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I INTRODUCTION TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

We are delighted to welcome you to the last stop on the road to the EHF FINAL4: the EHF Champions League Men 2020/21 quarter-finals. What a season it has been so far! We saw 16 teams giving it their all in a thrilling group phase, fighting until the last round in order to improve their ranking ahead of the knockout phase. The play-offs followed with eight intriguing ties, as the quarter-final line-up took shape.

So, here we are! And while we lost two recent EHF Champions League winners in the play-offs – Lomza Vive Kielce and HC Vardar 1961 – it is fair to say that we have a stunning quarter-final schedule ahead of us, with the first legs scheduled for 12/13 May and the all-decisive return legs for 19/20 May. Germany and France still have two teams each in the mix, and at least one of those four teams will make it to the EHF FINAL4 on 12/13 June as title holders THW Kiel and Paris Saint-Germain Handball will square off in a mouth-watering quarter-final clash, less than five months after both teams competed at the EHF FINAL4 2020 in December.

The other German contenders, SG Flensburg-Handewitt, open their quarter-final adventure with a trip to Denmark to face Aalborg Håndbold. The other French side still in the race for the title, HBC Nantes, eliminated Kielce in the play-offs and now face another huge challenge, set to take on Telekom Veszprém HC. The fourth quarter-final sees HC Meshkov Brest, who are debutants in this stage of the EHF Champions League, trying to stop the immaculate run of Barça, who have won all their matches so far this season and are eager to return to the EHF FINAL4, just a few months after they came up short to Kiel in the 2020 final.

All the ingredients are here for a tasty quarter-final menu. Join us when we find out which four teams book their tickets to Cologne.

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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

SEASON 2020/21

- Group A teams
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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 SEASON

Updated playing system



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PLAY-OFF AND QUARTER-FINAL PAIRINGS

ROAD TO THE EHF FINAL4



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FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS PRIOR TO THE START OF QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

After 112 group matches and 14 play-off clashes in the EHF Champions League, Europe's top eight clubs are just 120 minutes away from June's EHF FINAL4 in Cologne. Barça lead the way in many of the rankings but the focus is also on two quarter-final debutants and an armada of Spanish coaches.

Here are the most impressive and important facts and figures prior to the first leg of the quarter-finals on Wednesday and Thursday.

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clubs have won and then defended their title in Cologne since the implementation of the EHF FINAL4 in 2010. Kiel have the chance to do so, less than six months after winning the 2020 title.

0 goals was the difference in the play-off between Aalborg and Porto, in which the Danish side proceeded due to the away goals rule.

0 pairings of the quarter-finals, like in the play-offs, feature two teams from the same country.

1 player has won two consecutive EHF FINAL4 events since 2010 - Ivan Cupic. After winning the 2016 title with Kielce, the Croat won in 2017 with Vardar and did it again in 2019.

1 male has won the trophy at Cologne as a player and a coach: Filip Jicha - 2010 and 2012 on the court, 2020 on the bench, both with THW Kiel.

2 teams are quarter-final debutants in the EHF Champions League: Aalborg Handbold and Meshkov Brest.

2 quarter-final pairings include two former finalists: Kiel vs PSG and Nantes vs Veszprém - Kiel are the only winners among them.

3 teams turned a defeat in the first leg of the play-offs around: Nantes, Aalborg and Brest.

3 head coaches of the eight quarter-finalists have won the EHF Champions League at least once as head coaches: Xavi Pascual (Barça/2), Raul Gonzalez (PSG/1) and Filip Jicha (Kiel/1).

3 previous EHF Champions League winners with 13 trophies among them are still part of the competition: Barça (1996-2000, 2005, 2011, 2015), Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) and Flensburg (2014).

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coaches were or are at the helm of HC PPD Zagreb so far during the 2020/21 season: Igor Vori was succeeded by Vlado Sola and now Ivica Obrvan.

4 occasions in 8 home matches this season have seen Barça scored more than 40 goals.

5 Spanish head coaches are still part of the competition - and at least two of them will make it to Cologne: Xavi Pascual (Barça) faces Raul Alonso (Brest) and Alberto Enterreros faces David Davis (Veszprem) in direct duels. The fifth Spaniard is Raul Gonzalez (PSG).

5 different nations were represented by the 12 previous winners of the VELUX EHF FINAL4: Germany (2010, 2012, 2020 Kiel, 2013 Hamburg and 2014 Flensburg), Spain (2011, 2015 Barça), Poland (2016 Kielce), North Macedonia (2017 and 2019 Vardar Skopje) and France (2018 Montpellier).

6 nations are represented among the eight quarter-finalists: France and Germany are represented by two teams each, Belarus, Denmark, Spain and Hungary have one each.

6 of 112 group matches and 0 of 14 play-offs ended in a draw.

6 of 8 teams still involved in the competition have been part of at least one EHF FINAL4 (inaugurated in 2010): Barça (eight participations, two trophies), Kiel (seven participations, three trophies), Veszprem (six participations, zero trophies), Paris (four participations, zero trophies), Flensburg (one participation, one trophy), and Nantes (one participation, zero trophies).

10 group matches and 0 play-offs ended with 70 goals or more.

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11 matches - 7 of 112 group matches and 4 of 14 play-offs - ended with a difference of ten or more goals.

12 matches are yet to be played this season: eight quarter-finals and the four matches at the EHF FINAL4 on 12/13 June in Cologne.

16 victories in 14 group matches and two play-offs is Barça's perfect record so far.

19 goals in a single match was the lowest score of a team so far: first when Szeged lost the group phase match 25:19 at Porto, then Elverum's 39:19 loss in Barcelona.

20 goals was the biggest win of the season when Barça beat Elverum 39:19 in the play-offs second leg.

21 times, including the 2020/21 season, Kiel and Barça have each made it at least to the quarter-finals in the EHF Champions League. Veszprém play their 19th quarter-final, Flensburg number 13 ahead of PSG (8) and Nantes (4).

27 group matches in a row were won by Barça since the opening defeat to Szeged in the 2019/20 season. In total, Barcelona won 30 of their last 31 Champions League matches - their only defeat was against Kiel at the EHF FINAL4 in December 2020.

28 points, the optimum earned by Barça, is a new record since the group phase is played with eight teams per group. 26 points by PSG and Barça was the previous record.

+32 was the impressive goal difference of Barça in the play-offs against Elverum, ahead of +23 goals for Veszprém vs Vardar and +21 goals for PSG vs Celje.

41 goals in a single play-off match was the highest score, when Veszprém beat Vardar 41:27, the overall highest score by one team this season was 45 goals when Barcelona beat Zagreb 45:27 in the group phase.

48 away victories occurred in the 112 group matches (42) and the 14 play-offs (6).

59 times, 60 or more goals were scored in group matches (50) and play-offs (9).

61 times in 112 group matches (53) and 14 play-offs (8) the home side was victorious.

69 goals was the highest-scoring game of the play-offs, when Veszprém beat Vardar 39:30, 76 goals is the high-score for the season when Barça beat Zaporozhye 42:34.

90 goals were scored by Alex Dujshebaev (Kielce) to be the top scorer of the competition so far, ahead of Valero Rivera (Nantes) on 76, the best scorer still in the competition, and Mikita Vailupau of Brest on 75.

+125 goals is the impressive goal difference of Barcelona after 14 group matches and two play-offs, an average of +7.81 in every match.

300 – the EHF Champions League final against Barça on 29 December was THW Kiel's 300th match at this level. Veszprém had the same record of 300 Champions League matches in the group phase, just when they beat Kiel 42:31.

581 goals scored by Barça is the most prolific attack of the season - an average of 36.1 in 16 matches.

835 goals were scored in the 14 play-off matches, an average of 59.6 per game.

6,937 goals were scored in 115 matches this season, including 6102 in the group phase, an average of 60.3 per game.

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PAIRINGS

I HC MESHKOV BREST (BLR) VS BARÇA (ESP)



First leg: Wednesday, 12 May at 18:45 CEST, Brest (BLR)

Second leg: Thursday, 20 May at 20:45 CEST, Barcelona (ESP)



- the only duels between the sides occurred in the 2018/19 season when Barça won both group matches clearly, 29:21 at Brest and 41:32 in Barcelona
- Meshkov qualified for the quarter-finals for the first time in their club history after eliminating Motor Zaporozhye in the play-offs
- Barça beat Elverum by an aggregate of 76:44 goals, the largest win of the play-offs
- Barça have their 21st participation in a Champions League quarter-final in their 24th season in the competition
- it is one of two duels between Spanish head coaches: Raul Alonso (Brest) will face Xavi Pascual (Barça)
- Alonso will finish his work at Brest after this season after three years; he will return to Germany, where he moved to with his family at the age of 16
- Brest will have to replace two key players: left back Alexander Shkurinskyi and defensive specialists Artsiom Selvasiuk - both are ruled out with torn cruciate ligaments
- Brest right wing Mikita Vailupau is third in the top scorer list with 75 goals, Barça's best scorer is also left-handed, Dika Mem, fifth-ranked on 71 goals

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HC Meshkov Brest vs Barça 0-0-2 (53:70) 0:4

13.10.2018	HC Meshkov Brest vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:29 (14:15)
02.12.2018	Barça Lassa vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	41:32 (22:17)



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: black



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HC MESHKOV BREST

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ HC Vardar 1961	W32:36 (12:20)
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	L33:26 (15:12)
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W35:30 (15:11)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L26:28 (15:14)
@ Elverum Handball	L33:31 (16:17)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L30:27 (18:13)
vs Elverum Handball	W29:27 (15:17)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	D29:29 (13:11)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W26:24 (11:12)
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L34:27 (18:11)
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	W32:31 (19:14)
@ FC Porto	L27:25 (12:9)
vs HC Vardar 1961	W24:22 (12:10)
vs FC Porto	W10:0
PLAY-OFF	
@ HC Motor	L32:30 (15:12)
vs HC Motor	W30:23 (16:8)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Mikita Vailupau (BLR)	75
2. Marko Panic (BIH)	68
3. Stas Skube (SLO)	51
4. Vladimir Vranjes (BIH)	36
5. Viachaslau Shumak (BLR)	31

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	14	10	1	3	341:336	(5)	21
2. Paris Saint-Germain HB	14	9	1	4	388:327	(61)	19
3. Lomza Vive Kielce	14	9	1	4	442:414	(18)	19
4. HC Meshkov Brest	14	7	1	6	383:380	(3)	15
5. FC Porto	14	5	2	7	361:362	(-1)	12
6. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	6	0	8	318:329	(-11)	12
7. HC Vardar 1961	14	3	3	8	335:350	(-15)	9
8. Elverum Handball	14	2	1	11	387:457	(-70)	5

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 12
Last 16 (4): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Group Phase (6): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2014/15, 2019/20
Qualification (1): 2008/09

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2011/12
EHF Cup: Last 16 2003/04

Belarusian league: 12 titles (2004-08, 2014-20)
Belarusian cup: 11 titles



7 **MATCHES**
Longest unbeaten run

36 **GOALS**
Most goals

73 **GOALS**
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	34:22 (15:14) v Vojvodina SRB (h), 19.09.2015
Biggest defeat	36:17 (16:8) v GOG Gudme DEN (a), 09.10.2004
Longest winning run	5 matches (24.10.2015 – 05.12.2015)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (24.10.2015 – 05.03.2016)
Longest losing run	10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005)
	10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)
Longest run without win	10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005)
	10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)
Most goals	36 v RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 36:36D (a), 27.11.2016
	36 v HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 33:36W (a), 09.02.2020
	36 v HC Vardar 1961 MKD 32:36W (a), 04.03.2021
Most goals opponent	41 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018
Most goals both teams	73 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018
Fewest goals	17 v GOG Gudme DEN 36:17L (a), 09.10.2004
	17 v RK Gorenje Velenje SLO 27:17L (a), 30.10.2004
Fewest goals opponent	20 v TATRAN Presov SVK 20:30W (a), 26.09.2015
	20 v Aalborg Handbold DEN 20:23W (a), 08.10.2017
Fewest goals both teams	42 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 21:21D (h), 18.02.2017

