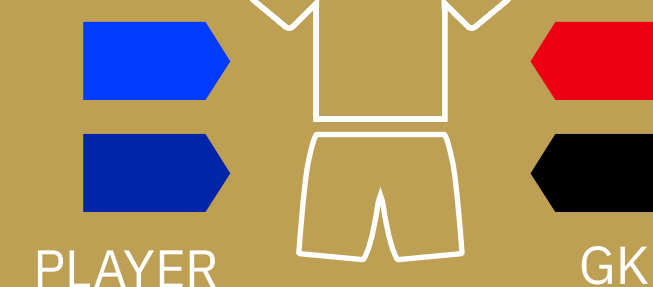


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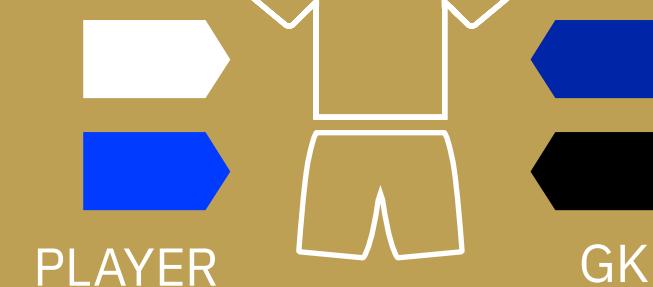
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Though Orlen Wisla Plock failed to return to the quarter-finals of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League last year, they had a historic season, as they left Industria Kielce behind on the domestic level twice, as cup winners and Polish champions. In the Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2023/24, Plock's journey ended in the play-offs against Paris Saint-Germain, one year after their first ever quarter-final in the premium club competition. But with the signing of top goalkeeper Viktor Hallgrímsson and some of Europe's biggest talents, such as Mitja Janc, the team of Xavier Sabate aims higher this season.

GROUP A



ORLEN WISLA PLOCK

MAIN FACTS

- › after making it to the EHF European League Finals twice, in 2021 and 2022, Plock made their comeback in the Champions League in 2022/23
- › in the 2022/23 season, Orlen Wisla Plock were three goals shy of making it to the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne — the Polish side almost eliminated eventual champions SC Magdeburg in what was their first ever CL quarter-final
- › in 2023/24, Plock finished sixth in their group and lost both play-off matches against PSG by small margins (33:34; 26:30)
- › six new players arrived for 2024/25, including the Slovenian trio of Mitja Janc, Peter Sisko and Tim Cokan. The biggest name among the signings is Icelandic goalkeeper Viktor Hallgrímsson — All-star Team member at the EHF EURO 2022
- › three players left, including Croatian Olympian Tin Lucin, who transferred back home to HC Nexe
- › Spanish coach Xavier Sabate starts his seventh season at Plock and his 15th in the Champions League in total, and will face his former club Veszprém
- › after finishing as runners-up in the Polish league behind Kielce 12 times in a row, they managed to beat the former CL champions in the league finals and even defended the Polish Cup for the third straight time in 2023/24

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 17

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Play-offs (1): 2023/24

Last 16 (5): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19

Group Phase (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

Group Matches (5): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09

Qualification (1): 2012/13

Other

EHF European League: 3rd place 2021/22, 4th place 2020/21

EHF Cup: Quarter-final 1993/94

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 1996/97

Polish league: 8 titles (1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2024)

Polish cup: 13 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2022, 2023, 2024)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2002/03 Wisła Płock SSA POL	6	1	0	5	167:195		-28	2:10	3rd Gr. A
2004/05 Wisła Płock SSA POL	6	1	0	5	159:177		-18	2:10	4th Gr. D
2005/06 Wisła Płock SSA POL	6	2	0	4	155:182		-27	4:8	3rd Gr. E
2006/07 Wisła Płock SA POL	6	2	0	4	141:170		-29	4:8	3rd Gr. C
2008/09 Wisła Płock SA POL	6	0	0	6	122:188		-66	0:12	4th Gr. H
2011/12 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	12	4	1	7	321:332		-11	9:15	Last 16
2013/14 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	12	5	0	7	335:341		-6	10:14	Last 16
2014/15 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	12	7	1	4	340:337		+3	15:9	Last 16
2015/16 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	16	3	3	10	426:452		-26	9:23	Last 16
2016/17 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	14	3	2	9	367:401		-34	8:20	7th Gr. A
2017/18 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	14	2	3	9	380:408		-28	7:21	7th Gr. A
2018/19 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	14	8	0	6	363:341		+22	16:12	Last 16
2019/20 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	12	6	1	5	318:309		+9	13:11	Last 16*
2022/23 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	18	5	3	10	486:525		-39	13:23	Quarter-final
2023/24 Orlen Wisła Płock POL	16	5	1	10	435:450		-10	11:21	Play-offs
Total	170	54	15	101	4515:4808		-293	123:217	

* Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

5	<p>MATCHES Longest winning run</p>
6	<p>MATCHES Longest unbeaten run</p>
42	<p>GOALS Most goals</p>

Biggest win:	42:26 (19:11) v Crvena Zvezda Beograd SCG (h), 13.11.2004 34:18 (16:10) v Riihimäen Cocks FIN (h), 26.09.2018
Biggest defeat:	35:18 (19:4) v KIF Kolding Elite A/S DEN (a), 07.10.2006 34:17 (15:7) v HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO (a), 12.10.2008
Longest winning run:	5 matches (29.11.2014 – 14.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (23.11.2014 – 14.03.2015)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (05.10.2008 – 20.11.2008) 6 matches (25.02.2017 – 01.10.2017) 6 matches (17.05.2023 – 19.10.2023)
Longest run without win:	13 matches (25.11.2015 – 19.10.2016)
Most goals:	42 v Crvena Zvezda Beograd SCG 42:26W (h), 13.11.2004
Most goals opponent:	40 v Sportclub Magdeburg GER 40:32L (a), 16.11.2002
Most goals both teams:	72 v Sportclub Magdeburg GER 40:32L (a), 16.11.2002
Fewest goals:	13 v Chambéry Savoie HB FRA 21:13L (a), 15.10.2006
Fewest goals opponent:	18 v Riihimäen Cocks FIN 34:18W (h), 26.09.2018 18 v Montpellier HB FRA 22:18W (h), 21.02.2024
Fewest goals both teams:	34 v Chambéry Savoie HB FRA 21:13L (a), 15.10.2006



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
17	Abel	Serdio Guntín	ESP	Line Player	16/04/1994	Aviles, ESP	195
33	Dawid	Dawydzik	POL	Line Player	07/12/1994	Zary, POL	200
89	Dmitry	Zhitnikov	RUS	Centre Back	20/11/1989	Olomunec, RUS	197
24	Gergö	Fazekas	HUN	Centre Back	31/10/2003	Budapest, HUN	191
21	Kiryl	Samoila	BLR	Left Back	31/01/2002	Hrodna, BLR	200
19	Leon	Susnja	CRO	Line Player	05/08/1993	Siroki Brijeg, CRO	204
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25/08/1994	Zagreb, CRO	181
75	Marcel	Jastrzebski	POL	Goalkeeper	14/03/2003	Lubin, POL	196
11	Marcel	Sroczyk	POL	Left Wing	17/05/1998	Lubin, POL	183
18	Marko	Panic	BIH	Right Back	10/03/1991	Jajce, BIH	197
3	Michal	Daszek	POL	Right Back	27/06/1992	Tczew, POL	182
23	Miha	Zarabec	SLO	Centre Back	12/10/1991	Novo Mesto, SLO	178
32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15/09/1985	Ljubuski, BIH	201
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12/07/1983	Priboj, SRB	196
8	Mitja	Janc	SLO	Centre Back	05/04/2003	Brezice, SLO	183
27	Peter	Šiško	SLO	Left Back	16/02/2001	Novo Mesto, SLO	192
26	Przemyslaw	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20/01/1987	Ciechanów, POL	184
77	Tim	Cokan	SLO	Right Wing	07/06/2001	Celje, SLO	191
7	Tomas	Piroch	CZE	Right Back	12/05/2000	Pilzno, CZE	187
16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24/07/2000	Reykjavik, ISL	203
49	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10/02/1998	Veszprem, HUN	196



COACH



Xavi Sabate



- Spanish coach who has been leading Plock since July 2018, a few months after Piotr Przybecki had left the club
- steered Plock to the EHF Finals two seasons in a row, to the CL quarter-finals in 2022/23 and to their first Polish championship in a decade in 2024
- experienced coach who worked at Veszprém from 2015 to 2017
- led the Hungarian team to the CL 2016 final, where they lost to Kielce in a penalty shootout
- also in charge of the Czech national team since 2022
- coach of the CL 2015/16 All-star Team

ARRIVALS

Zoltan Szita	<	(OTP Bank - PICK Szeged)
Mitja Janc	<	(RK Celje)
Tim Cokan	<	(RK Celje)
Victor Hallgrímsson	<	(HBC Nantes)
Marko Panić	<	(Montpellier HB)
Peter Šiško	<	(Gorenje Velenje)

DEPARTURES

Niko Mindegia	>	(Fenix Toulouse)
Gonzalo Perez Arce	>	(SG BBM Bietigheim Männer)
Tin Lucin	>	(RK Nexe)
Filip Michałowicz (loan)	>	(Energa MKS Kalisz)



GOALKEEPER 

Viktor Hallgrímsson

 @viktorhallgrimsson



LEFT WING 

Lovro Mihic



LEFT BACK 

Zoltan Szita

 @szita_zozo



CENTRE BACK 

Miha Zarabec

 @mzarabec

- arrived at Plock in the summer of 2024 from French runners-up HBC Nantes
- started his career at Fram Reykjavik, before he moved abroad to GOG in Denmark in 2019
- after three years, he transferred to Nantes, playing in the CL and EL
- shares the goalkeeper position in the Icelandic squad with veteran Björgvin Gustavsson
- was awarded best goalkeeper of the EHF EURO 2022

- started handball at a young age, spent his youth in PPD Zagreb
- Wisla Plock is only the second club in his career, coming from Zagreb in 2016
- got invited to Croatia's national team in 2015, later participated at the 2017 WCh and returned to the national team in 2022
- his wife Tarra was also a handball player

- born in Veszprem, played for his home team until 2017, before he was loaned to Balatonfüredi
- was first on loan at Wisla Plock in the 2019/2020 season, then got fully contracted by the Polish side, with which he qualified for the EHF Finals twice
- went to PICK Szeged in 2022, but returned to Plock at the start of the 2024/25 season
- is a key player of the Hungarian national team, being part of the squad for all major events since 2019

- Slovenian international, who joined Plock in 2023 after three seasons with Celje and six with Kiel
- son of a former handball player, who is now working as a coach
- a classical playmaker with strengths in one-against-one situations
- was one of the key players for Slovenia on their way to bronze at the 2017 IHF World Championship and to the semi-finals of the Paris 2024 Olympics

WCh: B 2017



CENTRE BACK 

Mitja Janc

@mitja_janc

- young talented centre back, started his career at Sevnica
- spent his youth in Celje, played for Maribor Branik before joining Celje again
- was Celje's best scorer in the 2023/24 CL season with 87 goals
- moved to Plock for the 2024/25 season
- MVP and top scorer at the M19 EHF EURO 2021, third-best scorer of the M20 EHF EURO 2022
- the younger brother of CL winner Blaz Janc



RIGHT BACK 

Marko Panic

@pana_8

- arrived from the French side Montpellier before the start of this season
- Montpellier was his second stint in France after joining Chambéry in 2012 at the age of 21 from his former club Borac Banja Luka
- played for Azoty-Pulawy in Poland and Meshkov Brest in Belarus before joining Montpellier in 2021
- is ambidextrous, can throw with his left and right hand
- was part of the Bosnian national team at the last three EHF EURO events



RIGHT WING 

Michal Daszek

@michaldaszek

- arrived at Plock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- plays his tenth season for Wisla
- a versatile player who can also play as centre back and right back
- was best wing and MVP of the Polish league in 2018/19
- won bronze with Poland at WCh 2015 and played at the Olympic Games in the following year

WCh: B 2015



LINE PLAYER 

Abel Serdio

@abelserdio

- Spanish international, started his career at Gijón
- came to Wisla Plock in 2020 on loan from Barcelona
- also played for Valladolid
- 1994-born line player, made his national team debut in 2018
- his European breakthrough was in 2019/20 with Barça in the CL
- played his first major tournament with Spain at the 2023 IHF World Championship

OG: B 2024; WCh: B 2023



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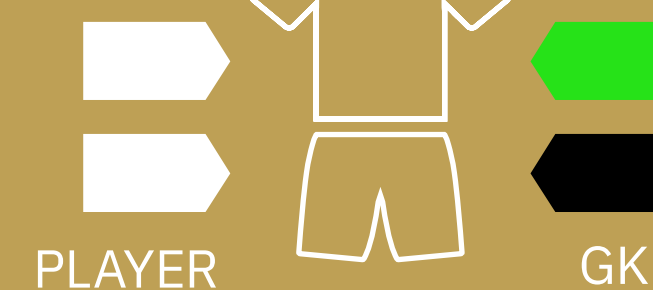


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Another Spanish coach is supposed to steer Veszprém HC to their first-ever trophy in the EHF Champions League in their 30th anniversary season. After Carlos Ortega, Xavier Sabate and David Davis, now Xavi Pascual has taken over the Hungarian record champions as the successor of Momir Ilic. And the three-time CL winner with Barcelona even brought the Croatian centre back Luka Cindric from Bucharest to Veszprém. After seven participations at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne, Veszprém failed in the quarter-finals against eventual finalists Aalborg. Four players have left, and one of them will face his former club with PSG in the group phase – Omar Yahia. Pascual and Cindric will also face their former club, Dinamo Bucuresti, in the group phase.

GROUP A



VESZPRÉM HC

MAIN FACTS

- › Veszprém's biggest Champions League successes were four final appearances, in 2002, 2015, 2016 and 2019
- › in the 2023/24 season, Veszprém finished third in their group below Barça and Magdeburg, then eliminated Szeged in the all-Hungarian play-off tie, but failed against Aalborg in the quarter-finals
- › Xavi Pascual is the new coach; the Spaniard steered Barcelona to three EHF Champions League trophies and last season led Dinamo Bucuresti to the EHF Finals
- › the biggest name among the new arrivals is Luka Cindric, three-time EHF Champions League winner with Vardar and Barcelona, who also arrives from Bucharest. Meanwhile, Croatian line player Nikola Grahovac is new in the squad
- › three regulars of previous seasons have left Veszprém: Yahia Omar transferred to PSG, Kentin Mahé joined his former club Gummersbach in Germany and Swedish line player Andreas Nilsson has returned home to join Önnareds
- › in domestic competitions, Veszprém took their 28th trophy in the league and the 31st triumph in the cup in 2023/24
- › Veszprém have played 368 EHF Champions League matches and are playing their 30th season in the top flight. Only Barça have played more matches (386) and Zagreb more seasons

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 30
 Final (4): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19
 Semi-finals (6): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20, 2021/22
 Quarter-finals (12): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2023/24, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2020/21, 2022/23
 Last 16 (4): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2017/18
 Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2008, Finalists 1997
 SEHA-league: 5 titles (2015, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022)
 Hungarian league: 27 titles (1985-86, 1992-1995, 1997-99, 2001-06, 2008-17, 2019, 2023)
 Hungarian Cup: 30 titles (1984, 1988-1992, 1994-1996, 1998-2000, 2002-05, 2007, 2009-18, 2021, 2022, 2023)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147		-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1995/96 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144		+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204		+24	11:5	Quarter-final
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188		+12	7:9	Quarter-final
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202		+1	8:8	Quarter-final
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267		+43	18:6	Runner-up
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238		+38	16:4	Semi-final
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276		+30	14:6	Quarter-final
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259		+58	14:6	Quarter-final
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318		+55	18:6	Semi-final
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288		+50	14:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171		+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320		+31	16:8	Quarter-final
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368		+51	22:6	Quarter-final
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338		+35	18:6	Last 16
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322		-1	14:10	Last 16
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348		+62	22:6	Quarter-final
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410		+67	23:9	Fourth Place
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423		+57	27:5	Runner-up
2015/16 MVM Veszprém HUN	20	15	2	3	600:539		+61	32:8	Runner-up
2016/17 Veszprém HC HUN	20	13	2	5	549:511		+38	28:12	Third Place



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Veszprém HC HC HUN	16	9	2	5	466:439		+27	20:12	Last 16
2018/19 Veszprém HC HC HUN	20	15	0	5	589:543		+46	30:10	Runner-up
2019/20 Veszprém HC HC HUN	16	10	0	6	509:453		+56	20:12	Fourth Place
2020/21 Veszprém HC HC HUN	18	12	2	4	583:511		+72	26:10	Quarter-final
2021/22 Veszprém HC HC HUN	20	10	2	8	651:616		+35	22:18	Fourth Place
2022/23 Veszprém HC HC HUN	18	10	3	5	579:545		+34	23:13	Quarter-final
2023/24 Veszprém HC HC HUN	18	13	0	5	625:562		+63	26:10	Quarter-final
Total	368	243	21	104	10995:9950		+1045	507:229	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

12

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

47

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004
Biggest defeat:	30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995
Longest winning run:	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
Longest unbeaten run:	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999)
	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
Most goals:	47 v CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021
Most goals opponent:	39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007
	39 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38L (n), 29.05.2016
	39 v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 39:40W (a), 10.03.2022
Most goals both teams:	79 v CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021
	79 v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 39:40W (a), 10.03.2022
Fewest goals:	15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995
Fewest goals opponent:	13 v SO Chambéry FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001
	13 v Panellinos AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	32 v Panellinos AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
88	Agustín	Casado Marcelo	ESP	Centre Back	21/05/1996	Almería, ESP	193
34	Bálint	Végh	HUN	Right Wing	22/09/2003	Veszprém, HUN	192
21	Bjarki Mar	Elisson	ISL	Left Wing	16/05/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	190
46	Dragan	Pechmalbec	SRB	Line Player	05/01/1996	Cahors, FRA	194
24	Gasper	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	20/08/1990	Celje, SLO	180
9	Hugo	Descat	FRA	Left Wing	16/08/1992	PARIS, FRA	183
98	János Dániel	Barna	HUN	Right Back	22/08/2006	Nyíregyháza, HUN	186
89	Ludovic	Fabregas	FRA	Line Player	01/07/1996	Perpignan, FRA	198
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05/07/1993	Ogulin, CRO	181
17	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	03/02/1997	Reslöv, SWE	191
20	Mike Ulrich	Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/02/1995	Maribo, DEN	207
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right Wing	30/07/1995	VITEBSK, BLR	187
29	Nedim	Remili	FRA	Right Back	18/07/1995	Creteil, FRA	195
71	Nikola	Grahovac	CRO	Line Player	14/12/1998	Cakovec, CRO	201
23	Patrik	Ligetvári	HUN	Left Back	13/02/1996	Várpalota, HUN	205
12	Rodrigo	Corrales Rodal	ESP	Goalkeeper	24/01/1991	Cangas, ESP	200
99	Sergei Mark	Kosorotov	RUS	Left Back	16/06/1999	MOSKWA, RUS	200
39	Yehia Mohammed Yehia	Elderaa	EGY	Centre Back	17/07/1995	Cairo, EGY	190



COACH



Xavi Pascual



- after three years at Dinamo Bucuresti, he took over Veszprém as successor to Momir Ilic
- legendary Spanish coach, who joined Dinamo in 2021 after 12 highly successful seasons at the helm of Barça, winning more than 60 trophies, including three CL titles
- led Dinamo to the CL play-offs in his second season in charge, and to the EHF Finals in 2024 for the club's first European semi-final in 20 years
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the Spanish club before taking over as head coach in 2009
- led the Romania men's national team for a second time from 2021 until they parted ways after EHF EURO 2024, following an earlier stint from 2016-18

CL: 2011, 2015, 2019 (as a coach)

ARRIVALS

- Nikola Grahovac < (HBW Balingen-Weilstetten),
- Luka Cindric < (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti),
- János Dániel Barna < (youth team)

DEPARTURES

- Andreas Nilsson > (Önnereds HK)
- Omar Yahia > (PSG)
- Kentin Mahé > (Vfl Gummersbach)



GOALKEEPER 

Rodrigo Corrales

 @rodrigao016

- joined Veszprém in 2020 after three seasons with PSG in France
- came through youth ranks at Barça and first joined the senior team in 2009, gaining his first CL experience in November 2011
- in 2014, he moved to Wisla Plock, which was coached by then-Spanish national team coach Manolo Cadenas, and he made his debut for Spain the same year
- shares the goalkeeper position in the Spanish national team with Gonzalo Perez de Vargas and at Veszprém with Mike Jensen (CL winner 2023 with Magdeburg)

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023; OG: B 2020, B 2024



LEFT WING 

Hugo Descat

 @hdescat

- joined Veszprém after four years with Montpellier for his second international contract
- spent two years in Romania with Dinamo Bucuresti between 2017-19
- previously played for six seasons at another French club, US Créteil
- was second-highest goal scorer of the shortened CL 2019/20 season with 75 goals; netted 71 times in EL 2020/21, 73 times in CL 2021/22 and 50 times in his first CL season at Veszprém
- won gold with France at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and EHF EURO 2024, making it to both All-star Teams as best left wing

EHF EURO: G 2024; OG: G 2020



LEFT BACK 

Sergei Kosorotov

 @sergey_mark

- arrived at Veszprém in the summer of 2023 from Plock, previously played for Chekhovskie medvedi
- scored 40 goals in his first CL season for Veszprém
- played at the WCh in 2019 and 2021 and at EHF EURO 2020 and 2022
- one of the biggest talents of Russian handball and a national team regular
- wears number 99 because 1999 is his year of birth
- unusually for Russia has two first names (Sergei Mark) but is usually called just Sergei
- his father was a famous judoka, while his mother played handball at Luch Moscow



CENTRE BACK 

Luka Cindric

 @luka_cindric25

- after one year at Bucuresti, joined Veszprém together with his former coach Xavi Pascual
- joined Dinamo in the summer of 2023 after four successful years at Barça – including two under Pascual; also spent one season at Kielce
- won the CL with Vardar in 2017 after scoring a last-second winner in the semi-final against Barça
- won two more CL trophies with Barça; voted CL All-star centre back in 2020/21
- a key member of the Croatia national team, scoring over 200 goals for them

CL: 2017, 2021, 2022
EURO: S 2020, B 2016



RIGHT BACK 

Nedim Remili

 @nedim_remili

- arrived at Veszprém in February 2023 from Industria Kielce, where he had been playing since summer 2022 to replace long-term injured Egyptian Yahia Omar
- previously spent six years with Paris Saint-Germain and was a six-time French champion
- the MVP and a gold medallist at EHF EURO 2024
- All-star Team right back at the 2017 and 2023 WCh and the Tokyo 2020 OG, where he was top French scorer
- his father Kamel was also a professional handball player

EURO: B 2018, G 2024; OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, S 2023, B 2019



RIGHT BACK 

Lukas Sandell

 @lukassandell

- made his EURO debut in 2022, after winning his first Swedish cap in 2021 at the WCh
- Swedish back, who signed for Aalborg in the summer of 2020 after two seasons with another Scandinavian CL team, Elverum in Norway
- was the second-highest Aalborg scorer, with 66 goals, in CL 2020/21 season, when the team reached the final
- made it to Veszprém in summer 2023 and scored 42 goals in his first CL season
- previously played for Ystads IF, where he learned a lot from the legendary Kim Andersson
- has a great variety of shots and plenty of speed

EURO: G 2022, B 2024; WCh: S 2021



RIGHT WING 

Gasper Marguc

 @gaspermarguc

- came to Veszprém in 2014 from Celje, where he had played since 2009
- had his best CL season for Veszprém in 2021/22, scoring 88 goals; last season, he netted 39 times
- once scored 18 goals from 18 attempts for Celje in two matches against THW Kiel's legendary goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer
- took part in the WCh in 2013 when Slovenia placed fourth, and in 2017 when they won bronze

WCh: B 2017



LINE PLAYER 

Ludovic Fabregas

 @chiki_lf27

- the three-time CL winner joined Veszprém in the summer of 2023
- after winning the CL in 2018 with Montpellier - scoring six goals in the final - he lifted the trophy again with Barça in 2021 and 2022
- the CL All-star line player in 2016/17 and 2020/21 was named best line player at the EHF Excellence Awards in 2023 and 2024
- was youth world champion in mountain biking before turning solely to handball at age 15
- All-star line player at the 2020 Olympic Games, the EHF EUROs 2022 and 2024 and the 2023 World Championship

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2021, 2022
OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, B 2019, S 2023, EHF EURO: G 2024



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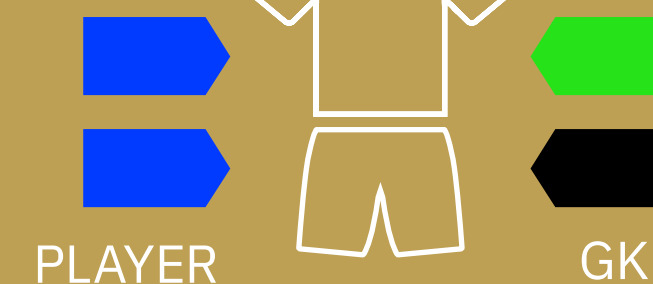
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Paris Saint-Germain Handball enter their 12th straight top-flight campaign in Europe. And despite reaching at least the quarter-finals in each of the last 11 seasons, PSG are still longing for their first title. They have made it to the final once, in 2017, but lost against Vardar.

Then-coach of Vardar, Raul Gonzalez, has been with PSG since 2018. He can count on four new arrivals, including Veszprém's former star Omar Yahia. The main question will be — how will Paris cope with the career end of their legend Nikola Karabatic? Besides, the squad is quite unchanged — but it remains to be seen if PSG are strong enough to finally enter the winners' podium in Cologne for the first time.

