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# MEDIA GUIDE

**MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN**  
**2022/23 PLAY-OFFS**

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# I INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAY-OFFS

Dear handball friends,

We would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to you all to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League play-offs, taking place on 22/23 and 29/30 March 2023.

Thanks to the exciting format of the group phase, which is now in its third season, we have seen 14 rounds of incredible handball action, culminating in four clubs qualifying directly for the quarter-finals, and eight more reaching this stage, the play-offs.

Whatever happens in the play-offs, we are guaranteed to see some fascinating storylines play out; we not only have an all-Danish rivalry between Aalborg Håndbold and GOG to look forward to, but an exclusively Hungarian affair too between OTP Bank-PICK Szeged and Telekom Veszprém HC.

Our four other play-off participants take the number of nations represented at this stage to six – Germany, Poland, France and Romania as well as Denmark and Hungary. Orlen Wisła Płock welcome HBC Nantes for their first leg tie, while CS Dinamo Bucuresti and their supporters are sure to create a raucous atmosphere when four-time champions THW Kiel come to town.

Thanks to reigning champions Barça advancing directly to the quarter-finals, seven nations are still represented in the competition as a whole. They topped group B ahead of last year's beaten finalists Industria Kielce, while Paris Saint-Germain Handball and SC Magdeburg were the top two in group A.

Barça lie in wait for the winners of the Danish duel, while a trip to Kielce is the prize for the all-Hungarian tie victors. Either Płock or Nantes will move on to Magdeburg, meaning Paris will face the winners of Dinamo vs Kiel.

The winners of those ties will have achieved what many of these teams sought out to do back at the start of the campaign – reaching the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023. The event will once again be played at the Lanxess Arena in Cologne on 17 and 18 June, as we discover who will take the most coveted prize in club handball for 2023.

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SEASON 2022/23



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## 2022/23 SEASON

Playing system and dates

<p><b>Group Phase</b> <i>Draw required</i></p> <p>A B</p> <p>A1* A2* A3 A4 A5 A6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B1* B2* B3 B4 B5 B6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>8</p>	<p><b>Play-offs</b> <i>No draw required</i></p> <p>M1 M2 M3 M4</p> <p>B6 v B3 B5 v B4</p> <p>A3 B3 A4 B4</p> <p>4</p>	<p><b>Quarter-finals</b> <i>No draw required</i></p> <p>M4 v M3 M2 v M1</p> <p>A1 B1 A2 B2</p> <p>4</p>	<p><b>TRUCKSCOUT24 EHF FINAL4</b> <i>Draw required</i></p> <p>SEMI-FINALS</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE MATCH</p> <p>FINAL</p>	<p>17-18 June 2023</p>
<p>R1: 14-15/9/22 R2: 21-22/9/22 R3: 28-29/9/22 R4: 5-6/10/22 R5: 26-27/10/22 R6: 2-3/11/22 R7: 23-24/11/22</p> <p>R8: 30/11-1/12/22 R9: 7-8/12/22 R10: 14-15/12/22 R11: 8-9/2/23 R12: 15-16/2/23 R13: 22-23/2/23 R14: 1-2/3/23</p> <p>* Top two places of Groups A and B proceed directly to the Quarter-finals.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> leg – 22-23 March 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> leg – 29-30 March 2023</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> leg – 10-11 May 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> leg – 17-18 May 2023</p>		

# I AN OUTSTANDING BARÇA SERIES AND A NEW GOAL RECORD

## FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE START OF THE PLAY-OFFS

**On 22 March, the play-offs of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League will throw off with four pairings, including two involving teams from the same country. Four teams have already qualified for the quarter-finals including one newcomer. Four former champions are among the 12 teams which qualified for the knock-out stage and are still in the race for the TruckScout24 EHF FIINAL4 in Cologne. Here is all you need to know from the group phase and for the rest of the competition.**

**0** teams won all matches and 0 teams lost all matches

**1** team remained unbeaten in the group phase: defending champions Barça

**1** club was among the four teams which qualified straight for the quarter-finals for the first time: SC Magdeburg. Industria Kielce and Barça skipped the play-offs last season, Paris-Saint Germain have done so several times before

# 1

group match was attended by more than 10,000 fans: 10,322 spectators watched Nantes lose 33:37 to Barça at home, while 9,421 fans saw Kiel draw 30:30 with Barça

**2** play-off duels will be played with clubs from the same nation: GOG vs Aalborg Håndbold is a re-match of the Danish league finals 2022, won by GOG; and OTP Bank-Pick Szeged vs Telekom Veszprém HC replays the Hungarian League final 2022, which Szeged won. There will be no national derbies in the quarter-finals

**2** players are still in the race for their fifth Champions League title: Aitor Ariño and Gonzalo Perez de Vargas, both Barca

**4** former or current EHF Champions League champions representing 16 trophies are still part of the knock-out stage: Barcelona (10), Kiel (four), Magdeburg and Kielce (one each)

# 4

former EHF Champions League top scorers are still part of the competition: Alex Dujšebaev (Kielce, 2018/19), Mikkel Hansen (Paris, 2011/12 and 2015/16, now Aalborg), Nikola Karabatic (Kiel, 2006/07, now PSG) and Aleix Gómez (Barça, 2021/22). Filip Jicha (2008/09 and 2009/10) is Kiel's coach, Momir Ilic (2013/14, 2014/15) is Veszprém's coach

**4** coaches of the 12 teams still in competition have won the EHF Champions League as coaches: Carlos Ortega (Barça, with Barça), Talant Dujšebaev (Kielce, with Ciudad Real and Kielce), Filip Jicha (Kiel, with Kiel), Xavi Pascual (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti, with Barça), and Raul Gonzalez (PSG, with Vardar).

**4** coaches of the 12 teams still in the competition have won the EHF Champions League as players: Momir Ilic (Veszprém) and Filip Jicha (Kiel) won the trophy together in 2010 and 2012 with Kiel, Carlos Ortega (Barça) won the trophy six times with Barça, and Bennet Wiegert (Magdeburg) won with Magdeburg

**4** former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year are playing this season: Nikola Karabatic (PSG, 2007, 2014, 2016), Mikkel Hansen (Aalborg, 2011, 2015, 2018), Domagoj Duvnjak (Kiel, 2013) and Niklas Landin (Kiel, 2019, 2021). Two coaches were previously IHF Players of the Year: Talant Dujšebaev (Kielce) and Filip Jicha (Kiel)

**4** participants of the EHF FINAL4 2022 are still part of the competition: Barça, Kielce, Kiel and Veszprém

**4** times only in 13 years have the defending champions made it to Cologne: Barça in 2012 and 2022, Kiel in 2013 and Vardar in 2018. Last season, Barça became the first team to defend their trophy in Cologne

**4** people won the EHF Champions League as a player and a coach: Talant Dujšebaev, Roberto Parrondo, Filip Jicha and Carlos Ortega.



**5** group matches ended with a margin of 10 or more goals.

**6** countries are represented by the previous 29 EHF Champions League champions: Spain (16 titles), Germany (seven), France (two), North Macedonia (two), Poland and Slovenia (one each)

**7** different nations are represented by the 12 clubs still in competition: France, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Denmark by two clubs, Spain and Romania by one. Last season, nine nations were involved at this stage. North Macedonia, Norway and Portugal are out, Romania is in

**7** of the 12 teams still in competition were part of the knock-out stage of the 2021/22 season: Barça, Kielce, Kiel, Veszprém, Szeged, PSG and Aalborg

**7** of the 12 teams still in competition have already been part of the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: Barça, Aalborg, Paris, Kiel, Veszprém, Kielce and Nantes

**8** of 13 winners of the previous EHF FINAL4 are still part of the competition: Barça (four), Kiel (three), Kielce (one). Hamburg, Flensburg, Montpellier and Vardar (two) are missing

**10** group matches ended in draws

**10** times (1995-2000, 2011, 2015, 2021, 2022) Barcelona have won the EHF Champions League, making them record winners. They also won the forerunner competition, the Champions Cup, once

**16** knock-out matches will take place before the participants of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 are confirmed – eight both in the play-offs and in the quarter-finals

**16** goals was the biggest margin in the group phase, when Barça won 46:30 at Elverum, ahead of Szeged's biggest ever home defeat in the competition – losing by 12 to Aalborg (29:41)

**20** times, Aron Pálmarsson has played at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne – for Kiel, Veszprém and Barça – making him the record-holder. He could still add to the total with Aalborg

**22** times in the 112 group matches, 70 or more goals were scored

**23** unbeaten Champions League matches in a row (21 victories, two draws) is the current series of defending champions Barça – their last defeat was 27:29 on 22 November 2021 at Kielce

**27** points in 14 matches was the – almost perfect – outcome of Barça in the group phase with 13 wins and a draw against Kiel. Second ranked are PSG with 24 points ahead of Kielce (22)

**34** of the 122 group matches were attended by 5,000 or more fans

**49** goals was the lowest combined score in a group match, when Plock beat Magdeburg 25:24

**62** group matches were won by the home teams, 40 by the visitors

**64** times, 60 or more goals were scored in the 112 group matches

**78** goals was the highest combined score in the group phase, when Nantes won 42:36 at Elverum, ahead of 77 goals in the matches Kielce vs Kiel (40:37), PSG vs GOG (41:36) and Magdeburg vs Porto (41:36)

**+80** is the final goal difference of Barça after 14 matches ahead of PSG (+53) and Kielce (+38)

**88** goals were scored by Aleks Vlah (Celje) to be top scorer of the group phase. The Slovenian, who is now out of the competition, leads two Polish players: Kamil Syprzak (PSG) and Arkadiusz Moryto (Kielce), both on 83 goals.

**280** victories in 360 EHF Champions League matches (besides 23 draws and 61 defeats) were taken by Barcelona so far to top the all-time Champions League table

**404** goals were conceded by Barça to have the best defence ahead of Plock (412) and Magdeburg (419)

**492** goals were scored by PSG to have the best attack ahead of Barça (484) and Nantes (478)

**7,008** goals were scored in the group phase, a new record: 3,440 in group A and 3,568 in group B



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# PAIRINGS

# ROAD TO COLOGNE

Time to write history



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Play-offs



# OTP BANK – PICK SZEGED VS TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



**First leg: Wednesday 22 March, 18:45 CET**

**Second leg: Thursday 30 March, 18:45 CET**



- had the weakest start in their long Champions League history with four consecutive defeats including the biggest ever CL loss on home ground, a 29:41 against Aalborg
- finally, they turned the tide and finished sixth after five victories and one draw - and now face their domestic rivals Telekom Veszprém for the first time on the international stage after beating them twice in the Hungarian league finals in 2021 and 2022
- two wings - Croatian Marco Sostaric and Austrian Sebastian Frimmel - are Szeged's top scorers after the group phase by 45 strikes each
- never they made it to the EHF FINAL 4 in Cologne, despite making it three times to the quarter-finals since 2015; last season, Pick were eliminated by SG Flensburg-Handewitt in the play-offs
- play their 21st season in the EHF Champions League, but had their biggest international success by winning the EHF Cup in 2014
- after ten seasons at Szeged, Spanish coach Juan Carlos Pasto will leave the club after this season and will become head coach of the Egyptian national team, his successor at Szeged is still unknown
- finished group A third ranked below PSG and Magdeburg - the crucial defeats, which eliminated the Hungarian record champions from the second rank, were the 36:37 on home ground against GOG, followed by the 25:32 at Magdeburg in round 12
- their top scorers of the group phase were two Scandinavians: outgoing centre back Rasmus Lauge Schmidt by 66 strikes and Swedish line player Andreas Nilsson with 44 strikes
- the only club, which won the full set of medals at the 2023 World Championship: gold by Dane Rasmus Lauge Schmidt, the top scorer of the final against France and his teammate Kentin Mahe. Rodrigo Corrales won bronze with Spain
- after a suspension, Veszprém went separate ways with their Serbian Petar Nenadic in February, who joined Paris Saint-Germain. His replacement is French star Nedim Remili, who arrived from Kielce some weeks ago.
- reached the EHF FINAL4 seven times in the last nine years, but never won the trophy, losing the finals four times.
- play their 28th EHF Champions League season and made it 20 times at least to the quarter-finals

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### OTP Bank – PICK Szeged vs Telekom Veszprém HC

No previous encounters in European competitions

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: light blues/  
white stripes

Player short: dark blue  
GK shirt: white or yellow

### Dark

Player shirt: dark blue  
with stripes or gold blue

Player short: blue or  
gold blue  
GK shirt: black



## Playing hall

### Pick Arena

Városi Stadion  
Felső Tisza-Part 1-3  
6723 Szeged  
Hungary  
Capacity: 8,300

# OTP BANK – PICK SZEGED



## GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Barça	14	13	1	0	484 : 404	80	27
2. Industria Kielce	14	11	0	3	465 : 427	38	22
3. HBC Nantes	14	7	1	6	478 : 451	27	15
4. THW Kiel	14	6	3	5	460 : 440	20	15
5. Aalborg Håndbold	14	6	1	7	445 : 438	7	13
<b>6. Pick Szeged</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>426 : 452</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>11</b>
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	3	0	11	412 : 475	-63	6
8. Elverum Handball	14	1	1	12	398 : 481	-83	3

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

@ HBC Nantes	L35:30 (17:15)
vs Barça	L38:25 (15:14)
@ THW Kiel	L34:29 (15:14)
vs Aalborg Håndbold	L29:41 (15:17)
@ Elverum Handball	W32:34 (14:19)
vs Industria Kielce	L28:31 (13:16)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W36:27 (18:12)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W28:36 (13:20)
@ Industria Kielce	L37:30 (22:14)
vs Elverum Handball	W30:23 (16:10)
@ Aalborg Håndbold	L33:27 (15:11)
vs THW Kiel	W36:33 (14:17)
@ Barça	L35:25 (20:10)
vs HBC Nantes	D28:28 (13:15)