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2004/05 Brestskiy HC Meshkovo BLR	6	1	0	5	143:184	-41	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2005/06 Brest HC Meshkov BLR	6	1	0	5	165:183	-18	2:10	4th Gr. E	
2006/07 Brest HC Meshkov BLR	6	0	0	6	146:189	-43	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2007/08 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	6	1	0	5	154:182	-28	2:10	4th Gr. H	
2014/15 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	10	2	2	6	267:293	-26	6:14	5th Gr. A	
2015/16 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	14	9	1	4	437:383	+54	19:9	Last 16	
2016/17 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	16	5	4	7	434:439	-5	14:18	Last 16	
2017/18 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	16	4	3	9	426:466	-40	11:21	Last 16	
2018/19 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	16	4	1	11	427:479	-52	9:23	Last 16	
2019/20 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	14	4	0	10	401:431	-30	8:20	7th Gr. B 2019/20	
2020/21 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	16	8	1	7	443:435	+8	17:15	Quarter-finals	
Total:	126	39	12	75	3443:3664	-221	90:162		



Raul Alonso

Coach

- Spanish coach, who was assistant to Manolo Cadenas until taking over as head coach when Cadenas stepped down in April 2019
- Brest finished 7th in CL group B in first season under Alonso
- spent most of his playing and coaching career in Germany
- was assistant coach at THW Kiel between 2010 and 2015 and helped them win two CL titles
- worked three seasons as head coach of Handball Tirol in Austria before moving to Brest in summer of 2018

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
C 1	Ivan	Pesic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17.03.1989	Rijeka, CRO	194	112
3	Dmitrii	Santalov	RUS	Left Back	07.04.1996	Blagoveshensk, RUS	196	99
4	Yahor	Budzeika	BLR	Right Back	01.05.2000	Baranovich, BLR	195	88
8	Marko	Panic	BIH	Right Back	10.03.1991	Jajce, BIH	197	101
9	Aleksander	Shkurinskiy	RUS	Left Back	11.04.1995	Krasnodar region, RUS	193	90
12	Ivan	Matskevich	BLR	Goalkeeper	08.05.1991	Lepel, BLR	190	110
14	Andrei	Yurinok	BLR	Left Wing	21.09.1996	Brest, BLR	196	95
20	Stas	Skube	SLO	Centre Back	15.11.1989	Novo Mesto, SLO	179	85
21	Ilya	Usik	BLR	Goalkeeper	13.08.1998	Brest, BLR	196	87
22	Viachaslau	Shumak	BLR	Line Player	22.12.1988	Brest, BLR	202	115
24	Maksim	Baranau	BLR	Right Wing	11.04.1988	Bobruysk, BLR	190	85
25	Danila	Viarheichyk	BLR	Right Back	27.05.2000	Brest, BLR	190	90
31	Simon	Razgor	SLO	Left Wing	18.09.1985	Celje, SLO	183	86
33	Pawel	Paczkowski	POL	Right Back	14.06.1993	Swiecie, POL	195	93
34	Sandro	Obranovic	CRO	Left Back	18.10.1992	Karlovac, CRO	195	93
42	Artsiom	Selviasiuk	BLR	Line Player	08.12.1992	Brest, BLR	192	95
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right Wing	30.07.1995	Vitebsk, BLR	186	87
66	Jaka	Malus	SLO	Centre Back	15.06.1996	Celje, SLO	190	88
76	Ilya	Tamashuk	BLR	Left Wing	28.06.2000	Brest, BLR	185	85
77	Vladimir	Vranjes	BIH	Line Player	14.12.1988	Banja Luka, BIH	200	107
98	Valiantsin	Silko	BLR	Centre Back	20.01.2000	Brest, BLR	180	80

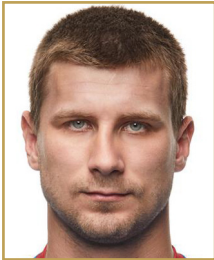


Ivan Pesic

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Goalkeeper

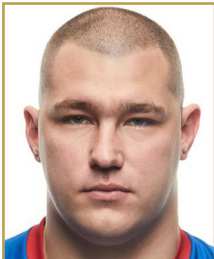
- joined Brest in 2013 under then coach, and fellow Croatian, Zeljko Babic
- also played for RK Maribor Branik, HC Zagreb and Veszprém in the past
- had kidney removed after being stabbed in 2009 night club incident, in which Veszprém teammate Marian Cozma was killed
- practiced taekwondo successfully in his childhood



Andrei Yurynok

Left wing

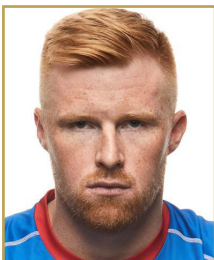
- born in Brest, but started career in Minsk (Vityaz, SKA) and joined Meshkov in 2016
- was a line player in his youth before coaches successfully put him on the left wing
- best scorer of Belarus at EHF EURO 2018 with 24 goals; also played for the national team at EHF EURO 2020



Dmitrii Santalov

Left back

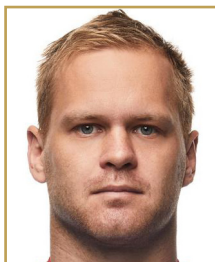
- Russian national team player, who joined Brest in summer of 2020 after six years at Chekhovskie Medvedi
- shares left back position at Brest with fellow Russian player Aleksander Shkurinskiy
- born and raised in Blagoveshchensk, in far east of Russia, and joined handball academy in Chekhov, some 7,700 kms from his home town, at age 16
- studied ecology at university in Moscow



Vyachaslau Shumak

Line player

- Belarusian international, who was born in Brest and has spent his entire career at Meshkov since debut in September 2006
- has scored more than 870 goals in over 450 matches for the club
- 204cm-tall line player, who is enjoying his most productive European season for Meshkov, scoring 31 goals prior to the quarter-finals
- played first game for Belarusian national team in 2009 in February 2021, he extended his contract with Meshkov for two more years, until the end of the 2022/23 season



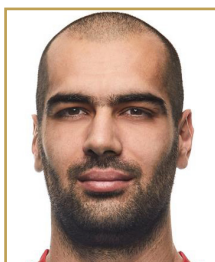
Stas Skube

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Centre back

- joined Brest in summer of 2020, one year after winning CL with Vardar
- made senior debut for Primo Trebnje in his native Slovenia at age 17, playing alongside his older brother Sebastian, and later also played for Velenje and Szeged
- scored personal best 72 goals in CL 2013/14 when Velenje reached Last 16
- despite his height of 1.76 metre, he is one of Slovenia's best playmakers

EC trophies: CL 2019



Vladimir Vranjes

Line player

- powerful line player, who is a defensive specialist, joined Brest in summer of 2020 from Hungarian side Tatabanya
- also played in his native Bosnia as well as Slovenia and Spain in the past, and won EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014
- Bosnian national team player, who took part in WCh 2015 and EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



Marko Panic

 @pana_8

Right back

- Bosnian back, who joined Brest in summer of 2019 after two seasons at Poland's Azoty-Pulawy, where he was one of the leading players
- started his career at Borac Banja Luka in his homeland in 2006, also played for Chambéry in France from 2012 to 2017 and made CL debut in 2012/13
- made national team debut in 2010, aged 19, and soon became key member of team
- has a rare quality as he shoots almost equally well with both hands



Mikita Vailupau

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Right wing

- moved from SKA Minsk to HC Meshkov Brest in the summer of 2019
- made his debut in the Belarusian national team in 2015
- EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament and he finished No. 2 on the top scorers list, with 47 goals, trailing only Norway's Sander Sagosen
- hobby is painting and drawing pictures in the style of abstract expressionism



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: light green
Player short: light green
GK shirt: blue or yellow

Dark

Player shirt: blue and red
Player short: blue
GK shirt: green or black



Playing hall

Palau Blaugrana
Av. Aristides Maillol, s/n
08028 Barcelona
Spain
Capacity: 7,250

BARÇA

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs HC Motor	W42:34 (23:18)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W29:32 (17:16)
vs HBC Nantes	W30:29 (14:17)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W33:37 (18:21)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	W37:30 (15:15)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	W34:37 (15:19)
@ Aalborg Håndbold	W32:35 (15:19)
vs THW Kiel	W29:25 (13:12)
@ THW Kiel	W26:32 (15:16)
vs Aalborg Håndbold	W42:33 (20:18)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W45:27 (24:13)
@ HBC Nantes	W27:35 (15:18)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W42:28 (21:14)
@ HC Motor	W25:30 (11:13)
PLAY-OFF	
@ Elverum Handball	W25:37 (12:19)
vs Elverum Handball	W39:19 (20:10)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Dika Mem (FRA)	71
2. Aleix Gómez (ESP)	66
3. Ludovic Fabregas (FRA)	52
4. Aron Palmársson (ISL)	51
5. Luka Cindric (CRO)	45

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Barça	14	14	0	0	505:412	(93)	28
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2	3	443:392	(51)	20
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2	5	394:378	(16)	16
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0	7	397:411	(-14)	14
5. HC Motor	14	7	0	7	389:411	(-22)	14
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2	7	388:378	(10)	12
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	4	0	10	372:413	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0	14	369:462	(-93)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 24
 Winner (8): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15
 Final (4): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2019/20
 Semi-final (5): 2007/08, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2018/19
 Quarter-final (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2015/16
 Last 16 (2): 2003/04, 2017/18
 Main Round (1): 2008/09

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2002/03, Runners-up 2001/02
Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 1993/94, 1994/95
(IHF) European Champions Cup: 1990/91
IHF Super Globe: 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018

Spanish league: 27 titles (1969, 1973, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988-92, 1996-2000, 2003, 2006, 2011-20)

Spanish Cup: 25 titles



13 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

46 **GOALS**
Most goals

82 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	17:43 (9:21) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (a), 19.11.2011
Biggest defeat	31:21 (13:10) v SG Flensburg-H. GER (a), 23.02.2007
	41:31 (20:15) v THW Kiel GER (a), 06.04.2008
Longest winning run	22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
Longest losing run	2 matches (eight times)
Longest run without win	3 matches (30.05.2010 – 03.10.2010)
	3 matches (03.06.2017 – 17.09.2017)
Most goals	46 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
Most goals opponent	41 v THW Kiel GER 41:31L (a), 06.04.2008
	41 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41L (a), 31.05.2014
Most goals both teams	82 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
Fewest goals	21 v ABC Braga POR 21:21D (a), 09.11.1997
	21 v SC Pick Szeged HUN 22:21L (a), 23.10.2004
	21 v Portland San Antonio ESP 25:21L (a), 25.02.2006
	21 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 31:21L (a), 23.02.2007
	21 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 22:21L (a), 20.09.2015
Fewest goals opponent	11 v Aalborg Handball DEN 11:31W (a), 15.03.2015
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Elgorriaga Bidasoa ESP 23:15W (h), 20.04.1996
	38 v Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD 12:26W (a), 06.11.2004

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1995/96 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	2	1	213:173	+40	12:4	Winner	
1996/97 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	1	1	358:264	+94	21:3	Winner	
1997/98 FC Barcelona ESP	12	9	1	2	358:284	+74	19:5	Winner	
1998/99 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	3	1	357:289	+68	19:5	Winner	
1999/00 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	0	2	345:271	+74	20:4	Winner	
2000/01 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	2	2	316:281	+35	18:6	Runner-up	
2003/04 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	1	2	262:212	+50	11:5	Last 16	
2004/05 FC Barcelona Cifec ESP	14	8	0	6	400:360	+40	16:12	Winner	
2005/06 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	9	0	1	293:244	+49	18:2	Quarter-final	
2006/07 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	8	0	2	314:263	+51	16:4	Quarter-final	
2007/08 FC Barcelona ESP	14	11	0	3	475:407	+68	22:6	Semi-final	
2008/09 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	10	6	0	4	307:275	+32	12:8	3rd MR Gr. 4	
2009/10 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	13	1	2	545:461	+84	27:5	Runner-up	
2010/11 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	10	3	3	501:451	+50	23:9	Winner	
2011/12 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	14	11	0	3	459:357	+102	22:6	Quarter-final	
2012/13 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	16	13	0	3	488:404	+84	26:6	Runner-up	
2013/14 FC Barcelona ESP	16	12	1	3	535:426	+109	25:7	Third Place	
2014/15 FC Barcelona ESP	16	14	1	1	527:408	+119	29:3	Winner	
2015/16 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	16	12	1	3	480:431	+49	25:7	Quarter-final	
2016/17 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	18	13	1	4	517:460	+57	27:9	Fourth Place	
2017/18 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	16	10	2	4	463:433	+30	22:10	Last 16	
2018/19 Barça Lassa ESP	18	15	0	3	614:506	+108	30:6	Third Place	
2019/20 Barça ESP	16	14	0	2	550:445	+105	28:4	Runner-up	
2020/21 Barça ESP	16	16	0	0	581:456	+125	30:0	Quarter-finals	
Total:	328	250	20	58	10258:8561	+1697	520:136		