GROUP A



PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL

MAIN FACTS

- › after their sixth participation at the EHF FINAL4 in 2022/23, PSG failed in last season's quarter-final against eventual winners Barça
- › this is their 12th straight EHF Champions League season, and 13th overall
- › PSG have advanced to the quarter-finals or better each year since 2013, but never won the title
- › they have made it to the final once, in 2017, but lost against Vardar
- › coach Raul Gonzalez has been with PSG since 2018
- › the club signed two new players for 2024/25 — Dani Baijens (HSV Hamburg) and Yahia Omar (Veszprém HC), while Wallem Peleka (youth team) and Gautier Loredon (back from loan at US IVRY Handball) make it four new additions to the first-team
- › club legend Nikola Karabatic ended his career after the Olympic Games; Dominik Mathe (Industria Kielce), Yoann Gibelin (USAM Nimes Gard), Sadou Ntanzi (Tatabanya KC) and Adama Keita (AEK Athens) all left the club
- › PSG took their 11th straight domestic league title last season — a run stretching back to 2015

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 14

Final (1): 2016/17

Semi-finals (5): 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2022/23

Quarter-finals (5): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2018/19, 2021/22, 2023/24

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Group phase (1): 1996/97

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2006/07, Last 16 2003/04

French league: 11 titles (2013, 2015-24)

French cup: 6 titles (2007, 2014-15, 2018, 2021, 2022)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 PSG Asnières FRA	6	1	0	5	131:161		-30	2:10	4th Gr. D
2005/06 Paris Handball FRA	8	4	1	3	212:229		-17	9:7	Last 16
2013/14 PSG Handball FRA	14	7	1	6	429:402		+27	15:13	Quarter-final
2014/15 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	14	8	1	5	395:367		+28	17:11	Quarter-final
2015/16 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	1	3	557:496		+61	29:7	Third Place
2016/17 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	20	15	2	3	622:543		+79	32:8	Runner-up
2017/18 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	1	3	550:498		+52	29:7	Third Place
2018/19 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	16	14	0	2	514:445		+69	28:4	Quarter-final
2019/20 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	16	12	0	4	507:452		+55	24:8	Third Place
2020/21 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	20	13	1	6	583:496		+87	27:13	Third Place
2021/22 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	9	4	5	581:519		+62	22:14	Quarter-final
2022/23 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	0	4	610:557		+53	28:8	Fourth Place
2023/24 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	10	1	7	548:533		+15	21:15	Quarter-final
Total	204	135	13	56	6239:5698		+541	283:125	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

10

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

44

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	42:24 (22:10) v THW Kiel GER (h), 12.03.2017
Biggest defeat:	44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005
Longest winning run:	9 matches (08.10.2017 – 17.02.2018) 9 matches (27.05.2018 – 14.11.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	10 matches (11.02.2017 – 03.06.2017)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997) 4 matches (26.10.2023 – 30.11.2023)
Most goals:	44 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021
Most goals opponent:	44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
Most goals both teams:	79 v Veszprém HC HC HUN 39:40L (h), 10.03.2022
Fewest goals:	20 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:26L (h), 11.01.1997 20 v Caja Cantabria Santander ESP 26:20L (a), 18.01.1997 20 v MVM Veszprém HUN 28:20L (a), 28.11.2015
Fewest goals opponent:	18 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005 18 v RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 27:18W (h), 13.10.2019
Fewest goals both teams:	39 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
98	Amara	Karamoko	FRA	Line Player	05/07/2005	PARIS, FRA	192
12	Andreas	Palicka	SWE	Goalkeeper	10/07/1986	nobbelov, SWE	189
10	Cheikh	Fall	FRA	Right Wing	23/04/2004	MONTFERMEIL, FRA	187
77	Dani	Baijens	NED	Centre Back	05/05/1998	ROTTERDAM, NED	182
19	David	Balaguer Romeu	ESP	Right Wing	17/08/1991	Barcelone, ESP	185
39	Djibril	Sarre	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/04/2006	COURCORONNES, FRA	193
71	Elohim	Prandi	FRA	Left Back	24/08/1998	Istres, FRA	193
17	Ethan	Hulugalle B.	FRA	Centre Back	18/02/2005	VILLEURBANE, FRA	183
14	Ferran	Sole Sala	ESP	Right Wing	25/08/1992	Barcelone, ESP	192
97	Gautier	Loredon	FRA	Line Player	15/10/2002	Le Lamentin, FRA	200
32	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Left Back	05/09/1995	ESBJERG, DEN	194
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29/09/1988	Lemvig, DEN	195
21	Kamil	Syprzak	POL	Line Player	23/07/1991	PLock, POL	207
15	Kent Robin	Tønnesen	NOR	Right Back	05/06/1991	PARTILLE, SWE	195
90	Léo	Plantin	FRA	Left Wing	01/05/2003	Toulouse, FRA	186
6	Luc	Steins	NED	Centre Back	22/03/1995	Voerendaal, NED	173
22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	19/04/1988	Strasbourg, FRA	202
20	Mathieu	Grebille	FRA	Left Wing	06/10/1991	Paris, FRA	198
8	Noa	Narcisse	FRA	Left Back	25/01/2004	Chambery, FRA	183
2	Ruben	Marchan Criado	ESP	Line Player	20/09/1994	Manzanares, ESP	204
1	Stanis	Soullier	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/02/2004	Grenoble, FRA	197
3	Théo	Ducap	FRA	Right Wing	03/04/2006	SAINT-DENIS FRA	183
11	Thomas	Omeyer	FRA	Centre Back	11/09/2006	Strasbourg, FRA	188
18	Tidiane	Firmesse	FRA	Left Wing	18/05/2005	ANTONY, FRA	183
33	Victor	Crenn	FRA	Right Back	07/02/2003	Nogent Sur Marne, FRA	197
4	Vladimir	Rousseau	FRA	Line Player	31/10/2005	AUBAGNE, FRA	203
47	Wallem-Konrad	Peleka	FRA	Left Back	18/01/2002	STAINS, FRA	196
5	Yahia Khaled	Fathy Omar	EGY	Right Back	09/09/1997	GIZEH, EGY	195



COACH



Raul Gonzalez



- a former stalwart of BM Valladolid and a member of the Spanish national team
- started his coaching career at Atletico Madrid and Ciudad Real, working in a team with Talant Dujshebaev
- moved to Vardar for the 2013/14 season, won the CL in 2017, and joined PSG in the summer of 2018
- made the EHF Champions League 2016/17 All-star Team as best coach of the season
- also coached the Macedonian national team from 2017-19

EC trophies: CL 2017 (as coach)


ARRIVALS

- Dani Baijens < (HSV Hamburg)
- Yahia Omar < (Veszprém HC)
- Wallem Peleka < (youth systemt)
- Gautier Loredon < (back from loan US IVRY Handball)

DEPARTURES

- Nikola Karabatic > (Retirement)
- Dominik Mathe > (Industria Kielce)
- Yoann Gibelin > (Usam Nimes Gard)
- Sadou Ntanzi > (Tatabanya KC)
- Adama Keita > (AEK Athens)



GOALKEEPER 

Andreas Palicka

 @andreaspalicka12

- veteran goalkeeper and two-time CL winner, who was a cornerstone of Sweden's title run at EHF EURO 2022 and many more medal successes
- named best goalkeeper of 2021 WCh
- spent most of his club career in the German Bundesliga with THW Kiel (2008-2015) and Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2016-2022)
- joined PSG for the 2022/23 season alongside Jannik Green, who arrived from Magdeburg
- known for his unorthodox style, full of jumping and leg movements

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
 EURO: G 2022, S 2018, B 2024; WCh: S 2021, OG: S 2012



LEFT WING 

Matthieu Grebille

 @mat_grebille

- played for Montpellier throughout his career before joining PSG in the summer of 2020
- former back court player who became a wing after a shoulder injury in 2017 and a torn ACL the year before
- made his way back into the national team and won bronze at the 2019 WCh
- has passion for tattoos and drawings, sharing them on his social media channels

EURO: G 2014, 2024; WCh: G 2015, S 2023, B 2019; OG: S 2016



LEFT BACK 

Elohim Prandi

 @elohimprandi71

- played for Ivry and Nimes before joining PSG in 2020 to become a key asset in attack
- named best left back in the EHF Excellence Awards 2024 voting
- scored a famous goal from a direct free throw which took France to overtime in the semi-final against Sweden at EHF EURO 2024
- won three gold medals in younger age category events: M18 EHF EURO 2016, U19 World Championship 2017, U21 World Championship 2019
- his parents Raoul and Mezuela were also national handball team players

EHF EURO: G 2024, WCh S 2023



CENTRE BACK 

Luc Steins

 @luc_steins

- joined PSG in November 2020, initially as a temporary replacement for the injured Nikola Karabatic, but instantly made an impact
- arrived in France in 2016, first played for Massy in the second league, before joining Tremblay and later Toulouse
- at 173 cm, he is among the shortest players in the CL
- All-star centre back of EHF EURO 2022 and a key factor in the Netherlands' successful tournament



RIGHT BACK 

Yahia Omar

 @yahiaomar5

- first came to Europe in 2019 at the age of 22, joining Veszprém HC from Zamalek in his native Egypt
- was on loan at Veszprém for the first two years, then signed for the four-time Champions League finalists permanently and became a key player
- after five years in Hungary, he joined the French champions in the summer of 2024
- three-time African champion and Tokyo 2020 semi-finalist with Egypt
- All-star Team right back at the 2020 Olympic Games; two-time back-to-back MVP of the African Championship in 2022 and 2024



RIGHT WING 

Ferran Sole

 @ferransole14

- joined PSG in the summer of 2020 after stints at Toulouse and Granollers
- made his CL debut aged 28 in the 2020/21 season
- part of the Spanish national team that won EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020; named best right wing at EHF EURO 2018 and at both WCh 2019 and 2021
- was top scorer of the EHF Cup 2015/16, with 70 goals for Granollers

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023, OG: B 2020



LINE PLAYER 

Kamil Syprzak

 @kamil_syprzak

- was top scorer of the 2023/24 CL season with 112 goals
- Polish international, moved from Plock to Barça in 2015 and to PSG four years later
- scored a personal best of 103 goals in the 2022/23 CL, after becoming PSG's main penalty shooter in 2021/22
- among the most experienced players, and also the tallest (207 cm), in the team
- scored Poland's winning goal against Spain (29:28) in the bronze medal match at the 2015 WCh

WCh: B 2015



LINE PLAYER 

Luka Karabatic

 @lukakarabatic

- team captain, who started his career in Montpellier before moving to Aix and ultimately to PSG in 2015
- PSG was the third club where he plays alongside his older brother, Nikola, who finished his career at the 2024 Olympic Games
- two-time world champion, once EHF EURO winner with France; EHF EURO 2022 was his fifth EURO, having debuted in 2014, but missed the 2020 edition
- was a national-level tennis player until the age of 19 when he chose handball

EURO: G 2014 2024, B 2018; OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, G 2017, S 2023, B 2019



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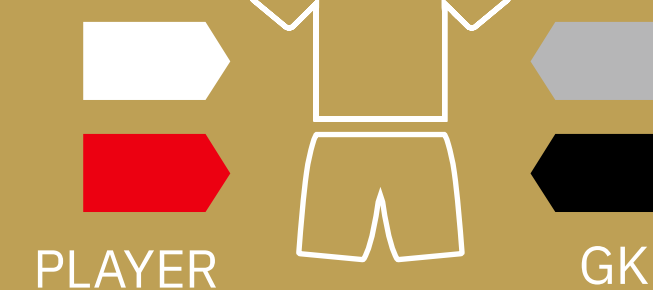
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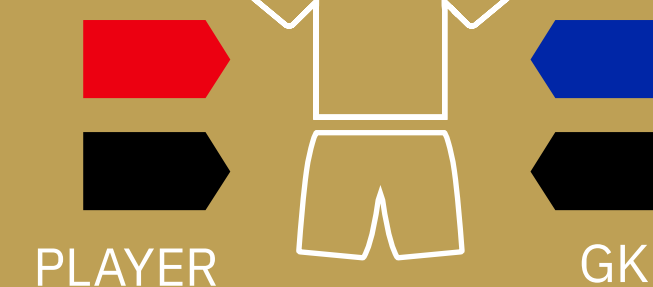
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Fredericia delivered one of the biggest surprises in the Danish men's league in the past years. Previously, GOG and Aalborg used to fight for the trophy, but in 2023/24 Fredericia made it to the finals, following a victory against Ribe-Esbjerg in the semi-finals. After losing the first final against Aalborg, Fredericia stroked back in match number two, won 31:30 – and were close to winning the trophy, but finally lost the crucial last match (27:26). Coach Gudmundur Gudmundsson returns to the EHF Champions League after more than ten years; previously he helped steer Rhein-Neckar Löwen to the EHF FINAL 4 in 2011.

Fredericia's squad is almost all-Scandinavian, the biggest name among the signings being Mads Kjeldgaard Andersen, who returned home from the German Bundesliga. Fredericia have never played in any European competition before – and start their international adventure in the Machineseker EHF Champions League.

GROUP A



FREDERICIA HÅNDBOLD KLUB

MAIN FACTS

- › Fredericia have never played in any European Cup competition before — and start their international adventure in the Machineseker EHF Champions League
- › the coach is the star — Gudmundur Gudmundsson made history for Denmark by leading the side to Olympic gold in 2016, after winning Olympic silver with Iceland in 2008. On a club level, Gudmundsson took Rhein-Neckar Löwen to the EHF Cup trophy in 2013 and the EHF FINAL4 in 2011
- › just before the start of the new season, Gudmundsson extended his contract until 2027
- › Fredericia's golden era (under the former name Fredericia KFUM) dates to the 1970s, when they became Danish champions five consecutive times (1975 to 1979)
- › finishing second in the Danish league in 2023/24 was their best result in 44 years; in the 2022/23 season, they placed third
- › the squad is composed almost completely of Scandinavian players from Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland; the only exceptions are Cuban Reinier Taboada and German Evgeni Pevnov
- › six players left and six arrived: Frederik Jaegrum (from GOG) is the only newbie with CL experience, while Mads Kjeldgaard Andersen has previously played for German club Bergischer HC

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 1

Other

Danish league (5): 1974-79

Danish cup (7): 1971-74, 1976-77, 1981/82



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

N/A

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

N/A

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

N/A

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win: N/A

Biggest defeat: N/A

Longest winning run: N/A

Longest unbeaten run: N/A

Longest losing run: N/A

Longest run without win: N/A

Most goals: N/A

Most goals opponent: N/A

Most goals both teams: N/A

Fewest goals: N/A

Fewest goals opponent: N/A

Fewest goals both teams: N/A



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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
93	Anders Kragh	Martinusen	DEN	Right Back	18/05/1993	Odder, DEN	188
17	Arnór	Viðarsson	ISL	Left Back	13/03/2002	Vestmannaeyjar, ISL	191
23	Einar Þorsteinn	Ólafsson	ISL	Left Back	30/09/2001	Magdeburg, GER	200
41	Evgeni	Pevnov	GER	Line Player	13/02/1989	Taschkent	198
14	Frederik	Jægerum	DEN	Left Wing	06/02/2004	Århus , DEN	187
20	Fredrik	Mossestad	NOR	Right Wing	26/11/1993	Bergen, NOR	193
3	Jonas Kruse	Kristensen	DEN	Centre Back	09/08/2002	Hillerød, DEN	194
91	Kasper Hugo	Palmar	SWE	Right Back	27/10/2003	Ystad, SWE	197
7	Kasper Young	Andersen	DEN	Right Wing	20/12/1993	Viborg, DEN	193
13	Lasse Indergaard	Balstad	NOR	Line Player	13/01/1994	Trondheim, NOR	196
15	Mads	Kjeldgaard Andersen	DEN	Left Back	14/12/1996	Nykøbing Mors, DEN	194
8	Mads Emil Wintherskov	Møller	DEN	Line Player	11/04/2004	Kolding, DEN	198
18	Malthe	Hejsel	DEN	Centre Back	06/06/2004	Haderslev, DEN	196
9	Martin	Bisgaard	DEN	Left Wing	19/01/1995	Aarhus, DEN	189
4	Nikolaj Ahrenholt	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	26/11/1991	Viborg, DEN	193
2	Rasmus	Peluffo Johansen	DEN	Left Back	09/11/2004	København, DEN	195
12	Rasmus	Storm Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	10/06/2005	Odense, DEN	194
97	Reinier	Taboada Dranquet	CUB	Left Back	02/06/1997	Havana, CUB	193
77	Sebastian Eskild Gammelgaard	Henneberg	DEN	Centre Back	18/02/1994	Viborg, DEN	197
1	Sebastian Leth	Frandsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/05/1994	Aarhus, DEN	204
16	Thorsten	Fries	DEN	Goalkeeper	22/01/1993	Tønder, DEN	197
31	William	Andersson Moberg	SWE	Centre Back	25/03/2000	Lüneborg, SWE	183



COACH



Gudmundur Gudmundsson



- joined Fredericia HK as a coach back in September 2021
- brought the team to the very top of the Danish league
- has been a well-known coach for the Danish national team and two times for the Icelandic national team
- played in Vikingur Reykjavik for 13 years from 1979 to 1992 while being coach at the same time for the last years of the career
- participated in both the World Championship and Olympics as a player

EHF Cup: 2013 (as coach)

EURO: B2010; OG: G 2016, S 2008 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

William Andersson Moberg	<	(IK Sävehof)
Kasper Palmar	<	(Ystads IF)
Frederik Jægerum	<	(GOG)
Arnór Vidarsson	<	(IBV Vestmannaeyjar)
Mads Kjeldgaard Andersen	<	(Bergischer HC)

DEPARTURES

Kristian Stoklund Larsen	>	(KIF Kolding)
James Junior Scott	>	(Daido Steel)
Lukas Karlsov	>	(HØJ Elitehåndbold)
Nikolaj Juhl Pedersen	>	(Lemvig-Thyborøn Håndbold)
Jonas Langerhuus	>	(Retired)



GOALKEEPER 

Sebastian Frandsen

- started his early career at Vejle Håndbold, Denmark
- has played for Ribe-Esbjerg HH, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, TTH Holstebro and FC Porto before signing with Fredericia HK
- his height of 204 centimetres makes him one of the tallest goalkeepers in the competition



GOALKEEPER 

Thorsten Fries

 @thorstenfries16

- joined Fredericia HK back in the summer of 2022
- started his professional career in successful KIF Kolding København before joining SønderjyskE
- played several years for then-Norwegian champions Elverum Håndball, starting from the 2019/20 season



RIGHT WING 

Kasper Young Andersen

 @kasperyoungandersen

- as a youngster, Young Andersen played for Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and after that in Lemvig-Thyborøn
- one of the few international players who works on the side – he is a sales manager
- scored 100 goals in the Danish league in 2023/24, with just 4 goals on penalties
- played in CL for the first time in 2011/12 with Bjerringbro-Silkeborg



RIGHT BACK 

Anders Kragh Martinusen

 @andersmartinusen

- scored 181 goals in the 2023/24 season, in which Fredericia HK qualified for their first CL season
- works as a pedagogue besides playing handball
- this is the first time Martinusen plays in an international tournament



LEFT BACK 

Mads Kjeldgaard

@mads randers

- before Fredericia HK, Kjeldgaard played for German Bergischer HC and Danish Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- in the 2022/23 season, he scored 200 goals and made 117 assists for Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- returned to Fredericia HK prior to the 2024/25 season



LEFT BACK 

Reinier Taboada

@reiniertaboada

- Cuban left back, has an international career with stops in A.A. Avanca, Dunkerque, HC Eurofarm Pelister and now Fredericia HK
- scored a total of 148 goals in the season of 2023/24, which gave his team a spot in the CL
- one of the very few players from the American continent playing in Denmark



CENTRE BACK 

Sebastian Henneberg

@seboviz

- played at Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, Elverum Håndball, Aalborg Håndbold and HC Eurofarm Pelister before moving to Fredericia HK in 2023
- was a part of the Aalborg squad in 2020/21, when they made it to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne
- played in the EHF European League with Macedonian HC Eurofarm Pelister



LEFT WING 

Martin Bisgaard

- talented left wing with 139 goals in the 2023/24 Danish league season
- came to Fredericia HK in 2028
- was a part of the Danish youth national teams



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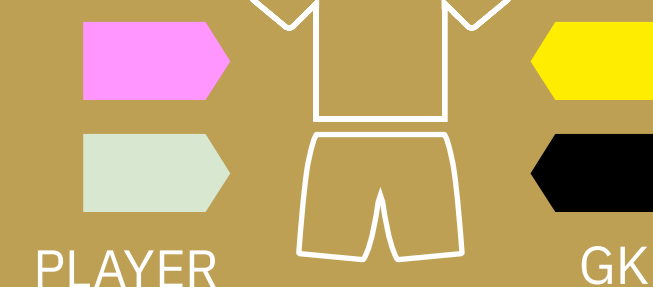
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It is the third EHF Champions League participation for Füchse Berlin and the first since 2013. In the meantime, the team from the German capital won the EHF Cup and the IHF Super Globe twice and the EHF European League once. Berlin were part of an overall of eight final tournaments since 2012 (EHF Champions League, EHF European League, EHF Cup). The team of the young head coach Jaron Siewert finished second in the German Bundesliga and includes the current IHF World Player of the Year Mathias Gidsel and many more top class players. In 2024, they lost the EHF European League final against their country-fellows from Flensburg – and now Berlin aim to go all the way to the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne.

GROUP A



FÜCHSE BERLIN

MAIN FACTS

- › it is the third EHF Champions League participation for Füchse Berlin and the first since 2013; in the meantime, they won the EHF Cup and IHF Super Globe twice and the European League once
- › in their CL debut in the 2011/12 season, Füchse made it to the EHF FINAL4 after overcoming an 11-goal deficit from the first leg quarter-final against Leon, ultimately finishing fourth
- › in 2015 and 2018, the “Foxes” won the EHF Cup, and in 2023 the EHF European League. They have made it to four more finals in the second-tier EHF club competition
- › the squad features several world-class players including 2023 IHF World Player of the Year, world champion and joint-top scorer of the EHF EURO 2024 Mathias Gisdal
- › the most famous player who left the club to return to his native Denmark is legendary Hans Lindberg — world, European and Olympic champion; EHF Champions League, EHF Cup and EHF European League winner; all-time top scorer of the Bundesliga and past CL and EL top scorer

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 3
Semi-finals (1): 2011/12
Last 16 (1): 2012/13

Other

EHF European League
Winners (1): 2022/23
Runners-up (1): 2020/21
Last 16 (1): 2021/22
EHF Cup:
Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18
Runners-up (2): 2016/17, 2018/19
Semi-finals (1): 2013/14
German league: –
German cup: 1 title (2014)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2011/12 Füchse Berlin GER	16	8	1	7	449:448		+1	17:15	Fourth Place
2012/13 Füchse Berlin GER	12	8	1	3	345:335		+10	17:7	Last 16
Total	28	16	2	10	794:783		+11	34:22	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

4

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

4

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

40

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	29:18 (13:6) v Reale Ademar Leon ESP (h), 29.04.2012
Biggest defeat:	34:23 (15:9) v Reale Ademar Leon ESP (a), 21.04.2012 34:23 (15:10) v FC Barcelona Intersport (a), 06.10.2012
Longest winning run:	4 matches (14.10.2012 – 24.11.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (14.10.2012 – 24.11.2012) 4 matches (10.02.2013 – 17.03.2013)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (23.10.2011 – 16.11.2011) 2 matches (26.05.2012 – 27.05.2012)
Longest run without win:	2 matches (23.10.2011 – 16.11.2011) 2 matches (26.05.2012 – 27.05.2012) 2 matches (17.03.2013 – 24.03.2013)
Most goals:	40 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 35:40W (a), 14.02.2013
Most goals opponent:	37 v BM Atletico Madrid ESP 33:37L (h), 23.10.2011
Most goals both teams:	75 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 35:40W (a), 14.02.2013
Fewest goals:	21 v AG Kobenhavn DEN 21:26L (n), 27.05.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	18 v Reale Ademar Leon ESP 29:18W (h), 29.04.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	47 v HSV Hamburg GER 23:24W (a), 25.03.2012 47 v Reale Ademar Leon ESP 29:18W (h), 29.04.2012 47 v AG Kobenhavn DEN 21:26L (n), 27.05.2012



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98	Elie	Ona	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/08/2003	Toulouse, FRA	196
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08/02/1994	Belzig, GER	194
13	Felix	Mart	GER	Centre Back	12/07/2004	Brandenburg an der Havel, GER	185
31	Florian	Budde	GER	Right Back	15/03/2005	Salzburg, AUT	184
34	Hákun West	Av Teigum	FAR	Right Wing	19/02/2002	Thorshavn, FAR	189
28	Jan	Grüner	GER	Left Wing	23/06/2006	Berlin, GER	188
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11	Lasse Bredekjaer	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11/03/1994	Kopenhagen, DEN	196
24	Lauro	Pichiri	GER	Left Back	29/10/2004	Hannover, GER	205
37	Lennart	Steltner	GER	Right Wing	06/04/2005	Berlin, GER	197
21	Lucas	Mohr	GER	Left Back	24/12/2002	Potsdam, GER	192
29	Lukas	Herburger	AUT	Line Player	19/12/1994	Bregenz, AUT	197
19	Mathias	Gidzel	DEN	Right Back	08/02/1999	Herning, DEN	190
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30/03/2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27/05/2003	Greifswald, GER	205
5	Max	Darj	SWE	Line Player	27/09/1991	Masthuggs, SWE	191
16	Maximilian	Grundmann	GER	Goalkeeper	27/05/2005	Lübben, GER	194
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09/03/1993	Berane, SCG	202
39	Moritz	Wanjura	GER	Right Back	12/05/2006	Berlin, GER	197
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31/07/2002	Regensburg, GER	183
95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07/02/1995	Gummersbach, GER	192
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21/08/2002	Reutlingen, GER	174
38	Tim	Schröder	GER	Line Player	24/08/2006	Berlin, GER	200
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23	William	Reichardt	GER	Left Back	23/04/2006	Güstrow, GER	194



COACH



Jaron Siewert

 @jaronsiewert



- had been playing for Füchse since his childhood before he ended his career at age 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach of Germany's national U18 team
- became the head coach at second-division side TUSEM Essen in 2017/18, and led them to the Bundesliga two years later
- took over at Füchse from Michael Roth in 2020, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic
- suffered a stroke before the start of the 2022/23 season, but came back after just a few matches and led Füchse to the EHF European League title in 2023

EL: 2023 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Tobias Reichmann	<	(Rhein-Neckar Löwen)
Lukas Herburger	<	(Kadetten Schaffhausen)
Lasse Ludwig	<	(VfL Potsdam)
Max Beneke	<	(VfL Potsdam)
Janek Klein	<	(Eulen Ludwigshafen)
Nicolas Paulnsteiner	<	(HC Linz AG)

DEPARTURES

Janek Klein	>	(VfL Potsdam/on loan)
Nicolas Paulnsteiner	>	(VfL Potsdam/on loan)
Hans Lindberg	>	(HØJ Elite)
Victor Kireev	>	(Zenit St. Petersburg)
Keno Jacobs	>	(ASV Hamm-Westfalen)
Marko Kopljar	>	(tbd)



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LEFT WING 

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LEFT BACK 

Lasse Andersson

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RIGHT BACK 

Mathias Gidsel

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- Serbian international, who arrived at Fūchse in the summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning the EHF Champions League with the Macedonian side
- CL All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19; also crucial for Fūchse in their run to the EL title in the 2022/23 season
- made senior debut at age 16, played for Red Star and Partizan in Belgrade before going abroad and joining Vardar in 2018
- forms Fūchse's goalkeeper duo with 2023 U21 world champion Lasse Ludwig after the departure of experienced Russian Victor Kireev

- played for IFK Kristianstad in the EL – and was discovered there by German side Rhein-Neckar Löwen, to whom he moved in 2017
- after four years the Swedish international returned to Scandinavia, joining Danish side GOG
- became top scorer in the Danish league in 2022 and played two seasons in the CL
- joined Fūchse Berlin in 2023 – and became first choice in his position
- made his debut in the Swedish national team at the age of 19 at EHF EURO 2016 and has won two EHF EURO medals since then

- Danish international, who joined Fūchse in 2020 after four years with Barça
- played for Ringsted and Kolding in Denmark before moving abroad in 2016
- made his national team debut in 2015; has won five medals with Denmark so far, including gold at the Olympic Games and World Championships
- powerful back court shooter, was the second-highest Fūchse scorer in EL and Bundesliga season 2023/24
- playing in his eighth CL season in 2024/25

- started his professional career at GOG aged 18; joined Fūchse in the summer of 2022
- was the top scorer, MVP, and gold medallist with Denmark at the 2023 WCh in Poland-Sweden; top scorer at EHF EURO 2024 and top scorer and MVP at the 2024 Olympic Games
- is the current IHF World Player of the Year
- helped Fūchse win the EL 2022/23 and make it to the final in 2023/24 as their top scorer in both seasons

CL: 2019; EL 2023

EHF EURO S 2018, B 2024

EL: 2023
WCh: G 2021; OG: G 2024, S 2020
EURO: S 2024, B 2022

EL: 2023
WCh: G 2021, 2023; OG: G 2024, S 2020
EURO: S 2024, B 2022



CENTRE BACK 

Paul Druх

@pauldruх

- moved to the Füchse youth academy at the age of 16, then became a German youth and junior champion several times with the Foxes
- made his debut in the CL at the age of 17
- was an U18 and U20 EHF EURO champion with Germany, made his debut in the men's team in 2014
- missed the victorious EHF EURO 2016 due to an injury, but was back at the Olympic Games 2016
- is team captain of Füchse - and is, together with Fabian Wiede, the player with the longest history at the club
- has been ruled-out by several long-term injuries, but has always made full recoveries

EHF Cup 2015, 2018; EL 2023
 Super Globe 2016, 2017
 OG: B 2016



RIGHT WING 

Tobias Reichmann

@tobiasreichmann

- a three-time CL winner with Kiel and Kielce; EHF EURO 2016 champion
- was the only player who won the “double” – EHF EURO and CL – in 2016
- has played for Kiel, Melsungen, Wetzlar and Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the German Bundesliga, and spent three years at Kielce
- almost ended his career when Rhein-Neckar Löwen called him as injury replacement for captain Patrick Groetzki
- moved to Berlin as the successor to Hans Lindberg and as Swedish talent Valter Chrintz is ruled-out with a torn ACL

CL: 2010, 2012, 2016
 EHF EURO: G 2016, OG: B 2016



LINE PLAYER 

Mijajlo Marsenic

@mikimarsenic93

- started his career at Partizan Belgrade, became Serbian champion and cup winner twice each
- moved to Skopje in 2014, first played one season for Metalurg, then three years for Vardar
- transferred to Berlin one year after winning the CL
- formed the strong Füchse middle block with Croatian Marko Kopljar, and now with Austrian new arrival Lukas Herburger
- participated at four World and European championships each with Serbia

CL 2017; EL 2023



LEFT WING 

Tim Freihöfer

@tim.freihoefer

- one of the biggest prospects coming through Füchse's youth ranks in recent years
- has been playing for the senior team since 2020, though spent most of the 2021/22 season with Potsdam in the second division
- started to play handball at the age of four and made his Bundesliga debut at age 18
- was part of the team that won the EL 2022/23, and was his team's third-best scorer in the EL 2023/24 season with 57 goals
- won the M19 EHF EURO 2021 and the 2023 Junior World Championship with Germany

EL: 2023



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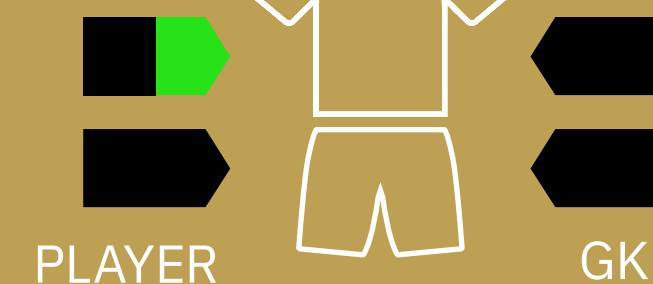
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Sporting CP have been one of the attractions of European club handball in recent seasons and have been showing constant progression – and after a five-year absence, the team of Ricardo Costa is back in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League. The coaches’ sons, Martim and Francisco, are the most famous brothers in top handball at the moment. Two times in a row, Sporting made it to the quarter-finals of the EHF European League, but both times failed narrowly. Now, the Costas want to rock the top-flight competition of European club handball. Sporting CP became Portuguese champions for the first time in six years and even took the Portuguese cup. The only new arrival of the well-rehearsed team comes from their biggest domestic opponent, FC Porto. Last season, the Lisbon-based club beat two of their EHF Champions League group phase opponents twice.

