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MOTW Round 13: SC Magdeburg vs Barça

SC MAGDEBURG (GER) VS BARÇA (ESP)

GROUP B



Thursday 29 February 2024, 20:45 CET



Playing hall

GETEC Arena
Berliner Chaussee 32
39114 Magdeburg
Germany
Capacity: 7,800

ROUND 13



Most games vs Barça:

Oleg Kuleschow	5
Steffen Stiebler	5
Joël Abati	4
Johannes Bitter	4
Stefan Kretzschmar	4
Sigfús Sigurdsson	4
Christian Sprenger	4
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	4

Most goals vs Barça:

Grzegorz Tkaczyk	23
Stefan Kretzschmar	22
Joël Abati	18
Kay Smits	12
Michael Damgaard	9
Oleg Kuleschow	9
Sigfús Sigurdsson	9

- The Match of the Week in round 13 of the Machineseker EHF Champions League 2023/24 features the top two teams of group B: second-ranked titleholders SC Magdeburg and leaders Barça.

- In round 2, Magdeburg lost the reverse fixture in Barcelona 32:20, which marked their biggest ever defeat in the CL.

- However, Magdeburg have since won all their 10 matches and are on 20 points – two behind Barça, but two ahead of third-ranked Telekom Veszprém HC.

- Barça's only defeat this season came at their own arena against Veszprém, 41:36 – Barça's biggest ever home defeat in the CL and the first time they conceded more than 40 goals in a CL game at Palau Blaugrana.

- Barça lock up the top spot in the group and book their quarter-final ticket if they do not lose the MOTW.

- Magdeburg secure a quarter-final berth in round 13 if they earn at least one point more in the MOTW against Barça than Veszprém do in their simultaneous match at Montpellier HB.

- Barça's seventh goal in the MOTW will be their 12,000th in CL history, making the Spanish side the first club to reach that unique milestone.

- Barça are the only one of the 16 CL teams to have won all away matches this season; Magdeburg lost once at home – against Veszprém in round 1.

- Magdeburg have not beaten Barça in their home arena since 2003; however, they did win their last duel on German ground – in Cologne, in the semi-final of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 in June.

- Barça lost their most recent encounter with a team from Germany – against Fühse Berlin in the semi-final of the IHF Super Globe last November.

- Magdeburg won that event for the third year in a row; in 2021 and 2022, they beat Barça in the final.

- Both teams have a right back as their leading goal scorer this CL season: Ómar Ingi Magnússon (54 goals for Magdeburg) and Dika Mem (69 for Barça).

- Barça and THW Kiel are the only clubs who had players in all three national teams that won medals at the Men's EHF EURO 2024; the Barça squad includes French gold medallists Dika Mem, Timothy N'guessan, and Melvyn Richardson.

- Both teams in the MOTW can count on one EHF EURO All-star Team member: Magdeburg have Denmark defender Magnus Saugstrup, Barça have Sweden left wing Hampus Wanne.

- Barça play their 26th CL season, winning the title a record 10 times; Magdeburg are in their sixth season and won their second trophy in 2023 in the first season since returning to the competition after 16 years.

Most games vs SC Magdeburg:

David Barrufet	5
Jérôme Fernandez	4
Fernando Hernández	4
László Nagy	4
Iker Romero	4
Dragan Škrbić	4
Víctor Tomás	4

Most goals vs SC Magdeburg:

László Nagy	18
Iker Romero	15
Aleix Gómez	14
Dragan Škrbić	13
Juanín García	12
Dika Mem	12

Domestic league

LIQUI MOLY Bundesliga

Last 3 games:

18/02 @ Hannover	L28:27
11/02 vs Melsungen	W39:24
07/02 @ Kiel	W26:33

Next game:

02/03 @ VfL Gummersbach

Standings as of 27/02:

1. Fühse	22	728:644	39
2. Magdeburg	21	692:568	36
3. Flensburg	22	713:625	33
4. Kiel	22	732:636	32
5. Melsungen	22	656:626	29
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18. Balingen	22	588:643	11