Xavi Pascual
Coach

- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the club in 2005 before taking over from Manolo Cadenas as head coach four years later
- won 49 titles in his first 10 years in charge, including two CL titles, in 2011 and 2015
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's (7 out of 7) success in 1999/2000
- also coached Romanian national team for two years (2016-18)

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015

Arrived during the season

Juan Palomino (ESP/BM Antequera)
Artur Parera Ibanez (ESP/Barça youth)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Gonzalo	Perez de Vargas	ESP	Goalkeeper	10.01.1991	Toledo, ESP	190	93
6	Casper Ulrich	Mortensen	DEN	Left Wing	14.12.1989	København, DEN	190	93
C 9	Raul	Enterrerrios	ESP	Centre Back	10.02.1981	Gijon, ESP	195	89
10	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07.06.1984	La Trinite, FRA	192	110
11	Jure	Dolenec	SLO	Right Back	06.12.1988	Kranj, SLO	191	95
12	Jordi	Gonzales Perez	ESP	Goalkeeper	08.05.1988	Bordils, ESP	188	85
13	Aitor	Ariño	ESP	Left Wing	05.10.1992	Penarth, WAL	187	81
15	Albert	Pujol	ESP	Left Back	15.04.1991	StQuirzedelValles, ESP	195	90
17	Alejandro	Barbeito Soriano	ESP	Centre Back	08.08.2001	Barcelona, ESP	180	75
18	Blaz	Janc	SLO	Right Wing	20.11.1996	Brezice, SLO	187	87
19	Timothey	N'guessan	FRA	Left Back	18.09.1992	Massy, FRA	196	105
20	Aleix	Gómez Abelló	ESP	Right Wing	07.05.1997	Sabadell, ESP	182	71
22	Thiagus	Petrus	BRA	Line Player	25.01.1989	Juiz de Fora, BRA	199	100
23	Mamadou	Lamine Diocou	ESP	Right Wing	10.03.2000	Fassada, SEN	180	71
24	Dika	Mem	FRA	Right Back	31.08.1997	Paris, FRA	194	90
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05.07.1993	Ogulin, CRO	182	90
28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13.02.2000	Vigo, ESP	175	83
33	Artur	Parera Ibanez	ESP	Line Player	28.08.2002	Barcelona, ESP	185	75
34	Aron	Palmarsson	ISL	Centre Back	19.07.1990	Reykjavik, ISL	193	96
35	Domen	Makuc	SLO	Centre Back	01.07.2000	Postojna, SLO	188	82
36	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.06.1989	Tondern, DEN	200	103
37	Haniel Vincius	Langaro Inoue	BRA	Left Back	07.03.1995	Umarama, BRA	196	100
44	Juan	Palomino Moron	ESP	Left Back	11.10.2001	Antequera, ESP	193	72
55	David	Roca Rodriguez	ESP	Right Back	09.01.2000	Barcelona, ESP	188	77
72	Ludovic	Fabregas	FRA	Line Player	01.07.1996	Perpignan, FRA	198	100
82	Luis	Frade	POR	Line Player	11.09.1998	Rio Tinto, POR	194	115



Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

@perezdvargas

Goalkeeper

- formed in Barcelona; returned to the club in 2014 after stints with Granollers and Toulouse focused on gaining experience
- voted best CL goalkeeper in 2016/17 and all Spanish domestic competitions since 2014/15; MVP of the ASOBAL league in 2016/17
- represented Spain in all age categories; forms duo with Veszprém's Rodrigo Corrales
- medallist at four consecutive EHF EUROs, starting in 2014

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2014
EURO: G 2018, G 2020, S 2016, B 2014, WCh: B 2021



Kevin Møller

Goalkeeper

- joined Barcelona in the summer of 2018 after four seasons with SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- started with handball with Tinglev but also went through the successful academy in GOG
- made his debut with the Danish national team in 2015 but had to wait for six years for his first medal - gold from Egypt 2021

WCh: G 2021



Aron Palmarsson

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Left back

- joined Barça from Veszprém early in 2017/18 season, will leave for Aalborg in the summer of 2021
- before joining Veszprém in 2015, the versatile, tactical and technically skilled Icelander was with THW Kiel for six years
- holds record, alongside retired Momir Ilic, of eight EHF FINAL4 participations
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2014 and again in 2016

CL: 2010, 2012
EURO: B 2010



Haniel Langaro

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Left back

- Brazilian international, who arrived at Barça in summer of 2020 after three seasons with Dunkerque in France
- started career at Pinheiros in Brazil before moving to Europe and joining La Rioja in Spain in January 2016
- prolific goal scorer, netted 57 times for La Rioja in the Champions League in his only full season with that club
- named best left back of 2020 South and Central American Championship, where Brazil finished runners-up to Argentina



Luka Cindric

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Centre back

- joined Barça in the summer of 2019, arriving from Kielce
- won CL with Vardar in 2017, scoring last-second winner in semi-final against Kielce
- joined Kielce in 2018/19 but stayed just one season in Poland
- voted EHF Player of the Year in 2017, and best Croatian player in 2017 and 2018
- key member of the Croatian national team

EC trophies: CL 2017
EURO: S 2020, B 2016



Ludovic Fabregas

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Line player

- one of key players in new French generation, including Timothee N'guessan, Dika Mem and Melvyn Richardson
- joined Barça after winning CL in 2018 with Montpellier, scoring six goals in the final
- CL All-star line player in 2016/17, and best young player in 2018/19
- youth world champion in mountain biking before turning to handball at age 15

EC trophies: CL 2018
WCh: G 2017, B 2019; OG: S 2016



Dika Mem

@dikamem

Right back

- best CL right back in 2017/18; scored over 70 goals both in 2017/18 and 2018/19
- joined Barça from French club Tremblay in 2016 at age 19, soon became key player
- at 21, had already captured two WCh medals and EHF EURO bronze with France
- won both world and EHF EURO titles in youth age category events; also named best right back at Junior WCh 2017

EURO: B 2018; WCh: G 2017, B 2019



Aleix Gomez

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Right wing

- young talent coming through club's youth ranks since 2009
- for years he was sharing right wing position with recently retired captain Victor Tomas
- leading scorer for Barça in 2018/19 and 2019/20 group phases, voted best young player in CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- had first national team appearance at WCh 2019, two years after being named best right wing of Junior WCh 2017 where he won gold with Spain

EURO: G 2020, WCh: B 2021

I HBC NANTES (FRA) VS TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC (HUN)



First leg: Thursday, 13 May at 20:45 CEST, Nantes (FRA)

Second leg: Thursday, 20 May at 18:45 CEST, Veszprém (HUN)



- the two sides met in the group phase of the EHF Champions League this season. Veszprém won their only meeting in Nantes 28:24.
- Nantes qualified for the quarter-finals by beating Kielce in the Last 16, while Veszprém easily booked their ticket against Vardar
- this is the third time Nantes reached the quarter-finals, after 2018 and 2019. They defeated Skjern in 2018 to qualify for their first EHF FINAL4, before losing to Barça the following season
- Valero Rivera (Nantes) is currently the second-best scorer in the EHF Champions League, with 76 goals, while Veszprém's top scorer Petar Nenadic stands 15th position, having netted 60 times
- four French internationals will be sharing the court on Thursday in Nantes: the locals Theo Monar and Aymeric Minne, who enjoyed their first international game a few days ago, as well as the experienced Cyril Dumoulin and Veszprém's Kentin Mahé
- Veszprém are currently the undefeated leader of the Hungarian league while Nantes stand third in the French Lidl Starligue, behind Paris Saint-Germain and Montpellier

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HBC Nantes vs Telekom Veszprém HC 0-0-1 (24:28) 0:2

16.09.2020	HBC Nantes vs Telekom Veszprém HC, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:28 (10:11)
04.03.2021	Telekom Veszprém HC vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – Group B	5:5 (0:0)*

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

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Player short: grey/black
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Player short: purple
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Playing hall

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

HBC NANTES



ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE

vs THW Kiel	D24:24 (12:9)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W30:28 (13:14)
@ Barça	L30:29 (14:17)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W24:34 (8:20)
vs Aalborg Håndbold	W38:29 (18:14)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	L28:30 (13:14)
@ HC Motor	L29:28 (13:13)
vs HC Motor	L31:32 (18:18)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W25:31 (11:13)
@ Aalborg Håndbold	L32:24 (16:9)
vs Barça	L27:35 (15:18)
@ THW Kiel	W27:35 (12:15)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L24:28 (10:11)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	D5:5

PLAY-OFF

vs Lomza Vive Kielce	L24:25 (14:12)
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	W31:34 (13:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Valero Rivera (ESP)	76
2. Aymeric Minne (FRA)	46
Dragan Pechmalbec (FRA)	46
Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	46
5. Adrian Figueras (ESP)	38

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4

Runners-up (1): 2017/18

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2016/17

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2012/13, 2015/16; Quarter-finals 2013/14

French Cup: 1 title (2017)

French League Cup: 1 title (2015)

Trophee des Champions: 1 title (2017)



7 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

38 **GOALS**
Most goals

69 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	33:19 (16:9) v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR (h), 01.10.2016
Biggest defeat	35:27 (15:13) v Paris SG Handball FRA (a), 01.04.2017
	27:35 (15:18) v Barça ESP (h), 01.10.2020
	32:24 (16:9) v Aalborg Håndbold DEN (a), 14.10.2020
Longest winning run	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
	7 matches (25.02.2018 – 26.05.2018)
Longest losing run	3 matches (24.04.2019 – 16.09.2020)
	3 matches (09.12.2020 – 04.02.2021)
Longest run without win	5 matches (18.11.2018 – 07.02.2019)
Most goals	38 v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO 38:27W (h), 14.10.2018
	38 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 38:29W (h), 10.02.2021
Most goals opponent	35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:27L (a), 01.04.2017
	35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:34L (a), 06.10.2018
	35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 31:35L (h), 07.02.2019
	35 v Barça ESP 27:35 (h), 01.10.2020
Most goals both teams	69 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:34L (a), 06.10.2018
Fewest goals	22 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:22L (a), 17.02.2018
Fewest goals opponent	19 v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR 33:19W (h), 01.10.2016
Fewest goals both teams	43 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:20W (h), 03.11.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	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	16	6	2	8	446:434	+12	14:18	Quarter-final	
Total:	68	34	12	22	1994:1899	+95	80:56		



Alberto Entrerrios

Coach

- Spanish former international and three-time CL winner
- worked at Nantes as assistant to Thierry Anti for three years before taking over as head coach prior to 2019/20 season
- played for Nantes until retirement in 2016, after spells at Ademar, Barcelona and Ciudad Real in his native Spain
- No. 3 on all-time top scorers list of Spanish national team, with 726 goals in 240 matches
- his younger brother Raul is still playing for Barça

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009; CWC 1999, 2003
WCh: G 2005, 2013, B 2011; EURO: S 2006, B 2000; OG: B 2008