GROUP A



SPORTING CP

MAIN FACTS

- › Sporting CP are back in the Champions League after a five-year absence
- › they narrowly lost to Rhein-Neckar Löwen (60:58 on aggregate) in the EHF European League quarter-finals last season after a similarly close elimination the year before against Montpellier in the same stage
- › the two-time Challenge Cup winners reached the last 16 in the EHF Champions League in 2018/19
- › Sporting won both domestic trophies last season: the Cup title for the 18th time and the Portuguese league for the 22nd time — the latter for the first time in six years
- › the only new signing is Portuguese international Diogo Braquinho, who arrives from former champions FC Porto
- › Martim Costa was joint-top scorer of the EHF EURO 2024, alongside Dane Mathias Gidsel, whom he will face in the group phase duels against Füchse Berlin
- › Sporting beat their group phase opponents Berlin and Dinamo Bucuresti twice each in the previous EHF European League season

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 5
 Last 16 (1) : 2018/19
 Group phase: 2001/02, 2017/18, 2019/20

Other

EHF European League	Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23 Last 16 (2): 2020/21, 2021/22 Group phase (3): 2001/02, 2017/18, 2019/20
EHF Cup	Quarter-finals (3): 2000/01, 2013/14, 2023/24
Cup Winners' Cup	Quarter-finals (1): 2003/04
Challenge Cup	Winners (2): 2009/10, 2016/17 Semi-finals (1): 2011/12
Portuguese league:	22 titles (1952, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1969-73, 1978-81, 1984, 1986, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2017, 2018, 2024)
Portuguese cup:	18 titles (1972, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1998, 2001, 2003-05, 2012-14, 2022, 2023, 2024)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2001/02 Sporting CP Lisboa POR	6	2	0	4	132:149		-17	4:8	3rd Gr. A
2017/18 Sporting CP POR	10	4	0	6	293:297		-4	8:12	4th Gr. D
2018/19 Sporting CP POR	14	9	0	5	420:399		+21	18:10	Last 16
2019/20 Sporting CP POR	12	6	2	4	358:318		+40	14:10	Elimination C+D
Total	42	21	2	19	1203:1163		+40	44:40	

* Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

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MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

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GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	22:37 (10:16) v TATRAN Presov SVK (a), 13.11.2019
Biggest defeat:	33:22 (13:9) v Kolding IF DEN (a), 16.12.2001
Longest winning run:	3 matches (02.12.2017 – 22.09.2018) 3 matches (08.11.2018 - 24.11.2018) 3 matches (02.11.2019 – 13.11.2019)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (02.11.2019 – 30.11.2019)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (11.11.2001 – 17.11.2001) 2 matches (08.12.2001 – 16.12.2001) 2 matches (24.09.2017 – 30.09.2017) 2 matches (15.10.2017 – 04.11.2017) 2 matches (18.11.2017 – 25.11.2017) 2 matches (24.03.2019 – 30.03.2019) 2 matches (22.02.2020 – 01.03.2020)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (26.09.2019 – 20.10.2019)
Most goals:	38 v Cocks FIN 38:29W (h), 02.11.2019
Most goals opponent:	36 v Portland San Antonio ESP 36:26L (a), 11.11.2001
Most goals both teams:	67 v Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN 32:35L (h), 29.09.2018 67 v Cocks FIN 38:29W (h), 02.11.2019
Fewest goals:	22 v Lovcen Osiguranje Cetinje YUG 26:22L (a), 24.11.2001 22 v Kolding IF DEN 33:22L (a), 16.12.2001
Fewest goals opponent:	20 v IK Sävehof SWE 27:20W (h), 30.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams:	45 v Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS 22:23W (a), 22.09.2018



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
20	Andrè Bergsholm	Kristensen	NOR	Goalkeeper	15/03/2000	Sandefjord, NOR	192
44	Christian Yahoza	Moga	CGO	Line Player	25/05/1998	Minaffet, COD	197
22	Diogo	Branquinho	POR	Left Wing	25/07/1994	Coimbra	185
2	Edney	Silva Oliveira	BRA	Line Player	19/06/1998	Mineiros, BRA	192
6	Francisco	Costa	POR	Right Back	16/02/2005	Espinho, POR	190
3	Francisco	Loureiro	POR	Centre Back	30/05/2006	Espinho	179
89	Francisco	Peralta	POR	Line Player	11/05/2008	Espinho	187
8	Jan	Gurri Aregay	ESP	Centre Back	10/06/2002	Granollers	190
23	João	Gomes	POR	Right Back	06/09/2002	Maia	178
19	Mamadou	Gassama Cissokho	ESP	Right Wing	28/10/1993	Barcelona, ESP	191
79	Martim	Costa	POR	Left Back	27/09/2002	Sermonde, POR	188
92	Mohamed	Aly Abdelmotaleb Aly	EGY	Goalkeeper	13/11/1992	Gizé	190
7	Natán Antonio	Suárez Diaz	ESP	Centre Back	20/01/1998	Girona, ESP	181
17	Orri Freyr	Þorkelsson	ISL	Left Wing	25/06/1999	Raykavík, AFG	184
9	Pedro	Martínez Camí García	ARG	Centre Back	20/12/1999	Buenos Aires	190
4	Pedro	Portela	POR	Right Wing	06/01/1990	Leiria, POR	184
97	Rafael	Vasconcelos	POR	Right Back	15/06/2007	Vila Nova Gaia, POR	181
13	Salvador	Salvador	POR	Left Back	29/07/2001	Samora Correia, POR	198
99	Santiago	Póvoas	POR	Goalkeeper	08/09/2008	Vila Nova de Gaia	193
10	William	Höghjelm	SWE	Line Player	30/11/1999	Torslanda	186



COACH



Ricardo Costa



- former Portuguese international, who joined Sporting CP as a coach in the summer of 2021
- led Sporting to the Portuguese cup title in his first season and the league and cup double in 2024
- previously worked as the head coach of domestic rivals FC Porto
- had two stints as a player at Porto and ended his playing career at that club in 2012
- also played for León in Spain and Águas Santas in Portugal
- his two sons – Martim and Francisco – are leading players in Sporting’s squad

ARRIVALS

- Diogo Branquinho < (FC Porto)
- William Hoghielm < (HBC Nantes)
- Pedro Martínez < (CB Caserio)
- Mohamed Aly < (Ciudad Logroño)
- Santiago Póvoas < (AD Carvalhos)

DEPARTURES

- Leo Maciel > (CD Bidasoa)
- Edmilson Araújo > (Istres Provence)
- Etienne Mocquais
- Espen Vag > (Drammen HK)
- André José > (ABC)
- Benjamin Jakobsen > (Aalborg)



CENTRE BACK 

Pedro Martinez

 @pemartinezc

9

- Argentinian international who joins from CB Caserio for what will be his first EHF Champions League season
- gained European cup experience at Abanca Ademar Leon, where he played the EHF Cup in 2019/20 and European League in 2020/21
- came to Leon at the behest of then coach Manolo Cadenas, who was also coach of Argentina at that time and saw great promise in Martinez
- has become an important player for Argentina; won gold at the 2023 Pan American Games and 2022 South American Games and played two Olympics
- returned to Argentina at the end of the 2020/21 season to finish a degree in business economics; came back to Europe in April 2024



LEFT WING 

Diogo Branquinho

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77

- moved from Sporting's biggest domestic rivals, FC Porto, to the newly crowned Portuguese champions
- after several years at ABC – and winning the EHF Challenge Cup with them in 2015/16 - had joined Porto in 2017
- won all domestic titles (league, cup and super cup) with ABC and again with Porto
- made his debut for Portugal against Germany in 2016 and represented the national team at several EHF EURO events, World Championships and at the 2020 Olympic Games
- his father is an engineer and his mother is a physical education teacher. Diogo is also studying engineering

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017



LEFT BACK 

Martim Costa

 @martimcosta_79

79

- among the rising stars of European handball along with his younger brother Francisco
- was joint-top scorer of EHF EURO 2024 with Denmark's Mathias Gidsel after netting 54 times in seven matches for Portugal; made the All-star Team as the left back
- scored 62 goals in the EHF European League 2023/24 season to be the second-highest scorer in his team after his brother; netted 102 times in the 2022/23 season
- also starred at the home M20 EHF EURO 2022 with his brother, leading Portugal to silver



LEFT BACK 

Salvador Salvador

 @salvadorsalvador13

13

- team captain, who has been playing for Sporting since arriving at the club as a teenager in 2014
- part of the senior team since 2018/19, though he spent one season on loan with Boa Hora
- prolific goal scorer for Sporting in recent EL seasons, including 77 goals in the 2022/23 season
- Portuguese international since November 2020, netted 14 times at the EHF EURO 2024 where Portugal finished seventh



CENTRE BACK 

Jan Gurri

8 @_jangurri_

- was a 2023 EHF Finals runner-up with Spanish side Granollers before moving to Sporting
- can also play on the left position, being famous for his breakthroughs
- was an M20 EHF EURO champion in 2022 with Spain and scored almost 250 goals for the Spanish YAC teams
- made his debut in the Spanish men's team in 2023



RIGHT BACK 

Francisco Costa

6 @kikocosta_6

- regarded as a future star of European handball who arrived at Sporting in 2021 from league rivals Porto at age 16
- has scored a stunning total of 219 goals in his first three EL seasons for the club, was the fifth-highest scorer overall in the 2023/24 competition with 73 goals in only 14 games
- has played alongside his older brother, left back Martim, since their youth days – and both extended their contracts despite many offers from many top clubs
- made a huge contribution to Portugal's run to silver at their home M20 EHF EURO in 2022 and was top scorer and an All-star Team member at the tournament



RIGHT WING 

Pedro Portela

4 @pedroportela4

- the most experienced player in Sporting's fairly young squad
- signed his first professional contract with Sporting back in 2009; his biggest successes were winning the Challenge Cup in his very first season and again in 2017
- moved to France in 2018, first playing for Tremblay, then he joined HBC Nantes and had his first CL participation
- returned to Sporting in 2023 – and won all possible domestic trophies
- has been a regular in the Portuguese national team since 2011; played all major tournaments (Olympic Games, World Championships, EHF EURO)

Challenge Cup 2010, 2017



LINE PLAYER 

Christian Moga

44

- born in Congo, he featured at the 2021 World Championship
- played for several clubs in his home country before he joined Sporting in 2023
- replaced Norwegian Espen Vag, who returned to his home country
- powerful defence specialist, who is crucial for Sporting's middle block



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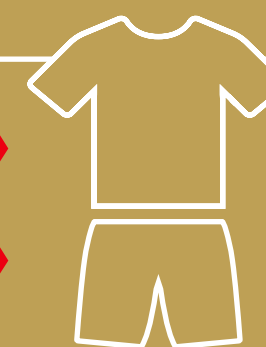
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Dinamo Bucuresti became Romanian champions for the 20th time in total and for the fourth year in a row. After finishing fourth at the EHF Finals 2024, Dinamo returned to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League after a one-season absence. The main change was on the bench, as previous coach Xavi Pascual left to Veszprém, but his successor is a former Veszprem and Vardar coach – and again a Spaniard: David Davis. On the court, the Romanians replaced Luka Cindric (Veszprém) with the Icelandic playmaker Haukur Thrastarson. Besides, one more player from Barcelona arrived at the Romanian capital – Haniel Langaro – and by bolstering the squad with experienced players such as Branko Vujovic, they hope to make it to the play-offs of the premium competition, as they did in 2022/23.

GROUP A



DINAMO BUCUREȘTI

MAIN FACTS

- › after winning the EHF Champions League three times with Ciudad Real as a player (2006, 2008, 2009) and coaching Veszprém and Vardar, David Davis is the new coach at Dinamo București, succeeding Xavi Pascual
- › eight new players arrived in the Romanian capital, including the experienced Haniel Langaro and Branko Vujovic and young Icelander Haukur Thrastarson, who previously played for Kielce
- › among those six players who left are two key back-court players who found new EHF Champions League clubs: Luka Cindric, who moved alongside coach Xavi Pascual to Veszprém, and Lazar Kukic, who joined Szeged
- › last season, Dinamo made it to the EHF Finals for the first time and finished fourth; in the 2022/23 season, they made it to the EHF Champions League play-offs, but failed against THW Kiel despite an away win
- › two Paris 2024 Olympians are in Dinamo's squad: Ali Zein (Egypt) and Miklos Rosta (Hungary)
- › on the domestic level, Dinamo are the top of the tree, winning the league and Cup double for the fifth time in history in 2023/24; it was the 20th league win in total and fourth in a row

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 10

Last 16 (1): 2019/20

Play-offs (1): 2022/23

Group phase (5): 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2021/22

Other

EHF European League Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2

Group phase (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2003/04

Last 16 (2): 2001/02, 2004/05

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2002/03

Challenge Cup

Runners-up (1): 2000/01

Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

City Cup

Semi-finals (1): 1999/2000

Romanian league

20 titles (1959-62, 1964-66, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2016-19, 2021-24)

Romanian cup

7 titles (1979, 1982, 1988, 2017, 2020-22)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2005/06 Dinamo Baunit Bucuresti ROU	6	1	0	5	148:198		-50	2:10	4th Gr. F
2016/17 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	10	3	2	5	294:294		0	8:12	4th Gr. D
2017/18 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	10	1	0	9	278:324		-46	2:18	6th Gr. C
2018/19 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	12	7	0	5	350:339		+11	14:10	Elimination C+D
2019/20 CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	12	9	3	0	350:305		+45	21:3	Last 16*
2021/22 CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	14	4	0	10	415:470		-55	8:20	7th Gr. B
2022/23 CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	16	6	3	7	476:501		-25	15:17	Play-offs
Total	80	31	8	41	2311:2431		-120	70:90	

* Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

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MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

38

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	34:23 (15:13) v Chekhovskie medvedi RUS (h), 20.11.2019
Biggest defeat:	40:17 (19:9) v BM Ciudad Real ESP (a), 06.11.2005
Longest winning run:	5 matches (20.11.2019 – 16.09.2021)
Longest unbeaten run:	13 matches (12.09.2019 – 16.09.2021)
Longest losing run:	7 matches (08.10.2017 – 30.11.2017)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (08.10.2017 – 30.11.2017)
Most goals:	38 v GOG DEN 38:38D (a), 22.09.2022
Most goals opponent:	47 v Veszprém HC HC HUN 47:32L (a), 02.12.2021
Most goals both teams:	79 v Veszprém HC HC HUN 47:32L (a), 02.12.2021
Fewest goals:	17 v BM Ciudad Real 40:17L (a), 06.11.2005
Fewest goals opponent:	20 v Chekhovskie medvedi RUS 20:30W (a), 12.10.2019 20 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 29:20W (h), 30.10.2019
Fewest goals both teams:	45 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 24:21W (h), 14.10.2018



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13/02/2000	Vigo , ESP	175
90	Ali Ismail Mohamed	Zeinelabedin Ali	EGY	Left Back	14/12/1990	Giza, EGY	194
16	Alin	Cozmaciuc	ROU	Goalkeeper	26/09/2004	Hunedoara, ROU	210
27	André	Gomes	POR	Left Back	27/07/1998	Braga, POR	192
55	Andrii	Akimenko	UKR	Right Wing	12/06/1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	190
47	Ante	Kuduz	ROU	Left Back	11/04/1995	Osijek, CRO	203
2	Branko	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	20/04/1998	NIKSIC, MNE	196
5	Calin	Dedu	ROU	Line Player	21/10/2002	Labruge, POR	207
44	Daniel	Stanciuc	ROU	Centre Back	07/03/2004	Suceava, ROU	189
10	Darko	Djukic	SRB	Right Wing	11/12/1994	Nish, SRB	194
14	Frederik	Ladefoged Blazejewicz	DEN	Line Player	15/04/1996	Skive, DEN	201
26	Haniel Vinicius	Inoue Langaro	BRA	Left Back	07/03/1995	Umuarama, BRA	196
25	Haukur	Thrastarson	ISL	Centre Back	14/04/2001	Selfoss, ISL	193
18	Ionut Ciprian	Iancu	ROU	Goalkeeper	18/02/1994	Ploiesti, ROU	192
45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/02/1999	Gyor, HUN	203
24	Nicusor Andrei	Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24/05/1994	Resita, ROU	180
19	Ramon Alin	Somla	ROU	Left Back	20/02/1994	Campia Turzii, ROU	195
94	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	04/01/1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196
37	Stanislav	Kasperek	CZE	Right Back	11/06/1996	Prerov, CZE	200
22	Tudor Bogdan	Bugulet	ROU	Right Wing	02/03/2001	Vaslui, ROU	192
1	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/02/1994	Beograd, SRB	199
66	Yoav	Lumbroso	ISR	Centre Back	15/07/2000	Beer Seva, ISR	172



COACH


**David
Davis**


- was three-time CL winner as a player for Ciudad Real, a one-time CL winner as assistant coach of Vardar Skopje and a CL finalist with Vardar's women team
- had first experience as a coach for four years at Skopje, then took over Veszprém in 2018
- in parallel, he was coach of Russia's national team, then steered Egypt to eighth place at the 2019 IHF World Championship
- latest, was coach of Al-Ahly club in Cairo, before he succeeded his country-fellow Xavi Pascual in Bucharest

CL: 2006, 2008, 2009; EHF Cup: 1995; WCh: G 2005; EHF EURO: S 2006; OG: B 2008 (as player)
CL: 2017 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Darko Djukic	<	(RK Vardar)
Branko Vujovic	<	(TSV Hannover)
Haniel Langaro	<	(Barca)
Frederik Ladefoged Blazejewicz	<	(Bergischer HC)
Yoav Lumbroso	<	(ThSV Eisenach)
Haukur Thrastarson	<	(Industria Kielce)
Ionuț Iancu	<	(Steaua București)
Ramon Șomlea	<	(CSM Sighișoara)

DEPARTURES

Luka Cindric	>	(Veszprém HC)
Lazar Kukic	>	(PICK Szeged)
Aleksandar Cenic	>	(RK Nexe)
Javier Humet	>	(Al Rayyan)
Dan Racoțea	>	(Gornik Zabrze)
Saeid Heidarirad		
Viachaslau Bokhan	>	(Zenit Sankt Petersburg)



GOALKEEPER 

Vladimir Cupara

@cupara16

- Serbian international, who joined Dinamo in 2023 after four seasons with Veszprém
- started career at Red Star Belgrade in 2012; moved abroad three years later to join Ademar León in Spain (2015-2018) and later Kielce in Poland (2018/19)
- debuted for Serbia's national team in 2016; played his fourth EHF EURO in 2024
- also competed in beach handball in the early days of his career



LEFT WING 

Alex Pascual

@alexpascual.28

- son of former Dinamo coach Xavi Pascual, who now coaches Veszprém
- until 2021, only played for FC Barcelona, from all youth teams until the men's side
- arrived with his father in Bucharest in 2021
- after a strong 2023/24 season, he is now number one left wing

CL: 2021



LEFT BACK 

Ali Zein

@ali_zein_6

- played for clubs in his home country Egypt, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates before his first stint in Europe, joining the French side Aix-en Provence
- after three more years at Sharjah (UAE), he transferred to Barcelona in 2021 and won the EHF Champions League in 2022
- then followed Xavi Pascual to Bucharest, where he is a key player in defence and attack
- is four times African champion and Olympic semi-finalist with Egypt, was MVP of the 2020 African Championship
- played more than 300 international matches for Egypt

CL: 2022



CENTRE BACK 

Haukur Thrastarson

@haukurthrastar

- was MVP and silver medallist at the M18 EHF EURO with Iceland
- played his first men's national team match at the age of 16, was the youngest ever Icelandic player to score for the men's national team at a major tournament at the 2019 IHF World Championship, aged 17
- played for the Icelandic club Selfoss until 2020, then transferred to Kielce, where he played in two CL finals (2022, 2023)
- was hit hard by several long-term knee injuries, but is back now
- joined Dinamo as the successor of Serbian Lazar Kukic in the summer of 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Stanislav Kasperek

 @stana.kasperek

- was awarded “Czech Talent of the Year” in 2015, then moved from HC Zubri to Hungarian side Balatonfüred
- had his first CL appearance in the 2018/19 season after joining PICK Szeged, where he stayed for three years until 2021
- signed at another CL participant, Belarussian champions Meshkov Brest, before he arrived in Bucharest in 2022
- scored 54 goals in the 2023/24 season, when Dinamo made it to the EHF Finals
- is a Czech international since 2017, played at four consecutive EHF EURO tournaments from 2018 until 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Branko Vujovic

 @brankovujovic_2

- left his Montenegrin home at the age of 17 to join Polish side Kielce, with whom he won the EHF Champions League in 2016
- to get more playing time, was loaned to Slovenian record champions Celje from 2017 to 2019, then returned to Kielce; made it to another CL final, but lost in 2022 against Barcelona
- again left Kielce on loan, this time to German club TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, for whom he was the club’s best scorer in the 2023/24 Bundesliga season
- transferred to Dinamo in the summer of 2024
- played three EHF tournaments and one World Championship with Montenegro

CL: 2016



RIGHT WING 

Andrii Akimenko

 @akim_akimich

- Ukrainian international, who arrived at Dinamo in 2022 from the Polish side Azoty-Pulawy
- scored 73 goals for Dinamo in CL 2022/23, his first season in Europe’s top flight and became the overall top scorer of the 2023/24 EL season with 95 goals
- started his career at ZRT in his native Zaporozhye; got his first European experience there in the Challenge Cup 2013/14
- has high efficiency in executing counter attacks and penalties



LINE PLAYER 

Miklós Rosta

 @r.miki19

- arrived at Dinamo in the summer of 2023 from Szeged in his native Hungary
- born in Győr, he played for Tatabánya (2015-2019) before moving to Szeged in 2019
- stems from a true handball family: his father Miklós and uncle Istvan were both national team players for Hungary
- Hungarian Player of the Year in 2022, after Szeged won second league title in a row



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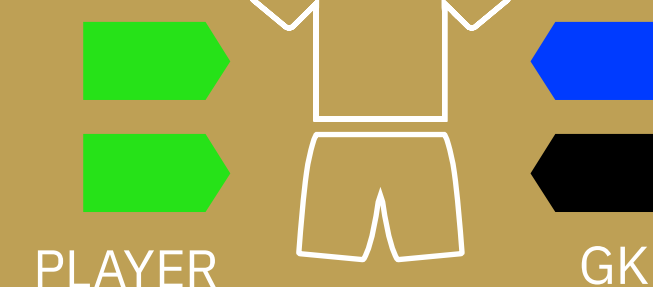


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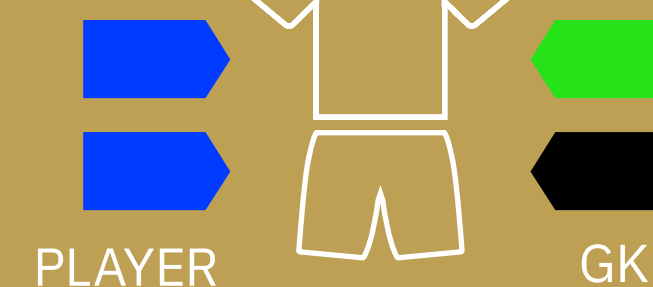
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After the defeats in the 2023/24 group phase, the Macedonian champions hope for more success now – after finishing on top of the domestic championship for the second time in a row. The Bitola-based team made some remarkable signings, such as changing their goalkeeper duo and adding international experience with Nikola Mitrevski and Filip Ilic. Besides, the Serbian defence specialist Ilija Abutovic also joined Eurofarm Pelister. Since 2023, the former Macedonian international Branislav Angelovski has been the coach of the club; the Macedonians managed to return to the EHF Champions League last season after an 18-year absence.

GROUP A



HC EUROFARM PELISTER

MAIN FACTS

- › after three straight seasons in the EHF European League, last year Eurofarm Pelister qualified for the EHF Champions League for the first time since 2005, and now start their second consecutive participation in the top-flight competition
- › their main international achievements include twice reaching the Last 16 of the EHF European League and once being runners-up in the Challenge Cup
- › Pelister have now won the Macedonian Super League eight times, including 2023 and 2024
- › summer signings include two new goalkeepers Nikola Mitrevski (from FC Porto) and Filip Ivic (from Chambéry), plus Serbian defence specialist Ilija Abutovic (from Chartres); Oussama Hosni has returned to Bitola from Al-Arabi
- › the top players in the squad are former EHF Champions League winner Bogdan Radivojevic and the back-court trio Uros Borzas, team captain Filip Kuzmanovski and Nejc Cehte
- › former Macedonian international Branislav Angelovski has been the coach of the club since 2023

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 7
 Group phase (2): 2005/06, 2023/24
 Last 32 (2): 1996/97, 1998/99
 Qualification (2): 1993/94, 1994/95

Other

EHF European League: Last 16 2020/21, 2021/22; Group phase 2022/23
 EHF Challenge Cup: Runners-up 2001/02
 Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 1995/96
 Macedonian league: 8 titles (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2023, 2024)
 Macedonian cup: 5 titles (1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2005)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2005/06 Pelister Bitola MKD	6	1	0	5	139:191		-52	2:10	4th Gr. G
2023/24 HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	14	0	0	14	333:421		-88	0:28	8th Gr. A
Total	20	1	0	19	472:612		-140	2:38	

* Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

1 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

1 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

30 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win: 30:27 (11:15) v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI (h), 08.10.2005

Biggest defeat: 37:13 (23:5) v RK Zagreb CRO (a), 16.10.2005

Longest winning run: 1 match (08.10.2005)

Longest unbeaten run: 1 match (08.10.2005)

Longest losing run: 18 matches (16.10.2005 – 06.03.2024)

Longest run without win: 18 matches (16.10.2005 – 06.03.2024)

Most goals: 30 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 30:27W (h), 08.10.2005
30 v RK Zagreb CRO 30:31L (h), 13.11.2005

Most goals opponent: 38 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 38:23L (a), 20.09.2023

Most goals both teams: 62 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 34:28L (a), 22.10.2005

Fewest goals: 13 v RK Zagreb CRO 37:13L (a), 16.10.2005

Fewest goals opponent: 23 v THW Kiel GER 20:23L (h), 27.09.2023
23 v HC Zagreb CRO 22:23L (h), 07.12.2023

Fewest goals both teams: 43 v THW Kiel GER 20:23L (h), 27.09.2023



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
77	Alem	Hadzic	BIH	Centre Back	15/06/2007	Tuzla, BIH	188
17	Bogdan	Radivojevic	SRB	Right Wing	02/03/1993	Smedervska Palanka, SRB	192
8	Cvetan	Kuzmanoski	MKD	Left Wing	05/12/1999	Struga, MKD	190
2	Dejan	Manaskov	MKD	Left Wing	26/08/1992	Veles, MKD	182
9	Domen	Tajnik	SLO	Centre Back	31/10/2000	Velenje, SLO	183
23	Emilijan	Gjorgovski	MKD	Left Back	09/06/2002	Skopje, MKD	195
16	Filip	Ivic	CRO	Goalkeeper	30/08/1992	Zagreb, CRO	195
18	Filip	Kuzmanovski	MKD	Left Back	07/07/1996	Bitola, MKD	198
20	Ilija	Abutovic	SRB	Left Back	02/08/1988	Vrbas, SRB	202
42	Kajo	Cikatic	CRO	Line Player	03/11/1999	Dubrovnik, CRO	197
3	Nejc	Cehte	SLO	Right Back	04/09/1992	Brezice, SLO	196
19	Nenad	Kosteski	MKD	Right Wing	04/03/2001	Struga, MKD	189
1	Nikola	Mitrevski	MKD	Goalkeeper	03/10/1985	Bitola, MKD	184
71	Oussama	Hosni	TUN	Right Back	17/09/1992	Tunis, TUN	192
88	Pavle	Atanasievikj	MKD	Centre Back	09/07/2003	Skopje, MKD	195
31	Pavle	Petrovic	BIH	Right Back	16/11/1999	Brcko, BIH	187
33	Petar	Atanaseivikj	MKD	Left Wing	09/07/2003	Skopje, MKD	192
13	Uros	Borzas	SRB	Left Back	28/07/1999	Senta, SRB	198
12	Vasilije	Pecurica	MNE	Goalkeeper	05/08/2003	Cetinje, MNE	194
44	Zarko	Peshevski	MKD	Line Player	11/04/1991	Skopje, MKD	195



COACH



**Branislav
Angelovski**



- played for 12 different clubs all over Europe, ended his active career in Romania
- with more than 150 caps for (North) Macedonia, he is one of their record players
- became assistant coach of the Macedonian national team in 2021 and remained in this position until 2023
- after coaching Multi Essence, took over Eurofarm Pelister in the 2023/24 season as the successor of Aleksandar Jovikj

ARRIVALS

- Nikola Mitrevski < (Porto)
- Filip Ivic < (Chambery)
- Usama Hosni < (Al-Arabi)
- Kajo Ciketic < (Gorica)
- Ilija Abutovic < (Chartres)

DEPARTURES

- Mario Tankoski > (Vardar 1961)
- Rudy Seri
- Denis Vasiljev > (Balatonfuredi)
- Urban Lesjak > (Trimo Trebnje)
- Marko Kizic > (Alkaloid)
- Kalifa Gedban > (Erlangen)
- Mateusz Piehovski



GOALKEEPER 

Nikola Mitrevski

 @nikolamitrevski16



LEFT WING 

Cvetan Kuzmanoski

 @cvetankuzman



LEFT BACK 

Uros Borzas



LEFT BACK 

Ilija Abutovic

 @abutovic20

- forms the new goalkeeper duo of Eurofarm Pelister with Croat Filip Ivic, another new arrival
- played for FC Porto from 2020 until 2024, after playing in many clubs across Europe
- former football player who switched to handball at the age of 13
- has played for all three major Macedonian clubs before: Vardar, Pelister and Metalurg
- number one of the Macedonian national team and their most experienced player

- talented left wing, who was promoted from Pelister's B team in 2022
- had his international debut in the EHF European League 2022/23 season
- gets more playing time since the departure of former team captain Mirko Radovic
- part of the Macedonian squad at the Men's EHF EURO 2024

- Serbian international, moved to Pelister in 2023 after one season with Elverum in Norway
- 2022/23 was his breakthrough international season, scoring 49 CL goals for Elverum
- reached EL 2021/22 Last 16 with French side Toulouse, but lost to eventual champions Benfica
- is a constant player in the Serbian national team in recent major tournaments

- the 36-year old is a powerful defence specialist
- former Serbian international, who played for Subotica and Red Star, before he went abroad in 2010
- had his most successful years at Vardar Skopje, where he played from 2011 until 2018 and won CL in 2017
- moved to the German side Rhein-Neckar Löwen, where he played for four seasons
- after a two-year stint at Chartres in France, joined Eurofarm Pelister in the summer of 2024

CL: 2017



CENTRE BACK 

Filip Kuzmanovski

 @filip_kuzmanovski

- born in Bitola, is the new team captain of Eurofarm Pelister
- has played for both former clubs Pelister and Eurofarm, separated by a stint at Metalurg Skopje
- from 2019 until 2023 played for the German clubs SC Magdeburg, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf and HSG Wetzlar, before returning home in 2023
- played more than 75 international matches for North Macedonia, is a leader of the rejuvenated team



RIGHT BACK 

Nejc Cehte

 @ceht3

- Slovenian international and Paris 2024 Olympics semi-finalist, arrived in Bitola in the summer of 2023 after one season with GOG in Denmark
- played in CL for the first time in the 2013/14 season with Velenje
- moved out of Slovenia in 2018 to join Bundesliga team TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, where he stayed for four years
- his older brother Klemen inspired him to play handball



RIGHT WING 

Bogdan Radivojevic

 @radivojevicbogdan41

- Serbian international, who arrived at Pelister in 2023 from Szeged
- scored 191 goals in total in his four CL seasons with Szeged
- won CL in 2014 in his first season with Flensburg
- also played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen before moving to Szeged in 2019
- made national team debut in 2012

CL: 2014



LINE PLAYER 

Zarko Peshevski

 @zarkopeshevski

- one of the most experienced players in the team, joined in 2022 and became team captain the next year
- Macedonian international, who brings in eight years of CL experience from his former clubs, Motor and Metalurg
- also played in the German Bundesliga for TVB 1898 Stuttgart
- started playing handball in Skopje in the youth academy of Metalurg

CURRENT TITLEHOLDER, FORMER CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP MAKE UP FOR TOUGH GROUP B



The facts probably say how tough group B will be; the last two winners of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League, Barça and SC Magdeburg, feature in it as well as Industria Kielce, the EHF FINAL4 2016 champions.