## TOP SCORERS

Mario Sostaric (CRO)	45
Sebastian Frimmel (AUT)	45
Imanol Garciaandia (ESP)	41
Miklós Rosta (HUN)	40
Kent Robin Tønnesen (NOR)	36

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 21

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

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

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 2015, Quarter-final 2001

Last 16: 1994/95, 1999/2000

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 1993/94, Quarter-final: 2002/03, 2008/09

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

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



**10** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**39** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**73** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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	14	5	1	8	426:452	-26	11:17	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>6836:6802</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>255:237</b>		

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

## PICK SZEGED HANDBALL TEAM



## Juan Carlos Pastor

### Coach

- Spanish mastermind of contemporary handball, winning a lot of silverware during his coaching career
- Szeged signed him in 2013 to rebuild the team and challenge Veszprém for the Hungarian title, which Szeged won in 2018 and again in 2021
- also led Szeged to EHF Cup triumph in 2013/14
- previously worked with BM Valladolid and won Cup Winners' Cup with the Spanish side in 2008/09
- had huge success as Spain's national team coach in 2004-08, winning world title, EHF EURO silver and Olympic bronze

**EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014; CWC 2009**  
**WCh: G 2005, EURO: S 2006, OG: B 2008**

### Departures during the season:

Marcel Csaba Ludman (HUN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
4	Barnabás	Rea	HUN	Centre Back	15/11/2002	Szeged, HUN	182	85
5	Kent Robin	Tönnesen	NOR	Right Back	05/06/1991	Partille, SWE	194	90
7	Luka	Stepancic	CRO	Right Back	20/11/1990	Pula, CRO	203	105
9	Richárd	Bodó	HUN	Left Back	13/03/1993	Mateszalka, HUN	203	110
10	Miguel	Martins Soares	POR	Centre Back	04/11/1997	Porto, POR	192	91
16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	20/09/1984	Dunaujvaros, HUN	192	98
17	Bogdan	Radivojevic	SRB	Right Wing	02/03/1993	Belgrade, SRB	192	80
21	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10/02/1998	Veszprém, HUN	197	92
22	Matej	Gaber	SLO	Line Player	22/07/1991	Kranj, SLO	198	110
24	Mario	Sostaric	CRO	Right Wing	25/11/1992	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	193	87
25	Sebastian	Frimmel	AUT	Left Wing	18/12/1995	Perchtoldsdorf, AUT	190	89
26	Zsolt	Radvánszki	HUN	Line Player	24/12/2002	Kisvarda, HUN	194	94
<b>C</b> 27	Bence	Banhidi	HUN	Line Player	09/02/1995	Győr, HUN	195	96
<del>29</del>	<del>Marcell Csaba</del>	<del>Ludman</del>	<del>HUN</del>	<del>Left Back</del>	<del>29/11/2002</del>	<del>Budapest, HUN</del>	<del>197</del>	<del>95</del>
32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15/09/1985	Ljubuski, CRO	201	106
34	Mihály	Varga	HUN	Centre Back	23/09/2003	Bekescsaba, HUN	193	85
41	Imanol	Garcandia Alustiza	ESP	Right Back	30/04/1995	Urretxu, ESP	203	105
42	Gellért	Fekete	HUN	Line Player	21/03/2004	Szeged, HUN	198	88
44	Dean	Bombac	SLO	Centre Back	04/04/1989	Koper, SLO	190	93
45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/02/1999	Győr, HUN	203	110
51	Borut	Mackovsek	SLO	Left Back	11/09/1992	Koper, SLO	203	95
64	Patrik	Hegedus	HUN	Left Back	02/03/2003	Kiskunhalas, HUN	196	93
71	Alexander	Christoffersen	NOR	Left Wing	17/04/2000	Clamart, FRA	187	82
77	Luka	Krivokapic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/02/2002	Funchal, POR	195	85
88	Robin	Molnár	HUN	Left Wing	01/02/2004	Győr, HUN	194	90
	Péter	Gazsó	HUN	Centre Back	12/06/2006	Gyula, HUN	191	94
	Levente	Tisza	HUN	Right Wing	25/06/2003	Kisvarda, HUN	195	80





## Roland Mikler

 @miklerroland

### Goalkeeper

- returned to Szeged in 2019 following five-year spell at domestic rivals Veszprém
- joined Veszprém after winning EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014
- earlier in his career he played an EHF Cup final as a teenager with Dunaferr in 2003
- All-star goalkeeper at junior WCh 2005, where Hungary won bronze, and has been regular in Hungarian national team ever since

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

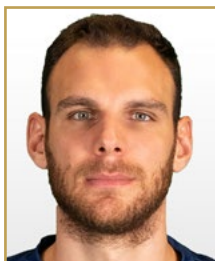


## Sebastian Frimmel

 @seppo\_

### Left wing

- in his first season playing for Szeged 2021/22 was the third best scorer of the club with 60 goals
- tall for a wing at 190 cm
- has scored over 200 goals for the Austrian national team, including 21 at EHF EURO 2020
- won bronze at School WCh in 2013; made debut in senior national team at age 18 in 2014
- awarded 'best young player' of Austrian league in 2014/15 season



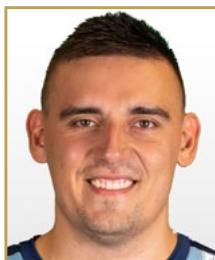
## Borut Mackovsek

 @borut.mackovsek

### Left back

- started playing handball after he went to his brother's practice and later joined the team
- came to Szeged in the summer of 2020 from their rivals Veszprém
- also played for Celje Pivovarna Lasko, Maribor, Al Sadd, ThSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Dinamo Minsk, TSV Eisenach and Montpellier
- had his first CL appearance in 2009/10 season with Celje, now enters his 12th
- part of Slovenia national team, won bronze medal at the WCh 2017 in France

WCh: B 2017



## Richard Bodo

### Left back

- joined Szeged in 2016 from Tatabánya
- made national team debut in 2012
- was named as Hungarian player of the year 2018
- player with the ability of scoring with huge shots



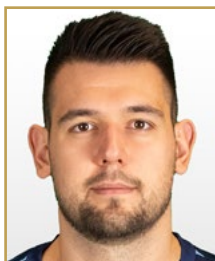
## Dean Bombac

@dean\_bombac44

### Centre back

- Slovenian playmaker, returned to Szeged in 2018 following two-year stint at Kielce
- moved to Poland after his exceptional CL 2015/16 season with Szeged, scoring 101 goals and being voted into All-star Team
- won Challenge Cup with his first club, Slovenia's RK Koper, in 2011; also had short spells at Dinamo Minsk in Belarus and PAUC in France
- flamboyant player with ability to score incredible goals

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2011

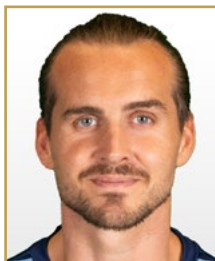


## Bence Bánhidi

@banhidibence27

### Line pleyer

- only started playing at age 14, as back-court player at his local club Győr
- arrived at Szeged in 2016 after four years with Balatonfüredi KSE
- sharing playing time on the line with Slovenian defence specialist Matej Gaber
- named Junior Player of the Year in Hungary in 2015, year after his national team debut
- key player for Hungary, voted EHF EURO 2020 All-star Team line player



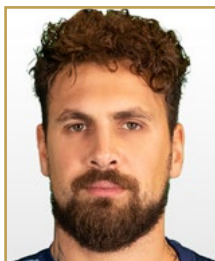
## Kent Robin Tønnesen

@kente15

### Right back

- Norwegian international, who joined Szeged in the summer of 2021 after four seasons with Hungarian league rivals Veszprém
- left his native Norway in 2012 to play in Sweden for one year (IK Sävehof) and in Germany for four years (HSG Wetzlar, Füchse Berlin)
- played at four straight EHF EURO events for Norway before missing the 2020 edition due to a torn Achilles tendon; returned to the team for the Tokyo Olympics

WCh: S 2017



## Bogdan Radivojevic

@radivojevicbogdan41

### Right wing

- Serbian international, who was named EHF Player of the Month in September 2019, right after joining Szeged following two seasons with Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- scored 63 and 57 goals respectively in his first two CL seasons with Szeged
- previously also played for Flensburg-Handewitt, winning the CL in 2014
- once said he "would trade everything I ever won for an EHF EURO medal with Serbia"

EC trophies: CL 2014

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: black

### Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: yellow



## Playing hall

Veszprém Arena  
Külső Kádártai út  
8200 Veszprém  
Hungary  
Capacity: 5,096

# TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



## GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Paris Saint-Germain Handball	14	12	0	2	492 : 439	53	24
2. SC Magdeburg	14	9	2	3	453 : 419	34	20
<b>3. Telekom Veszprém HC</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>449 : 429</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>
4. GOG	14	7	1	6	459 : 454	5	15
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	14	5	3	6	416 : 429	-13	13
6. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	4	1	9	374 : 412	-38	9
7. HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	390 : 420	-30	8
8. FC Porto	14	2	1	11	407 : 438	-31	5

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

vs PSG Handball	W36:34 (17:17)
@ FC Porto	W28:25 (12:16)
vs SC Magdeburg	D35:35 (16:16)
@ GOG	W30:31 (14:16)
vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	W33:30 (15:17)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	W26:30 (14:15)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	L29:26 (12:14)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W32:28 (16:15)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	W32:22 (17:9)
@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti	D31:31 (13:16)
vs GOG	L36:37 (21:19)
@ SC Magdeburg	L32:25 (16:15)
vs FC Porto	W32:30 (15:14)
@ PSG Handball	L37:35 (19:24)

## TOP SCORERS

Rasmus Lauge Schmidt (DEN)	65
Petar Nenadic (SRB)	60
Andreas Nilsson (SWE)	44
Yehia Elderaa (EGY)	41
Dragan Pechmalbec (SRB)	37

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 28  
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 (10): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2020/21  
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*: 26 titles (1985-86, 1992-1995, 1997-99, 2001-06, 2008-17, 2019)  
*Hungarian Cup*: 29 titles (1984, 1988-1992, 1994-1996, 1998-2000, 2002-05, 2007, 2009-18, 2021, 2022)



**12** MATCHES  
Longest  
winning run

**47** GOALS  
Most goals

**79** GOALS  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995
<b>Longest winning run</b>	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999)
	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
<b>Most goals</b>	47 v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007
	39 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.16
	39 v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 39:40W (a), 10.03.2022
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	79 v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021
	79 v Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 39:40W (a), 10.03.2022
<b>Fewest goals</b>	15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	13 v SO Chambéry FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001
	13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

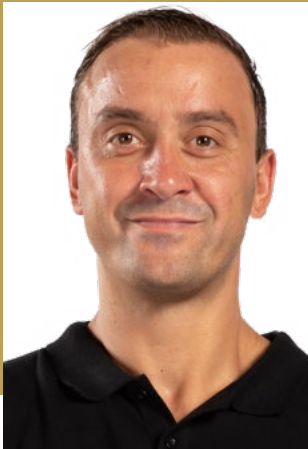
## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Fotex Veszprems HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147	-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Fotex Veszprems 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 Telekom Veszprém HUN	20	13	2	5	549:511	+38	28:12	Third Place	
2017/18 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	9	2	5	466:439	+27	20:12	Last 16	
2018/19 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	20	15	0	5	589:543	+46	30:10	Runner-up	
2019/20 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	10	0	6	509:453	+56	20:12	Fourth Place	
2020/21 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	18	12	2	4	583:511	+72	26:10	Quarter-final	
2021/22 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	18	10	2	6	581:542	+39	22:14	Fourth Place	
2022/23 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	14	8	2	4	449:429	+20	18:10	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10240:9272</b>	<b>+968</b>	<b>476:216</b>		

# TELEKOM VESZPRÉM



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**Momir Ilic**  
Coach

 @ilic\_momir

- former Serbian international, who took over from David Davis at the helm of Veszprém in summer of 2021
- ended his playing career in 2019 after spending the last six seasons at Veszprém; previously played for Kiel and Gummersbach in Germany, and Velenje in Slovenia
- won CL two times with Kiel, in 2010 and 2012
- played 11 years for the national team and helped Serbia win silver at their home EHF EURO in 2012
- joined the management of Veszprém following his retirement as a player, before getting his first opportunity as head coach

**EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012**  
**EURO: S 2012 (all as player)**

## Arrivals during the season:

Nedim Remili (FRA)  
Tas Szabó (ROU)  
Krisztian Istvan Mikler (HUN)

## Departures during the season:

Petar Nenadic (SRB)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Yahia Khaled	Fathy Omar	EGY	Right Back	09/09/1997	Giza, EGY	197	103
12	Rodrigo	Corrales Rodal	ESP	Goalkeeper	24/01/1991	Cangas, ESP	200	104
13	<del>Petar</del>	<del>Nenadic</del>	<del>SRB</del>	<del>Left Back</del>	<del>28/06/1986</del>	<del>Belgrade, SRB</del>	<del>198</del>	<del>96</del>
16	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/02/1994	Belgrade, SRB	199	116
18	Andreas	Nilsson	SWE	Line Player	12/04/1990	Trelleborg, SWE	198	120
21	Bjarki Mar	Elisson	ISL	Left Wing	16/05/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	190	94
23	Patrik	Ligetvári	HUN	Left Back	13/02/1996	Várpalota, HUN	203	115
24	Gasper	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	20/08/1990	Celje, SLO	180	87
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26	Manuel	Strlek	CRO	Left Wing	01/12/1988	Zagreb, CRO	185	86
27	Péter	Lukács	HUN	Centre Back	30/07/2002	Budapest, HUN	190	79
29	Nedim	Remili	FRA	Right Back	18/07/1995	Creteil, FRA	196	100
35	Kentin	Mahé	FRA	Centre Back	22/05/1991	Paris, FRA	186	86
39	YehiaMohamed	Elderaa	EGY	Centre Back	17/07/1995	Cairo, EGY	190	100
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46	Dragan	Pechmalbec	SRB	Line Player	05/01/1996	Cahors, FRA	194	102
52	Tas	Szabo	ROU	Right Back	03/02/2002	SfantuGheorghe,ROU	196	95
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right Wing	30/07/1995	Vitebsk, BLR	187	92
61	Krisztián Istvan	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	05/12/2002	Budapest, HUN	192	80
88	Adrián	Sipos	HUN	Line Player	08/03/1990	Szombathely, HUN	198	106



