



# MEDIA INFORMATION

**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22**

MOTW Round 13: Montpellier HB vs Aalborg Håndbold

# MONTPELLIER HB (FRA) VS AALBORG HÅNDBOLD (DEN)

## GROUP A



Wednesday 2 March 2022, 20:45 CET



### Playing hall

**FDI Stadium**  
1000 Avenue du Val de  
Montferrand  
34090 Montpellier  
France  
Capacity: 3,000

## ROUND 13



### Most games vs Aalborg Håndbold:

Benjamin Bataille, Kevin Bonnefoi,  
Julien Bos, Adrien Dubois,  
Olafur Gudmundsson, Arthur Lenne,  
Yanis Lenne, Veron Nacinovic,  
Marko Panic, Lucas Pellas, Marin Segó,  
Diego Simonet, Kyllian Villeminot,  
Karl Wallinius all 1

### Most goals vs Aalborg Håndbold:

Kyllian Villeminot	7
Arthur Lenne	4
Veron Nacinovic	4
Yanis Lenne	3
Lucas Pellas	3

- This Match of the Week is crucial in the race for the top-two spots in group A; the teams finishing first and second will skip the play-offs and advance directly to the quarter-final of the EHF Champions League Men.
- If group leaders Aalborg (on 18 points) win the MOTW, they will be guaranteed of a top-two finish; if Montpellier (16 points) win, still four teams can make it.
- Aalborg won the reverse fixture in September 36:28, so Montpellier need to win by more than eight goals to gain the advantage in the head-to-head comparison.
- Montpellier gathered only one point from their last three CL games – a draw against Meshkov Brest
- Aalborg are on a five-match winning streak, the longest such run in the Danish club's CL history.
- Right back Julien Bos is Montpellier's leading scorer in the CL so far with 53 goals; left back Felix Claar has netted 65 times for Aalborg in the group phase.

### Most games vs Montpellier HB:

Rene Antonsen, Sebastian Barthold,  
Kristian Bjørnsen, Nikolaj Christensen,  
Felix Claar, Simon Gade,  
Benjamin Jakobsen, Andreas Holst,  
Buster Juul-Lassen, Victor Kløve,  
Martin Larsen, Nichlas Ludvigsen,  
Henrik Møllgaard, Jesper Nielsen,  
Jonas Samuelsson, Lukas Sandell all 1

### Most goals vs Montpellier HB:

Lukas Sandell	11
Kristian Bjørnsen	6
Buster Juul-Lassen	6
Felix Claar	5
Henrik Møllgaard	3

### Domestic league

#### Liqui Moly StarLigue

Last 3 games:

26/02 vs Toulouse	W35:32
19/02 @ Créteil	L30:27
13/02 @ Dunkerque	W26:31

Next game:

06/03 @ Saran HB

Standings as of 01/03:

1. PSG	18	666:504	36
2. Nantes	18	578:499	29
3. PAUC	18	532:499	29
<b>4. Montpellier</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>530:507</b>	<b>21</b>
5. Chambéry	17	506:498	20
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16. Nancy	18	481:560	4

- Lucas Pellas and Karl Wallinius from Montpellier face fellow Swedish Men's EHF EURO 2022 champions Felix Claar and Lukas Sandell from Aalborg in this MOTW.
- Aron Palmansson returned to the CL last week with two goals in Aalborg's 32:27 win against Elverum.
- Palmansson, who faces fellow Icelandic international Olafur Gudmundsson this MOTW, is the only CL winner in Aalborg's squad; he won the title twice with THW Kiel (2010, 2012) and once with Barça (2021).
- Aalborg's defence boss Henrik Møllgaard has played in France for three seasons in the past – for Paris Saint-Germain HB, from 2015 until 2018.
- Montpellier and Aalborg both reached the final on their debut at the EHF FINAL4: Montpellier won the title in 2018; Aalborg lost the final against Barça in 2021.
- Montpellier had also won the CL in 2003 – with the same coach who led the team to the 2018 triumph and who is still in charge in 2022: Patrice Canayer.
- Aalborg were the first ever CL finalists from Denmark.
- Montpellier are playing in their 23th CL season; Aalborg are in their seventh European top-level campaign.
- Last week against Kiel, Montpellier became only the seventh club to reach the 7,000-goal mark in the CL.
- Aalborg, alongside Kiel, have scored the most goals among all group phase teams: both are on 389.
- Aalborg have the best goal difference (+35) in group A; Montpellier have dropped to +17 in the last two rounds.