But despite these three teams having lifted the trophy already, it is actually quite hard to predict which of the eight teams will book their play-off ticket, and maybe harder still to guess which ones will grab one of the top spots.

Of course, Barça are set to be among the favourites of the new edition of the EHF Champions League after winning it in 2021, 2022 and 2024. The Spanish side managed to keep its squad almost intact from last season, losing only Haniel Langaro to Dinamo Bucuresti.

The case for Kielce is quite different, as some major players, including Nicolas Tournat and Andreas Wolff left during the summer break. That does not necessarily mean that the 2016 EHF Champions League winners will be any weaker, though, as Kielce

signed two strong defenders in Jorge Maqueda and Theo Monar, both from HBC Nantes. A trip to Hala Legionow this season promises to be as hard as it has ever been.

Can SC Magdeburg make it three titles? After winning the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in 2023 to add to the trophy they lifted a generation before, and making it to the semi-finals last season, the German side will again be seen as one of the main contenders for the title. The squad has suffered only a few changes in the summer, with Janus Smarason, Piotr Chrapkowski and Lucas Meister moving away.

Aalborg Håndbold were so close to winning the title last June and the Danish side is dreaming of making it to Cologne again. But if last season was the end of an era for the club, the next one will definitely be the start of a new chapter. A new coach in Maik Machulla, Mikkel Hansen retiring and some interesting signings, such as Miguel Martins and Felix Möller gives the team a fresh look. If Machulla finds the way to make everything click early in the season, one could bet Aalborg will be up there with the best teams again.

OTP Bank - PICK Szeged and HC Zagreb both made it to the play-offs last season but were not able to push further. Zagreb were able to retain their best players from last season and can hope that some of them will be even stronger with one year more of experience. Matej Mandic, Zvonimir Srna and Luka Lovre Klarica stepped into the spotlight last season and were key for the team's progression.

In Szeged, on the other hand, fans will see a completely different team to the one they supported last season. The Swedish duo of Michael Apelgren and Jonas Källman are now at the wheel and six new players joined them this summer, including Magnus Rød, Tobias Thulin, Lazar Kukic, Janus Smarason and Jérémy Toto. Surely, everyone in Szeged can hope for a return to the competition's quarter-finals, a stage that the club has not reached since 2019.

The first season in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League was, for Kolstad, something of a strange one. While the Norwegian side was able to get some excellent results against some of the best teams, it threw away too many points to qualify for the play-offs. Now that

Magnus Rød has left for Szeged, Sander Sagosen and his teammates will need consistency if they want to move to the play-offs this time.

The only team in group B which did not feature in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League last season is not an unknown one. HBC Nantes played the EHF FINAL4 final in 2018 and also travelled to Cologne in 2021. The French side are back and with a lot of ambition, after qualifying for the play-offs in their last EHF Champions League season, two years ago.

Kevin Domas

GROUP B HEAD TO HEAD

HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg		0-1-5 (155:171)	1:11
24.02.2013	HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Group D		20:27 (8:13)
09.03.2013	SC Magdeburg vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group D		26:26 (14:17)
23.02.2020	HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Group C		28:31 (9:15)
01.03.2020	SC Magdeburg vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group C		29:28 (16:12)
26.04.2022	HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg, EHF European League – Quarter-final		25:28 (13:11)
03.05.2022	SC Magdeburg vs HBC Nantes, EHF European League – Quarter-final		30:28 (16:12)
HBC Nantes vs Barça		1-0-8 (249:284)	2:16
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)
01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B		27:35 (15:18)
17.02.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – Group B		30:29 (14:17)
12.06.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	31:26 (15:13)	
03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		34:29 (16:17)
15.12.2022	HBC Nantes vs Barça, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		33:37 (16:22)
HBC Nantes vs HC Zagreb		4-1-1 (164:149)	9:3
19.11.2017	HBC Nantes vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:27 (13:12)
17.02.2018	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		23:22 (12:8)
03.11.2018	HBC Nantes vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		23:20 (10:11)
24.11.2018	HC PPD Zagreb vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		27:27 (12:12)
14.02.2021	HC PPD Zagreb vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – group B		24:34 (8:20)
23.02.2021	HBC Nantes vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B		30:28 (13:14)

GROUP B HEAD TO HEAD

HBC Nantes vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged		5-1-2 (241:221)	11:5
09.02.2014	PICK Szeged vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group C		28:27 (18:13)
23.03.2014	HBC Nantes vs PICK Szeged, EHF Cup – Group C		31:23 (15:10)
17.09.2017	HBC Nantes vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:26 (18:15)
11.11.2017	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:33 (15:17)
23.09.2018	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		30:28 (11:12)
23.02.2019	HBC Nantes vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		29:26 (13:11)
22.09.2022	HBC Nantes vs PICK Szeged, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		35:30 (17:15)
01.03.2023	PICK Szeged vs HBC Nantes, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		28:28 (13:15)
HBC Nantes vs Aalborg Håndbold		3-0-1 (132:121)	6:2
14.10.2020	Aalborg Håndbold vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – Group B		32:24 (16:9)
10.02.2021	HBC Nantes vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group B		38:29 (18:14)
23.11.2022	Aalborg Håndbold vs HBC Nantes, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		32:35 (17:20)
01.12.2022	HBC Nantes vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		35:28 (18:12)
HBC Nantes vs Industria Kielce		1-0-3 (121:129)	2:6
31.03.2021	HBC Nantes vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Play-offs		24:25 (14:12)
07.04.2021	Lomza Vive Kielce vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – Play-offs		31:34 (13:15)
14.09.2022	Lomza Industria Kielce vs HBC Nantes, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		40:33 (23:18)
23.02.2023	HBC Nantes vs Lomza Industria Kielce, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	30:33 (14:17)	

GROUP B HEAD TO HEAD

HBC Nantes vs Kolstad Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

SC Magdeburg vs Barça

3-0-5 (214:242)

6:10

19.12.1999	Sportclub Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona, ECh for Club Teams – Final	25:26 (13:14)
08.11.2003	SC Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:26 (14:12)
29.11.2003	FC Barcelona vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Champions League – Group B	38:25 (16:9)
04.12.2005	SC Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona-Cifec, EHF Champions League – Last 16	24:26 (15:11)
10.12.2005	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Champions League – Last 16	27:23 (12:10)
17.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barça, TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	40:39 (16:18, 31:31, 38:38)
21.09.2023	Barça vs SC Magdeburg, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	32:20 (14:8)
29.02.2024	SC Magdeburg vs Barça, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	29:28 (13:14)

SC Magdeburg vs HC Zagreb

2-0-0 (66:50)

4:0

22.09.2022	SC Magdeburg vs HC PPD Zagreb, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A	35:25 (17:12)
22.02.2023	HC PPD Zagreb vs SC Magdeburg, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A	25:31 (14:16)

SC Magdeburg vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged

2-0-0 (59:54)

4:0

14.02.2004	SC PICK Szeged vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:31 (13:12)
22.02.2004	SC Magdeburg vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:24 (15:14)

GROUP B HEAD TO HEAD

SC Magdeburg vs Aalborg Håndbold		1-0-2 (76:73)	2:4
14.02.2016	SC Magdeburg vs Aalborg Handball, EHF Cup – Group A		25:19 (12:9)
19.03.2016	Aalborg Handball vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Group A		26:25 (15:11)
08.06.2024	SC Magdeburg vs Aalborg Håndbold, TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final		26:28 (11:11)
SC Magdeburg vs Industria Kielce		2-0-1 (83:81)	4:2
18.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barlinek Industria Kielce, TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Final		30:29 (13:15, 26:26)
24.04.2024	Industria Kielce vs SC Magdeburg, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		27:26 (14:13)
01.05.2024	SC Magdeburg vs Industria Kielce, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		27:25 (11:13, 23:22)
SC Magdeburg vs Kolstad Håndbold			
No previous encounters in European competitions			

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Barça vs HC Zagreb		23-1-1 (778:581)	47:3
08.02.1996	FC Barcelona vs Croatia Banka Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B		26:16 (14:6)
26.03.1996	Croatia Banka Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group B		21:23 (7:11)
12.04.1997	FC Barcelona vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Final		31:22 (17:6)
19.04.1997	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Final		23:30 (9:14)
18.04.1998	FC Barcelona vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Final		28:18 (10:10)
25.04.1998	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Final		22:28 (9:10)
01.11.1998	FC Barcelona vs Badel Zagreb, European Championship for Club Teams – Final		28:22 (11:9)
10.04.1999	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Final		22:22 (14:13)
17.04.1999	FC Barcelona vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Final		29:18 (14:7)
24.02.2001	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		17:29 (9:12)
03.03.2001	FC Barcelona vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		26:23 12:10)
27.03.2010	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs FC Barcelona Borges, EHF Champions League – Last 16		26:33 (12:17)
03.04.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Last 16		36:33 (17:18)
22.10.2011	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:31 (14:13)
18.02.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport vs Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		29:30 (14:15)
20.10.2012	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		21:32 (12:13)
16.02.2013	FC Barcelona Intersport vs HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		35:25 (19:10)
09.04.2015	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		23:25 (10:14)
18.04.2015	FC Barcelona vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		43:21 (23:10)
04.11.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		32:22 (17:8)
23.11.2017	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		24:32 (11:16)
28.09.2019	HC PPD Zagreb vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		19:36 (9:21)
15.02.2020	Barça vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		32:23 (17:9)
14.10.2020	Barça vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B		45:27 (24:13)
11.02.2021	HC PPD Zagreb vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B		33:37 (18:21)

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Barça vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged		17-0-5 (628:547)	34:10
1977/1978	Szegedi SC vs FC Barcelona, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16		27:22 (0:0)
1977/1978	FC Barcelona vs Szegedi SC, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16		15:13 (0:0)
23.03.1994	PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final		22:24 (8:13)
06.04.1994	FC Barcelona vs PICK Szeged, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final		19:14 (10:8)
08.02.1997	SC PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		25:26 (12:12)
15.02.1997	FC Barcelona vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final		40:17 (19:5)
23.10.2004	SC PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group A		22:21 (11:13)
13.11.2004	FC Barcelona vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A		35:26 (19:11)
08.10.2005	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group D		27:20 (13:13)
22.10.2005	SC PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona-Cifec, EHF Champions League – Group D		26:28 (12:17)
23.02.2008	PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 4		28:33 (15:14)
15.03.2008	FC Barcelona vs PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 4		28:32 (13:16)
18.11.2012	PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		28:33 (15:18)
24.11.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport vs PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		33:24 (16:13)
04.10.2015	MOL-PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		28:30 (12:13)
21.02.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		30:25 (19:14)
19.11.2017	MOL-PICK Szeged vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		31:28 (16:13)
04.03.2018	FC Barcelona Lassa vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:27 (16:14)
14.09.2019	MOL-PICK Szeged vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		31:28 (18:11)
29.02.2020	Barça vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:28 (13:15)
14.09.2022	PICK Szeged vs Barça, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		28:35 (15:14)
22.02.2023	Barça vs PICK Szeged, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		35:25 (20:10)

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Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold		12-0-0 (413:317)	24:0
23.03.2014	Aalborg Handball vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		22:29 (13:15)
29.03.2014	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		31:20 (16:11)
15.03.2015	Aalborg Handball vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		11:31 (5:16)
22.03.2015	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		29:22 (14:9)
10.11.2019	Aalborg Håndbold vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:34 (14:15)
16.11.2019	Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		44:35 (22:17)
29.10.2020	Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group B		42:33 (20:18)
02.12.2020	Aalborg Håndbold vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B		32:35 (15:19)
13.06.2021	Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF FINAL4 – Final		36:23 (16:11)
26.10.2022	Aalborg Håndbold vs Barça, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		33:39 (19:19)
08.12.2022	Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		32:26 (15:16)
09.06.2024	Aalborg Håndbold vs Barça, TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Final		30:31 (15:15)

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Barça vs Industria Kielce

9-2-3 (454:421)

20:8

20.11.2010	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:33 (11:18)
27.11.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:28 (15:12)
01.06.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	23:28 (10:13)
30.05.2015	FC Barcelona vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	33:28 (16:14)
17.10.2015	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:30 (14:17)
05.12.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:33 (19:16)
04.11.2018	Barça Lassa vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:27 (14:11)
24.11.2018	PGE Vive Kielce vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	36:42 (15:18)
02.06.2019	Barça Lassa vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	40:35 (20:16)
18.11.2021	Barça vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:32 (16:19)
24.11.2021	Lomza Vive Kielce vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:27 (14:16)
19.06.2022	Barça vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF FINAL4 – Final	37:35 (14:13, 28:28, 32:32)
22.09.2022	Barça vs Lomza Industria Kielce, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B	32:28 (18:13)
02.03.2023	Lomza Industria Kielce vs Barça, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B	31:32 (12:13)

Barça vs Kolstad Håndbold

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HC Zagreb vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged		6-3-11 (514:536)	15:25
23.11.1996	SC PICK Szeged vs Badel Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B		22:22 (12:13)
18.01.1997	Badel Zagreb vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group B		29:29 (17:13)
08.11.2003	SC PICK Szeged vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group E		27:26 (15:12)
30.11.2003	RK Zagreb vs SC PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group E		26:25 (15:13)
18.10.2008	PICK Szeged vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group H		30:36 (14:15)
22.11.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group H		29:25 (14:14)
29.09.2012	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		30:27 (15:8)
01.12.2012	PICK Szeged vs HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		26:24 (16:10)
01.10.2016	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		24:26 (12:12)
04.03.2017	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		26:21 (14:12)
23.09.2017	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		23:28 (12:17)
24.02.2018	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:28 (11:15)
16.09.2018	HC PPD Zagreb vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		23:24 (12:9)
03.03.2019	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		26:26 (14:14)
20.10.2019	HC PPD Zagreb vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		21:26 (10:15)
30.11.2019	MOL-PICK Szeged vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		33:23 (14:7)
22.09.2021	PICK Szeged vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group A		30:21 (10:7)
17.02.2022	HC PPD Zagreb vs PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A		26:24 (14:10)
26.10.2023	OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs HC Zagreb, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		27:26 (13:15)
29.11.2023	HC Zagreb vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		30:25 (17:12)

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HC Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold		1-1-6 (207:252)	3:13
22.09.2019	Aalborg Håndbold vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		30:20 (13:11)
22.02.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		31:30 (16:15)
30.09.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group B		26:27 (15:12)
18.02.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B		38:29 (22:14)
15.09.2021	HC PPD Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A		24:34 (14:18)
09.03.2022	Aalborg Håndbold vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group A		31:25 (16:13)
12.10.2023	HC Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		30:30 (15:15)
15.02.2024	Aalborg Håndbold vs HC Zagreb, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		32:22 (18:12)
HC Zagreb vs Industria Kielce		0-1-3 (94:105)	1:7
16.11.2016	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		23:26 (12:11)
27.11.2016	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		29:25 (11:12)
16.11.2023	HC Zagreb vs Industria Kielce, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		22:22 (11:10)
23.11.2023	Industria Kielce vs HC Zagreb, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		28:24 (12:12)
HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Håndbold		2-0-0 (65:45)	4:0
28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		31:20 (17:10)
21.02.2024	Kolstad Handball vs HC Zagreb, Machineseeke EHF Champions League – Group A		25:34 (10:18)

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OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold		5-2-5 (356:358)	12:12
10.10.2010	PICK Szeged vs AaB Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C		37:28 (18:13)
06.03.2011	AaB Handball vs PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C		34:30 (17:19)
12.10.2014	Aalborg Handball vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		25:28 (11:15)
22.02.2015	MOL-PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		23:23 (10:10)
13.10.2019	Aalborg Håndbold vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		28:35 (17:22)
08.02.2020	MOL-PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A		26:26 (13:15)
27.10.2021	PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A		31:28 (17:13)
01.12.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A		34:30 (16:14)
06.10.2022	PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		29:41 (15:17)
09.02.2023	Aalborg Håndbold vs PICK Szeged, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		33:27 (15:11)
27.09.2023	OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		34:27 (20:16)
21.02.2024	Aalborg Håndbold vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		31:26 (14:16)

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OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Industria Kielce		3-1-10 (379:411)	7:21
17.03.2013	PICK Szeged vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		26:25 (15:14)
24.03.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16		32:27 (14:11)
04.10.2014	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		37:32 (18:17)
06.12.2014	MOL-PICK Szeged vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		26:27 (11:14)
20.09.2015	MOL-PICK Szeged vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		31:30 (17:14)
06.03.2016	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		27:26 (12:16)
09.10.2016	MOL-PICK Szeged vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		27:29 (15:16)
26.02.2017	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs MOL-PICK Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		28:24 (13:14)
23.09.2020	Lomza Vive Kielce vs MOL-PICK Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A		26:23 (12:7)
25.02.2021	MOL-PICK Szeged vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group A		26:30 (14:14)
03.11.2022	Lomza Industria Kielce vs PICK Szeged, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		37:30 (22:14)
07.12.2022	PICK Szeged vs Lomza Industria Kielce, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B		28:31 (13:16)
19.10.2023	Industria Kielce vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		27:27 (14:15)
06.12.2023	OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Industria Kielce, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		26:25 (15:11)
OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Kolstad Håndbold		1-0-1 (53:64)	2:2
12.10.2023	Kolstad Handball vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		37:24 (24:11)
15.02.2024	OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Kolstad Handball, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A		29:27 (15:13)

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Aalborg Håndbold vs Industria Kielce		1-1-6 (233:251)	3:13
16.11.2014	Aalborg Handball vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		25:27 (12:13)
23.11.2014	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D		33:26 (18:15)
12.11.2017	Aalborg Håndbold vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		30:34 (14:18)
18.11.2017	PGE Vive Kielce vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B		28:27 (15:14)
28.09.2022	Aalborg Håndbold vs Lomza Industria Kielce, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		28:30 (15:17)
15.02.2023	Lomza Industria Kielce vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B		33:28 (15:15)
13.09.2023	Industria Kielce vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		31:34 (15:18)
06.03.2024	Aalborg Håndbold vs Industria Kielce, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		35:35 (15:18)
Aalborg Håndbold vs Kolstad Håndbold		2-0-0 (56:43)	4:0
25.10.2023	Aalborg Håndbold vs Kolstad Handball, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		27:25 (17:12)
29.11.2023	Kolstad Handball vs Aalborg Håndbold, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		18:29 (9:14)
Industria Kielce vs Kolstad Håndbold		2-0-0 (63:53)	4:0
21.09.2023	Kolstad Handball vs Industria Kielce, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		30:32 (11:17)
29.02.2024	Industria Kielce vs Kolstad Handball, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group A		31:23 (13:10)



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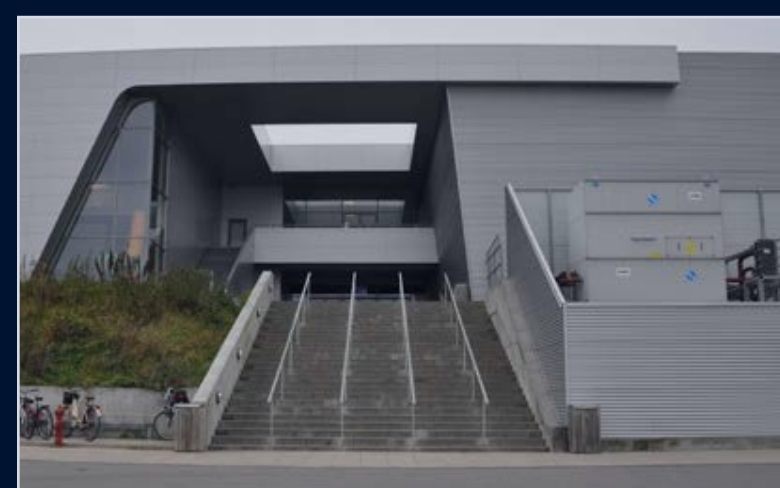
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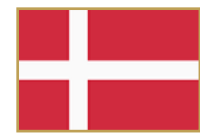
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Aalborg Handball stayed just 60 minutes short of giving Mikkel Hansen the perfect farewell gift last season, when they lost the final to Barça as the Danish legend played his last EHF Champions League match. Now without its retired superstar, Aalborg are eager to replicate their successful journey in 2024/25 and aim for their third final.

But the road to the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL 2025 will be a long one. Now led by Maik Machulla, Aalborg are ready to face a string of fierce competitors in group B – not least the team they have lost both their finals against: Barça.

GROUP B



AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

MAIN FACTS

- › won the title in the Danish league for the first time since 2021, the seventh time in their history, but lost the Danish cup final to rivals GOG (25:32)
- › the 2024/25 season will be their tenth playing the Machineseecker EHF Champions League
- › reached the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 last season, beaten by Barça in the final (30:31)
- › matched their best result in the competition in the process, after reaching the EHF FINAL4 final in 2021
- › also played in the EHF Cup four times overall, where their best result was a quarter-finals participation in 2004
- › superstar Mikkel Hansen retired after the 2024 Summer Olympics, shortly after failing to win the CL at his last EHF FINAL4
- › went through a head coach change this summer, with Stefan Madsen moving away, replaced by former SG Flensburg-Handewitt coach Maik Machulla
- › other summer transfers include Victor Kløve (Göppingen) and Jesper Nielsen (Guif), with Felix Möller (Sävehof) and Miguel Martins (Szeged) joining

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 10

Final (2): 2020/21, 2023/24

Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

Play-offs (1): 2022/23

Last 16 (2): 2013/14, 2019/20*

Group phase (3): 2010/11, 2014/15, 2017/18

* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2003/04, Group phase 2015/16

Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Danish league: 7 titles (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019-21, 2024)

Danish cup: 2 titles (2019, 2022)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2010/11 AaB Handball DEN	10	2	2	6	311:339		-28	6:14	6th Gr. C
2013/14 Aalborg Handball DEN	12	4	0	8	317:325		-8	8:16	Last 16
2014/15 Aalborg Handball DEN	12	2	3	7	289:329		-40	7:17	Last 16
2017/18 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	14	2	1	11	364:405		-41	5:23	8th Gr. B
2019/20 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	14	7	1	6	416:420		-4	15:13	Last 16*
2020/21 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	20	10	0	10	566:590		-24	20:20	Runner-up
2021/22 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	16	12	0	4	519:481		+38	24:8	Quarter-final
2022/23 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	16	7	1	8	499:498		+1	15:17	Play-offs
2023/24 Aalborg Håndbold DEN	18	10	3	5	552:499		+53	23:13	Runner-up
Total	132	56	11	65	3833:3886		-53	123:141	

* Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

7	MATCHES Longest winning run
7	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
41	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win:	38:23 (18:10) v HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD (h), 20.09.2023
Biggest defeat:	11:31 (5:16) v FC Barcelona ESP (h), 15.03.2015
Longest winning run:	7 matches (24.11.2021 – 09.03.2022)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (24.11.2021 – 09.03.2022)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (01.12.2013 – 29.03.2014)
	6 matches (27.09.2017 – 18.11.2017)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (16.11.2014 – 16.09.2017)
Most goals:	41 v PICK Szeged HUN 29:41W (a), 06.10.2022
Most goals opponent:	44 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
Most goals both teams:	79 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
Fewest goals:	11 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015
Fewest goals opponent:	18 v THW Kiel GER 18:27W (a), 16.11.2023
	18 v Kolstad Handball NOR 18:29W (a), 29.11.2023
Fewest goals both teams:	42 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
18	Aleks	Vlah	SLO	Centre Back	22/07/1997	Izola, SLO	191
26	Bjarki	Jóhannsson	ISL	Left Back	13/11/2005	DEN	185
23	Buster	Juul	DEN	Left Wing	31/03/1993	Slagelse, DEN	200
8	Daniel	Jensen	DEN	Right Back	10/11/2005	Aalborg, DEN	198
12	Fabian	Norsten	SWE	Goalkeeper	11/07/2000	Tyresö, SWE	196
20	Felix	Möller	SWE	Line Player	04/09/2002	Henstedt-Ulzburg, GER	196
21	Henrik	Møllgaard Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	02/01/1985	Esbjerg, DEN	196
5	Hjalte	Møller	DEN	Left Back	20/11/2005	Aalborg, DEN	190
15	Jack	Thurin	SWE	Right Back	09/06/1999	Skövde, SWE	200
13	Jens	Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	24/06/2005	Aalborg, DEN	184
19	Kristian	Bjørnsen	NOR	Right Wing	10/01/1989	Stavanger, NOR	191
3	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16/11/1996	Ystad, SWE	194
14	Mads	Hoxer Hangaard	DEN	Right Back	06/12/2000	Thisted, DEN	196
27	Mads	Krarup	DEN	Line Player	15/07/2005	Brønderslev, DEN	200
2	Mads	Vestergaard	DEN	Left Wing	21/04/2005	Rebild, DEN	185
25	Marinus	Munk	DEN	Left Back	22/04/2003	Aalborg, DEN	200
17	Martin	Larsen	DEN	Right Back	19/09/1992	Aalborg, DEN	198
9	Miguel	Martins	POR	Centre Back	04/11/1997	POR	193
1	Niklas	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/12/1988	Gladsaxe, DEN	201
4	Patrick	Wiesmach	DEN	Right Wing	23/03/1990	Aalborg, DEN	181
22	René	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	04/03/1992	Vesthimmerland, DEN	196
6	Sebastian	Barthold	NOR	Left Wing	27/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	185
11	Simon	Hald Jensen	DEN	Line Player	28/09/1994	Aalborg, DEN	203
7	Thomas	Arnoldsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/01/2002	Skanderborg, DEN	194
16	Tobias Mark	Bugge-Sørensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	30/07/2005	Aalborg, DEN	194



COACH



Maik Machulla



- returns to coaching after leaving SG Flensburg-Handewitt in April 2023
- succeeding Stefan Madsen, who led the team to the EHF Champions League finals in 2021 and 2024
- took the helm at Flensburg in 2017, after being assistant coach with the German club, and won the domestic league in his first and second seasons
- finished his playing career at Flensburg and started it at SC Magdeburg, where he won three European Cup trophies, including the EHF Champions League
- also won the EHF Cup as player with Nordhorn

CL: 2002; EHF Cup: 1999, 2001, 2008 (all as player)

ARRIVALS

- Miguel Martins < (OTP Bank - PICK Szeged)
- Felix Möller < (IK Sävehof)

DEPARTURES

- Jesper Nielsen > (Eskilstuna GUIF)
- Benjamin Jakobsen >
- Mikkel Hansen > (retired)