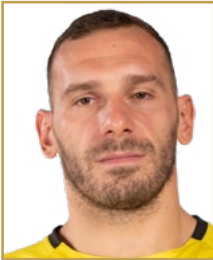
## Rodrigo Corrales

 @rodrigo016

### Goalkeeper

- joined Veszprém in 2020 after three seasons with PSG in France
- came through youth ranks of Barça and first joined the A team in 2009, gaining his first CL experience in November 2011
- in 2014, he moved to Wisła Płock, which was coached by then Spanish national team coach Manolo Cadenas and he made his debut for Spain the same year

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

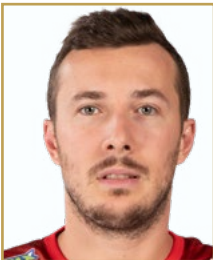


## Vladimir Cupara

 @cupara16

### Goalkeeper

- came to Veszprém in 2019 from Kielce, where he spent one season after a three-year stint at Ademar León
- debuted for Serbia national team in 2016; played his third EHF EURO in 2022
- started professional career at boyhood club Red Star Belgrade
- loves to express his emotions on the court and share them with the fans



## Manuel Strlek

### Left wing

- Croatian wing, who had CL debut with Zagreb at age 18
- played for Kielce for six seasons, and won the CL with them in 2016, before moving to Veszprém in the summer of 2018
- voted CL 2019/20 All-star left wing, after scoring 42 times that season
- made debut in Croatian national team in 2010, at EHF EURO 2010 in Austria

EC trophies: CL 2016  
OG: B 2012; WCh: B 2013; EURO: S 2010, B 2012, 2016



## Mikita Vailupau

 @mikitavailupau

### Right wing

- arrived from Belarusian champions and CL quarter-finalists Meshkov Brest in 2022
- started his career at SKA Minsk, joined Brest in 2019
- was second best overall scorer of the EHF EURO 2020 with 47 goals, only topped by Sander Sagosen. Also best Belarusian scorer at the 2021 WCh with 35 goals
- second-best scorer of the 2020/21 CL season below Valero Rivera (Nantes) and top scorer of the SEHA League 2019/20
- hobby is painting and drawing pictures in the style of abstract expressionism



## Rasmus Lauge Schmidt

@rasmuslaug25

### Left back

- joined Veszprém in summer of 2019 after six seasons in Germany, arriving in Hungary as Olympic and world champion
- one of the few players who have played at both THW Kiel and SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- often plays as a centre back as well as left back, especially in the national team
- made debut for Denmark in 2010, but did not become a regular starter until Thomas Mogensen ended his national team career after EHF EURO 2014
- an intelligent and inventive playmaker with a good shot and fine skills for breaking through the defence

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, B 2022



## Kentin Mahe

@kentinmahe35

### Centre back

- joined Veszprém in 2018 after spells with Flensburg, Hamburg, Gummersbach and Dormagen, where he was coached by his father Pascal
- scored 65 goals in CL 2021/22 season, his personal best, and was named in the 2021 CL All-star Team
- lost all three EC finals he played in: CL 2018/19 with Veszprém, EHF Cup 2014/15 with Hamburg, and CWC 2011/12 with Gummersbach
- MVP of EHF Cup Finals 2015; M20 EURO 2010 MVP and top scorer (49 goals)

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



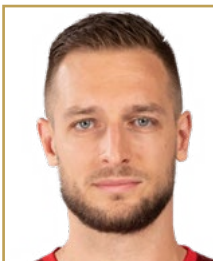
## Nedim Remili

@nedim\_remili

### Right back

- arrived at Veszprém in February 2023 from Industria Kielce, where he had played since summer 2022 to replace long-term injured Egyptian Yahia Omar
- previously played six years for Paris Saint-Germain and was six times French champion
- All-star Team right back at the 2017 and 2023 WCh and the Tokyo 2020 OG, where he was best French scorer
- his father Kamel was also a professional handball player

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



## Gasper Marguc

@gaspermarguc

### Right wing

- 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
- once scored 18 goals from 18 attempts for Celje in two matches against THW Kiel's legendary goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer
- took part in WCh in 2013 when Slovenia placed fourth, and in 2017 when they won bronze

WCh: B 2017



# ORLEN WISLA PLOCK VS HBC NANTES



First leg: Wednesday 22 March, 20:45 CET

Second leg: Wednesday 29 March, 20:45 CEST



- booked their ticket for the play-offs after finishing sixth in group B with nine points
- had to wait until the last round of the group phase and a final win in Porto (28:27) to secure their presence in the play-offs
- reached the play-offs stage five times in the Champions League, the last time in 2019, but never managed to qualify for the quarter-finals
- best European result dates back to last year and a third place in the European League after losing to Benfica in the semi-final (19:26)
- best scorer in the Champions League this season is Croatian left-back Tin Lucin, with 65 goals in 14 games
- with 412 goals taken, Plock was the second best defence of the group phase, but also was the least efficient offence, with 374 goals scored
- qualified for the play-offs after finishing third in group A with 15 points, behind Barça and Kielce
- collected seven wins, one draw and six losses during the group phase, including wins against Kiel, Aalborg and Szeged
- best performance in the EHF Champions League is a final in 2018, lost against Montpellier (26:32)
- played two other European finals in the EHF Cup, in 2013 and 2016, but lost them both
- best scorer so far this season is left-winger Valero Rivera, with 66 goals across 14 games
- has won the two past confrontations with Wisla Plock in the history of the Champions League, in 2017/18 (32:30, 32:30)

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes 0-0-2 (60:64) 0:4

05.11.2017 Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A 30:32 (13:16)  
 25.11.2017 HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A 32:30 (18:12)

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: navy blue

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: red



## Playing hall

### ORLEN Arena

Pl. Celebry Papięskiej 1  
09-400 Płock  
Poland  
Capacity: 5,467

# ORLEN WISLA PŁOCK



## GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Paris Saint-Germain Handball	14	12	0	2	492 : 439	53	20
2. SC Magdeburg	14	9	2	3	453 : 419	34	20
3. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	8	2	4	449 : 429	20	18
4. GOG	14	7	1	6	459 : 454	5	15
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	14	5	3	6	416 : 429	-13	13
<b>6. Orlen Wisła Płock</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>374 : 412</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>9</b>
7. HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	390 : 420	-30	8
8. FC Porto	14	2	1	11	407 : 438	-31	5

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

@ FC Porto	W27:23 (14:10)
@ PSG Handball	L37:33 (18:16)
vs GOG	W31:27 (17:14)
@ SC Magdeburg	L33:27 (17:16)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	D26:26 (14:15)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L26:30 (14:15)
@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti	L32:27 (15:14)
vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	L26:28 (12:12)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	L32:22 (17:9)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	L26:30 (13:14)
vs SC Magdeburg	W25:24 (14:10)
@ GOG	L31:24 (18:11)
vs PSG Handball	L26:32 (14:15)
@ FC Porto	W27:28 (13:15)

## TOP SCORERS

Tin Lucin (CRO)	65
Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	46
Lovro Mihic (CRO)	45
Abel Serdio Guntin (ESP)	42
Gonzalo Pérez Arce (ESP)	42

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 15  
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*: 7 titles (1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011)  
*Polish cup*: 11 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2022)



**6** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**42** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**72** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	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
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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
<b>Longest winning run</b>	5 matches (29.11.2014 – 14.03.2015)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (23.11.2014 – 14.03.2015)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (05.10.2008 – 20.11.2008) 6 matches (25.02.2017 – 01.10.2017)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	13 matches (25.11.2015 – 19.10.2016)
<b>Most goals</b>	42 v Crvena Zvezda Beograd SCG 42:26W (h), 13.11.2004
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v Sportclub Magdeburg GER 40:32L (a), 16.11.2002
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	72 v Sportclub Magdeburg GER 40:32L (a), 16.11.2002
<b>Fewest goals</b>	13 v Chambéry Savoie HB FRA 21:13L (a), 15.10.2006
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v Riihimäen Cocks FIN 34:18W (h), 26.09.2018
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	34 v Chambéry Savoie HB FRA 21:13L (a), 15.10.2006


## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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	14	4	1	9	374:412	-38	9:19	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3968:4245</b>	<b>-277</b>	<b>108:192</b>		

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



**Xavier Sabate**  
Coach

 @xavi\_sabate

- Spanish coach who has been leading Płock since July 2018, a few months after Piotr Przybecki had left the club
- steered Płock to the EHF Finals two seasons in a row
- experienced coach who worked at Veszprém from 2015-17
- led the Hungarian team to the CL 2016 final, where they lost to Kielce in a penalty shoot-out
- was voted coach of the CL 2015/16 All-star Team
- great eye for detail, engaging in all aspects of coaching including tactical analysis and team building

#### Arrivals during the season:

Ignacio Biosca Garcia (ESP)

#### Departures during the season:

Kristian Pilipovic (CRO)  
Daniel Sarmiento (ESP)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
<del>1</del>	<del>Kristian</del>	<del>Pilipovic</del>	<del>AUT</del>	<del>Goalkeeper</del>	<del>10/12/1994</del>	<del>Dakovo, CRO</del>	<del>191</del>	<del>103</del>
1	Ignacio	Biosca Garcia	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/07/1995	Barcelona, ESP	193	90
<b>C</b> 3	Michał	Daszek	POL	Right Back	27/06/1992	Tczew, POL	182	87
6	Tin	Lucin	CRO	Left Back	16/08/1999	Rijeka, CRO	196	98
7	Tomas	Piroch	CZE	Right Back	12/05/2000	Pilzno, CZE	187	90
8	Oliwier	Kaminski	POL	Right Back	24/04/2004	Plock, POL	192	82
9	Kosuke	Yasuhiro	JPN	Centre Back	29/06/2000	Takaoka, JPN	173	70
11	Marcel	Sroczyk	POL	Left Wing	17/05/1998	Lubin, POL	184	78
13	Uros	Mitrovic	SRB	Right Back	13/09/2004	Vrbas, BIH	199	96
17	Abel	Serdio Guntin	ESP	Line Player	16/04/1994	Aviles, ESP	196	115
19	Leon	Šušnja	CRO	Line Player	05/08/1993	Siroki Brijeg, BIH	204	116
20	Krystian	Witkowski	POL	Goalkeeper	01/12/1999	Mielec, POL	200	103
<del>22</del>	<del>Daniel</del>	<del>Sarmiento</del>	<del>ESP</del>	<del>Centre Back</del>	<del>25/08/1983</del>	<del>Las Palmas, ESP</del>	<del>186</del>	<del>86</del>
23	Filip	Michalowicz	POL	Right Wing	05/06/2003	Glogów, POL	197	78
24	Gergő	Fazekas	HUN	Centre Back	31/10/2003	Budapest, HUN	191	90
25	Krzysztof	Komarzewski	POL	Right Wing	18/09/1998	Gdansk, POL	188	85
26	Przemysław	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20/01/1987	Chiechánów, POL	184	85
29	Gonzalo	Pérez Arce	ESP	Right Wing	20/07/1998	Leon, ESP	175	70
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12/07/1983	Priboj, SRB	196	110
55	Niko	Mindegia Elizaga	ESP	Centre Back	19/07/1988	San Sebastian, ESP	182	85
33	Dawid	Dawydzik	POL	Line Player	07/12/1994	Zary, POL	200	119
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25/08/1994	Zagreb, CRO	181	81
75	Marcel	Jastrzebski	POL	Goalkeeper	14/03/2003	Lubin, POL	196	92
89	Dmitry	Zhitnikov	RUS	Centre Back	20/11/1989	Olomunec, CZE	197	100
99	Sergei Mark	Kosorotov	RUS	Left Back	16/06/1999	Moscow, RUS	200	95



## Marcel Jastrzebski

 @jastrzab\_mwj

### Goalkeeper

- joined Płock in 2022 from fellow Polish club SMS ZPRP Kielce
- currently playing his first ever CL season
- born in 2003, is one of the brightest hopes for Poland on the goalkeeper position
- made his first national team appearance in 2023 during EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers against France



## Lovro Mihic

### Left wing

- started handball at a young age, spent his youth in PPD Zagreb
- Wisła Płock is only the second club in his career, coming from Zagreb in 2016
- got invited to Croatia national team in 2015, later participated at the 2017 WCH
- his wife Tarra was also a handball player



## Tin Lucin

 @tin\_lucin

### Left back

- Rijeka-born, started his career at Kozala
- also played for Zamet and PPD Zagreb in Croatia, later for Ademar Leon before joining Wisła Płock in 2021
- was part of youth national team and plays for Croatia national team
- his younger brother Fran is a handball goalkeeper