Left during the season

Andrea Colleluori (ITA/Polisportiva Cingoli)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Cyril	Dumoulin	FRA	Goalkeeper	02.02.1984	Rillieux la Pape, FRA	200	100
2	Baptiste	Damatin	FRA	Left Wing	29.04.2000	Saint Maurice, FRA	177	81
3	Thibaud	Briet	FRA	Left Back	14.12.1999	Rouen, FRA	205	95
4	Rok	Ovnicsek	SLO	Centre Back	29.01.1995	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	183	81
5	Milan	Milic	SRB	Right Back	14.05.1998	Aleksandrovac, SRB	198	88
6	Olivier	Nyokas	FRA	Left Back	28.06.1986	Montfermeil, FRA	187	86
7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22.02.1985	Barcelona, ESP	186	83
8	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left Back	27.12.1996	Almada, POR	203	102
9	Sebastian	Augustinussen	DEN	Right Wing	06.05.1996	Aarhus, DEN	192	93
10	Dragan	Pechmalbec	FRA	Line Player	05.01.1996	Cahors, FRA	194	94
11	Adrian	Figueras Trejo	ESP	Line Player	31.08.1988	Barcelona, ESP	192	90
12	Andreas	Hofmann	FRA	Goalkeeper	29.06.2001	Marseille, FRA	185	87
C 13	Rock	Feliho	FRA	Line Player	13.08.1982	Cotonou, BEN	192	100
14	Mathieu	Bataille	FRA	Line Player	01.08.1987	Marseille, FRA	195	102
15	Aymeric	Minne	FRA	Centre Back	20.04.1997	Melun, FRA	186	76
16	Emil	Nielsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	10.03.1997	Aarhus, DEN	195	120
17	Kiril	Lazarov	MKD	Right Back	10.05.1980	Veles, MKD	193	96
18	Eduardo	Gurbindo	ESP	Right Back	08.11.1987	Pamplona, ESP	195	92
19	David	Balaguer Romeu	ESP	Right Wing	17.08.1991	Barcelona, ESP	185	91
20	Joris	Limousin	FRA	Right Wing	06.10.2000	Nantes, FRA	180	75
22	Mattéo	Fadhuile-Crepy	FRA	Left Wing	14.05.2002	Noisy le Grand, FRA	180	80
26	Théo	Monar	FRA	Line Player	06.06.2001	Fort de France, FRA	198	95
27	Guéno	Gaillard	FRA	Left Back	18.05.2001	Toulon, FRA	190	85
28	Lucas	De la Breteche	FRA	Centre Back	19.11.2001	Saint-Nazaire, FRA	193	85
30	Andrea	Colleluori	ITA	Goalkeeper	17.05.2000	Penne, ITA	185	82



Emil Nielsen

 @emilnielsen97

Goalkeeper

- at age 22, he joined Nantes in 2019 after two seasons at Skjern in his native Denmark
- became first-choice goalkeeper as Cyril Dumoulin was recovering from knee injury
- made international headlines in March 2018, when his numerous saves helped Skjern upset Hungarian powerhouse Veszprém in Last 16 of CL 2017/18 season
- started professional career in 2015/16 at Aarhus and was awarded best goalkeeper of Danish league right in his first season

WCh: G 2021



Valero Rivera

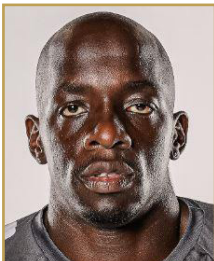
 @valerorivera

Left wing

- CL winner and world champion, who returned to Nantes from Barcelona in summer of 2018, after earlier spell with French club in 2010-16
- 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, currently, Qatar
- married to former handball player Marion Anti, daughter of previous Nantes coach

EC trophies: CL 2005; EHF Cup 2003

WCh: G 2013; EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014



Olivier Nyokas

 @nyokas_twins

Left back

- joined Nantes in 2016 after playing for PSG, Alcobendas, Créteil and Balingen
- offensive specialist who rarely defends or, when he does, moves to wing position
- at 28, made late debut for national team in 2015, was part of team that won WCh 2017
- his left-handed twin brother, Kevynn, plays for Portuguese side Benfica

WCh: G 2017

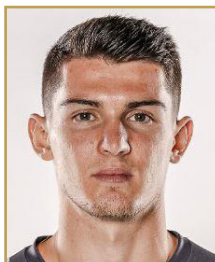


Adrian Figueras

Line player

- spent all his professional career until the summer of 2020 in Catalunya
- in 2014 was still playing for Barcelona's B-team before moving to Granollers
- has been a regular fixture in Spain national team since 2017
- has already signed to another French side Chartres for the next two seasons

WCh : B 2021, EURO: G 2018, 2020



Aymeric Minne

 @aymericminne

Left back/centre back

- aged 22, he signed for Nantes in summer of 2019 after four seasons in Aix
- had joined Aix in 2015 to work with Jérôme Fernandez
- initially an offensive player, but has made huge progress as a defender as well
- one of the most talented French players of his generation



Dragan Pechmalbec


 @dragan_pechmalbec

Line player

- joined Nantes in 2016 from Rennes, where he had pursued a football career before switching to handball at age 16
- first invited to French national team for Golden League game against Denmark in 2018
- born to French father and Serbian mother, who was also top-level handball player



Kiril Lazarov

 @klazarov77

Right back

- Macedonian back, one of the all-time greats of the sport, who joined Nantes in 2017
- scored more than 1,000 CL goals and was competition's top scorer in 2006 and 2008
- scored 300 goals in total in three CL seasons at Barça (2014-17)
- best scorer at single EHF EURO (61 goals in 2012) and WCh (92 goals in 2009)
- will be 41 when his contract expires at the end of the 2020/21 season

EC trophies: 2015



David Balaguer

 @davidbalaguer

Right wing

- like Valero Rivera, he was formed in Barcelona before joining Nantes, in 2015
- has developed into world-class wing at the French club
- was first called up for Spanish national team in 2017
- part of the Spanish team than won gold at EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia

EURO: G 2018

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: red/black
Player short: black
GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

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

TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ HC PPD Zagreb	W28:35 (11:17)
vs HC Motor	W34:30 (17:17)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W25:29 (14:16)
@ Barça	L37:30 (15:15)
vs Barça	L34:37 (15:19)
vs THW Kiel	W41:33 (19:19)
vs Aalborg Håndbold	L30:32 (16:19)
@ Aalborg Håndbold	W27:33 (18:16)
@ THW Kiel	D31:31 (18:20)
vs Celje Pivovarna Laško	W39:24 (18:11)
@ HC Motor	W34:37 (18:17)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W37:25 (18:12)
@ HBC Nantes	W24:28 (10:11)
vs HBC Nantes	D5:5
PLAY-OFF	
@ HC Vardar 1961	W27:41 (11:21)
vs HC Vardar 1961	W39:30 (20:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Petar Nenadic (SRB)	60
2. Andreas Nilsson (SWE)	57
3. Vuko Borozan (MNE)	49
Yahia Omar (EGY)	49
5. Gasper Marguc (SLO)	48

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Barça	14	14	0	0	505:412	(93)	28
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2	3	443:392	(51)	20
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2	5	394:378	(16)	16
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0	7	397:411	(-14)	14
5. HC Motor	14	7	0	7	389:411	(-22)	14
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2	7	388:378	(10)	12
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	4	0	10	372:413	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0	14	369:462	(-93)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 26
Final (4): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19
Semi-final (5): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20
Quarter-final (9): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13
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: 3 titles (2015, 2016, 2020)

Hungarian league: 26 titles
Hungarian Cup: 28 titles



12 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

46 GOALS
Most goals

77 GOALS
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004
Biggest defeat	30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995
Longest winning run	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)
Longest losing run	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
Longest run without win	4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999)
	4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)
Most goals	46 v MSK SIRS Povazska B. SVK 46:26W (h), 07.10.2006
	46 v MSK SIRS Povazska B. SVK 30:46W (a), 21.10.2006
Most goals opponent	39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007
	39 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.16
Most goals both teams	77 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.16
Fewest goals	15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995
Fewest goals opponent	13 v SO Chambéry FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001
	13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002
Fewest goals both teams	32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147	-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204	+24	11:5	Quarter-final	
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188	+12	7:9	Quarter-final	
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202	+1	8:8	Quarter-final	
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267	+43	18:6	Runner-up	
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238	+38	16:4	Semi-final	
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276	+30	14:6	Quarter-final	
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259	+58	14:6	Quarter-final	
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318	+55	18:6	Semi-final	
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288	+50	14:6	Quarter-final	
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171	+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F	
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320	+31	16:8	Quarter-final	
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368	+51	22:6	Quarter-final	
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338	+35	18:6	Last 16	
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322	-1	14:10	Last 16	
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348	+62	22:6	Quarter-final	
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410	+67	23:9	Fourth Place	
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423	+57	27:5	Runner-up	
2015/16 MVM Veszprém HUN	20	15	2	3	600:539	+61	32:8	Runner-up	
2016/17 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	509:455	+54	20:12	Fourth place	
2020/21 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	11	2	3	523:449	+74	24:8	Quarter-final	
Total:	310	209	16	85	9080:8165	+915	434:186		



David Davis
Coach

- succeeded Ljubomir Vranjes as head coach in October 2018
- guided Veszprém to the CL final in his first season in charge, and steered the team to the EHF FINAL4 again in 2019/20
- three-time CL winner as a player with Ciudad Real. also world champion and EURO silver medallist with Spain
- started coaching career in 2014 as assistant to Raul Gonzalez at Vardar, before leading the women's team of the Macedonian club to the EHF FINAL4 2017 in Budapest
- guided Egypt to eighth place at the WCh 2019, their highest ranking since 2001

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

Arrived during the season

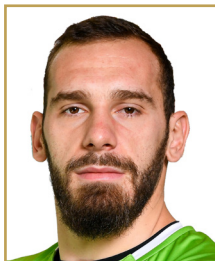
Borisz Dörnyei (HUN/Veszprém youth)
Zoran Ilic (HUN/ORLEN Wisla Plock)
Péter Lukács (HUN/FTC)

Left during the season

Márton Székely (HUN/FC Porto)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Arpad	Sterbik Capar	ESP	Goalkeeper	20.11.1979	Senta, SRB	200	120
2	Dejan	Manaskov	MKD	Left Wing	26.08.1992	Veles, FRA	181	85
5	Yahia Khaled	Fathy Omar	EGY	Right Back	09.09.1997	Giza, EGY	197	96
12	Rodrigo	Corrales Rodal	ESP	Goalkeeper	24.01.1991	Cangas, ESP	200	104
12	Márton	Székely	HUN	Goalkeeper	02.01.1990	Budapest, HUN	194	96
13	Patrik	Ligetvári	HUN	Left Back	13.02.1996	Várpalota, HUN	203	114
13	Rogério	Moraes Ferreira	BRA	Line Player	11.01.1994	Abaetetuba, BRA	204	127
15	Kent Robin	Tønnesen	NOR	Right Back	05.06.1991	Partille, SWE	194	103
16	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19.02.1994	Belgrad, SRB	199	116
18	Andreas	Nilsson	SWE	Line Player	12.04.1990	Trelleborg, SWE	198	126
19	László	Nagy	HUN	Right Back	03.03.1981	Székesfehérvár, HUN	207	119
22	Nikolaj	Markussen	DEN	Left Back	01.08.1988	Gribskov, DEN	211	113
24	Gaspar	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	20.08.1990	Celje, SLO	180	84
25	Rasmus	Lauge Schmidt	DEN	Left Back	20.06.1991	Randers, DEN	195	100
26	Manuel	Strlek	CRO	Left Wing	01.12.1988	Zagrzeb, CRO	182	87
31	Blaz	Blagotinsek	SLO	Line Player	17.01.1994	Celje, SLO	203	125
33	Daniil	Shishkarev	RUS	Right Wing	06.07.1988	Kostanay, KAZ	191	91
34	Petar	Nenadic	SRB	Centre Back	28.06.1986	Belgrade, SRB	198	93
35	Kentin	Mahe	FRA	Centre Back	22.05.1991	Paris, FRA	186	89
41	Borisz	Dörnyei	HUN	Right Wing	23.07.1999	Veszprém, HUN	183	75
42	Peter	Lukacs	HUN	Centre Back	30.07.2002	Budapest, HUN	190	75
43	Zoran	Ilic	HUN	Right Back	02.01.2002	Zenta, SRB		
55	Jorge	Maqueda Pena	ESP	Right Back	06.02.1988	Toledo, ESP	197	101
C 66	Mate	Lekai	HUN	Centre Back	16.06.1988	Budapest, HUN	192	91
87	Vuko	Borozan	MNE	Left Back	09.04.1994	Cetinje, MNE	202	110