GOALKEEPER 

Niklas Landin

 @dejanmilosavljev



LEFT WING 

Sebastian Barthold

 @sbarthold



CENTRE BACK 

Miguel Martins

 @miguelsmartins10



CENTRE BACK 

Aleks Vlah

 @aleksvlah

- moved to Aalborg in 2023 after playing for Kiel for eight years and Rhein-Neckar Löwen for three
- one of just six players so far to win the Olympics, World Championship, EHF EURO and EHF Champions League titles
- won two European trophies with THW Kiel: the EHF Cup in 2019 and the EHF Champions League in 2020
- former captain of the three-peat world-title winning Denmark national team; retired after Paris 2024
- named goalkeeper of the season at the EHF Excellence Awards 2022/23 and IHF World Player of the Year for 2019 and 2021; All-star Team goalkeeper in five EHF Champions League seasons and at four different national team competitions

CL: 2020; EHF Cup 2013, 2019
 OG: G 2024, 2016, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2014, 2024, B 2022

- has played for only two teams in his career: Haslum in his native Norway for seven seasons and Aalborg since 2017
- scored over 60 goals in three of the last five EHF Champions League seasons; his tally in 2023/24 was 48, including six in the semi-final against Magdeburg
- made national team debut for Norway in 2012, but only became first choice and a regular start-list player after EHF EURO 2020 All-star left wing Magnus Jøndal retired
- debuted in the EHF Champions League aged 20 with Haslum, scoring nine times in his first season
- married to Aalborg teammate Kristjan Bjørnsen's sister, Line

- a newcomer at Aalborg, joining from Szeged, where he moved in 2021 after seven seasons with FC Porto in his native Portugal
- scored at least 43 goals in three consecutive European seasons with Porto; had a slightly smaller role at Szeged but was important in 2023/24, contributing 52 goals
- an important player in the Portugal national team since their return to the international scene in 2020, despite being only 23 at the time
- made his debut in the Portuguese national league at 15 years and 11 months, becoming the second-youngest player ever in the competition

- arrived in Aalborg in the summer of 2023, joining after two years at Celje; contributed 59 goals in that first season with Aalborg
- had a breakout EHF Champions League season in 2022/23, scoring 88 goals for Celje
- Aalborg are the fourth club in his career; he started at Koper before moving to Zagreb in 2019
- an important player in the Slovenia national team; was their top scorer at the EHF EURO 2024 (44 goals) and 2023 IHF World Championship (31 goals)
- second top scorer at Paris 2024, with 56 goals, leading Slovenia to their first Olympic semi-final; also ranked in top 10 for assists, with 24



CENTRE BACK 

Thomas Arnoldsen

@thomasarnoldsen

- the next big thing from Denmark, who just made his senior championship debut at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, scoring 19 goals
- scored 35 goals for Aalborg in the 2023/24 season and was particularly important at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024, tallying 11 goals
- 2023/24 was his first season in the top flight; his only previous European cup experience was gained in the EHF European League 2022/23, with Skanderborg-Aarhus — his first club
- named All-star Team centre back at the M20 EHF EURO 2022

OG: G 2024



LINE PLAYER 

Simon Hald Jensen

@simonhaldjensen

- returned to Aalborg in 2023 after starting his professional career with the side in 2013
- left Aalborg in 2018 for SG Flensburg-Handewitt, where he worked with the new coach for the Danish side, Maik Machulla
- scored 51 goals for Aalborg in the EHF Champions League 2023/24 — his career high tally in one season
- a core member of the Denmark squad; primarily plays defence for the national team

OG: G 2024; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023; EURO: S 2024, B 2022



RIGHT BACK 

Mads Hoxer Hangaard

@madshoxer_

- alongside Thomas Arnoldsen, another huge Danish talent that grabbed the attention last year and at the season's final weekend
- Aalborg's top scorer in 2023/24, with a massive 96 goals in the season, including 14 at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024
- those 96 goals put him among the top scorers of the 2023/24 season overall — he placed fifth on the list
- joined Aalborg in 2022 from his first professional club, Mors-Thy Håndbold, where he gained his first international club experience in the European League
- part of Denmark's extended squad at the 2023 IHF World Championship, playing in three matches and scoring five goals to contribute to the side's third straight title

WCh: G 2023



RIGHT WING 

Kristian Bjørnsen

@kristianbjornsen

- joined Aalborg in 2021 after five seasons with Wetzlar in Germany
- previously played for IFK Kristianstad in Sweden and FyllingenBergen in his native Norway
- a tall and efficient wing, who is among the all-time top scorers for the Norway national team
- part of all Norway's medal wins, including their two IHF World Championship final participations, which resulted in silver medals and the bronze at the EURO 2020
- his younger sister, Line, was also a top-level handball player

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



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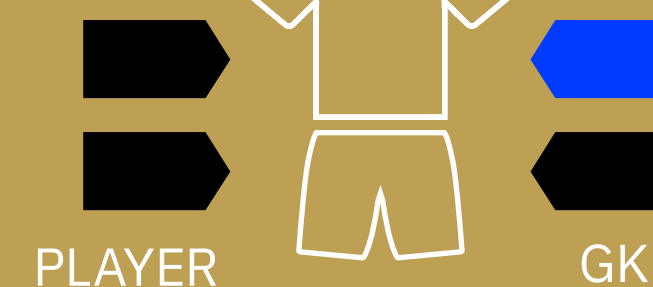
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KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



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SC Magdeburg won everything they could win last season – the domestic league and cup, and the IHF Super Globe – except for the Machineseecker EHF Champions League. Magdeburg made it to the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 again but could not repeat their title triumph from the 2022/23 season.

Avoiding major changes to their squad in the off-season, Magdeburg are part of the inner circle of main title contenders for the 2024/25 season again. Competition will be stiff in this tough group, but the German side aim for nothing less than direct entry into the quarter-finals.

GROUP B

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SC MAGDEBURG

MAIN FACTS

- › qualified for the Machineseeker EHF Champions League after winning the German Bundesliga title last season, the third in their history after 2001 and 2022
- › also won the German cup last season, for the first time since 2016
- › won the CL twice in their history: 2002 and 2023
- › made their return to the CL in 2023 after an 18-year absence
- › the 2024/25 season will be their seventh playing the CL
- › last season they reached the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4, where they lost in the semi-final against Aalborg (26:28) before finishing fourth
- › Lucas Meister (Schaffhausen), Janis Smarason (Szeged), Mikael Aggefors and Piotr Chrapkowski all left the club in the summer, while only line player Tim Zechel has joined
- › coach Bennet Wiegert has been sitting on the bench since December 2015, has already won five major trophies so far

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 7

Winners (2): 2001/02, 2022/23

Semi-final (1): 2003/04, 2023/24

Quarter-final (1): 2002/03

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Other

EHF European League: Winners 2020/21, Runners-up 2021/22

EHF Cup: Winners 1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07

EHF Champions Trophy: Winners 2000/01, 2001/02

German league: 13 titles (1970, 1977, 1980, 1981-85, 1988, 1991 (GDR); 2001, 2022, 2024)

German cup: 8 titles (1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990 (GDR); 1996, 2016, 2024)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2001/02 Sportclub Magdeburg GER	12	7	2	3	327:289		+38	16:8	Winner
2002/03 Sportclub Magdeburg GER	8	4	1	3	235:226		+9	9:7	Quarter-final
2003/04 SC Magdeburg GER	12	9	0	3	366:340		+26	18:6	Semi-final
2005/06 SC Magdeburg GER	8	4	0	4	238:222		+16	8:8	Last 16
2022/23 SC Magdeburg GER	18	12	3	3	575:537		+38	27:9	Winner
2023/24 SC Magdeburg GER	18	13	0	5	546:496		+50	26:10	Fourth Place
Total	76	49	6	21	2287:2110		+177	104:48	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

12

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

12

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

41

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	39:23 (20:13) v RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO (h), 27.09.2023
Biggest defeat:	38:25 (16:9) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 29.11.2003
Longest winning run:	12 matches (27.09.2023 – 07.03.2024)
Longest unbeaten run:	12 matches (27.09.2023 – 07.03.2024)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (12.11.2005 - 10.12.2005)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (15.12.2002 – 08.03.2003) 3 matches (12.11.2005 - 10.12.2005)
Most goals:	41 v FC Porto POR 41:36W (h), 24.11.2022
Most goals opponent:	39 v Barça ESP 40:39W (n), 17.06.2023
Most goals both teams:	79 v Barça ESP 40:39W (n), 17.06.2023
Fewest goals:	20 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 24:20L (a), 25.11.2001 20 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 30:20L (a), 13.03.2004 20 v Barça ESP 32:20L (a), 21.09.2023
Fewest goals opponent:	17 v Panellinos AC Athens GRE 17:29W (a), 09.11.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	44 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 24:20L (a), 25.11.2001 44 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 23:21L (a), 21.04.2002 44 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 22:22D (a), 10.04.2023



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
21	Albin	Lagergren	SWE	Right Back	11/09/1992	Varberg, SWE	186
15	Antonio	Serradilla Cuenca	ESP	Left Back	10/01/1999	Sevilla, ESP	198
24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	190
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06/05/1992	Eskitstuna, SWE	179
7	Felix	Claar	SWE	Centre Back	05/01/1997	Vrinnevi, SWE	192
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30/07/1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191
3	Isak	Persson	SWE	Right Wing	07/11/2000	Lund, SWE	190
2	Josias	Liehr	GER	Right Back	19/09/2003		
38	Julius	Drachau	GER	Left Back	01/03/2004		
49	Leander	Schöbe	GER	Right Wing	24/07/2006		
18	Leon	Hein	GER	Line Player	30/01/2003		
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22/03/1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182
23	Magnus Saugstrup	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	12/07/1996	Aalborg, DEN	195
8	Manuel	Zehnder	SUI	Centre Back	24/10/1999	Aarau, SUI	190
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18/07/1992	Burg, GER	187
34	Michael	Damgaard Nielsen	DEN	Left Back	18/03/1990	Rødby, DEN	192
80	Nikola	Portner	SUI	Goalkeeper	19/11/1993	Lyon, FRA	194
14	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12/03/1997	Selfoss, ISL	186
54	Oscar	Bergendahl	SWE	Line Player	08/03/1995	Kungsbacka, SWE	192
31	Oskar	Stieglitz	GER	Goalkeeper	31/10/2006		
5	Pablo	Lange	GER	Left Wing	07/10/2005		
20	Philipp	Weber	GER	Left Back	15/09/1992	Schönebeck, GER	194
55	Sebastian	Bialas	GER	Centre Back	04/02/2005		
1	Sergey	Hernandez Ferrer	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/06/1995	Kropotkin, RUS	198
17	Tim	Hornke	GER	Right Wing	04/08/1990	Hannover, GER	188
9	Tim	Zechel	GER	Line Player	28/09/1996	Goslar	196



COACH



Bennet Wiegert



- former Germany left wing, who played for Magdeburg from 1998 to 2013, interrupted by brief stints at Wilhelmshaven and Gummersbach between 2004 and 2007
- won the EHF Champions League with Magdeburg as a player in 2002 and as a coach in 2023
- led Magdeburg to the EHF European League title in 2021; three straight IHF Super Globe trophies from 2021 to 2023; the German Cup in 2016 and 2024; and the Bundesliga trophy in 2022 and 2024
- replaced Ger Sveinsson as head coach of Magdeburg in December 2015; previously worked as director of the club's youth academy
- his father, Ingolf, won Olympic gold as a player in 1980 and was later Magdeburg coach

CL: 2002 (as player), 2023 (as coach); EL: 2021 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

- Tim Zechel < (HC Erlangen)
- Antonio Serradilla Cuenca < (Elverum)

DEPARTURES

- Lucas Meister > (Kadetten Schaffhausen)
- Janus Smarason > (PICK Szeged)
- Miakil Aggefors > (End of career)
- Piotr Chrapkowski > (unknown)



GOALKEEPER 

Nikola Portner

 @nikola_portner

- played six seasons of the EHF Champions League before joining Magdeburg, winning the title with Montpellier in 2018
- awarded best goalkeeper of the French league in the 2021/22 season
- signed for Magdeburg in 2022 alongside fellow Swiss international Lukas Meister
- Magdeburg is the first German club in his career and sixth overall after Grauholz, Bern Muri, Kadetten Schaffhausen, all in Switzerland; and Montpellier and Chambéry in France
- his father, Zlatko Portner, was world champion in 1986 and Olympic bronze medallist in 1988, playing for Yugoslavia

CL: 2018, 2023



LEFT WING 

Lukas Mertens

 @lukasmertens22

- regular in the Germany national team since 2021; played first major event at the EHF EURO 2022
- with Germany, reached the semi-finals at both major championships in 2024, placing fourth at the EHF EURO and taking the silver medal at Paris 2024
- started his career at his home club Wilhelmshaven; joined SCM in 2017
- silver medallist and All-star Team left wing at the M20 EHF EURO in Denmark in 2016
- thanks to his high-speed counter attacks, his nickname is “speedy”

CL: 2023; EL: 2021
OG: S 2024



LEFT BACK 

Felix Claar

 @felixclaar

- joined Magdeburg in 2023 after three years at Aalborg, scoring 85 goals in the EHF Champions League that season
- part of the new golden Swedish generation that collected three medals in the four major international championships spanning from 2021 to 2024
- rounded out the 10 top scorers at the EHF EURO 2024, with 38 goals, leading Sweden in that statistic
- named 2024 Swedish Handballer of the Year; MVP of the Swedish league in 2018/19 and 2019/20

EURO: G 2022, B 2024; WCh: S 2021



LEFT BACK 

Michael Damgaard

 @dgaard34

- ranked among Magdeburg’s top scorers in last season’s EHF Champions League group phase; was the side’s top scorer in the final EHF Cup season, in 2019/20
- scored more than 30 goals in every European cup season since 2019, including 55 on the path to the EHF Champions League title in 2023 and 60 in the EHF European League 2021/22
- Danish international first in 2013; has not played all major competitions with the side but has won Olympic and World Championship titles
- joined Magdeburg in 2015 from TTH Holstebro in his native Denmark
- started his professional career at GOG before moving to Holstebro in 2010

CL: 2023; EL: 2021
OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2023; EURO: S 2024



CENTRE BACK 

Gisli Kristjansson

 @gislithorgeir

- Icelandic international who joined Magdeburg in 2020 from domestic league rivals Kiel
- famously played and won the EHF Champions League final with Magdeburg against Kielce in 2023, one day after dislocating his shoulder in the semi-final
- MVP of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023, MVP of Bundesliga 2022/23 and 2023 Icelandic Sportsperson of the Year
- underwent shoulder injury in summer of 2023, making him miss most of the EHF Champions League 2023/24 group phase
- first played for Iceland national team in October 2017 at the age 18; moved abroad to Kiel the following year

CL: 2023; EL: 2021; EHF Cup: 2019



CENTRE BACK 

Christian O'Sullivan

 @christianosullivan24

- team captain of Magdeburg and key player for Norway, part of the historic first medal wins for the men's national team
- arrived at SCM from Swedish side IFK Kristianstad in 2016; started his professional career with Norwegian club Bækkelaget SK
- has played four matches at the EHF FINAL4 and received red cards in every one — when Magdeburg won the title in 2023 and in 2024
- son of a British handball international, he was asked to be captain of the GB team for the 2012 London Olympics but did not want to change citizenship

CL: 2023; EL: 2021
EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



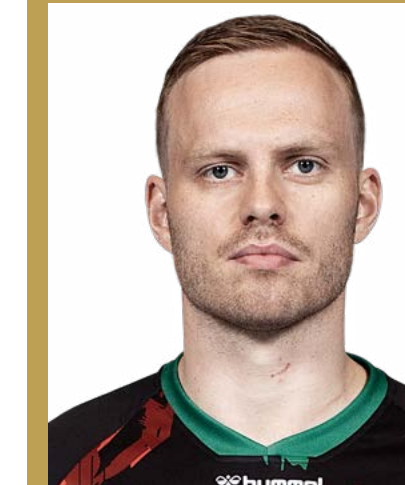
LINE PLAYER 


Magnus Saugstrup

 @magnussaugstrup


- joined Magdeburg in 2021 after an impressive season with Aalborg, where he led the Danish side to the EHF Champions League final
- won medals at five international championships in a row, including gold at back-to-back IHF World Championships in 2021 and 2023
- an X-factor for Denmark; made EHF EURO 2024 All-star Team as best defender
- MVP of the Bundesliga in 2023/24
- arrived at Aalborg at age 18, where he played more than 250 matches

CL: 2023
OG: G 2024, S 2020; WCh: G 2021, 2023;
EURO: S 2024, B 2022



RIGHT BACK 

Ómar Ingi Magnússon

 @omaringim

- joined Magdeburg in 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg; started his career at Selfoss, then played for Valur in Iceland
- top scorer of the EHF EURO 2022 with 59 goals and the Bundesliga 2020/21 with 274; joint-third top scorer of the EHF Champions League 2023/24, with 98 goals
- MVP of the Bundesliga in 2021/22
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18; was part of the Iceland team that won bronze at the 2015 IHF Men's Youth World Championship
- two-time Icelandic Sportsperson of the Year, in 2021 and 2022; also Icelandic Handball Player of the Year in 2021 and 2022

CL: 2023; EL: 2021



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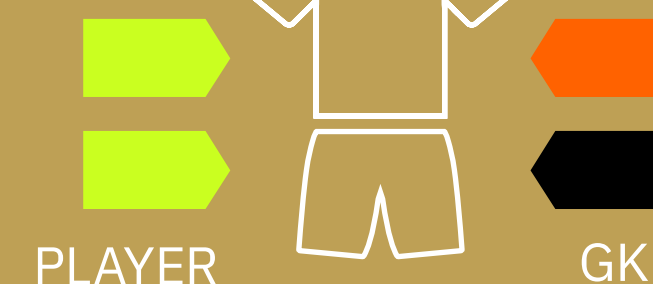


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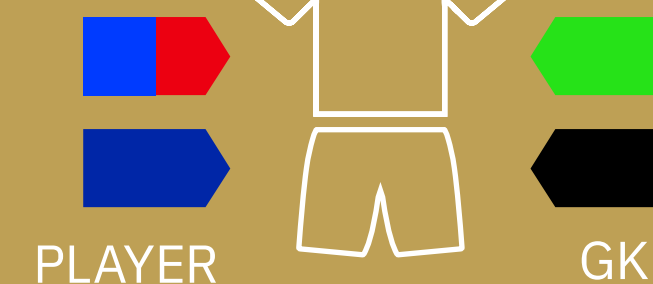
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KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



Barça returned to the throne of European men’s club handball in 2024, winning the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne in convincing manner for their record-extending 11th top-flight trophy. It was their third title in the last four seasons – a series only interrupted by Magdeburg in 2023.

And with their vastly unchanged quad, Barça will top many lists of pre-season favourites again when the group phase of the Machineseker EHF Champions League 2024/25 gets underway, despite the strong opposition from the likes of Magdeburg, Kielce, and last season’s runners-up Aalborg, who all share the same group.

GROUP B



BARÇA

MAIN FACTS

- › qualified for the 2024/25 season of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League by winning the title in the Spanish Liga Asobal
- › are the current title holders of the CL after winning the trophy last June, beating Aalborg in the final (31:30)
- › the 2023/24 title was the club's eleventh in the CL, the third in four years after 2021 and 2022
- › as a consequence, Barça are the record holders for most wins in the competition ahead of THW Kiel
- › have played in the CL every season since 2002/03; also hold the record for longest unbeaten run (25)
- › have also won the title in the Spanish Liga Asobal every season since 2011
- › only Haniel Langaro left the club this summer to head to Dinamo Bucuresti
- › coach Antonio Carlos Ortega has been in charge since 2021 and has already won the CL twice, after winning it six times as a player with Barça

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 27

Winners (11): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2023/24

Final (4): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2019/20

Semi-finals (4): 2007/08, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2018/19

Quarter-finals (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2015/16

Last 16 (2): 2003/04, 2017/18

Main Round (1): 2008/09

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2002/03, Runners-up 2001/02

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 1993/94, 1994/95

IHF European Champions Cup: 1990/91

IHF Super Globe: 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018

Spanish league: 31 titles (1969, 1973, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988-92, 1996-2000, 2003, 2006, 2011-24)

Spanish cup: 28 titles (1969, 1972-73, 1983-85, 1988, 1990, 1993-94, 1997-98, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009-10, 2014-2024)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1995/96 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	2	1	213:173		+40	12:4	Winner
1996/97 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	1	1	358:264		+94	21:3	Winner
1997/98 FC Barcelona ESP	12	9	1	2	358:284		+74	19:5	Winner
1998/99 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	3	1	357:289		+68	19:5	Winner
1999/00 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	0	2	345:271		+74	20:4	Winner
2000/01 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	2	2	316:281		+35	18:6	Runner-up
2003/04 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	1	2	262:212		+50	11:5	Last 16
2004/05 FC Barcelona Cifec ESP	14	8	0	6	400:360		+40	16:12	Winner
2005/06 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	9	0	1	293:244		+49	18:2	Quarter-final
2006/07 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	8	0	2	314:263		+51	16:4	Quarter-final
2007/08 FC Barcelona ESP	14	11	0	3	475:407		+68	22:6	Semi-final
2008/09 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	10	6	0	4	307:275		+32	12:8	3rd MR Gr. 4
2009/10 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	13	1	2	545:461		+84	27:5	Runner-up
2010/11 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	10	3	3	501:451		+50	23:9	Winner
2011/12 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	14	11	0	3	459:357		+102	22:6	Quarter-final
2012/13 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	16	13	0	3	488:404		+84	26:6	Runner-up
2013/14 FC Barcelona ESP	16	12	1	3	535:426		+109	25:7	Third Place
2014/15 FC Barcelona ESP	16	14	1	1	527:408		+119	29:3	Winner
2015/16 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	16	12	1	3	480:431		+49	25:7	Quarter-final
2016/17 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	18	13	1	4	517:460		+57	27:9	Fourth Place



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	16	10	2	4	463:433		+30	22:10	Last 16
2018/19 Barça Lassa ESP	18	15	0	3	614:506		+108	30:6	Third Place
2019/20 Barça ESP	16	14	0	2	550:445		+105	28:4	Runner-up
2020/21 Barça ESP	20	20	0	0	721:562		+159	40:0	Winner
2021/22 Barça ESP	18	13	2	3	551:487		+64	28:8	Winner
2022/23 Barça ESP	18	16	1	1	633:536		+97	33:3	Runner-up
2023/24 Barça ESP	18	15	0	3	596:510		+86	30:6	Winner
Total	386	298	23	65	12178:10200		+1978	619:153	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

25

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	17:43 (9:21) v HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH (a), 19.11.2011
Biggest defeat:	31:21 (13:10) v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER (a), 23.02.2007 41:31 (20:15) v THW Kiel GER (a), 06.04.2008
Longest winning run:	22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	25 matches (02.12.2021 – 18.05.2023)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (25.03.2000 – 22.04.2000) 2 matches (16.10.2004 – 23.10.2004) 2 matches (11.12.2004 – 05.03.2005) 2 matches (15.03.2008 – 06.04.2008) 2 matches (23.11.2008 – 14.02.2009) 2 matches (30.05.2010 – 25.09.2010) 2 matches (03.06.2017 – 04.06.2017) 2 matches (31.03.2018 – 12.09.2018) 2 matches (18.11.2021 – 24.11.2021) 2 matches (29.02.2024 – 07.03.2024)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (30.05.2010 – 03.10.2010) 3 matches (03.06.2017 – 17.09.2017) 3 matches (28.10.2021 - 24.11.2021)
Most goals:	46 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009 46 v Elverum Handball NOR 30:46W (a), 06.10.2022
Most goals opponent:	41 v THW Kiel GER 41:31L (a), 06.04.2008 41 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41L (n), 31.05.2014 41 v Veszprém HC HUN 36:41L (h), 26.10.2023
Most goals both teams:	82 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
Fewest goals:	21 v ABC Braga POR 21:21D (a), 09.11.1997 21 v SC PICK Szeged HUN 22:21L (a), 23.10.2004 21 v Portland San Antonio ESP 25:21L (a), 25.02.2006 21 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 31:21L (a), 23.02.2007 21 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 22:21L (a), 20.09.2015
Fewest goals opponent:	11 v Aalborg Handball DEN 11:31W (a), 15.03.2015
Fewest goals both teams:	38 v Elgorriaga Bidasoa ESP 23:15W (h), 20.04.1996 38 v Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD 12:26W (a), 06.11.2004

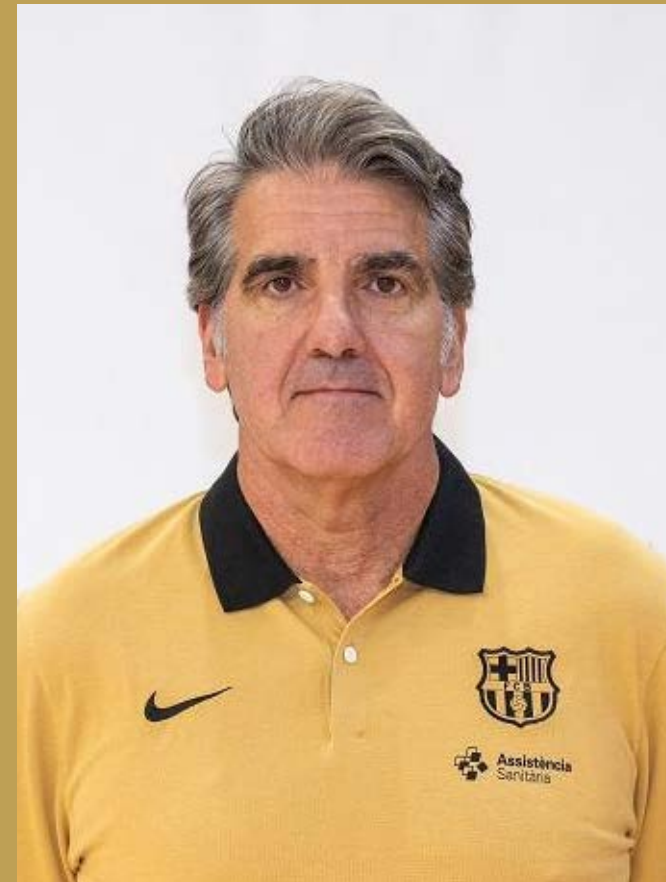


TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
13	Aitor	Ariño Bengoechea	ESP	Left Wing	05/10/1992	Penarth, WAL	184
20	Aleix	Gómez Abelló	ESP	Right Wing	07/05/1997	Sabadell, ESP	183
3	Antonio	Bazan Legasa	ESP	Line Player	19/05/1996	Pamplona, ESP	195
18	Blaz	Janc	SLO	Right Wing	20/11/1996	Brezice, SLO	186
10	Dika	Mem	FRA	Right Back	31/08/1997	Paris, FRA	194
35	Domen	Makuc	SLO	Line Player	01/07/2000	Celje, SLO	188
12	Emil	Nielsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	10/03/1997	Aarhus, DEN	195
21	Filip	Saric	BIH	Goalkeeper	08/10/2004	Madrid, ESP	195
1	Gonzalo	Perez de Vargas Moreno	ESP	Goalkeeper	10/01/1991	Toledo, ESP	188
15	Hampus	Wanne	SWE	Left Wing	10/12/1993	Goteborg, SWE	185
17	Jan	Blas Clos	ESP	Right Wing	17/11/2006	Santa Maria Palautordera, ESP	170
99	Javier	Rodríguez Moreno	ESP	Line Player	22/07/2002	Madrid, ESP	200
9	Jonathan	Carlsbogard	SWE	Left Back	19/04/1995	Goteborg, SWE	195
44	Juan	Palomino Morón	ESP	Left Back	11/10/2001	Antequera, ESP	195
82	Luis Diogo	Da Sousa Frade	POR	Line Player	11/09/1998	Rio Tinto, POR	193
40	Manuel	Ortega Ezcurdia	ESP	Left Wing	01/09/2005	Santander, ESP	175
66	Melvyn	Richardson	FRA	Right Back	31/01/1997	Marseille, FRA	190
27	Oscar	Grau Ibañez	ESP	Line Player	16/01/2004	Barcelona, ESP	180
88	Petar	Cikusa i Jelcic	ESP	Right Back	08/12/2005	Bordils, ESP	185
6	Pol	Valera Rovira	ESP	Centre Back	19/08/1998	La Garriga, ESP	179
22	Thiagus Petrus	Gonçalves dos Santos	BRA	Field Player	25/01/1989	Juiz de Fora, BRA	199
19	Timothy	N'guessan	FRA	Left Back	18/09/1992	Massy, FRA	195



COACH



Carlos Ortega



- took the helm at Barça in 2021, succeeding Xavi Pascual; played 11 years for the club before returning as coach
- after 2024, has now won two EHF Champions League trophies with Barça, plus six as a player, making him the only person ever to win eight titles in the top flight
- playing as a right back and wing, Ortega was part of Barça’s five back-to-back EHF Champions League trophy wins from 1996 to 2000
- scored more than 500 goals for the Spain national team; took two EHF EURO medals and an Olympic bronze with the side
- started coaching in 2005; worked at Veszprém, Kolding and Hannover, and had two stints coaching Japan men’s team, including at Paris 2024

CL: 1996–2000, 2005 (as player), 2022, 2024 (as coach); CWC: 1995; EC: 2003
OG: B 2000; EURO: S 1998, B 2000 (all as player)

ARRIVALS

Juan Palomino < (on loan BM Logroño La Rioja)
 Antonio Bazán

DEPARTURES

Haniel Langaro > (Dinamo Bucuresti)