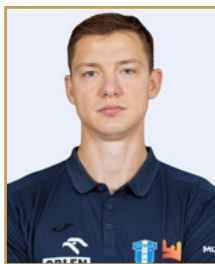


## Sergei Mark Kosorotov

 @sergey\_mark

### Left back

- joined Wisła Płock in the summer of 2021 from Chekhovskie Medvedi
- 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 but is usually called just Sergei
- his father was a famous judoka, while his mother played handball at Luch Moscow



## Dmitry Zhitnikov

### Centre back

- Russian international, joined Wisła Płock in 2021
- in his second stint with the Polish club, previously played there 2015-2017
- started handball in Krasnodar, where his first coach was his father, at the local school
- a talented young player, invited to Chekhov at age 16; played five seasons in the reserve team before his breakthrough



## Abel Serdio

 @abelserdio

### Line player

- Spanish international, started his career at Gijón
- came to Wisła Płock in 2020 on a 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

WCh: B 2023



## Michał Daszek

 @michaldaszek

### Right back

- arrived at Płock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- versatile player who can also play at 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 Olympics the following year

WCh: B 2015



## Gonzalo Perez Arce

 @gonzaloperez\_19

### Right wing

- born in Leon, started his handball career in Ademar where he made A team debut in 2014/15 season
- joined Wisła in summer 2022 on a two-year contract
- also a keen football player as a kid, but chose handball at the age of 14
- his brother Rodrigo is also a handball player, at JS Cherbourg
- had national team debut in 2019, also played for Spanish youth team

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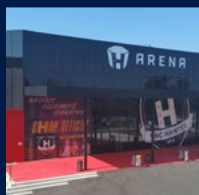
## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: yellow, blue or green

### Dark

Player shirt: grey  
Player short: grey  
GK shirt: yellow, blue or green



## Playing hall

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

# HBC NANTES



## GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Barça	14	13	1	0	484 : 404	80	27
2. Industria Kielce	14	11	0	3	465 : 427	38	22
<b>3. HBC Nantes</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>478 : 451</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>
4. THW Kiel	14	6	3	5	460 : 440	20	15
5. Aalborg Håndbold	14	6	1	7	445 : 438	7	13
6. Pick Szeged	14	5	1	8	426 : 452	-26	11
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	3	0	11	412 : 475	-63	6
8. Elverum Handball	14	1	1	12	398 : 481	-83	3

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

vs OTP Bank-Pick Szeged W35:30 (17:15)  
@ Industria Kielce L40:33 (23:18)  
vs Elverum Handball W41:30 (20:14)  
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W24:35 (14:20)  
vs THW Kiel W38:30 (20:15)  
@ Barça L34:29 (16:17)  
@ Aalborg Håndbold W32:25 (17:20)  
vs Aalborg Håndbold W35:28 (18:12)  
vs Barça L33:37 (16:22)  
@ THW Kiel L37:33 (20:18)  
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko L31:32 (15:17)  
@ Elverum Handball W36:42 (18:21)  
vs Industria Kielce L30:33 (14:17)  
@ OTP Bank-Pick Szeged D28:28 (13:15)

## TOP SCORERS

Valero Rivera (ESP) **66**  
Alexandre Cavalcanti (POR) **57**  
Thibaud Briet (FRA) **49**  
Kauldi Odriozola Yeregui (ESP) **45**  
Aymeric Minne (FRA) **45**

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 5  
Runners-up (1): 2017/18  
Semi-finals (1): 2020/21  
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19  
Last 16 (1): 2016/17

### Other

*EHF European League*: Quarter-finals 2021/22  
*EHF Cup*: Runners-up 2012/13, 2015/16; Quarter-finals 2013/14  
*French Cup*: 1 title (2017)  
*French League Cup*: 2 titles (2015, 2022)  
*Trophee des Champions*: 1 title (2017)





**7** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
unbeaten run

**42** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**78** **GOALS**  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	33:19 (16:9) v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR (h), 01.10.20168
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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
<b>Longest winning run</b>	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018) 7 matches (25.02.2018 – 26.05.2018)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (27.05.2018 – 23.09.2018) 3 matches (24.04.2019 – 16.09.2020) 3 matches (09.12.2020 – 04.02.2021) 3 matches (20.05.2021 – 13.06.2021) 3 matches (15.12.2022 – 09.02.2023)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	5 matches (18.11.2018 – 07.02.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	42 vs Elverum Handball NOR 36:42W (a), 15.02.2023
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 vs Industria Kielce POL 40:33L (a), 14.09.2022
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	78 vs Elverum Handball NOR 36:42W (a), 15.02.2023
<b>Fewest goals</b>	22 v HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO 23:22L (a), 17.02.2018
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	19 v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR 33:19W (h), 01.10.2016
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	43 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:20W (h), 03.11.2018

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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	14	7	1	6	478:451	+27	15:13	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2588:2472</b>	<b>+116</b>	<b>97:75</b>		



## Grégory Cojean

### Coach

- took over from Alberto Entrerrios as head coach in 2022, having worked for the club in various capacities since 2005
- started, as a 27-year-old, as coach of the reserve team
- has been on the bench of the A team in 2009, assisting first Thierry Anti (until 2019), then Entrerrios
- has had huge impact on the youth development programme of Nantes, which helped talents emerge like Dragan Pechmalbec, Thibaud Briet, and Theo Monar

### Arrivals during the season:

Yunayd Belbrahim (FRA)  
Manuel Gasper (POR)

### Departures during the season:

Andreas Hoffmann (FRA)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Ivan	Pesic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/03/1989	Rijeka, CRO	194	110
2	Ruben	Marchan Criado	ESP	Line Player	20/09/1994	Manzanares, ESP	202	110
3	Thibaud	Briet	FRA	Left Back	14/12/1999	Rouen, FRA	205	95
4	Aymeric	Minne	FRA	Centre Back	20/04/1997	Melun, FRA	186	85
5	Lucas	De la Breteche	FRA	Centre Back	19/11/2001	Saint-Nazaire, FRA	193	85
6	Linus	Persson	SWE	Right Back	16/04/1993	Helsingborg, SWE	191	95
<b>C</b> 7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22/02/1985	Barcelona, ESP	185	83
8	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left Back	27/12/1996	Almada, POR	201	105
9	Alexander	Shkurinskiy	RUS	Left Back	11/04/1995	Krasnodar, RUS	190	78
10	Rok	Ovnicsek	SLO	Centre Back	29/01/1995	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	185	88
11	Baptiste	Damatin-Bertrand	FRA	Left Wing	29/04/2000	Saint Maurice, FRA	177	91
<del>12</del>	<del>Andreas</del>	<del>Hofmann</del>	<del>FRA</del>	<del>Goalkeeper</del>	<del>29/06/2001</del>	<del>Marseille, FRA</del>	<del>185</del>	<del>87</del>
14	Pedro	Portela	POR	Right Wing	06/01/1990	Leiria, POR	186	85
15	Jorge	Maqueda Peno	ESP	Right Back	06/02/1988	Toledo, ESP	197	102
16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24/07/2000	Reykjavik, ISL	203	115
17	Jérémy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15/08/1992	Courbevoie, FRA	197	106
18	Théo	Monar	FRA	Line Player	06/06/2001	Fort-de-France, FRA	200	112
19	Kauldi	Odriozola Yeregui	ESP	Right Wing	07/01/1997	Zumaia, ESP	183	80
20	Salomon	Nassequela	COD	Right Back	15/01/2004	Kinshasa, COD	183	71
21	Manuel	Gaspar	POR	Goalkeeper	09/12/1998	Lisbon, POR	193	103
22	Alban	Simonnet	FRA	Centre Back	04/01/2004	Orléans, FRA	191	84
23	Enzo	Handjou Tchuilieu	FRA	Line Player	27/01/2002	Paris, FRA	195	111
24	Ernest	Pineau	FRA	Right Back	30/01/2003	Rochefort, FRA	198	84
25	Sebastian	Vellenoweth	GBR	Left Back	10/03/2002	Pembury, GBR	195	92
26	Pierre-Alexis	Favril	FRA	Left Wing	15/10/2004	Dreux, FRA	186	75
27	Mathis	Beauchef	FRA	Right Wing	26/02/2001	Mont-Saint-Aignan, FRA	183	78
28	Tchambou	Wenkegheu	FRA	Line Player	01/01/2004	Paris, FRA	197	95
30	Yunayd	Belbrahim	FRA	Goalkeeper	05/05/2001	Chatellerault, FRA	200	100



## Viktor Hallgrímsson

@viktorhallgrimsson

### Goalkeeper

- joined from Fram Reykjavik in the summer of 2019, moved to Nantes in 2022
- debuted in the Icelandic national team by 19 and he made a name for himself at the Junior (U21) World Championship 2019
- continued building his name at EHF EURO 2020, ranking among the top penalty savers with seven stops at 44 per cent
- a fast and very talented goalkeeper with fine reactions



## Ivan Pesic

@ivanpesic17

### Goalkeeper

- joined TVB Stuttgart from Meshkov Brest in November 2021 before moving to Nantes in 2022
- had a kidney removed after being stabbed in 2009 night club incident, in which Veszprém teammate Marian Cozma was killed
- practised taekwondo successfully in his childhood
- has 58 caps for Croatia since his debut in 2008, but did not feature in the squad for EHF EURO 2020
- won gold at the U18 EHF EURO in 2006



## Valero Rivera

@valerorivera

### Left wing

- CL winner and world champion, who returned to Nantes from Barcelona in summer of 2018, after earlier spell with the French club in 2010-16
- elected as All-star left wing of the CL 2020/21
- top scorer of EHF EURO 2016, with 48 goals, and best left wing of WCh 2015
- his father, Valero Rivera sr., has been coach of Barcelona, Spain and Qatar
- married to former handball player Marion Anti, daughter of previous Nantes coach Thierry Anti

EC trophies: CL 2005; EHF Cup 2003  
EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013; OG: B 2020



## Thibaud Briet

### left back

- born in 1999, he made his debut with Nantes' A team aged only 18
- played his first competition with France at the EHF EURO 2022
- confesses to "still be amazed when playing against players that I watched on TV not so long ago"

WCh: S 2023



## Aymeric Minne

@aymericminne

### Centre back

- talented back, who signed for Nantes in summer of 2019 after four seasons in Aix
- initially an offensive player, but has made huge progress as a defender as well
- scored a personal best 54 goals in the CL 2020/21, including eight in Nantes' crucial 34:31 away win at Kielce in the play-offs in April 2021
- made national team debut for France in EHF EURO qualifier against Greece in April 2021



## Theo Monar

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### Line player

- the latest of the players to sign a first professional contract with Nantes, at only 19
- made his first national team appearance in the EHF EURO qualifiers in April 2021
- seen as the natural successor for Nicolas Tournat, another line player brought up in the club



## Jorge Maqueda

@maqueda15

### Right back

- world-class defender, who came back in Nantes in 2022
- previously played for Barça, Alcobendas, Aragon, Nantes, Vardar and Veszprem
- first played in France from 2012 to 2015, playing the EHF Cup final for the first time in the club's history in 2015
- won world title in 2013 and EHF EURO in 2020 with Spain
- won the EHF Champions League final with Vardar in 2017

EC trophies: CL 2017

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



## Kauldi Odriozola

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### Right wing

- started playing handball at his local club in Zumaya, Pulpo KE
- signed for Bidasoa Irun in 2016, when the club was promoted to the ASOBAL League, before moving to Nantes in 2022
- won gold with Spain M17 EHF Championship 2016 Junior WCh 2017
- made national team debut for Spain in an EHF EURO 2018 qualifier in 2017
- awarded best right wing in the Asobal 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the best rookie of the Spanish league in 2017

WCh: B 2023

# AALBORG HÅNDBOLD VS GOG



**First leg: Thursday 23 March, 18:45 CET**

**Second leg: Thursday 30 March, 20:45 CEST**



- qualified for the play-offs thanks to their fifth place in group B, with 13 points
- with six wins, seven losses and a draw, came out of the group phase with a somehow disappointing result
- best result in the Champions League was a final in 2021, lost to Barça (23:36). Last year, Aalborg reached the quarter-finals and were eliminated by Veszprem (71:66 on aggregate)
- this season is only the fifth time Aalborg reached the play-offs phase in the Champions League
- Aalborg's best scorer in the Champions League this season is left-winger Sebastian Barthold, who netted 60 in 13 group phase games
- played three times against play-offs opponents GOG already this season and won all games, including the Danish Supercup
- finished fourth in group A to book their play-offs qualification, having taken 15 points overall
- won seven games in the group phase, including prestigious ones in Veszprem and against SC Magdeburg
- qualified for the third time only this season for the play-offs in the Champions League, after 2007 and 2005
- best European result remains a lost Cup Winners' Cup final in 1995 against FC Barcelona (57:46 on aggregate)
- their best scorer in the Champions League this season is Emil Madsen (76 points), while four other GOG players are among the Top 20 scorers in the competition
- recently made official that Simon Pytlick and Lukas Jorgensen would be moving to SG Flensburg-Handewitt next season, after Jerry Tollbring already decided to make the move to Berlin next summer

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Aalborg Håndbold vs GOG

No previous encounters in European competitions

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: green

### Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: black



## Playing hall

Sparekassen Danmark  
Arena  
Willy Brandts Vej 31  
9220 Aalborg Ost  
Denmark  
Capacity: 5,020

# AALBORG HÅNDBOLD



## GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Barça	14	13	1	0	484 : 404	80	27
2. Industria Kielce	14	11	0	3	465 : 427	38	22
3. HBC Nantes	14	7	1	6	478 : 451	27	15
4. THW Kiel	14	6	3	5	460 : 440	20	15
5. <b>Aalborg Håndbold</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>445 : 438</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
6. Pick Szeged	14	5	1	8	426 : 452	-26	11
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	3	0	11	412 : 475	-63	6
8. Elverum Handball	14	1	1	12	398 : 481	-83	3