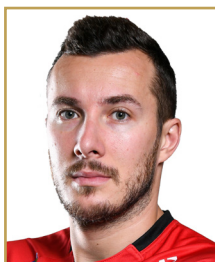


Vladimir Cupara

@cupara16

Goalkeeper

- came to Veszprém in 2019 from Kielce, where he spent one season after a three-year stint at Abanca Ademar Leon
- debuted for Serbian national team in 2016; played his second EHF EURO in 2020
- started his professional career at boyhood club Red Star Belgrade
- loves to express his emotions on the court and share them with the fans



Manuel Strlek

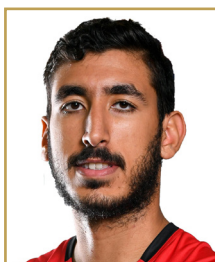
@strlek_manuel_17

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



Yahia Omar

@yahiaomar5

Right back

- arrived from Egyptian record champions El-Zamallek at Veszpre in 2019
- won the SEHA -League in his first season at Veszpre and made it to the FINAL4
- shares the right back position with Jorge Maqueda
- Veszpre's fourth best scorer after the group phase
- was top scorer with eleven goals in the historic 2021 WCh quarter-final Egypt vs Denmark, won by the Danes after penalty shoot-out



Petar Nenadic

@pepa_n_34

Left back

- Serbian back who arrived at Veszprém from Füchse Berlin in summer of 2018
- series of strong performances sw him win EHF Player of the Year 2019 award
- has played at eight different clubs in his career, including Barcelona and Szeged
- his father and brother also play handball, his wife is part of national volleyball team

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015

EURO: S 2012



Mate Lekai


 @lekaimate

Centre back

- Hungarian international, who joined Veszprém in 2014 after two seasons with Celje
- suffered from several injuries at Celje and once famously played second half of domestic league final with broken finger
- previously played for Pler and Szeged in Hungary
- key player for Veszprém, who was named Hungarian player of the year in 2017



Blaz Blagotinsek

 @blagi4

Line player

- experienced Slovenian international, who arrived at Veszprém in 2016
- voted best defender of the CL in 2018/19 and again in 2019/20
- previously played four seasons at Celje in his native Slovenia
- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012

WCh: B 2017



Jorge Maqueda

 @maqueda15

Right back

- world-class defender, who arrived at Veszprém in summer of 2020 after two seasons with league rivals Szeged
- previously played for Barça, Alcobendas, Aragon, Nantes, and Vardar
- lost EHF Cup final with Nantes in 2013 but won CL final with Vardar four years later
- won world title in 2013 and EHF EURO in 2020 with Spain

EC trophies: CL 2017

WCh: G 2013, B 2011, B 2021; EURO: G 2020, S 2016, B 2014



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 2015/16, scoring 78 goals
- once scored 18 goals from 18 attempts for Celje in two matches against THW Kiel's legendary goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer
- played at WCh 2013 when Slovenia placed fourth, and in 2017 when they won bronze

WCh: B 2017

I AALBORG HÅNDBOLD (DEN) VS SG FLENSBURG–HANDEWITT (GER)



First leg: Thursday, 13 May at 18:45 CEST, Aalborg (DEN)

Second leg: Wednesday, 19 May at 20:45 CEST, Flensburg (GER)



- Aalborg have won the last two matches against Flensburg, a 32:29 at Flensburg and a 31:28 at home in the 2019/20 group phase.
- Aalborg have their first quarter-final ahead after a close win against FC Porto in the play-offs (56:56) thanks to the away goals rule
- Flensburg were winners of group A, while Aalborg finished fourth in group B, thanks to their longest winning streak in the competition with four victories
- Mads Mensah Larsen (now Flensburg) played for Aalborg, before he went to Germany and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- Flensburg Champions League top scorer Göran Sögard Johannessén (58 strikes) is just one goal and one rank ahead of Nikolaj Christensen (Aalborg/57).
- Aalborg coach Stefan Madsen had worked in Germany as coach of former German women's champions HC Leipzig
- In seasons to come, Aalborg will boost their squad with players such as Aron Palmarrsson (2021, from Barcelona) and Mikkel Hansen (2022, from Paris).
- Flensburg have six Danish players in their squad, three of them (Lasse Svan, Simon Hald and Mads Mensah) became world champions in January as teammates of Aalborg's Henrik Møllgård, Nikolaj Læsø, Benjamin Jakobsen and Magnus Saugstrup
- Aalborg have three wins, one and one defeat on their account in the championship phase of the Danish league, while Flensburg are joint-top of the Bundesliga with Kiel on 49 points

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Aalborg Handbold vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2-0-4 (167:176) 4:8

22.09.2013	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:27 (15:12)
01.12.2013	Aalborg Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	26:27 (13:14)
16.09.2017	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Aalborg Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:27 (13:15)
04.03.2018	Aalborg Handbold vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:31 (11:15)
20.10.2019	Aalborg Handbold vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:28 (14:16)
01.12.2019	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Aalborg Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:32 (15:18)

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Kit colours

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

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Player shirt: red
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Playing hall

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Capacity: 5,020

AALBORG HÅNDBOLD



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ HC Motor	W27:29 (15:14)
@ THW Kiel	L28:26 (15:15)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W38:29 (22:14)
@ HBC Nantes	L38:29 (18:14)
vs Barça	L32:35 (15:19)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	W30:32 (16:19)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L27:33 (18:16)
@ Barça	L42:33 (20:18)
vs THW Kiel	L23:31 (9:17)
vs HBC Nantes	W32:24 (16:9)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W26:27 (15:12)
vs HC Motor	W38:29 (17:13)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W29:31 (16:15)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	L0:10
PLAY-OFF	
@ FC Porto	L32:29 (18:14)
vs FC Porto	W27:24 (10:9)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Nikolaj Christensen (DEN)	57
2. Magnus Saugstrup (DEN)	54
3. Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	53
4. Henrik Møllgaard (DEN)	48
5. Lukas Sandell (SWE)	42

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Barça	14	14	0	0	505:412	(93)	28
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2	3	443:392	(51)	20
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2	5	394:378	(16)	16
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0	7	397:411	(-14)	14
5. HC Motor	14	7	0	7	389:411	(-22)	14
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2	7	388:378	(10)	12
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	4	0	10	372:413	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0	14	369:462	(-93)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 6
Last 16 (2): 2013/14, 2019/20
Group Phase (3): 2010/11, 2014/15, 2017/18

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-final 2003/04, Group Phase 2015/16
Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Danish league: 5 titles (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2020)
Danish cup: 1 title (2019)



3 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

37 **GOALS**
Most goals

79 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:23 (17:7) v HK DROTT Halmstad SWE (h), 24.11.2013
Biggest defeat	11:31 (5:16) v FC Barcelona ESP (h), 15.03.2015
Longest winning run	5 matches (01.03.2020 – 14.10.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	5 matches (01.03.2020 – 14.10.2020)
Longest losing run	6 matches (01.12.2013 – 29.03.2014)
	6 matches (27.09.2017 – 18.11.2017)
Longest run without win	9 matches (16.11.2014 – 16.09.2017)
Most goals	38 v HC Motor UKR 38:29W (h), 23.09.2020
	38 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 38:29W (h), 18.02.2021
Most goals opponent	44 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
Most goals both teams	79 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019
Fewest goals	11 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015
Fewest goals opponent	20 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 30:20W (h), 22.09.2019
Fewest goals both teams	42 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	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 Handbold DEN	14	7	1	6	416:420	-4	15:13	Last 16*	
2020/21 Aalborg Handbold DEN	16	8	0	8	453:467	-14	16:16	Quarter-final	
Total:	78	25	7	46	2150:2285	-135	57:99		

* 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

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	90
2	Benjamin	Jakobsen	DEN	Line Player	09.09.1991	Hamburg, GER	191	122
3	Jonas	Samuelsson	SWE	Right Wing	10.04.1991	Skövde, SWE	193	87
4	Mikkel Lang	Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	03.05.2002	Aalborg, DEN	185	71
5	Victor	Klove	DEN	Left Back	27.06.2002	Brønderslev, DEN	197	93
6	Sebastian	Barthold	NOR	Left Wing	27.08.1991	Oslo, NOR	185	90
7	Felix	Claar	SWE	Centre Back	05.01.1997	Norrköping, SWE	192	97
8	Valdemar	Hermansen	DEN	Line Player	20.07.2002	Favrskov, DEN	192	120
9	Sebastian	Gammelgaard	DEN	Left Back	18.02.1994	Viborg, DEN	197	100
11	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	03.02.1997	Reslöv, SWE	192	91
12	Sören Hansen	Brunsborg	DEN	Goalkeeper	10.03.2001	Vesthimmerland, DEN	192	105
13	Nikolaj	Dueholm	DEN	Back	15.11.1996	Aarhus, DEN	196	102
14	Magnus	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	12.07.1996	Aalborg, DEN	195	105
15	Andreas Holst	Jensen	DEN	Left Back	01.12.1994	Lemvig, DEN	201	107
16	Mikael	Aggefors	SWE	Goalkeeper	20.01.1985	Stockholm, SWE	191	90
17	Magnus Dahl	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	25.08.2002	Frederikshavn, DEN	197	87
19	Mark	Strandgaard	DEN	Right Wing	18.05.1987	Slagelse, DEN	181	72
20	Mads	Christiansen	DEN	Right Back	03.05.1986	Næstved, DEN	194	101
21	Henrik	Møllgaard	DEN	Back	02.01.1985	Bramming, DEN	196	102
C 22	Rene	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	04.03.1992	Vesthimmerland, DEN	196	102
23	Buster	Juul-Lassen	DEN	Left Wing	31.03.1993	Slagelse, DEN	196	95
24	Andreas	Tvedergaard	DEN	Goalkeeper	05.07.2001	Aalborg, DEN	195	78



Simon Gade

@simon.gade

Goalkeeper

- joined Aalborg from TTH in the summer of 2020
- had been with TTH for almost whole his career, except for a few seasons on loan at neighbouring clubs
- tall goalkeeper with fine reach, good reactions and strong ability for reading shots
- shares the position 50:50 with Swedish WCh 2021 silver medallist Mikael Aggefors



Sebastian Barthold

@sbarthold

Left wing

- Norwegian international, who joined Aalborg in 2017
- scored 65 goals in CL 2019/20 group phase, including a 12-goal outing during Aalborg's 30:20 win over Zagreb in September 2019
- previously played seven seasons at Haslum HK in his native Norway
- had national team debut for Norway in 2012



Henrik Møllgaard

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Left back

- joined from PSG in 2018 but had played in Aalborg before - from 2009 to 2012
- has also represented two other Danish top clubs, KIF Kolding and Skjern Handbold
- is a regular in the Danish national team, where he plays entirely in the defence, while he is playing 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, S 2013; EURO: S 2014



Felix Claar

@felixclaar

Centre back

- arrived at Aalborg in summer of 2020 from Alingsas HK in his native Sweden
- had spent seven years at Alingsas, winning Swedish league in 2014 and named MVP of the league in 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons
- made debut in Swedish national team in 2017

WCh: S 2021



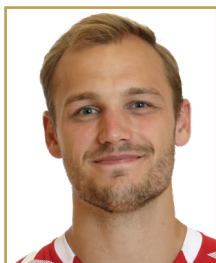
Magnus Saugstrup

 @reneantonsen

Line player

- Aalborg's best rising star in the group phase with 46 goals
- arrived at Aalborg at the age of 18 - and has played almost 250 matches for his club
- will join German side SC Magdeburg after the 2020/21 season
- was the X-factor for Denmark at the 2021 World Championship, where he scored 29 goals, 17 of them in the knock-out stage
- the EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament in the Danish national team

WCh: G 2021



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
- previously played for Ystad IF, where he learned a lot from legendary Kim Andersson
- has a great variety of shots and plenty of speed