GOALKEEPER 

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

 @perezdvargas

- Barcelona legend entering his last season with the club; will join THW Kiel ahead of the 2025/26 season
- aside from stints with Granollers and Toulouse from 2011 to 2014, he has always played for Barça
- after Barça's victory in 2024, has now won five EHF Champions League trophies
- All-star Team goalkeeper of the EHF Champions League 2016/17 and EHF EURO 2020
- was medallist at five consecutive EHF EUROs (2014–22) but that series ended in 2024 when Spain placed 13th

CL: 2011, 2015, 2021, 2022, 2024
 OG: B 2024, 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022, 2016, B 2014; WCh: B 2021, 2023



GOALKEEPER 

Emil Nielsen

 @emilnielsen97

- arrived at Barça in 2022 after three seasons with HBC Nantes in France; started career at Aarhus and Skjern
- first made international headlines in March 2018 when his spectacular saves helped Skjern upset Veszprém to reach the EHF Champions League quarter-finals
- Danish international since 2018, but cemented his status with a superb EHF EURO 2024 campaign; forms duo with Niklas Landin
- his 39.49 per cent was the best save rate of all goalkeepers at EHF EURO 2024, where Denmark took the silver medal
- backed up his EURO 2024 performance with a strong EHF Champions League 2023/24 and is now renowned as one of the top goalkeepers in the sport

OG: G 2024; WCh: G 2021; EURO: S 2024



LEFT WING 

Hampus Wanne

 @hampusw

- Swedish wing, who left Flensburg after nine years to join Barça in 2022
- scored the decisive penalty for Flensburg in the shootout against Barça in the legendary EHF Champions League 2013/14 semi-final
- made the EHF Champions League All-star Team in 2021/22; also All-star Team left wing at the EHF EURO 2024 and 2021 IHF World Championship
- named Swedish Handballer of the Year for 2020/21

CL: 2014, 2024
 EURO: G 2022, S 2018, B 2024; WCh: S 2021



LEFT BACK 

Timothee N'Guessan

 @timoute19

- French international who arrived at Barça in the summer of 2016 from his only previous club, Chambéry
- scored over 40 goals for Barça in each of the last three EHF Champions League seasons, with his highest tally at 72 in 2022/23
- struggled with injuries and missed the EHF EURO 2020, but got back to his best in the following seasons, winning three EHF Champions League titles with Barça, as well as Olympic and EHF EURO gold with France
- part of the French back-court axis that is a key asset for Barça, with his national teammates Dika Mem and Melvyn Richardson

CL: 2021, 2022, 2024
 OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, B 2019; EURO: G 2024, B 2018



LINE PLAYER 

Luís Frade

 @frade_98

- Portuguese international, who joined Barça from Sporting CP in 2020, the same year he played his first major championship – the EHF EURO 2020
- joined Águas Santas as a youth player then switched to Sporting in 2018
- made the All-star Team when Portugal took fourth place at the 2019 IHF Junior World Championship
- regular and important player for Portugal in both attack and defence
- scored 74 goals for Barça in the 2023/24 season

CL: 2021, 2022, 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Dika Mem

 @dikamem

- grabbed attention as a big talent from an early age, joining Barça from Tremblay in 2016 at age 19; won medals in every YAC competition he played
- Barça's team captain since 2023/24
- a superb long range shooter who has hit the 100-goal mark in two of the last three EHF Champions League seasons
- completed hat-trick of major titles with France in 2024 by winning the EHF EURO; won gold at the 2020 Olympics and the 2017 IHF World Championship
- three-time EHF Champions League All-star Team right back

CL: 2021, 2022, 2024
OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, S 2023, B 2019;
EURO: G 2024, B 2018



RIGHT BACK 

Melvyn Richardson

 @Melvyn_richardson

- French international who joined Barça in 2021 from Montpellier HB
- MVP of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024, scoring 13 goals on the final weekend
- son of Jackson Richardson, who won the EHF Champions League in 2000/01 with Portland San Antonio – 17 years before Melvyn repeated the feat with Montpellier
- now three-time EHF Champions League winner
- won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the EHF EURO 2024

CL: 2018, 2022, 2024
OG: G 2020; WCh: S 2023, B 2019; EURO: G 2024



RIGHT WING 

Aleix Gomez

 @aleixgomez11

- came through club's youth ranks, joining in 2009; previously shared the right wing position with club icon Víctor Tomás, who retired in 2020
- EHF Champions League top scorer in 2021/22 after netting 22 times at the EHF FINAL4 and raising his season tally to 104
- passed the 70-goal mark in every EHF Champions League season except one since 2018/19
- since 2023, he is the all-time top scorer at the EHF FINAL4, with 84 goals
- Spanish international who has won medals at every major national team championship and was named in the All-star Team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the EHF EURO 2022

CL: 2021, 2022, 2024
OG: B 2024, 2020; WCh: B 2021;
EURO: G 2020, S 2022



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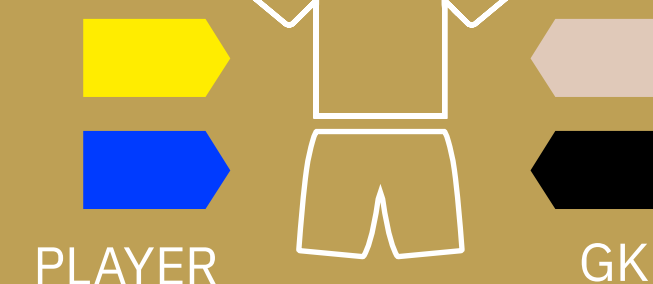
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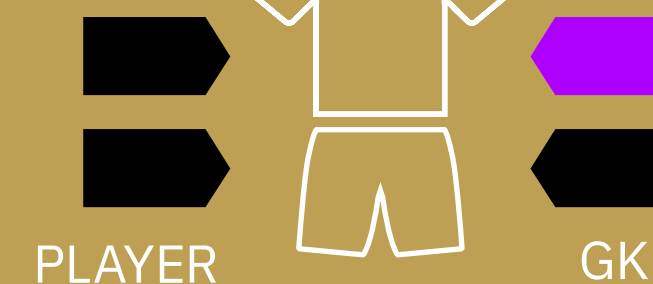
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KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



After playing two successive finals, Industria Kielce missed out another trip to Cologne last season, being edged out in a dramatic quarter-final by Magdeburg – the same team that had beaten them to the 2023 title. Both teams will lock horns again in 2024/25; this time already in the group phase.

Kielce will do so without goalkeeper Andreas Wolff and line player Nicolas Tournat, two key players from recent seasons who have left. But head coach Talant Dujshebaev can work with some interesting new signings, as he will make sure Kielce are one of the teams to be reckoned with once again.

GROUP B



INDUSTRIA KIELCE

MAIN FACTS

- › did not win any domestic trophies for the first time since 2008 last season, finishing second in the Polish league behind Wisla Plock
- › lost to the same opponent in the final of the Polish cup (20:29) for the third straight time
- › reached the quarter-finals in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League, beaten by SC Magdeburg (52:53 on aggregate)
- › the 2024/25 season will be their 22nd participation in the CL
- › their best result is a win in 2016; have reached the EHF FINAL4 six times in total, playing in the final in 2022 and 2023
- › coach Talant Dujshabaev will enter his 11th season at the club; he has won the CL four times as a coach already
- › lost many important players over the summer: Andreas Wolff (THW Kiel), Nicolas Tournat (HBC Nantes), Branko Vujovic and Haukur Thrastarson (both to Dinamo Bucuresti)
- › signed two HBC Nantes players - Jorge Maqueda and Theo Monar - as well as young Bosnian goalkeeper Bekir Cordalija

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 22

Winners (1): 2015/16

Runners-up (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Semi-finals (3): 2012/13, 2014/15, 2018/19

Quarter-finals (2): 2017/18, 2023/24

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Last 16 (7): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20* (* Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic)

Group Matches (3): 1999/2000, 2003/04, 2010/11

Last 32 (2): 1996/97, 1998/99

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 1997/98, 2005/06

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 1995/96

Polish league: 20 titles (1993-94, 1996, 1998-99, 2003, 2009-10, 2012-23)

Polish cup: 17 titles (1985, 2000, 2003-04, 2006, 2009-19, 2021)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1999/00 KS Iskra-Lider Market POL	6	3	0	3	173:186		-13	6:6	3rd Gr. B
2003/04 KS 'Vive' Kielce POL	6	2	1	3	159:177		-18	5:7	3rd Gr. G
2009/10 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	5	1	6	345:344		+1	11:13	Last 16
2010/11 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	10	1	2	7	276:300		-24	4:16	6th Gr. A
2011/12 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	6	1	5	345:336		+9	13:11	Last 16
2012/13 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	469:400		+69	28:4	Third Place
2013/14 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	7	1	4	362:331		+31	15:9	Last 16
2014/15 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	483:439		+44	28:4	Third Place
2015/16 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	20	14	4	2	614:577		+37	32:8	Winner
2016/17 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	16	9	0	7	469:451		+18	18:14	Last 16
2017/18 PGE Vive Kielce POL	18	8	3	7	555:524		+31	19:17	Quarter-final
2018/19 PGE Vive Kielce POL	20	9	1	10	631:624		+7	19:21	Fourth Place
2019/20 PGE VIVE Kielce POL	14	8	2	4	421:389		+32	18:10	Last 16*
2020/21 Lomza Vive Kielce POL	16	10	1	5	498:472		+26	21:11	Play-offs
2021/22 Lomza Vive Kielce POL	18	13	0	5	582:537		+45	26:10	Runner-up
2022/23 Barlinek Industria Kielce POL	18	13	1	4	579:537		+42	27:9	Runner-up
2023/24 Industria Kielce POL	18	9	4	5	531:508		+23	22:14	Quarter-final
Total	248	145	22	81	7492:7132		+360	312:184	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

18

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

41

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win:	41:17 (21:8) v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER (h), 24.03.2018
Biggest defeat:	30:41 (19:19) v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN (h), 15.11.2003 37:26 (19:10) v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA (a), 23.02.2021
Longest winning run:	11 matches (25.09.2014 – 15.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run:	18 matches (15.11.2015 – 15.10.2016)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (13.02.2010 – 27.03.2010) 5 matches (19.02.2011 – 09.10.2011)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (26.09.2010 – 27.11.2010)
Most goals:	41 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 41:17W (h), 24.03.2018
Most goals opponent:	42 v Barça Lassa ESP 36:42L (h), 24.11.2018
Most goals both teams:	78 v Barça Lassa ESP 36:42L (h), 24.11.2018
Fewest goals:	21 v HC Bosna BH Gas BIH 25:21L (a), 27.02.2010 21 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	17 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 41:17W (h), 24.03.2018
Fewest goals both teams:	41 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
10	Alex	Dujshebaev Dovichebaeva	ESP	Right Back	17/12/1992	SANTANDER, ESP	188
23	Arkadiusz	Moryto	POL	Right Wing	31/08/1997	KRAKOW, POL	182
50	Artsem	Karalek	BLR	Line Player	20/02/1996	GRODNO, BLR	197
16	Bekir	Cordalija	BIH	Goalkeeper	02/10/2003	SARAJEVO, BIH	200
7	Benoit	Kounkoud	FRA	Right Wing	19/02/1997	Le Chesnay, FRA	190
27	Cezary	Surgiel	POL	Left Wing	18/09/2002	Kielce, POL	190
24	Daniel	Dujshebaev Dovichebaeva	ESP	Left Back	04/07/1997	Santander, ESP	196
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30/11/1999	PARIS, FRA	198
42	Hassan	Kaddah	EGY	Left Back	01/05/2000	CAIRO, EGY	205
18	Igor	Karacic	CRO	Centre Back	02/11/1988	MOSTAR, BIH	190
15	Jorge	Maqueda Peno	ESP	Right Back	06/02/1988	TOLEDO, ESP	197
93	Lukasz	Rogulski	POL	Line Player	10/06/1993	Ketrzyn, POL	193
5	Michal	Olejniczak	POL	Left Wing	31/01/2001	GORZOW WIELKOPOLSKI, POL	195
1	Milosz	Walach	POL	Goalkeeper	23/11/2001	RZESZOW, POL	196
32	Sandro	Mestic	CRO	Goalkeeper	31/08/1996	ZAGREB, CRO	198
9	Szymon	Sicko	POL	Left Back	20/08/1997	Dabrowa Bialostocka, POL	200
97	Théo	Monar	FRA	Line Player	06/06/2001	FORT DE FRANCE, FRA	200
48	Tomasz	Gebala	POL	Left Back	23/11/1995	GDYNIA, POL	212



COACH



Talant Dujshebaev



- first person in men's handball to win the EHF Champions League as a player (once, in 1994) and as a coach (four times)
- became coach of Kielce in 2014; previously led Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid, as well as the Hungary and Poland national teams
- won many trophies during his playing career with three different national teams: Soviet Union, Russia and Spain
- named IHF World Player of the Year twice, in 1994 and 1996
- father of Alex and Daniel, who both play for Kielce as backs

CL: 1994 (player), 2006, 2008, 2009, 2016 (coach); EHF Cup: 1993; CWC: 2002, 2003 (all as player)
OG: G 1992, B 1996, 2000; WCh: G 1993; EURO: S 1996, 1998, B 2000

ARRIVALS

Jorge Maqueda	<	(HBC Nantes)
Theo Monar	<	(HBC Nantes)
Bekir Cordalija	<	(RK Vogosca)
Łukasz Rogulski	<	(CSM Bacau)

DEPARTURES

Haukur Thrastarson	>	(Dinamo Bucuresti)
Nicolas Tournat	>	(HBC Nantes)
Andreas Wolff	>	(THW Kiel)
Paweł Paczkowski	>	(Toyota Auto Body Brave Kings, Japan)
Szymon Wiaderny	>	(free agent)



LEFT WING 

Dylan Nahi

 @dylan_nahi99

- joined Kielce in 2021 from PSG and has now played three EHF Champions League finals but not won the trophy
- had his breakthrough EHF Champions League season with PSG in 2020/21, scoring 67 goals for the French club and making the All-star Team as Best Young Player
- third top scorer for Kielce in his first top-flight season with the Polish side, with 73 goals
- made his professional debut for PSG at age 15 in August 2015; became the youngest player ever at the EHF FINAL4 in 2017, at 17 years and 185 days
- a recently established player in the France national team, who made his Olympic debut at the home Games in 2024

WCh: S 2023; EURO: G 2024



LEFT BACK 

Szymon Sicko

 @szymon_sicko

- Polish international, signed by Kielce in 2017; has become increasingly valuable for both his club and national sides
- scored 70 times for Kielce in the EHF Champions League 2022/23 — his personal best for a single season
- out on loan to Hüttenberg (GER) and Zabrze (POL) before returning to Kielce in 2020
- Poland's top scorer at the EHF EURO 2024, with 19 goals, and at the home IHF World Championship co-hosted with Sweden in 2023, with 31
- a classical shooter, the successor of legendary left back Karol Bielecki



CENTRE BACK 

Igor Karacic

 @igorkaracic18

- joined Kielce in 2019, replacing fellow Croatian Luka Cindric, after winning the EHF Champions League with Vardar for the second time
- awarded MVP of EHF FINAL4 2019 and All-star Team centre back of the EHF EURO 2020
- Kielce's third top scorer in 2023/24, with 61 goals
- a speedy and tough player who excels in one-on-one situations, but prefers giving assists over scoring himself
- born in Mostar, he plays for the Croatian national team, but his brother Ivan plays for Bosnia and Herzegovina

CL: 2017, 2019
EURO: S 2020, B 2016



LINE PLAYER 

Artsem Karalek

 @karalek_artsem

- joined Kielce in 2018 and has become a leading player through the years, important in both attack and defence
- awarded MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2022, when Kielce reached the title game for the first time since 2016
- born in Grodno, he started at local side Kronon then moved to SKA Minsk in 2014; gained his first international club experience with Minsk in the EHF Cup
- joined Saint-Raphaël Var in France in 2016 and reached the EHF Cup final with them in 2017/18
- developed from the country's biggest talent into an experienced key player for Belarus; in the national team since age 17



RIGHT BACK 

Alex Dujshebaev

 @alexdujshebaev



RIGHT BACK 

Jorge Maqueda

 @maqueda15



LEFT BACK 

Daniel Dujshebaev

 @danidujshe44



RIGHT WING 

Arkadiusz Moryto

 @arekmoryto

- one of Kielce's most important attacking assets, who joined the club in 2017
- top scorer for Kielce in 2023/24, with 76 goals; last scored fewer than 60 goals in the EHF Champions League in the 2013/14 season
- recorded his career high of 99 in the EHF Champions League 2018/19, when he was also top scorer
- had a four-year stay in Vardar, winning the first EHF Champions League trophy in the club's history in 2017
- an important player for Spain; helped the team win back-to-back EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020

- joining Kielce after his second stint at HBC Nantes, where he played between 2012–2015 and from 2022 to 2024
- in between his time in France, he played for Vardar (and won the EHF Champions League in 2017), Szeged and Veszprém; started his senior career at Barça in 2005
- Spanish international; has won nine medals with the national team, including IHF World Championship and EHF EURO gold
- a world-class defender who also had numerous seasons scoring over 40 goals in European cup competitions; his career high in the top flight was 53 for Szeged in 2018/19

- Spanish international who has won medals at all major championships, including gold at the EHF EURO 2018 and 2020
- had his breakout season and scored his first goals in the top flight while on loan to Celje in 2017/18
- came back to Kielce in the 2018/19 season and has become an increasingly important player for the side
- scored 44 Champions League goals in 2023/24 — his career high
- son of head coach Talant Dujshebaev and younger brother of right back Alex

- arrived at Kielce from Lubin in 2018, after becoming top scorer of the Polish league for the first time
- stayed at the top of the charts in the Polish league for three straight seasons, from 2017/18 to 2019/20
- ended the EHF Champions League 2022/23 on 100 goals — the first time in his career he reached this milestone
- part of the Poland national team since the 2017 IHF World Championship; was the team's top scorer at the EHF EURO 2022, and the 2021 and 2023 IHF World Championships
- his role model was Ivan Cupic, who he replaced at Kielce

CL: 2017
 OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016;
 WCh: B 2021, 2023

CL: 2017
 EURO: G 2020, S 2016, 2022, B 2014; OG: B 2020;
 WCh: G 2013, B 2011, 2021, 2023

OG: B 2024; EURO: G 2018, 2020; WCh: B 2021, 2023



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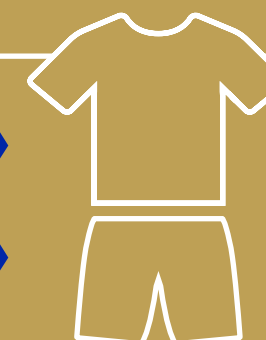


GK

DARK



PLAYER



GK

OTP Bank - PICK Szeged are making a new start in the Machineseker EHF Champions League with a vastly changed squad. Their 2023/24 journey ended with a tough loss in the all-Hungarian play-off duel with Veszprém, preventing Szeged from reaching their first quarter-final since 2019.

Led by Swedish coaching duo Michael Apelgren and Jonas Källman, six new players have arrived at Szeged as the club is trying to make the next step in their long-term development plan, which should see them finally make their debut at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 some day.

GROUP B



OTP BANK – PICK SZEGED

MAIN FACTS

- › finished second in the Hungarian league for the second time in a row behind Veszprém
- › reached the final of the Hungarian cup, beaten by Veszprém for the second straight time (30:33)
- › were also defeated by Veszprém in the Machineseker EHF Champions League play-offs (62:76 on aggregate)
- › the 2024/25 season will be their 23rd participation in the CL, their 11th in a row
- › their best results are quarter-final participations in 1997, 2004, 2015, 2017 and 2019
- › also won the EHF Cup in 2014, their most recent European trophy
- › Michael Appelgren replaced Krisztian Karpati as head coach, will be helped by former Szeged player Jonas Källman as an assistant
- › summer signings include Magnus Rød (Kolstad), Tobias Thullin (GOG), Janus Smarason (SC Magdeburg) and Lazar Kukic (Dinamo Bucuresti)
- › players who left the club this summer include Miguel Martins (Aalborg), Matej Gaber (Nantes), Dean Bombac (Győr) and Luka Stepanic

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 23

Quarter-finals (5): 1996/1997, 2003/2004, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2018/19

Play-offs (4): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

Last 16 (8): 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2010/2011, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20*

Main Round (1): 2007/2008

Group Phase (3): 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2011/2012

Qualification (1): 2013/14

* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2013/14, Quarter-finals 2000/01

Hungarian league: 5 titles (1996, 2007, 2018, 2021, 2022)

Hungarian cup: 7 titles (1977, 1982, 1983, 1993, 2006, 2008, 2019)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 PICK Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	205:216		-11	8:8	Quarter-final
2003/04 SC PICK Szeged HUN	10	4	0	6	269:262		+7	8:12	Quarter-final
2004/05 SC PICK Szeged HUN	8	4	2	2	190:187		+3	10:6	Last 16
2005/06 SC PICK Szeged HUN	8	3	0	5	219:218		+1	6:10	Last 16
2006/07 SC PICK Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	202:203		-1	8:8	Last 16
2007/08 PICK Szeged HUN	12	9	0	3	361:310		+51	18:6	3rd MR Gr. 4
2008/09 PICK Szeged HUN	6	2	0	4	159:161		-2	4:8	3rd Gr. H
2009/10 PICK Szeged HUN	10	2	2	6	287:307		-20	6:14	5th Gr. A
2010/11 PICK Szeged HUN	12	5	0	7	336:351		-15	10:14	Last 16
2011/12 PICK Szeged HUN	10	3	0	7	285:316		-31	6:14	5th Gr. D
2012/13 PICK Szeged HUN	12	4	0	8	313:350		-37	8:16	Last 16
2014/15 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	14	9	1	4	395:383		+12	19:9	Quarter-final
2015/16 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	16	8	1	7	466:455		+11	17:15	Last 16
2016/17 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	18	10	2	6	492:458		+34	22:14	Quarter-final
2017/18 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	16	7	1	8	471:467		+4	15:17	Last 16
2018/19 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	18	12	2	4	508:489		+19	26:10	Quarter-final
2019/20 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	14	9	2	3	409:370		+39	20:8	Last 16*
2020/21 MOL-PICK Szeged HUN	16	6	0	10	374:395		-21	12:20	Play-offs
2021/22 PICK Szeged HUN	16	9	3	4	469:452		+17	21:11	Play-offs
2022/23 OTP Bank - PICK Szeged HUN	16	5	1	10	482:526		-44	11:21	Play-offs
2023/24 OTP Bank - PICK Szeged HUN	16	6	1	9	463:490		-27	13:19	Play-offs
Total	264	123	22	119	7355:7366		-11	268:260	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

7	<p>MATCHES Longest winning run</p>
10	<p>MATCHES Longest unbeaten run</p>
39	<p>GOALS Most goals</p>

Biggest win:	39:24 (15:10) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (h), 07.10.2007
Biggest defeat:	40:17 (19:5) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 15.02.1997
Longest winning run:	7 matches (13.10.2019 – 30.11.2019)
Longest unbeaten run:	10 matches (28.09.2019 – 16.02.2020)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (17.10.2009 – 20.02.2010) 6 matches (06.03.2011 – 15.10.2011)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (17.10.2009 – 27.02.2010)
Most goals:	39 v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH 39:24W (h), 07.10.2007
Most goals opponent:	41 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 29:41L (h), 06.10.2022
Most goals both teams:	73 v Montpellier Agglomeration HB FRA 38:35W (h), 19.11.2011
Fewest goals:	17 v FC Barcelona ESP 40:17L (a), 15.02.1997
Fewest goals opponent:	16 v Wisla Plock SA POL 16:26W (a), 05.10.2008 16 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 23:16W (h), 31.03.2019
Fewest goals both teams:	39 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:19W (h), 08.03.2008 39 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 23:16W (h), 31.03.2019



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
94	Balázs	Szucs	HUN	Right Wing	16/06/2005	Szeged, HUN	186
35	Barnabás	Rea	HUN	Centre Back	15/11/2002	Szeged, HUN	182
27	Bence	Bánhidi	HUN	Line Player	09/02/1995	Gyor, HUN	207
93	Benjámín	Szilágyi	HUN	Right Wing	18/05/2003	Szeged, HUN	189
51	Borut	Mackovsek	SLO	Left Back	11/09/1992	Koper, SLO	203
46	Dániel	Balogh	HUN	Left Back	28/10/2005	Budapest, HUN	206
30	Gleb	Kalarash	RUS	Line Player	29/11/1990	Moscow, RUS	205
95	György	Koncz	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/10/2005	Szeged, HUN	199
41	Imanol	Garciandia Alustiza	ESP	Right Back	30/04/1995	Urretxu, ESP	203
3	Janus Dadi	Smarason	ISL	Centre Back	01/01/1995	Reykjavik, ISL	184
31	Jérémy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15/05/1992	Courbevoie, FRA	197
71	Kornél	Lukács	HUN	Centre Back	27/10/2005	Kecskemét, HUN	191
34	Lazar	Kukic	SRB	Centre Back	12/12/1995	BELGRAD, SRB	188
77	Magnus Abelvik	Rød	NOR	Right Back	07/07/1997	Oslo, NOR	204
18	Marin	Jelinic	CRO	Left Wing	07/12/1996	Metkovic, CRO	194
24	Mario	Sostaric	CRO	Right Wing	25/11/1992	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	193
19	Martin	Nagy	HUN	Goalkeeper	09/01/1999	Szeged, HUN	204
23	Márton	Furka	HUN	Line Player	22/01/2006	Budapest, HUN	197
21	Máté	Kucsera	HUN	Right Wing	21/07/2006	Szeged, HUN	190
26	Péter	Vincze	HUN	Left Back	16/08/2006	Eger, HUN	193
9	Richárd	Bodó	HUN	Left Back	13/03/1993	Mateszalka, HUN	203
16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	20/09/1984	Dunaujvaros, HUN	192
25	Sebastian	Frimmel	AUT	Left Wing	18/12/1995	Perchtoldsdorf, AUT	190
12	Tobias Alexander Gustav	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05/07/1995	Tynnered, SWE	198
20	William	Bogojevic	SWE	Left Back	07/07/1997	Savedalen, SWE	194
4	Zsombor	Szepesi	HUN	Left Wing	29/05/2004	Miskolc, HUN	192



COACH



**Michael
Apelgren**



- Swedish coach joining Szeged for his first coaching venture outside Scandinavia; arriving from Sävehof, where he spent four seasons
- a former player, who had stints in Sweden, Spain and Norway during his time on court; also won a gold medal at the IHF Men's Junior World Championship as a player
- finished his playing career at Elverum, where he would have his first coaching job, leading the side from 2014 to 2020
- coached Elverum through five EHF Champions League campaigns, during which they became Norwegian champions six times
- started as an assistant coach for the Swedish men national team in 2022, working alongside Glenn Solberg

ARRIVALS

Tobias Thulin	<	(GOG Gudme)
Jérémy Toto	<	(HBC Nantes)
Lazar Kukic	<	(Dinamo Bucuresti)
William Bogojevic	<	(Silkeborg)
Magnus Rød	<	(Kolstad Handball)

DEPARTURES

Zoltán Szita	>	(Plock)
Dean Bombac	>	(Győr)
Miguel Martins	>	(Aalborg Håndbold)
Matej Gaber	>	(HBC Nantes)
Carlos Molina	>	
Luka Stepancic	>	
Emil Imsgrad	>	(HØJ Elite Men)



GOALKEEPER 

Roland Mikler

 @miklerroland

- Hungarian stalwart into his 23rd season in European cup competitions
- All-star Team goalkeeper of the EHF Champions League 2014/15; named Hungarian Goalkeeper of the Year seven times and 2014 Hungarian Handballer of the Year
- returned to Szeged in 2019 following a five-year interim at domestic rivals Veszprém; had played four seasons with Szeged before that
- won the EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014; played an EHF Cup final as a teenager, with Dunaferri in 2003
- was a regular for Hungary before retiring from the national team after Paris 2024; All-star goalkeeper at the 2005 IHF Junior World Championship, where Hungary won bronze

EHF Cup: 2014



GOALKEEPER 

Tobias Thulin

 @tobiasthulin

- a newcomer in the Szeged line-up, joining from GOG after two seasons with the Danish side
- earned his first international club experience with SC Magdeburg, playing the EHF Cup 2019/20 and winning the first edition of the EHF European League in 2020/21
- part of the Sweden national team; contributed to the recent EHF EURO medal wins, taking bronze in 2024 and the trophy in 2022
- started his professional career at Redbergslids IK in Sweden and also had a stint at Stuttgart between Magdeburg and GOG

EL: 2021
EURO: G 2022, B 2024



LEFT WING 

Sebastian Frimmel

 @seppo_

- Austrian international, who arrived at Szeged in 2021 after three seasons with Kadetten in Switzerland
- an efficient scorer who tallies 138 goals after three seasons in the top flight competition with Szeged
- contributed 19 goals to Austria's memorable EHF EURO 2024 campaign, which saw them equal their best ranking ever in the competition, eighth
- made national team debut in 2014 and was awarded 'best young player' of the Austrian league in 2014/15
- relatively tall for a wing, at 190 cm



LEFT BACK 

Richárd Bodó

 @bodoricsi9

- one of Szeged's most experienced players, having joined the club in 2016, from Tatabánya
- known for his powerful shots, he scored 286 EHF Champions League goals for Szeged prior to the start of the 2024/25 season
- first played in a European cup competition in 2010/11 — the EHF Cup with Dunaferri
- made his national team debut in 2014 and has been a regular fixture; part of the side that qualified for the 2024 Olympic Games after a 12-year wait, making Paris 2024 his Olympic debut
- named 2018 Hungarian Handballer of the Year