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W26:32 (20:17)  
@ Elverum Handball W25:33 (14:17)  
vs Industria Kielce L28:30 (15:17)  
@ OTP Bank-Pick Szeged W29:41 (15:17)  
vs Barça L33:39 (19:19)  
@ THW Kiel D36:36 (17:16)  
vs HBC Nantes L32:25 (17:20)  
@ HBC Nantes L35:28 (18:12)  
vs THW Kiel L26:30 (14:16)  
@ Barça L32:26 (15:16)  
vs OTP Bank-Pick Szeged W33:27 (15:11)  
@ Industria Kielce L33:28 (15:15)  
vs Elverum Handball W31:24 (17:12)  
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W31:34 (15:19)

## TOP SCORERS

Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	60
Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	58
Aron Pálmarsson (ISL)	49
Mads Hoxer Hangaard (DEN)	48
Felix Claar (SWE)	46

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 8  
Final (1): 2020/21  
Quarter-final (1): 2021/22  
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-final 2003/04, Group Phase 2015/16  
Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Danish league: 6 titles (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019-21)  
Danish cup: 2 titles (2019, 2022)



**7** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

**41** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**79** **GOALS**  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	37:23 (17:7) v HK DROTT Halmstad SWE (h), 24.11.2013
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	11:31 (5:16) v FC Barcelona ESP (h), 15.03.2015
<b>Longest winning run</b>	7 matches (24.11.2021 – 09.03.2022)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (24.11.2021 – 09.03.2022)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (01.12.2013 – 29.03.2014)
	6 matches (27.09.2017 – 18.11.2017)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	9 matches (16.11.2014 – 16.09.2017)
<b>Most goals</b>	41 vs OTP Bank-Pick Szeged HUN 29:41W (a), 06.10.2022
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	44 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	79 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
<b>Fewest goals</b>	11 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	20 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 30:20W (h), 22.09.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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 Handbold 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	14	6	1	7	445:438	+7	13:15	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3227:3327</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>98:126</b>		

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





## Stefan Madsen

### Coach

- promoted from assistant to head coach at Aalborg Håndbold in summer of 2018
- previously worked with women's team of HC Leipzig in German Bundesliga
- combined his job at Aalborg with coaching Danish national under-21 team but stepped down from that job in May 2020, after extending his contract with Aalborg to 2023
- generally calm, analytic and communicative coach

### Arrivals during the season:

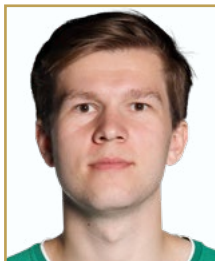
Magnus Dahl Andersen (DEN)

### Departures during the season:

Sebastian Henneberg (DEN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Simon	Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	03/01/1997	Holstebro, DEN	194	96
2	Benjamin	Jakobsen	DEN	Line Player	09/09/1991	Hamburg, GER	191	115
3	Victor	Kristensen Thomadsen	DEN	Left Back	07/03/2003	Aalborg, DEN	189	90
4	Aron	Pálmarrsson	ISL	Centre Back	19/07/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	193	101
5	Victor	Kløve	DEN	Left Back	27/06/2002	Brønderslev, DEN	197	99
6	Sebastian	Barthold	NOR	Left Wing	27/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	185	89
7	Felix	Claar	SWE	Centre Back	05/01/1997	Vrinnevi, SWE	192	98
8	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30/09/1989	St. Johannes, SWE	200	111
9	Sebastian	Henneberg	DEN	Left Back	18/02/1994	Viborg, DEN	197	101
11	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	03/02/1997	Reslöv, SWE	193	89
12	Nichlas Kristian	Ludvigsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	14/10/2003	Rebild, DEN	195	100
13	Noah Juul	Lykke	DEN	Right Wing	19/09/2003	Aalborg, DEN	180	80
14	Mads	Hoxer Hangaard	DEN	Right Back	06/12/2000	Thisted, DEN	196	97
15	Magnus	Dahl Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	25/08/2002	Frederikshavn, DEN	197	97
16	Mikael	Aggefors	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/01/1985	Tumba, SWE	191	92
17	Martin	Larsen	DEN	Right Back	19/09/1992	Aalborg, DEN	194	96
18	Frederik Møller	Christoffersen	DEN	Centre Back	06/09/2003	Aalborg, DEN	198	100
19	Kristian	Bjørnsen	NOR	Right Wing	10/01/1989	Stavanger, NOR	191	86
20	Andreas	Flodman	SWE	Right Wing	14/03/1993	Eskilstuna, SWE	183	86
21	Henrik	Møllgaard Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	02/01/1985	Esbjerg, DEN	196	101
<b>C</b> 22	Rene	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	04/03/1992	Vesthimmerland, DEN	196	106
23	Buster	Juul	DEN	Left Wing	31/03/1993	Slagelse, DEN	200	96
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	22/10/1987	Helsingør, DEN	196	102
25	Marinus	Grandahl Munk	DEN	Left Back	22/04/2003	Aalborg, DEN	200	87
26	Christian	Termansen	DEN	Right Back	17/06/2003	Frederikshavn, DEN	195	81
27	Mikkel	Ladefoged	DEN	Left Wing	11/05/2003	Aalborg, DEN	183	85
28	Mikkel	Stouby	DEN	Left Wing	12/05/2003	Copenhagen, DEN	182	82
29	Marcus	Kløve	DEN	Line Player	24/08/2004	Brønderslev, DEN	189	95



## Simon Gade

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### Goalkeeper

- joined Aalborg from TTH in the summer of 2020
- had been with TTH for almost whole career, except for few seasons on loan at neighbouring clubs
- tall goalkeeper with fine reach, good reactions and strong ability for reading shots
- shares the position with Swedish WCh 2021 silver medallist Mikael Aggefors



## Sebastian Barthold

@sbarthold

### Left wing

- has only played for two teams in his whole career: Haslum (NOR), for seven seasons, and Aalborg since 2017
- scored over 60 goals in each of the last two EHF CL seasons, but has never played in a major tournament for Norway
- is the brother in law of teammate Kristjan Bjørnsen, after marrying his sister, Line, this summer
- made national team debut for Norway in 2012, but recently become first choice after EHF EURO 2020 All-star left wing Magnus Jøndal retired



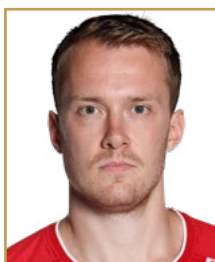
## Henrik Møllgaard

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### Left back

- joined from PSG in 2018 but played in Aalborg before, from 2009 to 2012
- has also represented two other Danish top clubs, KIF Kolding and Skjern Handbold
- a regular in the Danish national team, where he plays entirely in the defence, while he plays at both ends of the court in Aalborg
- well into his 30s, he is still a huge asset in defence as well as attack

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023, S 2013; EURO: S 2014, B 2022



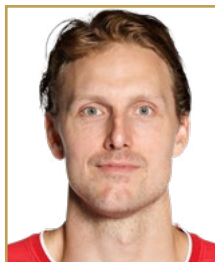
## Felix Claar

@felixclaar

### Centre back

- arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2020 from Alingsas HK in his native Sweden
- was crucial in Aalborg's 2020/21 quarter-final win over Flensburg, scoring 14 times
- spent seven years at Alingsas, winning Swedish league in 2014 and named MVP of the league in 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons
- made national team debut in 2017

WCh: S 2021; EURO: G 2022



## Jesper Nielsen

### Line player

- joined Aalborg in 2021 from Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- started career at IK Sävehof before three years at Füchse Berlin and two with Paris Saint-Germain
- made senior debut for national team at EHF EURO 2014, won silver at EHF EURO 2020 but did not feature in 2022
- is jointly the tallest player in Aalborg's current squad at 2m – the same height as Buster Juul

EURO: S 2018



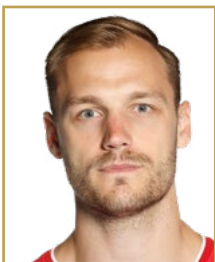
## Aron Palmársson

@aronpalm

### Centre back

- arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2021 after four years at Barça and winning the CL 2020/21 with the Spanish side
- previously played two seasons at Veszprém (2015-17) and six at Kiel (2011-17)
- versatile, tactically and technically skilled Icelandic who set a record with his ninth EHF FINAL4 participation in June 2021
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2014 and again in 2016

CL: 2010, 2012, 2021 EURO: B 2010



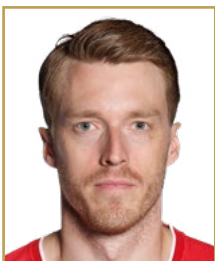
## Lukas Sandell

@lukassandell

### Right back

- Swedish back, who arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2020 after two seasons with another Scandinavian CL team, Elverum in Norway
- second best Aalborg scorer, with 66 goals, in CL 2020/21 season, when the team reached the final
- previously played for Ystads IF, where he learned a lot from legendary Kim Andersson
- has a great variety of shots and plenty of speed

WCh: S 2021; EURO: G 2022



## Kristian Bjørnsen

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### Right wing

- started career at FyllingenBergen (NOR) and represented IFK Kristianstad (SWE) before joining HSG Wetzlar in Germany and then Aalborg Håndbold
- a tall, experienced and efficient wing, is the tenth all-time goal scorer for Norway, with over 550 goals
- has been first choice on right wing in national team for numerous years
- his younger sister, Line, was also a top-level handball player

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: yellow  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: green/white/red

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: white/red/green



## Playing hall

**Jyske Bank Arena**  
Orbaekvej 350  
5220 Odense  
Denmark  
Capacity: 4,000

GOG



## GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Paris Saint-Germain Handball	14	12	0	2	492 : 439	53	24
2. SC Magdeburg	14	9	2	3	453 : 419	34	20
3. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	8	2	4	449 : 429	20	18
<b>4. GOG</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>459 : 454</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	14	5	3	6	416 : 429	-13	13
6. OrLEN Wisla Plock	14	4	1	9	374 : 412	-38	9
7. HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	390 : 420	-30	8
8. FC Porto	14	2	1	11	407 : 438	-31	5

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

@ HC PPD Zagreb	W27:31 (12:18)
vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	D38:38 (21:20)
@ OrLEN Wisla Plock	L31:27 (17:14)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L30:31 (14:16)
@ FC Porto	W26:33 (10:15)
vs SC Magdeburg	W33:32 (13:16)
@ PSG Handball	L41:36 (16:16)
vs PSG Handball	L35:40 (19:22)
@ SC Magdeburg	L36:34 (21:18)
vs FC Porto	W34:33 (15:13)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	W36:37 (21:19)
vs OrLEN Wisla Plock	W31:24 (18:11)
@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti	L30:27 (14:13)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W33:29 (20:12)

## TOP SCORERS

Emil Madsen (DEN)	76
Simon Pytlick (DEN)	75
Morten Olsen (DEN)	68
Lukas Jørgensen (DEN)	67
Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	64

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 9

Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09

Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2006/07

Group Matches (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2019/20

### Other

*EHF European League*: Quarter-finals 2020/21

*EHF Cup*: Quarter-finals 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up 1995/96, Quarter-finals 1993/94, 1997/98

*Danish league*: 8 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2022)

*Danish cup*: 10 titles (1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2019)



**4** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**45** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**77** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	36:17 (16:8) v Brestskiy HC Meshkovo BLR (h), 09.10.2004
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	29:45 (18:24) v BM Ciudad Real ESP (h), 04.12.2004
<b>Longest winning run</b>	4 matches (09.10.2004 – 30.10.2004)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	4 matches (09.10.2004 – 30.10.2004)
	4 matches (10.11.2007 – 10.02.2008)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (16.11.2008 – 08.03.2009)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	6 matches (14.02.1996 – 24.11.1996)
	6 matches (16.11.2008 – 08.03.2009)
<b>Most goals</b>	45 v HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE 45:32W (h), 15.10.2006
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	45 v BM Ciudad Real ESP 29:45L (h), 04.12.2004
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	77 v HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE 45:32W (h), 15.10.2006
	77 vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 41:36L (a), 23.11.2022
<b>Fewest goals</b>	18 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 18:22L (h), 24.11.1996
	18 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 29:18L (a), 18.01.1997
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	17 v Brestskiy HC Meshkovo BLR 36:17W (h), 09.10.2004
	17 v CS HCM Constanta ROU 33:17W (h), 22.10.2006
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	40 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 18:22L (h), 24.11.1996

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1995/96 GOG Gudme DEN	6	1	2	3	136:159	-23	4:8	4th Gr. B	
1996/97 GOG Gudme DEN	6	1	0	5	133:155	-22	2:10	3rd Gr. D	
1998/99 GOG Gudme DEN	6	2	0	4	160:180	-20	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
2000/01 GOG Gudme DEN	6	3	0	3	165:158	+7	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2004/05 GOG Gudme DEN	8	4	0	4	238:230	+8	8:8	Last 16	
2006/07 GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN	8	3	0	5	261:244	+17	6:10	Last 16	
2007/08 GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN	12	6	3	3	380:365	+15	15:9	2nd MR Gr. 4	
2008/09 GOG Svendborg TGI DEN	10	3	0	7	292:324	-32	6:14	4th MR Gr. 4	
2019/20 GOG DEN	10	4	1	5	310:319	-9	9:11	3rd Gr. D	
2022/23 GOG DEN	14	7	1	6	459:454	+5	15:13	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2534:2588</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>75:97</b>		