WCh: S 2021



Mads Christiansen

 @madschr20

Right back

- returned to the club from Magdeburg in 2019 after earlier spell in Aalborg (2008-11)
- used to be a regular in Danish national team but ended his national team career after winning gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics
- was also part of Danish team that won EHF EURO in 2012
- a strong and experienced back-court player with a great variation of hard shots

OG: G 2016; WCh: S 2011; EURO: G 2012, S 2014



Mark Strandgaard

 @markstrandgaardmarcher

Right wing

- Danish right wing, who joined Aalborg in the off-season in 2017 to replace Patrick Wiesmach after he moved to German side Leipzig
- previously played seven seasons for Danish league rivals GOG
- married to former professional handball player Katja Marcher, who played for Slagelse, Viborg and Odense

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Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
GK shirt: yellow

Dark

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



Playing hall

Flens Arena
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Capacity: 6,300

SG FLENSBURG— HANDEWITT



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ Lomza Vive Kielce	W28:31 (17:19)
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	W28:27 (19:10)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	W26:28 (15:14)
@ Elverum Handball	W29:30 (12:15)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W26:24 (11:10)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	D29:29 (13:11)
vs Elverum Handball	W37:35 (18:14)
@ HC Vardar 1961	L31:26 (17:15)
vs FC Porto	W36:29 (15:15)
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	W28:29 (18:14)
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W31:30 (14:14)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	W0:10
@ FC Porto	L10:0
vs HC Vardar 1961	L0:10

PLAY-OFF

@ HC PPD Zagreb	W0:10
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W10:0

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Gøran Johannessen (NOR)	58
2. Hampus Wanne (SWE)	43
3. Jim Gottfridsson (SWE)	40
4. Magnus Rød (NOR)	31
5. Magnus Jøndal (NOR)	27

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	14	10	1	3	341:336	(5)	21
2. Paris Saint-Germain HB	14	9	1	4	388:327	(61)	19
3. Lomza Vive Kielce	14	9	1	4	442:414	(18)	19
4. HC Meshkov Brest	14	7	1	6	383:380	(3)	15
5. FC Porto	14	5	2	7	361:362	(-1)	12
6. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	6	0	8	318:329	(-11)	12
7. HC Vardar 1961	14	3	3	8	335:350	(-15)	9
8. Elverum Handball	14	2	1	11	387:457	(-70)	5

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 16

Winners (1): 2013/14

Final (2): 2003/2004, 2006/2007

Semi-final (1): 2005/2006

Quarter-final (8): 2004/2005, 2008/2009, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2015/16, 2016/17,

2017/18, 2018/19

Last 16 (2): 2014/15, 2019/20

Main Round (1): 2007/2008

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2001, 2012

EHF Cup: Winners 1996/1997

City Cup: Winners 1998/1999

German league: 3 titles (2004, 2018, 2019)

German cup: 4 titles



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

44 **GOALS**
Most goals

80 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	43:24 (23:12) v RK Metalurg Skopje MKD (h), 19.10.2006
Biggest defeat	36:22 (16:10) v Montpellier HB FRA (a), 06.03.2005
	24:38 (08:19) v Renovalia C. Real ESP (h), 21.04.2011
	35:21 (19:13) v KIF Kolding DEN (a), 28.09.2014
Longest winning run	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
Longest unbeaten run	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
Longest losing run	6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)
Longest run without win	6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)
Most goals	44 v Redbergslics IK SWE 44:33W (h), 22.11.2003
Most goals opponent	41 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 41:31L (a), 02.12.2006
Most goals both teams	80 v FC Barcelona ESP 39:41W (a), 31.05.2014
Fewest goals	17 v Montpellier HB FRA 29:17L (a), 29.04.2018
Fewest goals opponent	17 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 20:17W (h), 09.10.2019
Fewest goals both teams	37 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 20:17W (h), 09.10.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2003/04 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	10	1	3	450:401		+49	21:7	Runner-up
2004/05 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	10	7	1	2	319:270		+49	15:5	Quarter-final
2005/06 SG Flensburg Handewitt GER	12	7	0	5	372:326		+46	14:10	Semi-final
2006/07 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	8	1	5	437:398		+39	17:11	Runner-up
2007/08 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	4	2	6	355:356		-1	10:14	4th MR Gr. 3
2008/09 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	8	0	4	360:329		+31	16:8	Quarter-final
2010/11 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	11	0	3	394:354		+40	22:6	Quarter-final
2012/13 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	9	3	2	416:384		+32	21:7	Quarter-final
2013/14 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	16	12	1	3	489:441		+48	25:7	Winner
2014/15 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	6	0	6	337:340		-3	12:12	Last 16
2015/16 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	18	12	1	5	544:494		+50	25:11	Quarter-final
2016/17 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	18	9	1	8	487:478		+9	19:17	Quarter-final
2017/18 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	18	9	5	4	508:494		+14	23:13	Quarter-final
2018/19 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	18	9	1	8	485:475		+10	19:17	Quarter-final
2019/20 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	7	1	6	388:379		+9	15:13	Last 16*
2020/21 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	16	12	1	3	361:336		+25	25:7	Quarter-final
Total:	232	140	19	73	6702:6255		+447	299:165	

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



Maik Machulla
Coach

- took over from Ljubomir Vranjes in 2017, who left Flensburg after 11 years, and won German league in his first and second season
- had been Vranjes' assistant since 2013, after finishing his playing career in Flensburg
- started his professional career for SC Magdeburg (1997-2002), where he won three European Cup trophies
- later played for Nordhorn (already with Vranjes), Hameln and Ahlen-Hamm, before arriving at Flensburg in 2012
- his contract with Flensburg runs until 2023

EC trophies: CL 2002; EHF Cup 1999, 2001, 2008

Arrived during the season

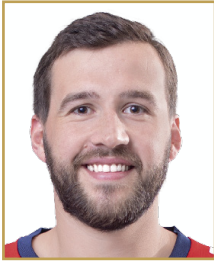
Alexander Petersson (ISL/Rhein-Neckar Löwen)

Left during the season

Domen Pelko (SLO/CB Ciudad de Logrono)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Benjamin	Buric	BIH	Goalkeeper	20.11.1990	Maglaj, BIH	197	97
2	Rune Jessen	Hinrichsen	DEN	Line Player	16.11.2001	Ravsted, DEN	195	93
4	Johannes	Golla	GER	Line Player	05.11.1997	Wiesbaden, GER	195	110
5	Simon	Hald Jensen	DEN	Line Player	28.09.1994	Aalborg, DEN	203	114
C 11	Lasse	Svan	DEN	Right Wing	31.08.1983	Stevns, DEN	185	85
14	Hampus	Wanne	SWE	Left Wing	10.12.1993	Lundby, SWE	185	84
16	Rasmus	Pedersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	16.07.2001	Arhus, DEN	190	80
18	Magnus	Jøndal	NOR	Left Wing	07.02.1988	Ski, NOR	187	83
19	Marius	Steinhauser	GER	Right Wing	06.02.1993	Karlsruhe, GER	187	85
21	Jacob	Heinl	GER	Line Player	03.10.1986	Hamburg	195	100
22	Mads	Mensah Larsen	DEN	Left Back	12.08.1991	Holbæk, DEN	188	109
23	Gøran	Johannessen	NOR	Centre Back	26.04.1994	Stavanger, NOR	192	92
24	Jim	Gottfridsson	SWE	Centre Back	02.09.1992	Ystad, SWE	191	93
27	Magnus	Holpert	GER	Centre Back	03.02.2003	Flensburg, GER	192	88
30	Torbjoern	Bergerud	NOR	Goalkeeper	16.07.1994	Drammen, NOR	197	90
31	Leve	Carstensen	GER	Left Wing	18.01.2002	Flensburg, GER	194	85
32	Franz	Semper	GER	Right Back	05.07.1997	Leipzig, GER	190	92
37	Ty	Reed	USA	Right Wing	18.01.1992	Alabama, USA	192	89
40	Alexander	Petersson	ISL	Right Back	02.07.1980	Riga, LAT	188	89
47	Torben	Hübke	GER	Line Player	16.05.2002	Berlin, GER	198	94
64	Lasse Kjaer	Møller	DEN	Left Back	11.06.1996	Gudme, DEN	199	100
77	Magnus	Rød	NOR	Right Back	07.07.1997	Oslo, NOR	202	92
99	Leon	Kirschberger	GER	Right Wing	01.12.2000	Berlin, GER	188	85



Benjamin Buric

 @benjaminburic12

Goalkeeper

- joined Flensburg in 2018 arriving from Wetzlar, and won Bundesliga in his first season
- played for four clubs with his twin brother Senjamin – Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Velenje – and both are Bosnian national team players
- made his name domestically with Borac, before joining Velenje in Slovenia in 2013
- played at EHF Cup Finals 2015 in Berlin, where Velenje finished fourth



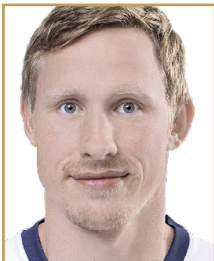
Hampus Wanne

 @hampusw


Left wing

- scored the last penalty in semi-final against Barcelona at EHF FINAL4 2014
- replaced Anders Eggert, who moved to Skjern, on left wing before 2017/18 season
- shares position with Norwegian left wing Magnus Jöndal
- suffered from several injuries in 2019/20 season
- All-Star left back and best Swedish scorer at the 2021 WCh

EC trophies: CL 2014
EURO: S 2018, WCh: S 2021



Magnus Jöndal

 @m_jondal

Left wing

- joined Flensburg in 2018, previously spent two seasons each with Arendal (Norway) and GOG (Denmark)
- started his professional career with Follo HK in Norway, playing there for 12 years
- All-star Team left wing at World Championship 2019 and EHF EURO 2020
- will surprisingly finish his handball career after this season and will return to Norway

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



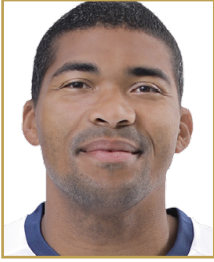
Jim Gottfridsson

 @gotte24

Centre back

- comes from Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars
- played for Ystad from the age of eight until his 2013 transfer to Flensburg at age 21
- key player for SG in CL semi-final and final when they won the trophy in 2014
- top scorer of under-19 WCh 2012 and MVP of EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, All-Star centre back at the 2021 WCh

EC trophies: CL 2014
EURO: S 2018, WCh: S 2021



Mads Mensah Larsen

 @madmensah

Centre back

- arrived in Flensburg in 2020 from Bundesliga rivals Rhein-Neckar Löwen, replacing Michal Jurecki who returned to his native Poland
- started his career at AG København, and made it to the EHF FINAL4 in 2012
- played for Aalborg before joining his former coach Nikolaj Jacobsen at Löwen in 2014
- son of a Danish mother and a Ghanaian father

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



Johannes Golla

 @johgolla

Line player

- one of Germany's biggest talents, replacing retired defence boss Tobias Karlsson
- arrived in 2018 from MT Melsungen, where he became junior national team player
- his sister, Pauline, was European under-17 champion with Germany in 2017
- had his national team debut in March 2018, is a core player for Germany now
- defence boss for the German national team at his WCh premiere in 2021



Magnus Röd

 @magnusrod

Right back

- 2020/21 is his fourth season at Flensburg, forming duo with newcomer Franz Semper
- Norwegian back who started his career at Oslo club Bækkelaget SK before joining Flensburg, his first club abroad, in 2017
- at 204 cm he is the tallest member of the squad
- one of eight Flensburg players who appeared in the WCh 2019 final

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



Lasse Svan

 @lassesvan

Right wing

- team captain, joined Flensburg from GOG in 2008 and hasn't played elsewhere since
- only Flensburg player to have won the WCh, EHF EURO, OG and CL in his career
- specialist for motivation and relaxing – as his business is mental coaching
- with 37 years oldest player in the gold-winning Danish squad at the 2021 WCh

EC trophies: CL 2014; Cup Winners' Cup 2012
OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2014

THW KIEL (GER) VS PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL (FRA)



First leg: Wednesday, 12 May at 20:45 CEST, Kiel (GER)