Domestic league

Liga Plenitude ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

24/02 vs Valladolid	W42:27
17/02 @ Torrelavega	W27:36
10/02 @ Cuenca	W21:36

Next game:

03/03 @ BM Logroño La Rioja

Standings as of 27/02:

1. Barça	19	736:498	37
2. Irun	19	591:504	33
3. Granollers	19	606:561	27
4. La Rioja	19	591:573	23
5. León	19	591:561	20
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16. Sagunto	19	506:609	5

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS



SC Magdeburg vs Barça 2-0-5 (185:214) 4:10

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

SC MAGDEBURG VS SPANISH CLUBS 17-4-14

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1976/77	Balonmano Granollers	36:18	31:22	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1978/79	Atletico Madrid	24:16	25:25	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
1984/85	Atletico de Madrid	25:15	16:28	Champions Cup – Last 16
1990/91	Teka Santander	27:29	25:31	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
1996/97	Elgorriaga Bidasoa	26:23	18:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
1999/00	Prosesa Ademar Leon	32:26		ECh for Club Teams – Sem-final
1999/00	FC Barcelona	25:26		ECh for Club Teams – Final
1998/99	CBM de Valladolid	33:22	21:25	EHF Cup – Final
2000/01	Bidasoa Irun	32:24	17:23	EHF Cup – Semi-final
2001/02	Portland San Antonio		21:20	EHF Champions Trophy – Final
2001/02	ADC Ciudad Real	35:33		EHF Champions Trophy – Semi-final
2002/03	Portland San Antonio	22:26	34:34	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2003/04	FGC Barcelona	28:26	25:38	EHF Champions League – Group B
2005/06	C.BM. Ademar Leon		27:26	EHF Champions Trophy – Semi-final
2005/06	BM Ciudad Real		28:37	EHF Champions Trophy – Final
2005/06	FC Barcelona-Cifec	24:26	23:27	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2006/07	CAI BM. Aragon	31:28	30:30	EHF Cup – Final
2015/16	Fraikin BM. Granollers	32:28	29:34	EHF Cup – Group A
2019/20	Abanca Ademar Leon		31:27	EHF Cup – Group C
2021/22	BM Logroño La Rioja	33:31	29:29	EHF European League – Group C
2022/23	Barça		40:39	TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2023/24	Barça		20:32	Machineseker EHF Champions League – Group B

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Barça vs SC Magdeburg 32:20 (14:8) 21.09.2023 (Barcelona, ESP)

(Machineseker EHF Champions League 2023/24 – Group B)
 Referees: Mads Hansen/Jesper Madsen (Denmark).
 Suspensions: 4' – 4' (Mem 2', Rodríguez 2' – Chrapkowski 2', Smárason 2').
 Number of 7m: 5/5 – 5/2.
 Attendance: 1,873.

	Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas			Sergey Hernández	
	Emil Nielsen			Nikola Portner	
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	Pol Valera	(4)	(1)	Piotr Chrapkowski	
	Jonathan Carlsbogard	(1)	(3)	Matthias Musch	
	Dika Mem	(8)	(2)	Felix Claar	
	Hampus Wanne	(4)		Daniel Pettersson	
	Blaz Janc	(2)	(2)	Janus Smárason	
	Timothey N'guessan	(2)	(2)	Ómar Magnússon	
	Aleix Gómez	(6)	(2)	Tim Hornke	
	Thiagus Petrus		(3)	Philipp Weber	
	Haniel Langaro		(2)	Albin Lagergren	
	Melvyn Richardson	(3)		Lukas Mertens	
	Lúis Frade	(2)	(1)	Magnus Saugstrup	
	Ian Barrufet			Christian O'Sullivan	
Petar Cikusa		(1)	Michael Damgaard		
Javier Rodríguez		(1)	Oscar Bergendahl		