## Nicolej Krickau

Coach

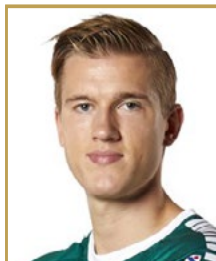
 @nicolej\_krickau

- Danish former centre back, who ended his playing career in 2007 due to injury after just three seasons with Skanderborg Håndbold, his first professional club
- started working as a youth coach at Skanderborg, took over the senior team in 2013, before joining GOG four years later
- replaced Jakob Larsen as head coach in the summer of 2017
- known for his ability to develop young players; has taken GOG back to the top of Danish handball

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Atal	Lakanval	DEN	Goalkeeper	14/01/2003	Svendborg, DEN	194	119
<b>C</b> 2	Simon Bogetoft	Pytlick	DEN	Left Back	11/12/2000	Svendborg, DEN	193	98
3	Nicolai Nygaard	Pedersen	DEN	Left Back	15/02/1994	Hillerød, DEN	198	100
6	Henrik	Jakobsen	NOR	Line Player	16/12/1992	Lørenskog, NOR	196	115
7	Christoffer Sundsgaard	Dreyer	DEN	Centre Back	16/03/2002	Svendborg, DEN	196	98
9	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13/09/1995	Rimbo, SWE	182	80
11	Emil Wernsdorf	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	01/01/2001	Svendborg, DEN	194	99
12	Matthias René Rex	Dorgelo	DEN	Goalkeeper	31/10/2002	Odense, DEN	200	100
14	Lukas Lindhard	Jørgensen	DEN	Line Player	31/03/1999	Lejre, DEN	194	109
15	Lauritz Reinholdt	Legér	DEN	Centre Back	14/01/2000	Maribo, DEN	193	86
16	Tobias	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05/07/1995	Gøteborg, SWE	198	100
19	Oskar Vind	Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	08/08/2000	Roskilde, DEN	190	78
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11/05/1994	Svendborg, DEN	184	83
22	Anders	Zachariassen	DEN	Line Player	04/09/1991	Sonderborg, DEN	192	110
23	Joachim Lyng	Als	DEN	Left Wing	07/04/2003	Copenhagen, DEN	200	100
26	Viktor	Gaini	FAR	Line Player	31/07/2002			
27	Lasse	Vilhelmsen	DEN	Right Back	26/04/2005	Svendborg, DEN	191	92
28	Emil Oxenvad	Tonnesen	DEN	Right Back	25/01/2005	Esbjerg, DEN	189	88
29	Hjalte	Lykke	DEN	Right Back	05/10/2004	Aarhus, DEN	178	72
33	Nejc	Cehte	SLO	Right Back	04/09/1992	Brezice, SLO	196	100
34	Morten	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/10/1984	Lejre, DEN	184	95
35	Aksel Kaj	Larsen	DEN	Centre Back	21/12/2005	Svendborg, DEN	199	87
36	Mikkel Kjær	Møller	DEN	Left Wing	09/11/1993	Svendborg, DEN	179	80
37	Nicolas	Nielsen	DEN	Centre Back	02/01/2003	Rødovre, DEN	190	81
38	Nikolaj	Haagen	DEN	Left Back	06/11/2003			
43	Emil La Cour	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	13/02/2001			
<b>C</b> 77	Frederik Kiehn	Clausen	DEN	Left Back	29/06/1995	Svendborg, DEN	197	102





## Tobias Thulin

 @tobias\_thulin

### Goalkeeper

- joined GOG in summer 2022
- this will be his first appearance in the CL
- began senior career at Redbergslids IK in his native Sweden, before spending two years at Magdeburg and one at TVB 1898 Stuttgart
- part of the Swedish squad which won the EHF EURO 2022

EC trophies: EL 2021

EURO: G 2022



## Jerry Tollbring

 @tollbring

### Left wing

- moved to GOG in the summer of 2021 from Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- won three domestic championships at IFK Kristianstad in Sweden
- member of the WCh 2017 All-star team
- was part of the Swedish national side that earned a silver medal at EHF EURO 2018

EURO: S 2018



## Simon Pytlick

 @simonpytlickk

### Left back

- has only ever played for GOG, starting his senior career at the club in 2018
- son of former handball coach and Olympic champion Jan Pytlick
- won the Danish league in 2022 and the Danish Cup in 2019
- although just 21, previously played in the CL in 2019/20, scoring 10 goals that season
- made Danish national team debut in 2021

WCh: G 2023



## Lauritz Reinholdt Léger

### Centre back

- one of a talented young generation hoping to make a splash for GOG
- joined the club in summer 2022 from TMS Ringsted
- has a contract until 2025
- this is his first season in the CL



## Morten Olsen

### Centre back

- one of few players in the GOG squad that are at the end of their careers
- still has one of the best shots from the floor
- started his career in GOG and since 2020 he is back in “his” club
- has won four gold medals with the Danish national team

OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021



## Lukas Jørgensen

 @lukas\_j\_rgensen

### Line player

- stepped into the spotlight this season after Anders Zachariassen suffered a bad knee injury in October
- started professional handball in GOG before moving to Aarhus for two seasons and coming back to GOG in 2021
- alongside teammate Simon Pytlick has already signed a contract with Flensburg for 2023/24
- made his first Denmark national team appearance in 2023 and won the WCh a few weeks later

WCh: G 2023



## Emil Madsen

### Right back

- although still only 21, playing his fourth season in GOG’s senior team
- began his junior career at the club
- scored 69 times for GOG in the 2021/22 EL season



## Kasper Kildelund

 @kasperkildelund

### Right wing

- another player who began his career at GOG
- spent four years at TTH Holstebro between 2016 and 2020, before returning to GOG in 2020
- in only previous CL season, 2016/17 with Holstebro, scored 37 goals

# CS DINAMO BUCURESTI VS THW KIEL



First leg: Wednesday 22 March, 20:45 CET

Second leg: Wednesday 29 March, 20:45 CEST



- For the first time in the club history, Dinamo have made it to the knock-out stage of the EHF Champions League since the format changed, after missing the 2021/22 play-offs highly closely
- With 13 points on their account, Dinamo finished fifth in group A - winning ten points on home ground, including a draw against Veszprém
- Scoring 70 goals in 14 group matches, Ukrainian right wing Andrii Akimenko, who had arrived from Azoty Pulawy before the 2022/23 season, finished among the top 5 scorers of the competition
- In his second season, coach Xavi Pascual has formed a team with many experienced stars including seven former Champions League winners: Cédric Sorhaindo, Mamdouh Shebib, Ali Zein, Eduardo Gurbindo, Khalifa Ghedbane, Christian Dissinger and Alex Pascual
- Before arriving at Bucharest, Pascual had steered Barca to his third CL trophy - and brought many players and even sports director David Barrufet (six times CL winner) to Dinamo
- The only victory of Dinamo against a German team in 12 duels was a 30:28 against Nordhorn in the 2003/04 EHF Cup quarter-finals, which was enough to proceed to the semis.
- Kiel gave the third place from their hands in their last group match, a draw against Elverum and finished fourth in group B below Nantes after skipping the play-offs last season
- THW are undefeated on home ground in this CL season, winning five times and drawing with Barca and Aalborg
- Norwegian Harald Reinkind (53 goals) and Swede Niklas Ekberg (48) are Kiel's current top scorers after the group phase
- After long-term injuries, Sander Sagosen and Hendrik Pekeler returned to the line-up
- Kiel have won the EHF CL four times, including three trophies at Cologne in 2010, 2012 and 2020, and play their 25th season; 22 times they made it at least to the quarter-finals
- Top stars Niklas Landin (to Aalborg) and Sander Sagosen (to Kolstad) will say farewell to Kiel after this season, new goalkeeper will be French international Vincent Gerard
- Niklas and Magnus Landin became world champions for the third time in January 2023, Niklas is one of five players with trophies in all major competitions (Olympic Games, World and European Championships and EHF CL)

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs THW Kiel 0-0-2 (48:64) 0:4

14.12.2001	THW Kiel vs Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF Cup – Last 16	33:27 (14:10)
16.12.2001	Dinamo Bucuresti vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Last 16	21:31 (9:18)

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: grey

### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: dark green



## Playing hall

**Sala Polivalenta Bucuresti**  
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,  
sector 4  
020121 Bucuresti  
Romania  
Capacity: 5,000

# CS DINAMO BUCURESTI



## GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Paris Saint-Germain Handball	14	12	0	2	492 : 439	53	24
2. SC Magdeburg	14	9	2	3	453 : 419	34	20
3. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	8	2	4	449 : 429	20	18
4. GOG	14	7	1	6	459 : 454	5	15
<b>5. CS Dinamo Bucuresti</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>416 : 429</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>13</b>
6. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	4	1	9	374 : 412	-38	9
7. HC PPD Zagreb	14	3	2	9	390 : 420	-30	8
8. FC Porto	14	2	1	11	407 : 438	-31	5

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

vs SC Magdeburg	L28:30 (16:16)
@ GOG	D38:38 (21:20)
vs PSG Handball	L29:36 (16:22)
@ FC Porto	L32:23 (14:13)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	L33:30 (15:17)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	D27:27 (14:13)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	W32:27 (15:14)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	W26:28 (12:12)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W28:29 (16:15)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	D31:31 (13:16)
vs FC Porto	W32:27 (13:12)
@ PSG Handball	L33:26 (17:14)
vs GOG	W30:27 (14:13)
@ SC Magdeburg	L34:33 (19:17)

## TOP SCORERS

Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	<b>69</b>
Ante Kudzuz (ROU)	<b>53</b>
Ali Zein (EGY)	<b>51</b>
Lazar Kukic (SRB)	<b>41</b>
Nicusor Negru (ROU)	<b>34</b>
Stanislav Kasperek (CZE)	<b>34</b>

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 9

Last 16 (1): 2019/20\*

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

Qualification (2): 1995/96, 1997/98

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

### Other

*EHF European League*: Group Phase: 2020/21

*EHF Cup*: Semi-finals: 2003/04; Last 16: 2001/02, 2004/05

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-finals: 2002/03

*Challenge Cup*: Final: 2000/01, Semi-finals: 2007/08

*City Cup*: Semi-finals: 1999/2000

*European Champions' Cup*: 1 title (1965)

*IHF Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up: 1983

*Romanian league*: 18 titles (1959-62, 1964-66, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2016-19, 2021, 2022)

*Romanian cup*: 7 titles (1979, 1982, 1988, 2017, 2020-22)



**13** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**38** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**79** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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 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	14	5	3	6	416:429	-13	13:15	Play-offs	
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2251:2359</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>68:88</b>		

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



### **Xavi Pascual** Coach

- 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
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the club in 2005 before taking over as head coach four years later
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's success (7 out of 7) in 1999/2000
- also coached Romanian national team for two years (2016-18)

**EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015, 2021**

#### **Departures during the season:**

Calin Dedu (ROU)

# I TEAM ROSTER

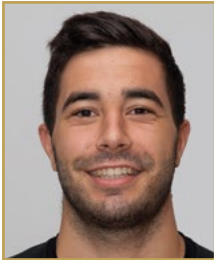
No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Alexandru Florin	Bucataru	ROU	Goalkeeper	04/11/1995	Piatra Neamt, ROU	203	114
<del>5</del>	<del>Calin</del>	<del>Dedu</del>	<del>ROU</del>	<del>Line Player</del>	<del>21/10/2002</del>	<del>Labruge, ROU</del>	<del>207</del>	<del>108</del>
6	Vlad Alexandru	Popa	ROU	Right Wing	19/08/2002	Bucharest, ROU	185	76
7	Dan Emil	Racotea	ROU	Left Back	21/07/1995	Ramnicu Sarat, ROU	203	112
14	Joao Pedro	Francisco da Silva	BRA	Centre Back	29/01/1994	Nova Iguacu, BRA	190	97
<b>C</b> 15	Valentin Marian	Ghionea	ROU	Right Wing	29/04/1984	Craiova, ROU	197	90
18	Eduardo	Gurbindo Martinez	ESP	Right Back	08/11/1987	Pamplona, ESP	196	91
20	Rares	Muntean	ROU	Left Wing	20/08/2003	Fagaras, ROU	198	98
22	Khalifa	Ghedbane	ALG	Goalkeeper	26/11/1996	M'sila, ALG	200	110
23	Saeid	Heidarirad	IRI	Goalkeeper	22/09/1990	Khorramabad, IRI	194	95
24	Nicusor Andrei	Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24/05/1994	Resita, ROU	180	82
25	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left Back	15/11/1991	Ludwigshafen, GER	202	102
28	Alex Pascual	Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13/02/2000	Vigo, ESP	175	83
34	Lazar	Kukic	SRB	Centre Back	12/12/1995	Belgrade, SRB	188	90
37	Stanislav	Kasperek	CZE	Right Back	11/06/1996	Prerov, CZE	200	85
47	Ante	Kuduz	CRO	Left Back	11/04/1995	Osijek, CRO	202	104
51	Javier Humet	Gaminde	ROU	Right Back	22/01/1990	Zaragoza, ESP	196	87
55	Andrii	Akimenko	UKR	Right Wing	12/06/1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	190	85
73	Catalin Octavian	Bizau	ROU	Centre Back	21/11/1997	Baia Mare, ROU	194	96
74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	07/04/1996	Navapolatsk, BLR	206	100
89	Mohamed	Mamdouh Shebib	EGY	Line Player	01/04/1989	Cairo, EGY	193	100
90	Ali	Zein	EGY	Left Back	14/12/1990	Giza, EGY	199	95
94	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	04/01/1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196	100
99	Cédric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07/06/1984	La Trinité, FRA	192	105