LEFT BACK



Borut Mackovsek

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- came to PICK Szeged in the summer of 2020 from Hungarian rivals Veszprém
- has played club handball in seven different countries; previous clubs were Celje, Montpellier, Maribor, Al Sadd, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Dinamo Minsk and TSV Eisenach
- Slovenian national team stalwart who made his major tournament debut at the EHF EURO 2012
- scored the winning goal for Slovenia to clinch IHF World Championship bronze in 2017 — their second major championship medal ever — sealing a big comeback for a one-goal win with seconds to go
- started playing handball after he went to his brother's training session and later joined the team

WCh: B 2017



LINE PLAYER



Bence Bánhidi

@banhidibence27

- a key player for Szeged and the Hungary national team, recognised as one of the best in his position in the game
- All-star Team line player in the EHF Champions League 2019/20 and EHF EURO 2020; named Hungarian Handballer of the Year three straight times from 2019 to 2021
- prior to the 2024/25 season, scored 406 EHF Champions League goals for Szeged; joined the club in 2016/17
- had national team debut for Hungary in 2014
- picked up the game at age 14, starting as a back-court player at his local club Győr; began his professional career with Hungarian club Balatonfüredi KSE



RIGHT BACK

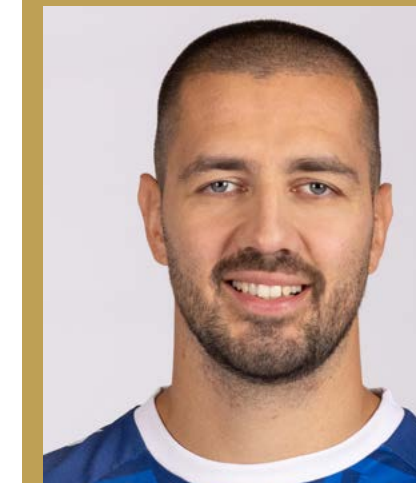


Imanol Garciandia

@garzi14

- Spanish international who arrived at Szeged in 2021 after one season with PAUC in France — his first club outside Spain
- Szeged's top scorer in the EHF Champions League 2022/23, with 53 goals
- started his professional career at Ciudad de Logroño, where he gained his first international club experience, starting in the EHF Champions League 2015/16
- named best right back of the Spanish league in 2017/18
- made debut for Spanish national team in 2018; was part of the team that won bronze at the 2023 IHF World Championship and 2024 Olympic Games

OG: B 2024; WCh: B 2023



RIGHT WING



Mario Sostaric

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- joined Szeged from Slovenian side Velenje in 2016 on personal request from then coach Juan Carlos Pastor
- Szeged's clear top scorer in the EHF Champions League 2023/24, with 88 goals, ranking him among the top scorers in the competition overall
- has dual citizenship and played for the Slovenia national team until EHF EURO 2020; made debut for Croatia at the 2023 IHF World Championship
- was part of the 2011 IHF Youth World Championship and M20 EHF EURO 2012 All-star Teams



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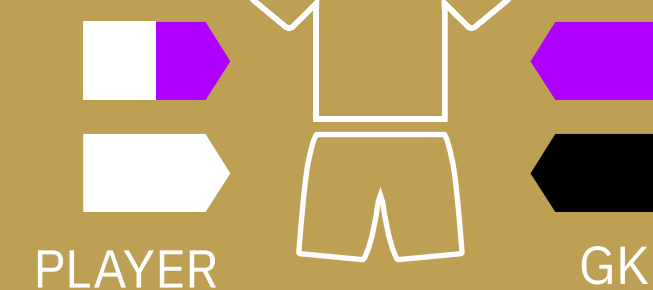


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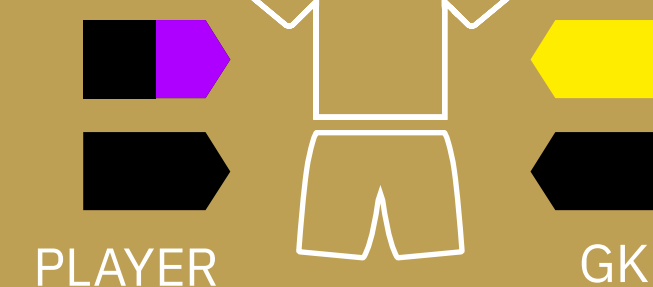
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Returning to the top flight after one season in the EHF European League, where they reached the quarter-finals, HBC Nantes are proud to be back in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League. They finished last season's French league just one point behind champions PSG and are now eager to show their strength in Europe again.

The 2018 runners-up have been strengthened by the arrival of the experienced Matej Gaber and Nicolas Tournat, who should make up for the off-season departure of several players. Nantes are in a tough group but have proven in the past they are up for the challenge.

GROUP B

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HBC NANTES

MAIN FACTS

- › qualified for the Machineseeker EHF Champions League after finishing second in the French league last season, one point behind Paris Saint-Germain
- › also won the French cup last season by beating PSG in the final (31:23)
- › did not play in the CL last season, but reached the quarter-finals of the EHF European League
- › this season will be their sixth in the CL, their first appearance dates back to 2016/17
- › their best performance in the competition was when they reached the EHF FINAL4 final in 2018; also reached the EHF FINAL4 in 2021
- › major summer transfers include the return of line player Nicolas Tournat, who left the club in 2020 to play for Kielce
- › other summer signings are Ayoub Abdi (Toulouse), Matej Gaber (Szeged), Shuichi Yoshida (Dunkerque) and Noam Leopold (Winterthur)
- › six players left the club this summer: Alexandre Cavalcanti (Melsungen), Baptiste Damatrin, William Höghielm, Jérémy Toto (Szeged), Jorge Maqueda and Theo Monar (both Kielce)

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 6

Runners-up (1): 2017/18

Semi-finals (1): 2020/21

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Play-offs (1): 2022/23

Last 16 (1): 2016/17

Other

EHF European League

Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

EHF Cup

Runners-up (2): 2012/13, 2015/16

Quarter-finals (1): 2013/14

French league: –

French cup: 2 titles (2017, 2023)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2016/17 HBC Nantes FRA	14	10	2	2	433:387		+46	22:6	Last 16
2017/18 HBC Nantes FRA	20	12	4	4	581:548		+33	28:12	Runner-up
2018/19 HBC Nantes FRA	18	6	4	8	534:530		+4	16:20	Quarter-final
2020/21 HBC Nantes FRA	20	7	2	11	562:556		+6	16:24	Fourth Place
2022/23 HBC Nantes FRA	16	7	2	7	539:513		+26	16:16	Play-offs
Total	88	42	14	32	2649:2534		+115	98:78	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

7	MATCHES Longest winning run
7	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
42	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win:	33:19 (16:9) v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR (h), 01.10.2016
Biggest defeat:	35:27 (15:13) v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA (a), 01.04.2017 27:35 (15:18) v Barça ESP (h), 01.10.2020 32:24 (16:9) v Aalborg Håndbold (a), 14.10.2020
Longest winning run:	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018) 7 matches (25.02.2018 – 26.05.2018)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (20.05.2021 – 14.09.2022)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (18.11.2018 – 07.02.2019)
Most goals:	42 v Elverum Handball NOR 36:42W (a), 15.02.2023
Most goals opponent:	40 v Lomza Industria Kielce POL 40:33L (a), 14.09.2022
Most goals both teams:	78 v Elverum Handball NOR 36:42W (a), 15.02.2023
Fewest goals:	22 v HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO 23:22L (a), 17.02.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	19 v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR 33:19W (h), 01.10.2016
Fewest goals both teams:	43 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:20W (h), 03.11.2018



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
22	Alban	Simonnet	FRA	Centre Back	04/01/2004	Orléans, FRA	191
28	André	Wenkegeu Tchambou Mouko	FRA	Line Player	10/05/2004	Paris, FRA	197
4	Aymeric	Minne	FRA	Centre Back	20/04/1997	Melun, FRA	186
8	Ayoub	Abdi	ALG	Right Back	16/02/1997	Chlef, ALG	197
6	Baptiste	Bonnefond	FRA	Left Back	22/01/1993	Lyon, FRA	193
23	Edgar	Gohier	FRA	Right Wing	29/06/2005	Tours, FRA	183
27	Eloi	Gnanhouan	FRA	Left Back	25/03/2003	Montbéliard, FRA	194
30	Ignacio	Biosca García	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/07/1995	Barcelona, ESP	200
1	Ivan	Pesic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/03/1989	Rijeka, CRO	194
25	Jules	Berriau	FRA	Right Back	21/04/2005	Saint Herblain, FRA	188
13	Julien	Bos	FRA	Right Back	18/08/1998	Pessac, FRA	188
19	Kauldi	Odriozola Yeregui	ESP	Right Wing	07/01/1997	Zumaia, ESP	183
16	Leo	Grenapin	FRA	Goalkeeper	10/03/2005		
17	Noam	Leopold	SUI	Left Wing	17/07/2002	Thun, SUI	186
14	Lucas	De la Breteche	FRA	Centre Back	19/11/2001	Saint-Nazaire, FRA	193
2	Marko	Milosavljevic	SRB	Left Back	13/09/1998	Belgrade, SRB	201
15	Matej	Gaber	SLO	Line Player	22/07/1991	Kranj, SLO	198
21	Mathys	Lobgeois	FRA	Line Player	11/03/2005	Compiègne, FRA	195
11	Nicolas	Tournat	FRA	Line Player	05/04/1994	Niort, FRA	200
26	Pierre-Alexis	Favril	FRA	Left Wing	15/10/2004	Dreux, FRA	187
10	Rok	Ovnicsek	SLO	Centre Back	29/01/1995	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	185
20	Salomon	Nassequela	COD	Right Back	15/01/2004	Kinshasa, COD	183
5	Shuichi	Yoshida	JPN	Line Player	26/03/2001	Wakayama, JPN	193
12	Sirius	Rambaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	18/01/2006	Nogent sur Marne, FRA	196
9	Théo	Avelange Demouge	FRA	Right Wing	11/03/1996	Besançon, FRA	183
3	Thibaud	Briet	FRA	Left Back	14/12/1999	Rouen, FRA	205
7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22/02/1985	Barcelone, ESP	185
24	Yoni	Peyrabout	FRA	Left Wing	07/06/2006	Martigues, FRA	194



COACH



**Grégory
Cojean**



- joined Nantes as a coach in 2005, when he was only 27; took over as head coach of the A team in 2022
- after coaching the B team, he sat on the bench of the A team for the first time in 2009
- was assistant coach under Thierry Anti and Alberto Entrerrios
- won the French Cup in his first season in charge and defended it in 2023/24; also led the team to be French league runners-up in 2023/24
- has helped several young players emerge from the club's youth division, including Dragan Pechmalbec, Thibaud Briet and Théo Monar

ARRIVALS

Nicolas Tournat	<	(Industria Kielce)
Ayoub Abdi	<	(Fenix Toulouse Handball)
Noam Leopold	<	(Pfadi Winterthur)
Matej Gaber	<	(OTP Bank - PICK Szeged)
Shuichi Yoshida	<	(Dunkerque)

DEPARTURES

Jorge Maqueda	>	(Industria Kielce)
Théo Monar	>	(Industria Kielce)
Alexandre Cavalcanti	>	(MT Melsungen)
Baptiste Damatrin	>	(Tatabánya KC)
William Hoghielm	>	(Sporting CP)
Viktor Hallrgimsson	>	(Orlen Wisla Plock)
Jérémy Toto	>	(OTP Bank - PICK Szeged)



GOALKEEPER 

Ivan Pesic

 @ivanpesicsenj

- joined TVB Stuttgart from Meshkov Brest in November 2021 before moving to Nantes in 2022
- previously played for Maribor, RK Zagreb in his native Croatia, and Veszprém after starting his professional career at Rijeka
- debuted for Croatia in 2008 and was selected for several major championships, but has not been a steadfast member of the senior squad
- won gold at the M18 EHF EURO in 2006 and silver at the 2007 Men's Youth World Championship
- had a kidney removed after being stabbed in a 2009 nightclub incident, in which his Veszprém teammate Marian Cozma was killed



LEFT WING 

Valero Rivera

 @valerorivera

- an experienced left wing who was world and European champion with Spain
- returned to Nantes from Barça in 2018 after an earlier spell with Nantes from 2010 to 2016
- All-star left wing of the EHF Champions League 2020/21 and 2015 IHF World Championship
- top scorer of the EHF Champions League 2020/21 with 95 goals and EHF EURO 2016 with 48 goals; has recorded a tally above 55 goals in all but one European cup season since 2014/15
- son of Valero Rivera Sr., former Barça and Spain coach; married to former handball player Marion Anti, daughter of previous Nantes coach Thierry Anti

CL: 2005; EHF Cup: 2003
 EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013



CENTRE BACK 

Rok Ovnicek

 @rok.ovnicek

- arrived at Nantes in 2019/20 from RK Celje, where he played for one season
- his only other professional club before Celje was RK Gorenje Velenje
- his first EHF Champions League season was with Velenje, where he played alongside new Nantes line player and Slovenian compatriot Matej Gaber
- one of Slovenia's many great centre backs, he has played some major championships but is not a core part of the national team
- was part of the Slovenia team that reached the EHF EURO 2020 semi-finals, placing fourth



CENTRE BACK 

Aymeric Minne

 @aymericminne

- joined Nantes in the summer of 2019 after four seasons with Aix, his only other professional club
- initially an offensive player, but has made huge progress as a defender as well
- has become an important scorer for Nantes, with 62 goals in the EHF European League 2023/24 and at least 49 goals in each of the previous three European cup seasons
- made his national team debut for France in 2021; played the EHF EURO 2022, where he was the team's third top scorer, with 35 goals



LINE PLAYER 

Nicolas Tournat

 @nicolas_tournat

- returning to Nantes, where he started his professional career and came through the youth ranks, after a stint at Kielce from 2020 to 2024
- awarded best line player in the French league for three years straight from 2018 to 2020
- scored over 40 goals in every EHF Champions League season he played with Kielce; his career high in the top flight was 76 for Nantes in 2017/18
- has played five European cup finals — two in the EHF Cup and three in the EHF Champions League — but never won an international club title
- has been Olympic and European champion with France

OG: G 2020; EURO: G 2024, B 2018; WCh: S 2023



LINE PLAYER 

Matej Gaber

 @matejgaber22

- returns to France after eight years with Szeged in Hungary
- played for Montpellier from 2013 to 2016, his first club outside his native Slovenia
- not typically a high scorer and used more in defence, his career high goal tally in the EHF Champions League is 29, scored in 2023/24 and 2013/14
- a former Slovenia national team member, who was part of the bronze medal-winning side at the 2017 IHF World Championship and first Olympic semi-final in 2024
- his first European cup experience was in the EHF Cup with RD Merkur in 2008/09

WCh: B 2017



RIGHT BACK 

Ayoub Abdi

 @ayoub_abdi87

- Algerian international who joined HBC Nantes in 2024
- previously played two seasons of the EHF European League with Fenix Toulouse, scoring over 30 goals in both
- 15th in the top scorer chart at the 2021 IHF World Championship, with 16 goals
- has won two African Championship medals with Algeria

Af.Ch: S 2024, B 2020



RIGHT BACK 

Julien Bos

 @julienbos13

- formed at Montpellier, he transferred to Nantes in 2023
- joined Montpellier first in the club's academy section; signed his first professional contract in 2018
- had a breakout season in 2021/22, scoring 65 EHF Champions League goals for Montpellier; backed that up with the same tally in the EHF European League 2022/23
- has played a few games for the France senior team
- part of a golden French generation that won medals at every youth age category event they played — three gold and one silver

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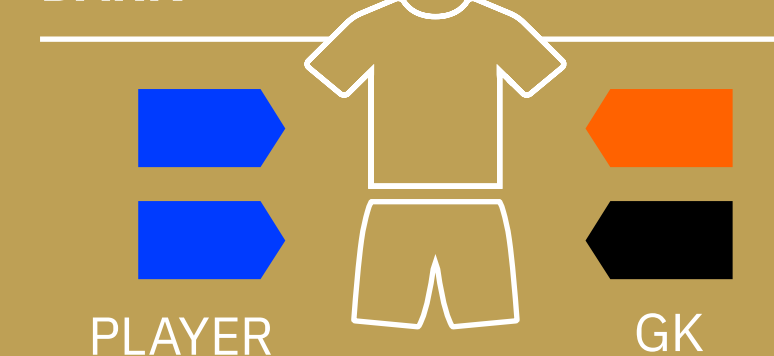
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KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



After some years of building towards a new team, HC Zagreb truly showed progression last season when they made it out of the group phase and into the play-offs. Continuing their path of consistent growth towards new strengths, the former EHF Champions League finalists start optimistic into their 2024/25 campaign.

With retired club icon Ivan Cupic now as assistant coach on the bench, Zagreb aim for a spot in the knockout stage again, though the Croatian champions are well aware of the challenges ahead with opponents like Barça, Magdeburg, or Kielce.

GROUP B



HC ZAGREB

MAIN FACTS

- › finished first in the Croatian league last season, for the fourth time in a row, after winning it continuously from 1992 to 2019
- › are on the same winning run in the Croatian cup, which they also won last season
- › reached the Machineseker EHF Champions League play-offs last season before being beaten by Montpellier (57:51 on aggregate)
- › still managed to snatch prestigious wins over the season against Szeged and Paris Saint-Germain at home
- › the 2024/25 season will be Zagreb's 31st in a row in the CL, a record among all participants
- › their best results are four lost finals in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999, have not reached the quarter-finals since 2016
- › lost seven players in the summer, including legend Ivan Cupic and right-back Yoel Cuni Moraes
- › summer signings include centre-backs Ihar Belyavski and Ivano Pavlovic, as well as Mihajlo Radojkovic

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 31

Final (4): 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99

Semi-finals (1): 1999/00

Quarter-finals (7): 2000/01, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2015/16

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2023/24

Last 16 (5): 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19

Main Round (1): 2007/08

Group Phase (10): 1993/94, 1995/96, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2004/05, Semi-finals 2006/07

Croatian league: 32 titles (1992-2019, 2021-24)

Croatian cup: 30 titles (1992-2000, 2003-2019, 2021-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Badel 1862 Zagreb	6	0	2	4	135:147		-12	2:10	4th Gr. A
1994/95 Badel Zagreb	8	5	1	2	203:203		0	11:5	Runner-up
1995/96 Croatia Banka Zagreb	6	2	1	3	138:144		-6	5:7	3rd Gr. B
1996/97 Badel 1862 Zagreb	12	6	3	3	310:294		+16	15:9	Runner-up
1997/98 Badel 1862 Zagreb	12	7	0	5	300:287		+13	14:10	Runner-up
1998/99 Badel 1862 Zagreb	12	8	1	3	288:269		+19	17:7	Runner-up
1999/00 Badel 1862 Zagreb	10	7	1	2	260:230		+30	15:5	Semi-final
2000/01 Badel 1862 Zagreb	8	4	1	3	195:192		+3	9:7	Quarter-final
2002/03 RK Zagreb	8	3	2	3	209:216		-7	8:8	Quarter-final
2003/04 RK Zagreb	10	4	0	6	273:258		+15	8:12	Quarter-final
2004/05 RK Zagreb	6	3	0	3	165:170		-5	6:6	3rd Gr. B
2005/06 RK Zagreb	8	5	1	2	212:194		+18	11:5	Last 16
2006/07 RK Zagreb	6	3	0	3	153:148		+5	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2007/08 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	12	5	1	6	339:344		-5	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 3
2008/09 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	12	7	3	2	357:313		+44	17:7	Quarter-final
2009/10 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	12	6	0	6	351:335		+16	12:12	Last 16
2010/11 HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB	12	6	3	3	358:319		+39	15:9	Last 16
2011/12 Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	14	9	1	4	391:359		+32	19:9	Quarter-final
2012/13 HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	10	2	1	7	266:284		-18	5:15	5th Gr. D
2013/14 HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	10	4	0	6	267:282		-15	8:12	5th Gr. A



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	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2014/15 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	14	7	0	7	328:356		-28	14:14	Quarter-final
2015/16 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	18	6	2	10	464:480		-16	14:22	Quarter-final
2016/17 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	16	4	1	11	373:408		-35	9:23	Last 16
2017/18 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	14	2	2	10	349:396		-47	6:22	8th Gr. A
2018/19 HC PPD Zagreb	16	4	3	9	407:447		-40	11:21	Last 16
2019/20 HC PPD Zagreb	14	2	1	11	343:419		-76	5:23	7th Gr. A
2020/21 HC PPD Zagreb	16	0	0	16	369:482		-113	0:32	Play-offs
2021/22 HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	351:385		-34	8:20	7th Gr. A
2022/23 HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	390:420		-30	8:20	7th Gr. A
2023/24 HC Zagreb	16	6	3	7	424:430		-6	15:17	Play-offs
Total	346	133	38	175	8968:9211		-243	304:388	



**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS**

6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

6 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

38 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win: 37:13 (23:5) v Pelister Bitola MKD (h), 16.10.2005

Biggest defeat: 43:21 (23:10) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.04.2015

Longest winning run: 6 matches (12.12.1998 – 27.02.1999)

Longest unbeaten run: 6 matches (09.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
6 matches (12.12.1998 – 27.02.1999)
6 matches (30.10.1999 – 05.12.1999)
6 matches (04.10.2008 – 22.11.2008)

Longest losing run: 17 matches (01.03.2020 – 22.09.2021)

Longest run without win: 22 matches (01.03.2020 – 17.11.2021)

Most goals: 38 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 38:30W (h), 23.02.2013

Most goals opponent: 45 v Barça ESP 45:27L (a), 14.10.2020

Most goals both teams: 72 v Barça ESP 45:27L (a), 14.10.2020

Fewest goals: 15 v Portland San Antonio ESP 31:15L (a), 22.10.2005

Fewest goals opponent: 13 v THW Kiel GER 22:13W (h), 25.03.2000
13 v Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13W (h), 16.10.2005

Fewest goals both teams: 36 v ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 18:18D (a), 20.11.1999
36 v HC Metalurg MKD 19:17W (h), 11.10.2014



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
8	Adin	Faljic	BIH	Line Player	24/09/2000	Zenica, BIH	197
47	Aleks	Kavcic	SLO	Left Back	15/05/1996	Škofja Loka, SLO	186
12	Ante	Grbavac	BIH	Goalkeeper	25/04/1998	LJUBUSKI, CRO	197
13	Davor	Cavar	CRO	Left Wing	07/12/1995	Zagreb, CRO	187
71	Filip	Glavaš	CRO	Right Wing	06/05/1997	Rijeka, CRO	183
44	Ihar	Bialiauski	BLR	Centre Back	12/01/2002	Shchuchin, BLR	192
23	Ivano	Pavlovic	CRO	Centre Back	19/03/2003	Makarska, CRO	190
24	Jakov	Celegin	CRO	Left Wing	12/07/2005	Zagreb, CRO	182
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Left Back	18/04/1986	Split, CRO	204
9	Luka Lovre	Klarica	CRO	Right Back	25/09/2001	Zadar, CRO	198
14	Maksimilijan	Molc	CRO	Right Wing	03/02/2004	Zagreb, CRO	190
25	Matej	Mandic	CRO	Goalkeeper	02/05/2002	Ljubuški, BIH	204
99	Mihajlo	Radojkovic	SRB	Right Back	05/12/1994	Smederevo, SRB	190
5	Miloš	Kos	SRB	Left Back	01/08/2002	prijedor, BIH	192
34	Niko	Frankovic	CRO	Left Back	17/11/2004	Rijeka, CRO	200
17	Paolo	Kraljevic	CRO	Right Wing	31/03/2001	Ljubuški, BIH	180
7	Patryk	Walczak	POL	Line Player	29/07/1992	Szczecin, POL	199
19	Petar	Šprem	CRO	Right Wing	20/11/2006	Zagreb, CRO	182
77	Roko	Trivkovic	CRO	Line Player	28/01/1998	Split, CRO	196
31	Timur	Dibirov	RUS	Left Wing	30/07/1983	Petrozavodsk, RUS	180
76	Toni	Matoševic	CRO	Goalkeeper	28/07/2004	Rijeka, CRO	202
11	Zvonimir	Srna	CRO	Left Back	18/01/1998	Dubrovnik, CRO	202



COACH



**Andrija
Nikolic**



- took the helm at Zagreb during the 2023/24 season after serving as assistant to Slavko Goluzic and subsequently Nenad Sostaric
- in 2023/24, led the team to qualify for the EHF Champions League knockout round for the first time since 2018/19
- was also previously assistant coach for several well-known coaches, such as Veselin Vujovic, Zlatko Saracevic and Kasim Kamenica
- has received high praise from Vujovic and Croatian legend Lino Cervar for his work with Zagreb
- led the Croatia U21 side at the 2023 IHF Men's Junior World Championship, where the team placed eighth

ARRIVALS

- Mihajlo Radojković < (Besiktas)
- Ihar Bialiauski < (SKA Minsk)
- Toni Matošević < (Jerulazem Ormož)
- Roko Triković < (Trogir)

DEPARTURES

- Aljaž Panjtar > (Slovan)
- Matic Suholežnik > (Saran Loiret Handball)
- Karpo Sirotić > (HSG Bärnbach)
- Yoel Cuni Morales > (Hapoel Rishon LeZion)
- Ivan Čupić > (retired)
- Zlatko Horvat > (Dabas KC Handball Club)
- Edin Klis > (Buzau)



GOALKEEPER 

Matej Mandić

@mandicmatej

- rising Croatian talent who made his national team championship debut at the EHF EURO 2024 and played his first Olympic Games at Paris 2024
- into his fourth EHF Champions League season overall and with Zagreb, but had to miss most of the 2022/23 season due to injury and health problems
- played the 2023 IHF Men's Junior (U21) World Championship, where he was also coached by Andrija Nikolic and recorded an average save rate of 35 per cent
- became Zagreb's number one keeper between the posts in 2023/24



LEFT WING 

Timur Dibirow

@timurdibirov31

- Russian wing who turned 41 in the summer of 2024 but is still going strong
- named best left wing at the inaugural EHF Excellence Awards in June 2023
- joined Zagreb, only the third club in his career, in 2022; previously played for Vardar and won the EHF Champions League twice, more than a decade after lifting the Cup Winners' Cup with Chekhov in 2006
- was by far the club's top scorer in the EHF Champions League 2022/23, with 78 goals, and joint-second top scorer for the side in 2023/24
- has a wide shooting repertoire but is also key in defence

EC trophies: CL: 2017, 2019; CWC 2006



LEFT BACK 

Miloš Kos

- joined in 2023 and had an important role in his first season, despite being only 21, he became Zagreb's joint-second top scorer of 2023/24 with 54 goals
- All-star Team left back at the 2023 IHF Men's Junior (U21) World Championship and second top scorer with 50 goals, leading Serbia to the semi-finals
- made his national team tournament debut at the EHF EURO 2024 but had a minor part, playing 28 minutes and scoring one goal
- gained his first international club experience with Bosnian side HC Izvidac, starting in the EHF European Cup 2021/22



LEFT BACK 

Jakov Gojun

@jakovgojun_10

- joined Zagreb in the summer of 2021 after six seasons with Füchse Berlin, during which he won his only European cup title
- had an earlier stint at Zagreb, in 2009-2012, when he gained his first EHF Champions League experience
- also played abroad for PSG and Atletico de Madrid, as well as for several Croatian clubs
- a core player of Croatia national team until his retirement after the home EHF EURO in 2018; won numerous medals with the side
- named best defender of EHF EURO 2010, when Croatia won bronze; mostly plays as a specialist defender and not in attack

EHF Cup: 2018
 EURO: S 2010, B 2012, 2016; OG: B 2012;
 WCh: S 2009, B 2013



LEFT BACK 

Zvonimir Srna

 @zvone_srna

- joined Zagreb from Dubrovnik in 2019, gaining his first European cup experience with the side and becoming more important each season since
- Croatia national team player; had his international tournament debut at the EHF EURO 2022 and played the 2023 IHF World Championship, but did not have a big role until 2024
- at the EHF EURO 2024 he was among the players with the most minutes played for Croatia and scored the fourth highest number of goals for the side, 20
- played his first Olympic Games at Paris 2024
- his uncle Darijo Srna was once team captain of the Croatia national football team



LINE PLAYER 

Patryk Walczak

 @patrykwalczak_7

- one of Zagreb's few players not from a direct neighbouring country, hailing from Poland
- has played for clubs in six countries, including Portugal, North Macedonia, Germany, France and his native Poland
- played European cup competitions with Kielce, Vardar and Sporting CP, but never won an international title
- joined Zagreb in 2023/24, coming from Sporting CP, where he spent one season; scored 20 EHF Champions League goals for the Croatian side that year
- has been part of the Poland squad but is not a core player in the team



RIGHT BACK 

Luka Klarica

 @luka_klarica

- talented young right back who joined Zagreb in 2018 from his youth club in his native Zadar
- played his first EHF Champions League season in 2020/21, starting right before he turned 19, scoring 21 goals
- has become increasingly important for Zagreb and was the team's top scorer in the 2023/24 season, with 55 goals
- played his first major national team event at the EHF EURO 2024, where he was Croatia's top scorer, with 28 goals; had to step up to a more important role after Ivan Martinovic was injured in the second game
- used to play football as a child; started handball as a right wing



RIGHT WING 

Filip Glavaš

 @filipglavas

- has had a key role for Zagreb and is likely to become even more important for the side following the retirements of Ivan Cupic and Zlatko Horvat
- has also become a more integral cog for Croatia; scored 18 goals at the EHF EURO 2024 and 14 at the 2023 IHF World Championship
- the EHF EURO 2022 was his first major championship with Croatia
- returned to his native Croatia in 2023/24 to join Zagreb after two seasons abroad, at RK Trimo Trebnje in Slovenia
- gained his first European cup experience in the EHF Cup, first at HC Zamet (2016/17) then Varazdin (2018/19)



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LIGHT



DARK



It will be 'lesson learned' for Kolstad Håndball. The ambitious Norwegian side made their Machineseecker EHF Champions League debut last season, but after an up-and-down campaign, finished seventh in their group and missed out on the knockout stage.