Second leg: Wednesday, 19 May at 18:45 CEST, Paris (FRA)



- the two teams have not met in the EHF Champions League since the group phase of the 2018/19 season
- out of the eleven times Kiel and Paris met, both teams won five games while one ended on a draw
- both teams played in the last EHF FINAL4 last December, with THW Kiel winning the trophy while Paris finished fourth
- Paris eliminated Celje in the Last 16 by winning both games (37:24, 31:23), while Kiel delivered the exact same result twice against Szeged (33:28, 33:28)
- only one goal separates the two teams' best scorers: Paris' Mikkel Hansen netted 72 times, once more than Kiel's Niclas Ekberg
- both sides currently lead their domestic leagues, with Kiel tied at the top with Flensburg, while Paris have a four-point advantage over Montpellier

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball 7-1-5 (384:379) 15:11

14.12.2003	THW Kiel vs Paris Handball, EHF Cup – Last 16	34:27 (19:12)
21.12.2003	Paris Handball vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Last 16	30:32 (14:19)
04.12.2005	Paris Handball vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Last 16	21:28 (11:13)
10.12.2005	THW Kiel vs Paris Handball, EHF Champions League – Last 16	44:28 (22:12)
16.11.2014	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:27 (13:12)
22.11.2014	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:29 (14:15)
12.11.2015	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:30 (10:16)
21.11.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (18:12)
29.05.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	29:27 (15:11)
25.09.2016	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:27 (15:15)
12.03.2017	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	42:24 (22:10)
17.09.2017	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	22:25 (10:12)
04.03.2018	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:29 (16:11)

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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



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs HC PPD Zagreb W36:30 (23:15)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W33:29 (19:15)
@ HBC Nantes D24:24 (12:9)
vs Aalborg Håndbold W28:26 (15:15)
vs HC Motor W34:23 (16:12)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC L41:33 (19:19)
@ Barça L29:25 (13:12)
vs Barça L26:32 (15:16)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC D31:31 (18:20)
@ Aalborg Håndbold W23:31 (9:17)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W24:35 (13:16)
vs HBC Nantes L27:35 (12:15)
@ HC PPD Zagreb W21:31 (6:14)
@ HC Motor L10:0

PLAY-OFF

@ MOL-Pick Szeged W28:33 (13:21)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged W33:28 (18:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	71
2. Sander Sagosen (NOR)	67
3. Harald Reinkind (NOR)	51
4. Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)	42
5. Patrick Wiencsek (GER)	39

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Barça	14	14	0	0	505:412	(93)	28
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2	3	443:392	(51)	20
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2	5	394:378	(16)	16
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0	7	397:411	(-14)	14
5. HC Motor	14	7	0	7	389:411	(-22)	14
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2	7	388:378	(10)	12
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	4	0	10	372:413	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0	14	369:462	(-93)	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 23
Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20
Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14
Semi-final (5): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16
Quarter-final (7): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2017/18
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: 21 titles

German cup: 11 titles



17 **MATCHES**
Longest unbeaten run

50 **GOALS**
Most goals

81 **GOALS**
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	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	507:461		+46	24:8	Winner
2020/21 THW Kiel GER	14	9	2	5	460:434		+26	20:12	Quarter-final
Total:	308	204	22	82	9341:8312		+1029	430:186	



Filip Jicha
Coach



- took over from Alfred Gislason in 2019, becoming only the third THW head coach since 1993, after Noka Serdarcic (1993-2008) and Gislason (2008-19)
- worked as an assistant to Gislason in the 2018/19 season
- led Kiel to the domestic title in his first season and was awarded best Bundesliga coach of 2019/20
- as 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 Dujshebaev 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)

Arrived during the season

- Mattias Andersson (SWE/out of retirement)
- Bevan Calvert (AUS/out of retirement)
- Leon Ciudad Benitez (GER/TSV Altenholz)
- Philip Saggau (GER/THW Kiel youth)
- Jesper Schmidt (GER/THW Kiel youth)
- Oskar Sunnefeldt (SWE/Sönderjyske Håndbold)
- Malte Voigt (GER/TSV Altenholz)
- Philipp Wäger (GER/THW Kiel youth)

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	103
3	Sven	Ehrig	GER	Right Wing	26.06.2000	Kiel, GER	197	95
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	01.06.1988	Dakovo, CRO	198	102
5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14.09.1995	Stavanger, NOR	195	102
6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right Back	17.08.1992	Tønsberg, NOR	197	103
7	Magnus	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Left Wing	20.08.1995	Helsingør, DEN	197	92
9	Oskar	Sunnefeldt	SWE	Left Back	21.04.1998	Mölndal, SWE	197	84
13	Steffen	Weinhold	GER	Right Back	19.07.1986	Fuerth, GER	191	99
16	Philip	Hartwig Saggau	GER	Goalkeeper	05.01.2002	Kiel, GER	190	104
C 17	Patrick	Wienczek	GER	Line Player	22.03.1989	Duisburg, GER	200	109
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	23.12.1988	Ystad, SWE	191	91
20	Leon	Ciudad Benitez	GER	Line Player	04.06.2002	Lübeck, GER	196	112
21	Dario	Quenstedt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.09.1989	Burg, GER	193	101
22	Philipp	Wäger	GER	Left Back	14.02.2000	Hamburg, GER	190	87
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	78
25	Bevan	Calvert	AUS	Right Wing	04.04.1986	Sydney, AUS	174	79
26	Jesper	Schmidt	GER	Left Wing	06.08.2002	Kiel, GER	193	86
27	Malte	Voigt	GER	Left Wing	17.01.1993	Husum, GER	189	91
28	Pavel	Horak	CZE	Line Player	28.11.1982	Prerov, CZE	198	113
53	Nikola	Bilyk	AUT	Left Back	28.11.1996	Tunis, TUN	198	104
61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line Player	02.07.1991	Itzehoe, GER	203	106
99	Mattias	Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	29.03.1978	Malmö, SWE	186	95

* THW Kiel use the three-man captaincy



Niklas Landin

 @niklaslandin

Goalkeeper

- joined Kiel in the summer of 2015 after three seasons with Rhein-Neckar Löwen, and finally won his first Bundesliga title in 2019/20, extended his contract at THW to 2025
- captain of world-title winning Danish national team, has been named IHF World Player of the Year 2019
- One of six players in handball history now to win the trophies in Olympic Games, WCh, EURO and EHF Champions League

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



Magnus Landin

 @magnuslandin

Left wing

- younger brother of goalkeeper Niklas Landin
- joined THW and his brother at the start of 2018/19 season
- tall winger (1.97 metre), who had debut in Danish national team at age 20
- previously played for KFUM København and KIF Kolding København

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019
WCh: G 2019, 2021



Sander Sagosen

 @sandersagosen

Left back

- joined Kiel in summer of 2020 after three seasons with PSG
- started career at Haslum (NOR), developed into world star at Aalborg (DEN)
- part of All-star Team at last five WCh and EHF EURO events
- 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

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



Domagoj Duvnjak

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Centre back

- Croatian international, playing for Kiel since 2014/15, after five seasons at Hamburg
- 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
- one of three THW team captains, alongside Niklas Landin and Patrick Wiencek
- 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

 @patrickwiencek

Line player

- is 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 Pekeler, Kohlbacher and 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

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



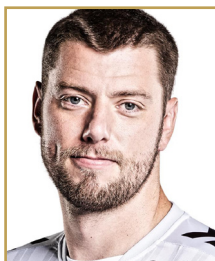
Harald Reinkind

 @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
WCh: S 2017; EURO: B 2020



Niclas Ekberg

 @ekbergniclas18

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
- can become CL top scorer 2019/20 if scores at least six goals at EHF FINAL4 in December; named All-star right wing of CL 2019/20 season
- with 85 goals best scorer of the CL 2019/20

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019
OG: S 2012

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: green



Playing hall

Stade Pierre de Coubertin
82, Avenue Georges Lafont
75016 Paris
France
Capacity: 3,500

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL



ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE

@ Elverum Handball	W29:44 (12:19)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L28:27 (19:10)
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W37:26 (19:10)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W33:26 (15:12)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	W29:32 (17:16)
vs FC Porto	W29:28 (15:11)
@ FC Porto	W31:34 (16:12)
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L35:33 (18:18)
vs Elverum Handball	W35:29 (17:13)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	L32:31 (19:14)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L28:29 (18:14)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W10:0
@ HC Vardar 1961	W0:10
vs HC Vardar 1961	D5:5

PLAY-OFF

@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W24:37 (11:21)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W31:23 (14:12)

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	14	10	1	3	341:336	(5)	21
2. Paris Saint-Germain HB	14	9	1	4	388:327	(61)	19
3. Lomza Vive Kielce	14	9	1	4	442:414	(18)	19
4. HC Meshkov Brest	14	7	1	6	383:380	(3)	15
5. FC Porto	14	5	2	7	361:362	(-1)	12
6. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	6	0	8	318:329	(-11)	12
7. HC Vardar 1961	14	3	3	8	335:350	(-15)	9
8. Elverum Handball	14	2	1	11	387:457	(-70)	5

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 9
Runners-up (1): 2016/17
Semi-final (3): 2015/16, 2017/18 (3rd), 2019/20
Quarter-final (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2018/19
Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Other

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

French league: 7 titles (2013, 2015-20)

French cup: 4 titles

League Cup: 3 titles

Trophee des Champions: 4 titles



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

72 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	42:24 (22:10) v THW Kiel GER (h), 12.03.2017
Biggest defeat	44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005
Longest winning run	9 matches (08.10.2017 – 17.02.2018)
	9 matches (27.05.2018 – 14.11.2018)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches (11.02.2017 – 03.06.2017)
Longest losing run	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
Longest run without win	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
Most goals	44 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021
Most goals opponent	44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
Most goals both teams	73 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021
Fewest goals	20 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:26L (h), 11.01.1997
	20 v Caja Cantabria Santander ESP 26:20L (a), 18.01.1997
	20 v MVM Veszprém HUN 28:20L (a), 28.11.2015
Fewest goals opponent	18 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005
	18 v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO 27:18W (h), 13.10.2019
Fewest goals both teams	39 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 1996/97 PSG Asnières FRA	6	1	0	5	131:161	-30	2:10		4th Gr. D
2005/06 Paris Handball FRA	8	4	1	3	212:229	-17	9:7		Last 16
2013/14 PSG Handball FRA	14	7	1	6	429:402	+27	15:13		1/4-finals
2014/15 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	14	8	1	5	395:367	+28	17:11		1/4-finals
2015/16 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	1	3	557:496	+61	29:7		Third Place
2016/17 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	20	15	2	3	622:543	+79	32:8		Runner-up
2017/18 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	1	3	550:498	+52	29:7		Third Place
2018/19 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	16	14	0	2	514:445	+69	28:4		1/4-finals
2019/20 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	16	12	0	4	507:452	+55	24:8		Third Place
2020/21 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	16	11	1	4	456:374	+76	26:6		Quarter-final
Total:	146	100	8	38	4373:3967	+406	208:84		



Raul Gonzalez Gutierrez

Coach

- former stalwart of BM Valladolid and a member of the Spanish national team
- started his coaching career at Atletico Madrid and Ciudad Real, working in a team with Talant Dujshbaev
- moved to Vardar in 2013/14, won the CL in 2017, and joined PSG in the summer of 2018
- also coached the Macedonian national team between 2017 and 2019 as successor of Lino Cervar
- voted best coach in the CL 2016/17 All-star Team

EC trophies: CL 2017

Arrived during the season

Luc Steins (NED/Fenix Toulouse)