## Saeid Heidarirad

### Goalkeeper

- Iranian international, who arrived in Bucharest in 2017, got his Romanian citizenship just before the start of the CL 2022/23 season
- settled down in Romania, loves the country and said his favourite Romanian dish is beef soup
- one of the favourites of the Dinamo fans thanks to his antics, is nicknamed “Ninja” and “Spiderman”
- initially played volleyball, but switched to handball



## Alex Pascual

@alexascual.28

### Left wing

- son of coach Xavi Pascual, made the move to Dinamo with his father in the 2021/22 season
- won the league and the Romanian Cup in his first season at the club
- started playing football in Barça’s youth teams and moved to handball at the age of 13
- played his entire previous career at Barça and made his debut with the first team in 2018. Just one year later he was already settled in the team
- elected best left wing in ASOBAL League 2019/20



## Ali Zein

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### Left back

- joined Dinamo in summer of 2022 after one season with Barça, in which he won the CL
- used mainly as a defender at Barça; scored 12 goals in CL 2021/22 season, including two in the final against Kielce
- previously played for clubs in the UAE, France, Tunisia and his native Egypt, where he started at Al Ahly
- MVP of African Championship in 2018 and All-star Left back at the event in 2020 and 2022

EC trophies: CL 2022



## Lazar Kukic

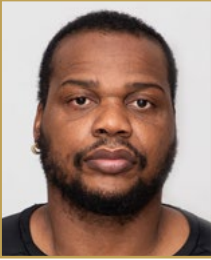
@lazar\_kukic

### Centre back

- started his career in Serbia, at RK Partizan, but moved to Logrono in Spain in 2017 before signing for Benfica in 2020, where he won the EL 2022
- his major tournament debut was WCh 2019; he also played at EHF EURO 2020 and 2022
- started handball when he was seven years old, helped by his father, who had a big passion for the sport
- voted player of the season at La Rioja and nominated as the best ASOBAL League playmaker in 2017/18

EC trophies: EL 2022





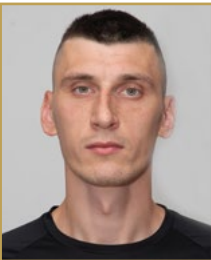
## Cedric Sorhaindo

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### Line player

- joined from Barça in summer of 2021, alongside coach Xavi Pascual and Alex Pascual
- born on Martinique, started handball in a local club, then moved to France aged 17
- became captain of French national team, played 220 games between 2005 and 2020
- one of the most decorated players in handball's history, winning more than 40 trophies at club level and with national team

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015, 2021 / EHF EURO: G 2010, G 2014, B 2018; WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2019, OG: G 2012, 2020, S 2016



## Viachaslau Bokhan

### Line player

- one of the tallest players in the CL, standing at 206 cm tall, has great mobility and is very strong in defence
- has already scored over 100 goals in the European premium competition for Motor Zaporozhye
- played for the Belarus men's national team in three consecutive EHF EURO editions, in 2018, 2020 and 2022
- has always worn number 74, both at club and national team level
- was close to a move to Barcelona this summer

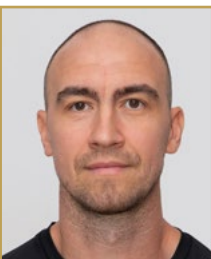


## Stanislav Kasperek

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### Right back

- has played for Pick Szeged and HC Meshkov Brest in the past in the European premium competition; this will be his fifth season in the CL
- moved abroad at the age of 19 from his home club Zubri, when he transferred to Hungarian side Balatonfüred; joined Pick Szeged in 2018
- was the second-best Czech scorer at both EHF EURO 2018 (33 goals) and EHF EURO 2020 (29)
- a classical shooter, who takes advantages of his height and his hammer shots



## Valentin Ghionea

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### Right wing

- experienced wing, who played for Dinamo between 2005-07 before returning in 2020, after plying his trade for clubs like Szeged (HUN), Plock (POL), and Sporting (POR)
- was domestic league top scorer and player of the year in Romania twice, has also scored 681 goals for the national team in 134 matches
- has scored 570 goals for various clubs in total during 15 seasons in the CL, the best Romanian scorer ever in the competition
- his wife Renata, a former player, is a coach at the Dinamo youth academy

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
Goalkeeper shirt: black

### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
Goalkeeper shirt: red



## Playing hall

Wunderino-Arena-Kiel  
Europaplatz 1  
24103 Kiel  
Germany  
Capacity: 10,285

# THW KIEL



## GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Barça	14	13	1	0	484 : 404	80	27
2. Industria Kielce	14	11	0	3	465 : 427	38	22
3. HBC Nantes	14	7	1	6	478 : 451	27	15
<b>4. THW Kiel</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>460 : 440</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>
5. Aalborg Håndbold	14	6	1	7	445 : 438	7	13
6. Pick Szeged	14	5	1	8	426 : 452	-26	11
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	3	0	11	412 : 475	-63	6
8. Elverum Handball	14	1	1	12	398 : 481	-83	3

## ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

### GROUP PHASE

vs Elverum Handball W36:26 (17:13)  
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko L38:36 (17:14)  
vs OTP Bank-Pick Szeged W34:29 (15:14)  
@ Industria Kielce L40:37 (19:19)  
@ HBC Nantes L38:30 (20:15)  
vs Aalborg Håndbold D36:36 (17:16)  
vs Barça D30:30 (14:18)  
@ Barça L26:24 (13:13)  
@ Aalborg Håndbold W26:30 (14:16)  
vs HBC Nantes W37:33 (20:18)  
vs Industria Kielce W32:29 (22:13)  
@ OTP Bank-Pick Szeged L36:33 (14:17)  
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W39:27 (17:15)  
@ Elverum Handball D26:26 (11:12)

## TOP SCORERS

Harald Reinkind (NOR)	<b>53</b>
Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	<b>48</b>
Nikola Bilyk (AUT)	<b>43</b>
Patrick Wiencek (GER)	<b>39</b>
Eric Johansson (SWE)	<b>38</b>

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 25  
Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20  
Final (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14  
Semi-finals (6): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2021/22  
Quarter-finals (8): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2020/21  
Group Phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

### Other

*EHF Cup*: Winners 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2018/19  
*Champions Trophy*: Winners 2006/07; Runners-up: 2000/01, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2007/08

*German league*: 22 titles (1957, 1962-63, 1994-96, 1998-2000, 2002, 2005-10, 2012-15, 2020-21)

*German cup*: 12 titles (1998-2000, 2007-09, 2011-13, 2017, 2019, 2022)



## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	26:50 (13:24) v Banik OKD Karvina CZE (a), 22.10.2006
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	42:24 (22:10) v Paris SG Handball FRA (a), 12.03.2017
<b>Longest winning run</b>	11 matches (02.10.2014 – 22.03.2015)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	17 matches (22.10.2011 – 11.10.2012)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (07.02.1996 – 19.03.1996)
	3 matches (30.05.2015 – 17.09.2015)
	3 matches (30.04.2016 – 29.05.2016)
	3 matches (29.04.2017 – 24.09.2017)
	3 matches (19.11.2020 – 02.12.2020)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	5 matches (15.02.2017 – 22.03.2017)
	5 matches (06.10.2022 – 30.11.2022)
<b>Most goals</b>	50 v Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50W (a), 22.10.2006
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	44 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	81 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
<b>Fewest goals</b>	13 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 15:27W (a), 10.11.1996
	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 21:15W (h), 12.01.1997
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	35 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000

**17** MATCHES  
Longest  
unbeaten run

**50** GOALS  
Most goals

**81** GOALS  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	137:136	+1	6:6	2nd Gr. B	
1995/96 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	151:148	+3	6:6	2nd Gr. A	
1996/97 THW Kiel GER	10	6	1	3	247:211	+36	13:7	Semi-final	
1998/99 THW Kiel GER	8	7	0	1	229:199	+30	14:2	Quarter-final	
1999/00 THW Kiel GER	12	7	1	4	319:283	+36	15:9	Runner-up	
2000/01 THW Kiel GER	10	5	1	4	279:255	+24	11:9	Semi-final	
2002/03 THW Kiel GER	8	4	1	3	234:211	+23	9:7	Quarter-final	
2004/05 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	336:274	+62	16:4	Quarter-final	
2005/06 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	346:293	+53	16:4	Quarter-final	
2006/07 THW Kiel GER	14	11	1	2	517:420	+97	23:5	Winner	
2007/08 THW Kiel GER	16	13	0	3	533:462	+71	26:6	Runner-up	
2008/09 THW Kiel GER	16	12	1	3	548:461	+87	25:7	Runner-up	
2009/10 THW Kiel GER	16	14	1	1	534:444	+90	29:3	Winner	
2010/11 THW Kiel GER	14	9	2	3	456:393	+63	20:8	Quarter-final	
2011/12 THW Kiel GER	16	12	3	1	496:414	+82	27:5	Winner	
2012/13 THW Kiel GER	16	11	0	5	518:457	+61	22:10	Fourth Place	
2013/14 THW Kiel GER	16	13	1	2	491:427	+64	27:5	Runner-up	
2014/15 THW Kiel GER	16	12	0	4	498:421	+77	24:8	Fourth Place	
2015/16 THW Kiel GER	20	10	1	9	579:567	+12	21:19	Fourth Place	
2016/17 THW Kiel GER	18	7	2	9	449:474	-25	16:20	Quarter-final	
2017/18 THW Kiel GER	18	9	2	7	478:467	+11	20:16	Quarter-final	
2019/20 THW Kiel GER	16	11	2	3	506:461	+45	24:8	Winner	
2020/21 THW Kiel GER	18	10	2	6	519:497	+22	22:14	Quarter-final	
2021/22 THW Kiel GER	18	12	2	4	557:526	+31	26:10	Third Place	
2022/23 THW Kiel GER	14	6	3	5	460:440	+20	15:13	Play-offs	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>10417:9341</b>	<b>+1076</b>	<b>473:211</b>		



**Filip Jicha**  
Coach

 @filda39

- took over as head coach in 2019 after one season as assistant, becoming only the third THW head coach since 1993 – after Noka Serdariusic (1993-2008) and Alfred Gislason (2008-19)
- led Kiel to the domestic title in his first season and was awarded best Bundesliga coach of 2019/20
- as a player, he was part of the golden generation in 2007-15
- twice CL top scorer, he ended his career in Barcelona in 2017
- first in handball to win the EHF FINAL4 as a player (2010, 2012) and a coach (2020), and third after Talant Dujshabaev and Roberto Parrondo to win the CL as a player and a coach

**EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012; EHF Cup 2006 (as player); CL 2020 (as coach)**

#### Arrivals during the season:

Yannick Fraatz (GER)  
Luca Alexander Schwormstede (GER)  
Malte Voigt (GER)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
C 1	Niklas	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/12/1988	Søborg, DEN	201	105
3	Sven	Ehrig	GER	Right Wing	26/06/2000	Kiel, GER	197	94
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	01/06/1988	Dakovo, CRO	198	104
5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14/09/1995	Trondheim, NOR	195	103
6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right Back	17/08/1992	Tønsberg, NOR	197	106
8	Ben Connor	Battermann	GER	Left Back	28/03/2004	Lemgo, GER	195	93
7	Magnus	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Left Wing	20/08/1995	Helsingør, DEN	197	96
11	Petter	Øverby	NOR	Line Player	26/03/1992	Kongsvinger, NOR	200	110
12	Philip Hartwig	Saggau	GER	Goalkeeper	05/01/2002	Kiel, GER	190	99
13	Steffen	Weinhold	GER	Right Back	19/07/1986	Fürth, GER	191	103
16	Tomas	Mrkva	CZE	Goalkeeper	20/01/1989	Havirov, CZE	201	110
C 17	Patrick	Wienczek	GER	Line Player	22/03/1989	Duisburg, GER	200	113
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	23/12/1988	Ystad, SWE	191	92
19	Henri	Pabst	GER	Right Back	09/02/2004	Hamburg, GER	190	88
20	Yanick	Fraatz	GER	Right Wing	12/08/1999	Köln, GER	185	81
21	Eric	Johansson	SWE	Left Back	28/06/2000	Eskilstuna, SWE	197	100
23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left Wing	10/04/1993	Kiel, GER	189	85
24	Miha	Zarabec	SLO	Centre Back	12/10/1991	Novo Mesto, SLO	178	79
27	Malte	Voigt	GER	Left Wing	17/01/1993	Husum, GER	191	93
31	Luca Alexander	Schwormstede	GER	Left Back	11/0/2002	Itzehoe, GER	202	95
49	Karl	Wallinius	SWE	Left Back	14/01/1999	Lund, SWE	199	103
53	Nikola	Bilyk	AUT	Left Back	28/11/1996	Tunis, TUN	198	102
61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line Player	02/07/1991	Itzehoe, GER	203	104

\* THW Kiel use a three-man captaincy



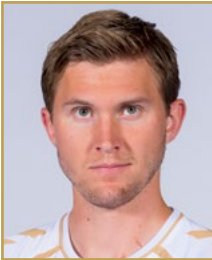
## Niklas Landin

@niklaslandin

### Goalkeeper

- arrived in Kiel in summer of 2015 after three seasons with Rhein-Neckar Löwen; 2022/23 is his last season in Germany before going back to Denmark (Aalborg)
- won his first Bundesliga title in 2019/20
- captain of world-title winning Danish national team, has been named IHF World Player of the Year 2019 and again in 2021
- one of six players in handball history to win Olympics, WCh, EURO, and CL titles

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



## Magnus Landin

@magnuslandin

### Left wing

- younger brother of goalkeeper Niklas Landin; joined THW and his brother at the start of the 2018/19 season
- tall wing (197 cm), who had debut in Danish national team at age 20; has played at three EHF EURO events (2018-20-22)
- previously played for KFUM København and KIF Kolding København