So, getting out of the group will be the main target for 2024/25, their second top-flight campaign. Kolstad saw Magnus Rød leave in the off-season, but the squad around playmaker Sander Sagosen boasts enough quality to finish in the top six of group B, providing they manage to bring in more consistency in their away-match performances compared to last year.

GROUP B



KOLSTAD HÅNDBALL

MAIN FACTS

- › won all possible domestic trophies last season: the Norwegian league, Norwegian cup as well as the Norwegian league play-offs
- › played in their first Machineseecker EHF Champions League season in 2023/24, did not manage to go further than the group phase
- › were cursed by many tough injuries over the season, including to Goran Johannessen and Magnus Rød
- › two of their players crossed the 70-goals-scored mark in the CL last season Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (79) and Sander Sagosen (73)
- › hoping to qualify for the play-offs in their second ever season in the CL
- › also played the EHF European League in 2022/23, lost in qualification round 2 against Irun
- › after drafting in many Norwegian national players last summer, Magnus Rød left the club in the summer
- › summer signings include left back Simon Jeppsson (Erlangen) and line player Sveinn Johannsson (Minden)

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 2
Group phase (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF European League: Qualification 2022/23
Norwegian league: 2 titles (2023, 2024)
Norwegian cup: 2 titles (2023, 2024)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2023/24 Kolstad Handball NOR	14	5	1	8	393:401		-8	11:17	7th Gr. A
Total	14	5	1	8	393:401		-8	11:17	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

2	MATCHES Longest winning run
2	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
37	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win:	37:24 (24:11) v OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN (h), 12.10.2023
Biggest defeat:	31:20 (17:10) v HC Zagreb CRO (a), 28.09.2023 18:29 (9:14) v Aalborg Håndbold DEN (h), 29.11.2023
Longest winning run:	2 matches (12.10.2023 – 19.10.2023)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (12.10.2023 – 19.10.2023) 2 matches (15.11.2023 – 22.11.2023)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (29.11.2023 – 29.02.2024)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (22.11.2023 – 29.02.2024)
Most goals:	37 v OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN 37:24W (h), 12.10.2023
Most goals opponent:	34 v HC Zagreb CRO 25:34L (h), 21.02.2024
Most goals both teams:	67 v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 36:31W (h), 15.11.2023
Fewest goals:	18 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 18:29L (h), 29.11.2023
Fewest goals opponent:	22 v HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD 22:31W (a), 13.09.2023
Fewest goals both teams:	47 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 18:29L (h), 29.11.2023



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
7	Adrian	Aalberg	NOR	Left Wing	22/12/1992	Trondheim, NOR	183
2	Aksel	Hald	NOR	Right Back	22/12/2003	Tromsø, NOR	192
9	Benedikt Gunnar	Óskarsson	ISL	Centre Back	12/09/2002	Reykjavik, ISL	180
72	Erlend	Johnsen	NOR	Right Wing	13/02/2003	Trondheim, NOR	183
23	Gøran	Søgard Johannessen	NOR	Left Back	26/04/1994	Stavanger, NOR	194
1	Lars	Eggen Rismark	NOR	Goalkeeper	01/08/1991	Trondheim, NOR	188
14	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13/11/1991	Skarnes, NOR	194
10	Magnus	Søndenå	NOR	Right Back	09/10/1991	Tønsberg, NOR	184
17	Magnus	Stølefjell	NOR	Left Wing	01/05/2003	Trondheim, NOR	185
42	Martin	Hernes Hovde	NOR	Line Player	17/12/2001	Bærum, NOR	200
5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14/09/1995	Trondheim, NOR	195
12	Sigurjón	Guðmundsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	29/06/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	187
48	Sigvaldi Björn	Gudjonsson	ISL	Right Wing	04/07/1994	Reykjavik, ISL	192
25	Simen Ulstad	Lyse	NOR	Left Back	01/02/2000	Trondheim	197
22	Simon	Jeppsson	SWE	Left Back	15/07/1995	Lund, SWE	205
15	Sveinn	Jóhannsson	ISL	Line Player	16/06/1999	Aarhus, DEN	195
30	Torbjørn Sittrup	Bergerud	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/07/1994	Drammen, NOR	200
4	Vetle	Eck Aga	NOR	Left Back	04/10/1993	Bodø, NOR	190



COACH



Christian Berge



- in charge of Kolstad since 2022; shares the head coach position with Stian Gomo Nilsen, who has been with the club since 2014
- after one season at Aarhus in Denmark and six at Elverum, Berge was appointed Norway's national team coach in 2014
- led Norway to their only international medals: two silvers at WCh 2017 and 2019, and a bronze at the EHF EURO 2020
- left his national team position in 2022 to join the Kolstad project
- beat lymphoma twice in his life and has written a book about it

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Benedikt Gunnar Óskarsson	<	(Valur)
Sveinn Jóhannsson	<	(GWD Minden)
Simon Jeppson	<	(Erlangen)
Magnus Støle fjell	<	(Charlottenlund Sportsklubb)
Magnus Søndena	<	(Elverum)
Sigurjón Gudmundsson	<	(HK Handbolti)

DEPARTURES

Magnus Abelvik Rød	>	(PICK Szeged)
Magnus Langeland	>	(ØIF Arendal)
Sander Rønning	>	(Sandefjord)
Henning Limstrand	>	(none)
Thomas Boilesen	>	(Nordsjælland)
Gabriel Setterblom	>	(Sønderjyske)
Henrik Ibsen	>	(Bergen)
Henrik Hestbæk Nielsen	>	(Bergen)



GOALKEEPER 

Torbjørn Bergerud

 @tsbergerud

- played for five different clubs, including Flensburg (GER) and GOG (DEN), before joining Kolstad in 2022
- integral in Norway's national team since making his debut as a 19-year-old in 2013
- has won three medals with Norway and played the IHF World Championship final twice, losing to the hosts — France then Denmark — on both occasions
- saved more shots (90) than any other goalkeeper at the EHF EURO 2020
- will move to Wisla Plock for the 2025/26 season

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



LEFT WING 

Adrian Aalberg

 @adraal

- returned to Kolstad in 2020 after two seasons with Drammen
- 2023/24 was his debut in the EHF Champions League; scored 45 goals in that maiden season
- previously played with Kolstad in the youth teams, but left the club in 2018 to gain more playing time
- has experience in the EHF European League, EHF Cup, EHF European Cup, and Challenge Cup with various teams



LEFT BACK 

Sander Sagosen

 @sandersagosen

- returned to Norway and Kolstad in 2023 after spending nine seasons abroad; scored 73 goals in his first season with the team
- started his career with one season each at Kolstad and Haslum; played three years each for Aalborg (DEN), PSG (FRA), and Kiel (GER)
- All-star Team member as either left or centre back at three straight EHF EUROs and two consecutive IHF World Championships
- named in the EHF Champions League All-star Teams in 2018 and 2020
- broke the record for most goals scored at a single EHF EURO in 2020, setting the new one at 65

CL: 2020
EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



LEFT BACK 

Simon Jeppsson

 @simonjeppsson

- 203 cm Swedish back joining from German club HC Erlangen, where he spent four seasons
- before Erlangen, he played three seasons for Flensburg, where he gained his first experience in the EHF Champions League, scoring 90 goals altogether
- started his professional career at Lugz HF; had a breakthrough season in 2016/17, becoming top scorer of the Swedish league with 215 goals
- part of Sweden's silver medal-winning team at the EHF EURO 2018, but not a regular in the side

EURO: S 2018



CENTRE BACK 

Gøran Johannessen

 @goransogard

- arrived at Kolstad in 2023 after five seasons with SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- started his professional career at his youth club Viking HK; had his breakthrough as a top player during his time at GOG in Denmark (2016-2018)
- Norwegian international, who was part of the medal successes at the 2017 and 2019 IHF World Championships and the EHF EURO 2020
- a versatile player, who can easily switch between centre and left back

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



LINE PLAYER 

Magnus Gullerud

 @magnusgullerud

- arrived at Kolstad in 2022 after six seasons in Germany — at GWD Minden and SC Magdeburg
- played for Elverum until 2013, when he joined SønderjyskE for three years before moving to Germany
- experienced international for Norway and seven seasons in European cup competitions before joining Kolstad, but 2023/24 marked his debut in the EHF Champions League
- part of Norway's period of medal successes, which saw them reach the IHF World Championship final twice in a row
- a reliable asset in both attack and defence

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



LINE PLAYER 

Vetle Eck Aga

 @vetleaga

- returned to Norway and joined Kolstad in 2022 after five years with IK Sävehof in Sweden
- spent the first seven seasons of his professional career at his youth club Bodø HK
- a defensive specialist, who gained his first EHF Champions League experience with Sävehof in the 2019/20 season
- part of the Norway national team since January 2021

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019



RIGHT WING 

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson

 @sigvaldigudjonsson

- Icelandic wing who was the only non-Norwegian in Kolstad's squad in 2023/24
- joined Kolstad in 2022 after two years with Elverum and two with Kielce
- moved to Denmark with his family as a child and started in the youth ranks at Aarhus before later returning to the club on a professional contract for three seasons
- key player for the Icelandic national team
- scored 23 goals — the third highest for the side — at the EHF EURO 2024 and was among the players with the most minutes on court

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019

HISTORY



Biggest wins

- 31 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009
- 29 ZTR Zaporozhye UKR @ AS Conversano 2003 ITA 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003
- 26 Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009
- 26 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP @ HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 17:43 (9:21), 19.11.2011
- 25 FC Barcelona ESP vs Hapoel Rishon Le Zion ISR 42:17 (18:10), 15.11.1997
- 25 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 43:18 (23:8), 09.02.2012

Biggest home wins

- 26 Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009
- 25 FC Barcelona ESP vs Hapoel Rishon Le Zion ISR 42:17 (18:10), 15.11.1997
- 25 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 43:18 (23:8), 09.02.2012
- 24 BM Ciudad Real ESP vs AS Conversano 2003 ITA 38:14 (19:8), 22.11.2003
- 24 RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005
- 24 PGE Vive Kielce POL vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 41:17 (21:8), 24.03.2018
- 24 Barça ESP vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 45:21 (21:13), 21.09.2019

Biggest away wins

- 31 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009
- 29 ZTR Zaporozhye UKR @ AS Conversano 2003 ITA 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003
- 26 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP @ HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 17:43 (9:21), 19.11.2011
- 24 THW Kiel GER @ HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50 (13:24), 22.10.2006
- 24 Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS @ AC PAOK GRE 22:46 (12:24), 03.03.2010
- 22 BM Ciudad Real ESP @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:39 (10:23), 06.03.2010

Biggest lead at half-time

- 18 RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005
- 17 Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009
- 15 KIF Kolding Elite A/S DEN vs Wisla Plock SA POL 35:18 (19:4), 07.10.2006
- 15 MKB Veszprém KC HUN vs HC Bosna BH Gas BIH 35:18 (22:7), 14.11.2009
- 15 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009
- 15 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 43:18 (23:8), 09.02.2012

Most goals

- 50 THW Kiel GER @ HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50 (13:24), 22.10.2006
- 48 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009
- 47 THW Kiel GER vs CS HCM Constanta ROU 47:31 (24:18), 12.11.2006
- 47 Veszprém HC HUN vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32 ((22:15), 02.12.2021

Most goals both teams

- 82 FC Barcelona Borges ESP vs KIF Kolding DEN 46:36 (23:19), 17.10.2009
- 81 FC Barcelona ESP vs THW Kiel GER 44:37 (19:20), 13.04.2008
- 80* FC Barcelona ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41 (17:18, 32:32, 36:36), 31.05.2014
- 79 BM Ciudad Real ESP vs Drammen HK NOR 44:35 (22:18), 21.11.2007
- 79 Barça ESP vs Aalborg Handbold DEN 44:35 (22:17), 16.11.2019
- 79 Veszprém HC HUN vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32 ((22:15), 02.12.2021
- 79 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA vs Veszprém HC HUN 39:40 (19:20), 10.03.2022
- 79* SC Magdeburg GER vs Barça ESP 40:39 (16:18, 31:31, 38:38), 17.06.2023

* After penalty throws

Fewest goals

- 11 Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona ESP 11:31 (5:16), 15.03.2015
- 12 AS Conversano 2003 ITA vs ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003
- 12 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004
- 13 THW Kiel GER @ Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13 (8:7), 25.03.2000
- 13 SO Chambéry FRA @ Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 29:13 (13:5), 18.11.2001
- 13 Panellinos AC Athens GRE @ Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 19:13 (9:7), 17.11.2002
- 13 Pelister Bitola MKD @ RK Zagreb CRO 37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005
- 13 Wisla Plock SA POL @ Chambéry Savoie HB FRA 21:13 (10:7), 15.10.2006

Fewest goals both teams

- 32 SG Wallau-Massenheim GER vs UHK West Wien AUT 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994
- 32 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN vs Panellinos AC Athens GRE 19:13 (9:7), 17.11.2002
- 33 Panellinos AC Athens GRE vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 16:17 (8:9), 30.11.2002
- 34 Chambéry Savoie HB FRA vs Wisla Plock SA POL 21:13 (10:7), 15.10.2006
- 35 UHK West Wien AUT vs Celje 'Pivovarna Lasko' SLO 18:17 (6:10), 06.04.1994
- 35 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO vs THW Kiel GER 22:13 (8:7), 25.03.2000
- 35 HC Metalurg MKD vs Elverum Handball NOR 18:17 (8:7), 24.09.2016

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

- 9 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL @ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 27:28 (19:10), 18.02.2015
- 7 HC Vardar MKD @ Barça Lassa ESP 27:29 (16:9), 01.06.2019
- 7 FC Porto POR @ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO 29:30 (16:9), 20.09.2023
- 6 FC Porto Sofarma POR vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR 27:25 (9:15), 14.09.2019

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

- 6 FC Barcelona ESP @ GOG Gudme DEN 22:22 (16:10), 14.02.1996
- 6 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD 28:28 (10:16), 07.10.2007
- 6 Pevafera Valladolid ESP vs PICK Szeged HUN 35:35 (13:19), 27.02.2010
- 6 Naturhouse La Rioja ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 32:32 (13:19), 19.10.2013
- 6 Orlen Wisla Plock POL @ THW Kiel GER 24:24 (15:9), 03.12.2016
- 6 Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP 31:31 (12:18), 17.09.2017
- 6 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR vs HC Metalurg MKD 28:28 (12:18), 08.10.2017

Most goals in one half

- 26 Kolding KIF DEN vs RK Partizan Belgrad SCG – 2nd half 42:26 (16:13), 12.10.2003
- 26 Montpellier HB FRA vs AS Conversano 2003 ITA – 2nd half 44:25 (18:14), 10.10.2004
- 26 MKB Veszprém KC HUN vs MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK – 2nd half 46:26 (20:14), 07.10.2006
- 26 GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN vs HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE – 2nd half 45:32 (19:15), 15.10.2006
- 26 THW Kiel GER @ HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE – 2nd half 26:50 (13:24), 22.10.2006

Most goals in one half both teams

- 45 PGE Vive Kielce POL vs Barça Lassa ESP – 2nd half 36:42 (15:18), 24.11.2018
- 45 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA vs GOG DEN – 2nd half 41:36 (16:16), 23.11.2022
- 44 Sportclub Magdeburg GER vs Wisla Plock SSA POL – 2nd half 40:32 (17:11), 16.11.2002
- 43 GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN vs HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE – 2nd half 45:32 (19:15), 15.10.2006
- 43 Hammarby IF HB SWE vs THW Kiel GER – 1st half 36:40 (22:21), 08.11.2007
- 43 RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO vs THW Kiel GER – 2nd half 38:36 (17:14), 21.09.2022

Fewest goals in one half

- 3 HC Metalurg MKD @ THW Kiel GER – 1st half 35:16 (17:3), 15.02.2015
- 4 Kolding IF DEN @ TEKA Santander ESP – 1st half 28:16 (16:4), 25.01.1995
- 4 Granitas Kaunas LTU vs ABC Braga POR – 1st half 16:22 (4:12), 10.11.1996
- 4 Schachtjor Donetsk UKR @ ABC Braga POR – 1st half 21:15 (11:4), 16.11.1996
- 4 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP – 2nd half 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004
- 4 Wisla Plock SA POL @ KIF Kolding Elite A/S DEN – 1st half 35:18 (19:4), 07.10.2006
- 4 RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs PICK Szeged HUN – 1st half 17:29 (4:14), 03.10.2007
- 4 HC Vardar MKD vs THW Kiel GER – 1st half 20:31 (4:16), 12.10.2019
- 4 FC Porto POR @ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA – 1st half 33:19 (18:4), 18.11.2021

Fewest goals in one half both teams

- 13 SG Wallau-Massenheim vs UHK West Wien AUT – 1st half 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994
- 14 Riihimäen Cocks FIN vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP – 2nd half 19:19 (13:11), 12.09.2018
- 15 ABC Braga POR vs Schachtjor Donetsk UKR – 1st half 21:15 (11:4), 16.11.1996
- 15 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN – 2nd half 19:18 (14:8), 09.01.1999
- 15 Skjern Handball DEN vs ZTR Zaporozhye UKR – 2nd half 16:20 (9:12), 13.11.1999
- 15 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO vs THW Kiel GER – 1st half 22:13 (8:7), 25.03.2000
- 15 RK Zagreb CRO vs Sandefjord TIF NOR – 1st half 22:15 (10:5), 12.10.2003
- 15 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP – 2nd half 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004
- 15 PICK Szeged HUN vs Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO – 1st half 20:19 (8:7), 08.03.2008
- 15 HC Metalurg MKD vs Elverum Handball NOR – 1st half 18:17 (8:7), 24.09.2016

Winning and losing streaks**Longest winning run**

- Barça 22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
- BM Ciudad Real 20 matches (23.10.2005 – 24.02.2007)
- Barça 14 matches (04.02.2021 – 23.09.2021)
- BM Ciudad Real 13 matches (31.05.2009 – 03.04.2010)

Longest unbeaten run

- Barça 25 matches (02.12.2021 - 18.05.2023)
- Barça 22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
- BM Ciudad Real 20 matches (23.10.2005 – 24.02.2007)
- KS Vive Tauron Kielce 18 matches (15.11.2015 – 15.10.2016)

Longest losing run

- HC Eurofarm Pelister 18 matches (16.10.2005 – 06.03.2024)
- HC PPD Zagreb 17 matches (01.03.2020 – 22.09.2021)
- RK Celje Pivovarna Laško 17 matches (15.02.2023 – 07.03.2024)
- AS Conversano 2003 12 matches (11.10.2003 – 13.11.2004)

Longest run without win

- HC PPD Zagreb 22 matches (01.03.2020 – 17.11.2021)
- Wacker Thun 20 matches (21.09.2013 – 29.11.2018)
- HC Eurofarm Pelister 18 matches (16.10.2005 – 06.03.2024)
- RK Celje Pivovarna Laško 17 matches (15.02.2023 – 07.03.2024)

TR	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Barça ESP	386	298	23	65	12178:10200	+1978	619:153	(28)*	80,18%
2	Veszprém HC HUN	368	243	21	104	10995:9950	+1045	507:229	(29)*	68,89%
3	THW Kiel GER	364	236	29	99	11066:9961	+1105	501:227	(26)	68,82%
4	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	252	146	21	85	7250:6828	+422	313:191	(17)	62,10%
5	Industria Kielce POL	248	145	22	81	7492:7132	+360	312:184	(18)*	62,90%
6	Montpellier HB FRA	268	145	20	103	7712:7386	+326	310:226	(22)	57,84%
7	HC Zagreb CRO	346	133	38	175	8968:9211	-243	304:388	(31)*	43,93%
8	Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	204	135	13	56	6239:5698	+541	283:125	(14)*	69,36%
9	OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN	264	123	22	119	7355:7366	-11	268:260	(22)*	50,76%
10	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	288	120	15	153	8137:8218	-81	255:321	(25)	44,27%
11	BM Atletico Madrid ESP	144	111	5	28	4502:3803	+699	227:61	(10)	78,82%
12	HC Vardar 1961 MKD	188	83	21	84	5144:5241	-97	187:189	(15)	49,73%
13	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	176	75	18	83	5250:5200	+50	168:184	(18)	47,73%
14	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	134	72	17	45	3971:3774	+197	161:107	(9)	60,08%
15	HSV Hamburg GER	98	68	9	21	3088:2670	+418	145:51	(7)	73,98%
16	Portland San Antonio ESP	100	64	6	30	2929:2594	+335	134:66	(9)	67,00%
17	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	122	61	8	53	3440:3386	+54	130:114	(12)	53,28%
18	Aalborg Håndbold DEN	132	56	11	65	3833:3886	-53	123:141	(10)*	46,59%
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	170	54	15	101	4515:4808	-293	123:217	(16)*	36,18%

* participating in Machineseker EHF Champions League 2024/25

TR	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P	NP	%
20	KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	118	54	9	55	3330:3361	-31	117:119	(12)	49,58%
21	HC Motor UKR	120	48	11	61	3394:3511	-117	107:133	(9)	44,58%
22	SC Magdeburg GER	76	49	6	21	2287:2110	+177	104:48	(7)*	68,42%
23	HBC Nantes FRA	88	42	14	32	2649:2534	+115	98:78	(6)*	55,68%
24	HC Meshkov Brest BLR	142	40	14	88	3842:4134	-292	94:190	(12)	33,10%
25	GOG DEN	106	41	8	57	3137:3226	-89	90:122	(11)	42,45%
29	CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	80	31	8	41	2311:2431	-120	70:90	(8)*	43,75%
36	Sporting CP POR	42	21	2	19	1203:1163	+40	44:40	(5)*	52,38%
45	Füchse Berlin GER	28	16	2	10	794:783	+11	34:22	(3)*	60,71%
67	Kolstad Handball NOR	14	5	1	8	393:401	-8	11:17	(2)*	39,29%
115	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	20	1	0	19	472:612	-140	2:38	(3)*	5,00%
NR	Fredericia Håndbold Klub DEN	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)*	

* participating in Machineseker EHF Champions League 2024/25



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GOALS

KAMIL SYPRZAK

Paris Saint-Germain Handball



Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Kamil Syprzak (POL)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	112
2	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	98
3	Dika Mem (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	96
4	Aaron Mensing (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	93
5	Mario Sostaric (CRO)	OTP Bank - Pick Szeged (HUN)	88
6	Mitja Janc (SLO)	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško (SLO)	87
	Elohim Prandi (FRA)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	87
8	Nedim Remili (FRA)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	86
9	Ómar Ingi Magnússon (ISL)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	85
10	Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	83
11	Mads Hoxer (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	82
12	Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (ISL)	Kolstad Handball (NOR)	79
13	Felix Claar (SWE)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	77
14	Alex Dujshebaev (ESP)	Industria Kielce (POL)	76
	Tin Lucin (CRO)	Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)	76
16	Sander Sagosen (NOR)	Kolstad Handball (NOR)	73
17	Bryan Monte (BRA)	Montpellier HB (FRA)	72
18	Aleix Goméz (ESP)	Barça (ESP)	71
19	Luís Frade (POR)	Barça (ESP)	70
20	Ludovic Fabregas (FRA)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	68
	Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	Montpellier HB (FRA)	68
	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	68
23	Lucas Pellas (SWE)	Montpellier (FRA)	67
24	Dylan Nahi (FRA)	Industria Kielce (POL)	64

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- **bold** = part of TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024



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EMIL MADSEN

GOG



Season	Player	Club	Goals
2022/23	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	107
2021/22	Aleix Gómez (ESP)	Barça (ESP)	104
2020/21	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	95
2019/20	Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	85
2018/19	Alex Dujšebaev (ESP)	PGE Vive Kielce (POL)	99
2017/18	Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)	92
2016/17	Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)	115
2015/16	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)	141
2014/15	Momir Ilić (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	114
2013/14	Momir Ilić (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	103
2012/13	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	HSV Hamburg (GER)	101
2011/12	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	AG København (DEN)	98
2010/11	Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	118
2009/10	Filip Jicha (CZE)	THW Kiel (GER)	119



**1,482
GOALS**

KIRIL LAZAROV

retired / last club: HBC Nantes



Club of 1,000	Player	Current / last club	Goals*
1.	Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	retired / HBC Nantes (FRA)	1,482
2.	Nikola Karabatic (FRA)	retired / Paris Saint-Germain (FRA)	1,198
3.	Timur Dibirow (RUS)	HC Zagreb (CRO)	1,164
4.	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	retired / Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	1,138

* last updated: 2 May 2024 (after 2023/24 quarter-finals); goals scored in qualification do not count towards all-time ranking



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TITLES

BARÇA (ESP)



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TITLES

THW KIEL (GER)



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TITLES

CIUDAD REAL (ESP)

* from 1994-2009: two-leg final with home and away matches;
since 2010: one final match at EHF FINAL4 in Cologne

Season	Champions	Runners-up	Result*
2023/24	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	31:30
2022/23	SC Magdeburg (GER)	Kielce (POL)	30:29 after overtime
2021/22	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Kielce (POL)	37:35 after shootout
2020/21	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	36:23
2019/20	THW Kiel (GER)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	33:28
2018/19	HC Vardar (MKD)	Veszprém HC (HUN)	27:24
2017/18	Montpellier HB (FRA)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	32:26
2016/17	HC Vardar (MKD)	Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)	24:23
2015/16	Kielce (POL)	Veszprém HC (HUN)	39:38 after shootout
2014/15	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Veszprém HC (HUN)	28:23
2013/14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	THW Kiel (GER)	30:28
2012/13	HSV Hamburg (GER)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	30:29 after overtime
2011/12	THW Kiel (GER)	Atlético de Madrid (ESP)	26:21
2010/11	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Ciudad Real (ESP)	27:24
2009/10	THW Kiel (GER)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	36:34
2008/09	Ciudad Real (ESP)	THW Kiel (GER)	67:66 (34:39/33:27)
2007/08	Ciudad Real (ESP)	THW Kiel (GER)	58:54 (27:29/31:25)
2006/07	THW Kiel (GER)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	57:55 (28:28/29:27)
2005/06	Ciudad Real (ESP)	Portland San Antonio (ESP)	62:47 (25:19/37:28)
2004/05	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Ciudad Real (ESP)	56:55 (27:28/29:27)
2003/04	RK Celje (SLO)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	62:58 (34:28/28:30)
2002/03	Montpellier HB (FRA)	Portland San Antonio (ESP)	50:46 (19:27/31:19)
2001/02	SC Magdeburg (GER)	Veszprém HC (HUN)	51:48 (21:23/30:25)
2000/01	Portland San Antonio (ESP)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	52:49 (30:24/22:25)
1999/00	FC Barcelona (ESP)	THW Kiel (GER)	54:52 (25:28/29:24)
1998/99	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Zagreb (CRO)	51:40 (22:22/29:18)
1997/98	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Zagreb (CRO)	56:40 (28:18/28:22)
1996/97	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Zagreb (CRO)	61:45 (31:22/30:23)
1995/96	FC Barcelona (ESP)	Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)	46:38 (23:15/23:23)
1994/95	Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)	Zagreb (CRO)	56:47 (30:20/26:27)
1993/94	Teka Santander (ESP)	ABC Braga (POR)	45:43 (22:22/23:21)



8 TITLES

CARLOS ORTEGA

Barça



Titles/clubs	Player	Clubs
8 / 1	Carlos Ortega (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP) <i>[six times as player, twice as coach]</i>
7 / 2	Andrei Xepkin (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP), Kiel (GER)
6 / 1	David Barrufet (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
	Xavier O'Callaghan (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
6 / 2	Tomas Svensson (SWE)	Irun (ESP), Barcelona (ESP)
6 / 3	Siarhei Rutenka (BLR)	Celje (SLO), Ciudad Real (ESP), Barceloa (ESP)
5 / 1	Enric Masip (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
	Inaki Urdangarin (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
	Rafael Guijosa (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
5 / 2	Mateo Garralda (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP), San Antonio (ESP)
5 / 3	Talant Dujshebaev (ESP)	Santander (ESP) <i>[once as player]</i> , Ciudad Real (ESP) <i>[three times as coach]</i>
	Jose Javier Hombrados (ESP)	Santander (ESP), San Antonio (ESP), Ciudad Real (ESP)
4 / 1	Aitor Ariño (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
	Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP)
4 / 2	Arpad Sterbik (ESP)	Ciudad Real (ESP), Vardar (MKD)
	Didier Dinart (FRA)	Montpellier (FRA), Ciudad Real (ESP)
	Fernando Barbeito (ESP)	Barcelona (ESP), San Antonio (ESP)
	Olafur Stefansson (SWE)	Magdeburg (GER), Ciudad Real (ESP)
	Thierry Omeyer (FRA)	Montpellier (FRA), Kiel (GER)
4 / 3	Uros Zorman (SLO)	Celje (SLO), Ciudad Real (ESP), Kielce (POL)
3	<i>25 players, including Filip Jicha (CZE)</i>	

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