### Domestic league

#### Herre Håndbold Ligaen

Last 3 games:

25/02 vs SønderjyskE	W37:31
19/02 @ Ringsted	W31:32
12/02 vs Nordsjælland	W32:25

Next game:

06/03 @ KIF Kolding

Standings as of 01/03:

1. GOG	23	767:648	42
<b>2. Aalborg</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>761:667</b>	<b>37</b>
3. Skanderborg	23	673:636	32
4. Skjern	22	631:592	29
5. Bjerringbro	22	669:641	25
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15. Skive	21	557:635	9

## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

## Montpellier HB vs Aalborg Håndbold 0-0-1 (28:36) 0:2

22.09.2021

Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A

36:28 (18:13)

## MONTPELLIER HB VS DANISH CLUBS 8–1–6

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2004/05	Kolding KIF	36:25	29:38	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2009/10	KIF Kolding	28:23	26:26	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2010/11	KIF Kolding	40:25	36:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2011/12	AG København	27:31	29:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	Skjern Handbold	27:25	26:23	EHF Cup – Group B
2015/16	KIF Kolding København	30:25	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	Skjern Handbold	33:29	30:31	EHF European League – Qualification Round 2
2021/22	Aalborg Håndbold		28:36	EHF Champions League – Group A

## AALBORG HÅNDBOLD VS FRENCH CLUBS 4–0–6

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2014/15	Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral	25:28	26:21	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2017/18	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	26:33	28:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB	29:32	24:37	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	HBC Nantes	32:24	29:38	EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	Paris Saint-Germain Handball		35:33	EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2021/22	Montpellier HB	36:28		EHF Champions League – Group A

## DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB 36:28 (18:13)  
22.09.2021 (Aalborg, DEN)



(EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 – Group A)

Referees: Boris Mandak/Mario Rudinsky (Slovakia).

Suspensions: 8' – 14' (Nielsen 2', Christensen 2', Larsen 2', Antonsen 2' – Simonet 2', Villeminot 2', Gudmundsson 2', Pellas 2', Bataille 2', Panic 2', Wallinius 2').

Number of 7m: 2/2 – 3/3.

Attendance: 4,237.

	<b>Simon Gade</b>			<b>Marin Sego</b>	
	<b>Nichlas Ludvigsen</b>			<b>Kevin Bonnefoi</b>	
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	<b>Benjamin Jakobsen</b>	(2)	(1)	<b>Diego Simonet</b>	
	<b>Jonas Samuelsson</b>		(7)	<b>Kyllian Villeminot</b>	
	<b>Victor Kløve</b>		(1)	<b>Olafur Gudmundsson</b>	
	<b>Sebastian Barthold</b>		(3)	<b>Lucas Pellas</b>	
	<b>Felix Claar</b>	(5)	(1)	<b>Julien Bos</b>	
	<b>Jesper Nielsen</b>	(1)	(2)	<b>Benjamin Bataille</b>	
	<b>Lukas Sandell</b>	(11)	(2)	<b>Marko Panic</b>	
	<b>Nikolaj Christensen</b>	(1)	(4)	<b>Arthur Lenne</b>	
	<b>Andreas Holst</b>		(3)	<b>Adrien Dubois</b>	
	<b>Martin Larsen</b>	(1)		<b>Yanis Lenne</b>	
	<b>Kristian Bjørnsen</b>	(6)	(4)	<b>Karl Wallinius</b>	
	<b>Henrik Møllgaard</b>	(3)		<b>Veron Nacinovic</b>	
	<b>Rene Antonsen</b>				
	<b>Buster Juul-Lassen</b>	(6)			

## MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR MONTPELLIER HB VS AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

Kyllian Villeminot	7	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Arthur Lenne	4	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Veron Nacinovic	4	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Yanis Lenne	3	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Lucas Pellas	3	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28

## MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR AALBORG HÅNDBOLD VS MONTPELLIER HB

Lukas Sandell	11	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Kristian Bjørnsen	6	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Buster Juul-Lassen	6	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Felix Claar	5	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28
Henrik Møllgaard	3	22.09.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB	36:28



## LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN



### Montpellier HB: current run – winless three

23.02.2022 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 35:26
16.02.2022 Montpellier FRA	vs HC Vardar 1961 MKD	L 25:28
08.12.2021 Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	D 31:31
01.12.2021 Montpellier FRA	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 24:23
24.11.2021 Montpellier FRA	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 39:32
17.11.2021 Elverum NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 30:37
27.10.2021 Zagreb CRO	@ HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 22:25
20.10.2021 Pérols FRA	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 32:26
13.10.2021 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar 1961 MKD	W 25:31
30.09.2021 Pérols FRA	vs THW Kiel GER	W 37:30