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019  
OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023; EURO: B 2022



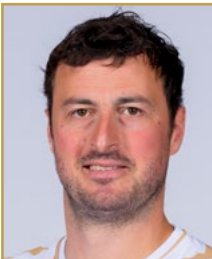
## Sander Sagosen

@sandersagosen

### Left back

- joined Kiel in 2020 after three seasons with PSG; will move to Kolstad (NOR) in summer 2023
- started career at Haslum in Norway, developed into world star at Aalborg in Denmark
- part of All-star Team at numerous WCh and EHF EURO events and broke record for most goals scored (65) at an EHF EURO, in 2020
- leader of a new generation of Norwegian players, who have won three international medals since 2017
- ruled out from May to November 2022 after a foot injury, therefore missed the EHF FINAL4 2022

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



## Domagoj Duvnjak

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### Centre back

- Croatian international, playing for Kiel since 2014/15, after five seasons at Hamburg
- one of three THW team captains, alongside Niklas Landin and Patrick Wiencsek
- IHF World Player of the Year 2013 and MVP of EHF EURO 2020, All-star Team member at EHF EURO 2014 and WCh 2013 and 2017
- has more than 200 caps for Croatia and over 1,200 goals in the Bundesliga

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2020, EHF Cup 2019  
OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, B 2013; EURO: S 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016



## Patrick Wiencek

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### Line player

- the boss of the THW defence and one of the three team captains
- joined THW in 2012, previously played for Essen and Gummersbach
- named German handball player of the year in 2019
- missed Germany's golden EHF EURO 2016 due to a knee injury
- forms line player quartet in national team with Hendrik Pekeler, Jannik Kohlbacher and Johannes Golla

EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019; CWC 2011  
OG: B 2016



## Hendrik Pekeler

@hendrikpekeler

### Line player

- first played for THW in 2008/09, later joined Bergischer HC and TBV Lemgo
- had breakthrough as successor of Bjarte Myrhol at Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- returned to Kiel in 2018 as two-time German champion and EHF EURO champion
- awarded best defender of EHF EURO 2020 and MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2020
- tore his Achilles tendon in the 2021/22 quarter-final against Paris, was ruled out for the EHF FINAL4 2022 and returned in November 2022

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2020; EHF Cup 2019  
EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



## Harald Reinkind

@haraldreinkind

### Right back

- Norwegian back, who arrived in Germany in 2014 from FyllingenBergen
- first played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen until he joined Kiel in 2018, sharing right-back position with Steffen Weinhold
- three-time German champion, with Löwen (2016, 2017) and Kiel (2020)
- Norwegian international since 2011, won WCh 2019 silver and EHF EURO 2020 bronze

EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019  
WCh: S 2017; EURO: B 2020



## Niclas Ekberg

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### Right wing

- joined Kiel after 2012 Olympics, where he was silver medallist and top scorer; previously played for AG København and started his career at Ystad
- MVP of EHF Cup Finals 2019 and Kiel's best scorer that EHF Cup season
- CL top scorer with 85 goals and All-star right wing in Kiel's golden 2019/20 season
- Swedish international, part of the team that won the EHF EURO 2022; played in all EHF EURO tournaments since 2012, apart from 2020
- became Kiel's all-time top scorer during 2021/22 season, overtaking Filip Jicha

EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019  
OG: S 2012; EURO: G 2022

# I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS – NO AWAY GOALS RULE

## Away goals not among the criteria to decide the ranking anymore

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

### PLAY-OFF AND QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

### RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

• Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.

• Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.

• The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.

• The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

• If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

• In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.

• Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.

• While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.

• If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.





# HISTORY AND FUTURE

# I GROUP PHASE TOP SCORERS



88 goals

**Aleks Vlah**

*RK Celje Pivovarna Laško*

	Player	Club	Gls
1	Aleks Vlah (SLO)	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško (SLO)	88
2	Arkadiusz Moryto (POL)	Industria Kielce (POL)	84
3	Kamil Syprzak (POL)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	82
4	Timur Dibirov (RUS)	HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)	79
5	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	76
6	Gisli Kristjansson (ISL)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	75
	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	75
8	Dika Mem (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	74
9	Elohim Prandi (FRA)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	70
10	Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	CS Dinamo Bucuresti (ROU)	69
11	Morten Olsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	68
	Dainis Kristopans (LAT)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	68
13	Lukas Jørgensen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	67
14	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	66
15	Rasmus Lauge Schmidt (DEN)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	65
	Tin Lucin (CRO)	Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)	65
17	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	GOG (DEN)	64
18	Ómar Magnússon (ISL)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	61
19	Petar Nenadic (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	60
	Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	60
	Tobias Grøndahl (NOR)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	60

## I PAST WINNERS

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Nation</b>
<b>2022</b>	Barça	ESP
<b>2021</b>	Barça	ESP
<b>2020</b>	THW Kiel	GER
<b>2019</b>	HC Vardar	MKD
<b>2018</b>	Montpellier HB	FRA
<b>2017</b>	HC Vardar	MKD
<b>2016</b>	Vive Tauron Kielce	POL
<b>2015</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>2014</b>	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	GER
<b>2013</b>	HSV Hamburg	GER
<b>2012</b>	THW Kiel	GER
<b>2011</b>	FC Barcelona Borges	ESP
<b>2010</b>	THW Kiel	GER
<b>2009</b>	BM Ciudad Real	ESP
<b>2008</b>	BM Ciudad Real	ESP
<b>2007</b>	THW Kiel	GER
<b>2006</b>	BM Ciudad Real	ESP
<b>2005</b>	FC Barcelona-Cifec	ESP
<b>2004</b>	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	SLO
<b>2003</b>	Montpellier HB	FRA
<b>2002</b>	SC Magdeburg	GER
<b>2001</b>	Portland San Antonio	ESP
<b>2000</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>1999</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>1998</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>1997</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>1996</b>	FC Barcelona	ESP
<b>1995</b>	Elgorriaga Bidasoa	ESP
<b>1994</b>	TEKA Santander	ESP

# I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2022

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
<b>1</b>	<b>Barça ESP</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11433:9558</b>	<b>+1875</b>	<b>583:145</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>80,08%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Telekom Veszprém HC HUN</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10240:9272</b>	<b>+968</b>	<b>476:216</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>68,79%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>THW Kiel GER</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>10417:9341</b>	<b>+1076</b>	<b>473:211</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>69,15%</b>
4	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	252	146	21	85	7250:6828	+422	313:191	(17)	62,10%
5	Montpellier HB FRA	250	136	19	95	7184:6878	+306	291:209	(21)	58,20%
<b>6</b>	<b>HC PPD Zagreb CRO</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>8544:8781</b>	<b>-237</b>	<b>289:371</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>43,79%</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Industria Kielce POL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6847:6514</b>	<b>+333</b>	<b>285:167</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>63,05%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5573:5047</b>	<b>+526</b>	<b>258:106</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>70,88%</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Pick Szeged HUN</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>6836:6802</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>255:237</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>51,83%</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>7737:7728</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>255:293</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>46,53%</b>
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	KIF Kolding København DEN	118	54	9	55	3330:3361	-31	117:119	(12)	49,58%
<b>19</b>	<b>Orlen Wisła Płock POL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3968:4245</b>	<b>-277</b>	<b>108:192</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>36,00%</b>
20	HC Motor UKR	120	48	11	61	3394:3511	-117	107:133	(9)	44,58%
<b>21</b>	<b>Aalborg Håndbold DEN</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3227:3327</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>98:126</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>43,75%</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>HBC Nantes FRA</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2588:2472</b>	<b>+116</b>	<b>97:75</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>56,40%</b>
23	HC Meshkov Brest BLR	142	40	14	88	3842:4134	-292	94:190	(12)	33,10%
24	HC Metalurg MKD	102	35	6	61	2516:2718	-202	76:128	(10)	37,26%
<b>25</b>	<b>GOG DEN</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2534:2588</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>75:97</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>43,60%</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>SC Magdeburg GER</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1619:1496</b>	<b>+123</b>	<b>71:37</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>65,74%</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2251:2359</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>68:88</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>43,59%</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>FC Porto POR</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2192:2281</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>64:96</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>40,00%</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>Elverum Handball NOR</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2767:3088</b>	<b>-321</b>	<b>58:142</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>29,00%</b>

# I ALL-TIME STATS 1993–2020

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HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen  
Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25) 14.11.2009

## Biggest wins

- 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

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Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE  
46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009

## Biggest home wins

- 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

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HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball  
NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009

## Biggest away wins

- 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

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RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD  
37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005

## Biggest lead at half-time

- 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

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THW Kiel GER @ HC Banik OKD Karvina  
CZE 26:50 (13:24), 22.10.2006

## Most goals

- 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 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021

82

FC Barcelona Borges ESP vs KIF Kolding  
DEN 46:36 (23:19), 17.10.2009

## Most goals both teams

- 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 (after penalty throws)

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Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona  
ESP 11:31 (5:16), 15.03.2015

## Fewest goals

- 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

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SG Wallau-Massenheim GER vs UHK West  
Wien AUT 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994

## Fewest goals both teams

- 32 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN vs Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13 (9:7), 17.11.2002
- 33 Panellinios AC Athens GRE vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 16:17 (8:9), 30.11.2002

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KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL @ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 27:28 (19:10), 18.02.2015

### Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

- 7 HC Vardar MKD @ Barça Lassa ESP 27:29 (16:9), 01.06.2019
- 6 FC Porto Sofarma POR vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR 27:25 (9:15), 14.09.2019

-6

FC Barcelona ESP @ GOG Gudme DEN 22:22 (16:10), 14.02.1996

### Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

- 6 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD 28:28 (10:16), 07.10.2007
- 6 Pevafersa 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 Wisła Płock 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

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Kolding KIF DEN vs RK Partizan Belgrad SCG – 2nd half 42:26 (16:13), 12.10.

### Most goals in one half

- 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

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PGE Vive Kielce POL vs Barça Lassa ESP – 2nd half 36:42 (15:18), 24.11.2018

### Most goals in one half both teams

- 45 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA vs GOG DEN – 2nd half 41:36 (16:16), 23.11.2022
- 44 Sportclub Magdeburg GER vs Wisła Płock 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

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HC Metalurg MKD @ THW Kiel GER – 1st half 35:16 (17:3), 15.02.2015

### Fewest goals in one half

- 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 Wisła Płock 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

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SG Wallau-Massenheim vs UHK West Wien AUT – 1st half 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994

### Fewest goals in one half both teams

- 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

**22**

Barça  
(21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)

**Longest winning run**

- 20** BM Ciudad Real (23.10.2005 – 24.02.2007)
- 13** BM Ciudad Real (31.05.2009 – 03.04.2010)
- 12** FC Barcelona Intersport (24.04.2011 – 12.02.2012)
- 12** Telekom Veszprém HC (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)

**23**

Barça  
(02.12.2021 – 02.03.2023)

**Longest unbeaten run**

- 22** Barça (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
- 20** BM Ciudad Real (23.10.2005 – 24.02.2007)
- 18** KS Vive Tauron Kielce (15.11.2015 – 15.10.2016)
- 17** THW Kiel (22.10.2011 – 11.10.2012)
- 16** FC Barcelona (24.01.1996 – 16.03.1997)

**15**

HC PPD Zagreb  
(01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)

**Longest losing run**

- 12** AS Conversano 2003 (11.10.2003 – 13.11.2004)
- 12** MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica (12.10.2003 – 11.11.2006)
- 12** HC 'Granitas-Karys' (01.10.2005 – 22.11.2008)
- 12** RK Partizan (01.10.2011 – 07.10.2012)

**20**

Wacker Thun  
(21.09.2013 – 29.11.2018)

**Longest run without a win**

- 16** TATRAN Presov (16.11.2008 – 10.10.2015)
- 15** HC PPD Zagreb (01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)
- 15** Elverum Handball (17.11.2021 – 26.10.2022)
- 15** FC Porto (16.02.2022 – 14.12.2022)





## ON THE ROAD TO COLOGNE

The TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 is the culmination of the European handball season. The two-day event sees the best four men's teams in Europe playing to decide the ultimate winner of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League Men. The 2023 edition will take place on 17/18 June in Cologne, which hosts the event for the 14th straight time and will continue to do so until 2026.

On the eve of the 2022 semi-finals it was confirmed that Cologne's LANXESS arena will host the highlight of European club handball until 2026.

The success story between the EHF FINAL4 Men, the LANXESS arena and the City of Cologne started in 2010 when the first event was held in front of a capacity crowd of 19,750 spectators. The decision to create a new format for the final phase of the EHF Champions League was seen as crucial for the growth of handball across Europe. The aim was to create a flagship event, one that could compete on the international sports market and make the Europe's leading club competition even more attractive to fans, partners and sponsors. The success of all previous editions up to date showed that this format has been the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment; it is not just four games played over two days but an event that combines outstanding sports and unique entertainment.

After two years of pandemic with the EHF FINAL4 being played behind almost closed doors in 2020 and in front of only 1,000 fans in 2021, the

13th edition in 2022 followed in the footsteps of previous events with a sold-out arena and 19,750 spectators witnessing Barça's 37:35 victory after penalty shoot-out in the final against Lomza Vive Kielce from Poland, making the Spanish side the first to successfully defend the title since the inaugural EHF FINAL4 was played in 2010.

Ticket sales for the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 which will take place on 17/18 June 2023 are ongoing. Furthermore, fans that are looking for an exclusive VIP experience, have the opportunity to join the EHF Champions Club. Members come to enjoy special benefits throughout the season and can experience the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 from their exclusive VIP Courtside seats.

[More information on ticketing can be found online on eurohandball.com.](https://eurohandball.com)

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 will start on 27 March 2023.



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