BARÇA VS GERMAN CLUBS 47–6–33

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1973/74	VfL Gummersbach	23:30	15:20	Champions Cup – Last 16
1982/83	VfL Gummersbach	22:23	16:21	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1983/84	TuSEM Essen	19:13	12:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1985/86	TV Grosswallstadt	20:18	19:21	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
1987/88	ASK Vorwärts Frankfurt/O	26:21	21:15	IHF Cup – Quarter-final
1988/89	VfL Gummersbach	20:15	15:17	Champions Cup – Last 16
1992/93	SG Wallau Massenheim	25:22	20:24	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1994/95	SG Wallau-Massenheim	28:21	14:19	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
1997/98	TBV Lemgo	31:22	32:34	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
1999/00	SG Flensburg-Handewitt		32:29	ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
1999/00	Sportclub Magdeburg		26:25	ECh for Club Teams – Final
1999/00	THW Kiel	29:24	25:28	EHF Champions League – Final
2000/01	THW Kiel	33:28	24:28	EHF Champions League – Semi-Final
2001/02	THW Kiel	28:24	29:36	EHF Cup – Final
2002/03	TuSEM Essen	36:26	28:32	EHF Cup – Last 16
2003/04	SC Magdeburg	38:25	26:28	EHF Champions League – Group B
2004/05	THW Kiel	33:27	25:30	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2005/06	SC Magdeburg	27:23	26:24	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2006/07	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	34:29	21:31	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2007/08	THW Kiel	44:37	31:41	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2008/09	THW Kiel	27:31	26:33	EHF Champions League – Group C
2009/10	THW Kiel	27:30	32:30	EHF Champions League – Group D
2009/10	THW Kiel		34:36	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:31	38:38	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	THW Kiel	32:29	28:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	THW Kiel	27:25	36:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen		30:28	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2012/13	Füchse Berlin	34:23	30:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2012/13	HSV Hamburg		29:30	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2013/14	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:24	31:38	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2013/14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt		39:41	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2014/15	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	36:27	37:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2015/16	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	26:20	21:22	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2015/16	THW Kiel	33:30	24:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2016/17	THW Kiel	26:25	27:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	26:23	28:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	THW Kiel	23:18	26:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2017/18	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	26:26	31:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:25	34:35	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2019/20	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	31:27	34:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	THW Kiel	29:25	32:26	EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	THW Kiel		28:33	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2021/22	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	29:22	25:21	EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	27:24	33:29	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2021/22	THW Kiel		34:30	EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2022/23	THW Kiel	26:24	30:30	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	SC Magdeburg		39:40	TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2023/24	SC Magdeburg	32:20		Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR SC MAGDEBURG VS BARÇA

Kay Smits	12	17.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barça	40:39
Stefan Kretzschmar	11	08.11.2003	SC Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona	28:26
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	10	04.12.2005	SC Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona-Cifec	24:26
Michael Damgaard	8	17.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barça	40:39
Stefan Kretzschmar	7	19.12.1999	Sportclub Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona	25:26
Renato Vugrinec	7	10.12.2005	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs SC Magdeburg	27:23

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR BARÇA VS SC MAGDEBURG

Timothy N'guessan	9	17.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barça	40:39
Iker Romero	8	29.11.2003	FC Barcelona vs SC Magdeburg	38:25
László Nagy	8	04.12.2005	SC Magdeburg vs FC Barcelona-Cifec	24:26
Aleix Gómez	8	17.06.2023	SC Magdeburg vs Barça	40:39
Dika Mem	8	21.09.2023	Barça vs SC Magdeburg	32:20

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

N/A

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

N/A

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



SC Magdeburg: current run – won 10

21.02.2024 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 27:37
15.02.2024 Magdeburg GER	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 28:22
07.12.2023 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	W 31:40
30.11.2023 Magdeburg GER	vs Montpellier HB FRA	W 28:24
23.11.2023 Odense DEN	@ GOG DEN	W 25:32
16.11.2023 Magdeburg GER	vs GOG DEN	W 35:27
25.10.2023 Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	W 25:28
19.10.2023 Magdeburg GER	vs FC Porto POR	W 37:33
12.10.2023 Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 26:28
27.09.2023 Magdeburg GER	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 39:23