Left during the season

Sadou N'Tanzi (FRA/Fenix Toulouse, on loan)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Vincent	Gerard	FRA	Goalkeeper	16.12.1986	Woippy, FRA	189	104
3	Valentin	Bzdynga	FRA	Right Back	19.07.2002	LambreslezDouai, FRA	184	63
4	Baptiste	Clay	FRA	Centre Back	14.08.2002	Amiens, FRA	191	85
5	Thomas	Loppy	FRA	Line Player	05.06.2001	Medina Gounass, SEN	194	100
6	Luc	Steins	NED	Centre Back	22.03.1995	Voerendaal, NED	172	76
7	Sadou	Ntanzi	FRA	Centre Back	07.01.2000	Longjumeau, FRA	183	80
9	Adama	Keita	FRA	Left Wing	05.06.1997	Paris, FRA	185	81
10	Dainis	Kristopans	LAT	Right Back	27.09.1990	Ludza, LAT	214	136
11	Benoit	Kounkoud	FRA	Right Wing	19.02.1997	Le Chesnay, FRA	188	78
12	Yann	Genty	FRA	Goalkeeper	26.12.1981	Enghien les Bains, FRA	185	89
13	Louis	Despreaux	FRA	Right Back	22.02.1999	MontSaintAignan, FRA	194	76
14	Ferran	Sole Sala	ESP	Right Wing	25.08.1992	Sant Quirze, ESP	192	88
15	Henrik	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	18.12.1986	Skive, DEN	200	106
17	Noah	Lenclume	FRA	Left Back	24.01.2002	Saint-pierre, FRA	192	80
18	Nedim	Remili	FRA	Right Back	18.07.1995	Creteil, FRA	195	94
20	Mathieu	Grebille	FRA	Left Wing	06.10.1991	Paris, FRA	198	94
21	Kamil	Syprzak	POL	Line Player	23.07.1991	Plock, POL	206	120
C 22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	19.04.1988	Strasbourg, FRA	202	108
23	Viran	Morros de Argila	ESP	Back	15.12.1983	Barcelona, ESP	199	99
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	22.10.1987	Helsingor, DEN	192	93
26	Louis	Perreux	FRA	Centre Back	28.04.2002	Lyon, FRA	179	72
44	Nikola	Karabatic	FRA	Centre Back	11.04.1984	Nis, SRB	196	104
45	Leo	Villain	FRA	Goalkeeper	06.11.2002	Les Abimes, FRA	202	79
47	Wallem-Konrad	Peleka	FRA	Left Back	18.01.2002	Stains, FRA	191	91
71	Elohim	Prandi	FRA	Left Back	24.08.1998	Istres, FRA	193	96
88	Loick	Spady	FRA	Goalkeeper	24.03.2000	Pointe à pitre, FRA	187	77
97	Andry	Goujon Bellevue	FRA	Left Back	02.09.1999	Schoelcher, FRA	193	80
98	Gautier	Loredon	FRA	Line Player	15.10.2002	Le Lamentin, FRA	200	103
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30.11.1999	Paris, FRA	192	94



Vincent Gérard

 @gerardvin

Goalkeeper

- former player of Dunkerque, Istres and Montpellier, signed for PSG in summer of 2019 to replace retired Thierry Omeyer again, after also doing so in the national team
- his exuberant celebrations have instantly made of him a fan favourite
- named best goalkeeper at WCh 2017; French No. 1 since Omeyer retired

EC trophies: CL 2018
OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2017, B 2019; EURO: B 2018



Mathieu Gréville

 @mat_greville

Left wing

- had played for Montpellier throughout his career before joining PSG in summer of 2020
- former back court player who turned winger after shoulder injury in 2017, a year after tearing ligaments in his knee
- found his way back to the national team and won bronze at WCh 2019
- has passion for tattoos and drawings, sharing them on his social media channels

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



Mikkel Hansen

 @mikkelhansen24

Left back

- IHF Player of the Year in 2011, 2015 and 2018; also MVP and best scorer at WCh 2019
- played EHF FINAL4 five times (Barça, Kobenhavn and PSG thrice) but has yet to lift the trophy
- son of former Danish international Flemming, having grown into a top player at GOG
- made official that he would leave Paris in 2022 to go back to Denmark, in Aalborg
- holds record for most CL goals in one season: 141 in 2015/16

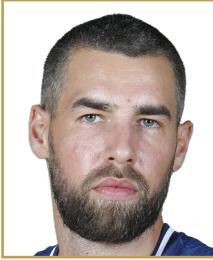
OG: G 2016; EURO: G 2012, S 2014; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013



Luc Steins

Centre back

- joined Paris in November 2020 to make up for Nikola Karabatic's long-term injury
- had been playing in Toulouse since 2019
- arrived in France in 2016, first played for Massy in the national second league, before joining Tremblay, then Toulouse
- missed his first EHF FINAL4 2020 after being tested positive for Covid-19
- at 173 cm, he's one of the shortest players in the CL this season



Luka Karabatic

 @lukakarabatic

Line player

- was a national-level tennis player until the age of 19, before choosing handball
- began in Montpellier, moved to Aix, then joined PSG in summer of 2015
- PSG is the third club where he plays alongside his brother, Nikola
- took over the captaincy following Thierry Omeyer's retirement in 2019

OG: S 2016; EURO: G 2014; WCh: G 2015, 2017, B 2019



Dainis Kristopans

 @dainiskristopans

Right back

- joined PSG in summer of 2020 after playing for Vardar and Fūchse Berlin in 2019/20
- born in small Latvian town, Ludza, he started his career at local club Latgols
- spent nearly six years at Tatran Presov, winning Slovakian domestic league five time
- won his first CL title in 2019 with Vardar, moved to Berlin half a year later

EC trophies: CL 2019



Nedim Remili

 @nedim_remili

Right back

- signed with PSG in the summer of 2016 from his only previous club, Créteil
- Kamel, his father, was a professional handball player
- very regular scorer of PSG in the CL, finished on 81, 80 and 80 goals in the past three seasons
- made national team debut in 2016, won first prize the following year.

WCh: G 2017, B 2019



Ferran Solé

 @ferransole14

Right wing

- joined PSG in summer of 2020, his third French club after Granollers and Toulouse
- at age 28 he is set to make his CL debut
- part of Spanish national team that won EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020
- named best right wing of EHF EURO 2018 and WCh 2019
- was top scorer of EHF Cup 2015/16, with 70 goals for Granollers

EURO: G 2018, 2020, WCh: B 2021

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO OR MORE TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS

All matches of the EHF Champions League Men 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 teams 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) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match 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 play 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 scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, 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.

- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

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

- 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 area.

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

I PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

The European Handball Federation has issued an overview on what happens if matches cannot be played in the upcoming quarter-finals of the EHF Champions League Men due to reasons related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

What is the procedure if a first-leg match is not played on Wednesday or Thursday, 12/13 May?

If a team reports positive cases of Covid-19 and the match cannot be played, this pairing will be decided by playing both matches (1st and 2nd leg) as a so called 'double game' before Thursday, 20 May, the date when the last second-leg matches are scheduled.

Matches can be played on two consecutive days unless both teams agree to have a rest day in between.

Following the principle of causation, the home right for both matches will go to the team which did not have the positive Covid-19 cases.

What is the procedure if a second-leg match is not played on Wednesday or Thursday, 19/20 May?

It is not an option to postpone a match to a date after Thursday, 20 May 2021.

As a consequence of this and following the principle that the party responsible is liable for, in this case, the fact that the match cannot be played, a team which is

not in the position to play its scheduled game on the second weekend will be excluded from the competition regardless of the result in the first-leg game. The opponents would subsequently qualify for the EHF FINAL4.

It is important to underline that this follows the procedure that was in place in such cases already earlier this season, and it is therefore not a newly introduced procedure.

The same procedure will be valid in case a match cannot be played because of sudden and new governmental restrictions which make it impossible to play the game.

The EHF knows that these are very tough procedures, but there is no other option in a knockout round where postponing matches is not possible anymore.

It goes without saying that the EHF hopes that all matches can be played according to schedule, and that all decisions will be taken on court.

Additional issues that prevent a match from being played, such as severe weather conditions, travelling problems or others will be handled according to the regulations.

I CURRENT TOP SCORERS



90 goals

Alex Dujšhebaev
Lomza Vive Kielce

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1.	Dujšhebaev Alex (ESP)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	90
2.	Rivera Valero (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	76
3.	Vailupau Mikita (BLR)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	75
4.	Hansen Mikkel (DEN)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	72
5.	Bokhan Viachaslau (BLR)	HC Motor (UKR)	71
	Mem Dika (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	71
	Ekberg Niclas (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	71
8.	Dibirov Timur (RUS)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	69
9.	Malasinskas Aidenas (LTU)	HC Motor (UKR)	68
	Panic Marko (BIH)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	68
11.	Sagosen Sander (NOR)	THW Kiel (GER)	67
12.	Gómez Aleix (ESP)	Barça (ESP)	66
13.	Cupic Ivan (CRO)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	64
14.	Iturriza Victor (POR)	FC Porto (POR)	62
15.	Nenadic Petar (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	60
	Pukhouski Barys (BLR)	HC Motor (UKR)	60
17.	Mathe Dominik (HUN)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	59
18.	Johannessen Gøran (NOR)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	58
	Solstad Thomas (NOR)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	58
20.	Læsø Nikolaj (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	57
	Karalek Artsem (BLR)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	57
	Nilsson Andreas (SWE)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	57
	Radivojevic Bogdan (SRB)	MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)	57

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2021

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Barça ESP	328	250	20	58	10258:8561	+1697	520:136	(24)	79,27%
2	Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	310	209	16	85	9080:8165	+915	434:186	(25)	70,00%
3	THW Kiel GER	308	204	22	82	9341:8312	+1029	430:186	(23)	69,81%
4	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	232	140	19	73	6702:6255	+447	299:165	(16)	64,44%
5	HC PPD Zagreb CRO	302	121	31	150	7803:7976	-173	273:331	(27)	45,20%
6	Montpellier HB FRA	232	128	15	89	6646:6352	+294	271:193	(20)	58,41%
7	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	260	117	15	128	7325:7253	+72	249:271	(23)	47,89%
8	Lomza Vive Kielce POL	194	110	17	67	5800:5550	+250	237:151	(14)	61,08%
9	BM Atletico Madrid ESP	144	111	5	28	4502:3803	+699	227:61	(10)	78,82%
10	MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	216	103	17	96	5941:5898	+43	223:209	(18)	51,62%
11	Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	146	100	8	38	4373:3967	+406	208:84	(10)	71,23%
12	HC Vardar 1961 MKD	172	77	19	76	4712:4812	-100	173:171	(14)	50,29%
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%
19	HC Motor UKR	106	44	11	51	3082:3140	-58	99:113	(8)	46,70%
20	Orlen Wisła Płock POL	136	44	11	81	3594:3833	-239	99:173	(13)	36,40%
21	HC Meshkov Brest BLR	126	39	12	75	3443:3664	-221	90:162	(11)	35,71%
22	HBC Nantes FRA	68	34	12	22	1994:1899	+95	80:56	(4)	58,82%
23	HC Metalurg MKD	102	35	6	61	2516:2718	-202	76:128	(10)	37,26%
24	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	106	31	9	66	2966:3133	-167	71:141	(11)	33,49%
25	Rk Gorenje Velenje SLO	72	32	1	39	2050:2046	+4	65:79	(7)	45,14%
28	Aalborg Håndbold DEN	78	25	7	46	2150:2285	-135	57:99	(6)	36,54%
32	FC Porto POR	50	21	5	24	1354:1371	-17	47:53	(4)	47,00%
34	Elverum Handball NOR	70	20	6	44	1892:2091	-199	46:94	(6)	32,86%

ALL-TIME STATS 1993–2021

31

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

26

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 MKB Veszprém KC HUN vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo 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

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

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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 Wisla Plock POL @ THW Kiel GER 24:24 (15:9), 03.12.2016
- 6 Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP 31:31 (12:18), 17.09.2017
- 6 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR vs HC Metalurg MKD 28:28 (12:18), 08.10.2017

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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

45

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

Most goals in one half both teams

- 44 Sportclub Magdeburg GER vs Wisla Plock SSA POL – 2nd half 40:32 (17:11), 16.11.2002
- 43 GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN vs HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE – 2nd half 45:32 (19:15), 15.10.2006
- 43 Hammarby IF HB SWE vs THW Kiel GER – 1st half 36:40 (22:21), 08.11.2007

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Kolding IF DEN @ TEKA Santander ESP – 1st half 28:16 (16:4), 25.01.1995

Fewest goals in one half

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

13

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

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