L 35:26
L 25:28
D 31:31
W 24:23
W 39:32
W 30:37
W 22:25
W 32:26
W 25:31
W 37:30



### Aalborg Håndbold: current run – won five

23.02.2022 Aalborg DEN	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 32:27
16.02.2022 Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 30:33
08.12.2021 Elverum NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 28:34
01.12.2021 Aalborg DEN	vs Pick Szeged HUN	W 34:30
24.11.2021 Aalborg DEN	vs THW Kiel GER	W 35:33
18.11.2021 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 31:28
27.10.2021 Szeged HUN	@ Pick Szeged HUN	L 31:28
20.10.2021 Aalborg DEN	vs HC Vardar 1961 MKD	W 33:29
13.10.2021 Aalborg DEN	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 34:33
29.09.2021 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar 1961 MKD	L 30:28

W 32:27
W 30:33
W 28:34
W 34:30
W 35:33
L 31:28
L 31:28
W 33:29
W 34:33
L 30:28

## MONTPELLIER HB PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Charles Bolzinger	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kevin Bonnefoi	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Elie Ona	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marin Segó	CRO	3	2	0	1	1	0,33	1	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Benjamin Bataille	FRA	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	2'
Alexis Berthier	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Julien Bos	FRA	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Mathieu Cornette	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Hugo Descat	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gilberto Duarte	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adrien Dubois	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Olafur Gudmundsson	ISL	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	2'
Lucas Guigon	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Arthur Lenne	FRA	1	0	0	1	4	4,00	4	0
Yanis Lenne	FRA	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Lucas Moscariello	ARG	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mathis Mougín	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Veron Nacinovic	CRO	2	0	0	2	4	2,50	4	0
Marko Panic	BIH	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	2'
Lucas Pellas	SWE	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	2'
Valentin Porte	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kylian Prat	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Robin Puigsegur	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Diego Simonet	ARG	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	2'
Kyllian Villeminot	FRA	1	0	0	1	7	7,00	7	2'
Karl Wallinius	SWE	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	2'

Veron Nacinovic (RK Celje Pivovarna Laško 2020/21); Marin Segó (KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2014/15)

## 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 season.

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

### Awarded players in the 2021/22 season:

- Round 1: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 2: Alex Dujšhebaev (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 3: Kyllian Villeminot (Montpellier HB)
- Round 4: Rodrigo Corrales (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 5: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 6: Roland Mikler (Pick Szeged)
- Round 7: Gilberto Duarte (Montpellier HB)
- Round 8: Nikolaj Læsø (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 9: Vincent Gerard (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 10: Bence Bánhidi (Pick Szeged)
- Round 11: Andreas Wolff (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 12: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 13:
- Round 14:



## AALBORG HÅNDBOLD PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST MONTPELLIER HB

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mikael Aggefors	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Simon Gade	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nichlas Kristian Ludvigsen	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Zander Rodvig	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Magnus Andersen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rene Antonsen	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	2'
Sebastian Barthold	NOR	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kristian Bjørnsen	NOR	3	1	0	2	19	6,33	8	4'
Nikolaj Christensen	DEN	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	2'
Frederik Christoffersen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Felix Claar	SWE	1	1	0	0	5	5,00	5	0
Sebastian Henneberg	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valdemar Hermansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Benjamin Jakobsen	DEN	1	1	0	0	2	2,00	2	0
Andreas Holst	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Buster Juul-Lassen	DEN	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Victor Kløve	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Martin Larsen	DEN	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	2'
Noah Juul Lykke	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Henrik Møllgaard	DEN	3	1	0	2	16	5,33	9	2'
Marinus Munk	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jesper Nielsen	SWE	5	2	0	3	7	1,40	3	4'
Aron Palmarsson	ISL	8	6	0	2	26	3,25	7	4'
Jonas Samuelsson	SWE	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lukas Sandell	SWE	1	1	0	0	11	11,00	11	0
Christian Termansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Kristian Bjørnsen (IFK Kristianstad 2015/16); Henrik Møllgaard (Skjern Handbold 2013/14); Jesper Nielsen (IK Sävehof 2010/11, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2018/19); Aron Palmarsson (THW Kiel 2011/12, Telekom Veszprém 2016/17, FC Barcelona Lassa 2017/18, Barça Lassa 2018/19)

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