Barça: current run – won six

22.02.2024 Barcelona ESP	vs FC Porto POR	W 40:33
14.02.2024 Kolding DEN	@ GOG DEN	W 23:30
07.12.2023 Barcelona ESP	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 39:30
30.11.2023 Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 30:31
23.11.2023 Barcelona ESP	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 32:25
16.11.2023 Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 25:28
26.10.2023 Barcelona ESP	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 36:41
18.10.2023 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 31:37
12.10.2023 Barcelona ESP	vs GOG DEN	W 38:30
28.09.2023 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	W 30:38

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY AWARDED AFTER EACH MOTW

#MOTW

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2023/24 season:

- Round 1: Tomáš Mrkva (THW Kiel)
- Round 2: Gergő Fazekas (Orlen Wisla Plock)
- Round 3: Arkadiusz Moryto (Industria Kielce)
- Round 4: Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (THW Kiel)
- Round 5: Emil Nielsen (Barça)
- Round 6: Niklas Landin (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 7: Michael Damgaard (SC Magdeburg)
- Round 8: Andreas Palicka (Paris Saint-Germain HB)
- Round 9: Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 10: Janus Smárason (SC Magdeburg)
- Round 11: Alex Dujšebaev (Industria Kielce)
- Round 12: Miloš Kos (HC Zagreb)
- Round 13:



SC MAGDEBURG PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST BARÇA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Niclas Behrendt	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sergey Hernández	ESP	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Nikola Portner	SUI	6	2	0	4	3	0,50	2	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Oscar Bergendahl	SWE	4	1	0	3	4	1,00	3	4'
Piotr Chrapkowski	POL	5	2	1	2	5	1,00	1 (5)	6'
Felix Claar	SWE	8	0	0	8	18	2,25	6	0
Michael Damgaard	DEN	2	1	0	1	9	4,50	8	0
Fritz-Leon Haake	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Tim Hornke	GER	2	1	0	1	3	1,50	2	0
Magnus Saugstrup	DEN	9	1	0	8	23	2,56	6 (2)	6'
Leon Kirschberger	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gísli Kristjánsson	ISL	1	1	0	0	5	5,00	5	2'
Albin Lagergren	SWE	5	0	0	5	12	2,40	5	0
Georg Löwen	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ómar Magnússon	ISL	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Lucas Meister	SUI	3	1	0	2	7	2,33	5	2'
Lukas Mertens	GER	2	1	0	1	2	1,00	2	0
Alexander Möller	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Matthias Musche	GER	2	1	0	1	3	1,50	3	0
Christian O'Sullivan	NOR	3	1	0	2	2	0,67	1 (2)	6' (D)
Daniel Pettersson	SWE	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Robin Pfeil	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Janus Smárason	ISL	3	0	0	3	9	3,00	4	2'
Philipp Weber	GER	2	1	0	1	5	2,50	3	0

Oscar Bergendahl (Alingsås HK 2014/15); Piotr Chrapkowski (KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2014/15, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2015/16); Felix Claar (Alingsås HK 2014/15, Aalborg Håndbold 2020/21, Aalborg Håndbold 2022/23); Michael Damgaard (GOG Svendborg TGI 2008/09 – DNP); Magnus Saugstrup (Aalborg Handball 2014/15, Aalborg Håndbold 2019/20, Aalborg Håndbold 2020/21); Leon Kirschberger (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2021/22 – DNP); Albin Lagergren (IFK Kristianstad 2015/16, IFK Kristianstad 2017/18); Ómar Magnússon (Aalborg Håndbold 2019/20 – DNP); Lucas Meister (Kadetten Schaffhausen 2016/17); Christian O'Sullivan (IFK Kristianstad 2015/16); Nikola Portner (Montpellier HB 2017/18, Montpellier HB 2018/19); Janus Smárason (Aalborg Håndbold 2019/20).

BARÇA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST SC MAGDEBURG

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Emil Nielsen	DEN	6	1	0	5	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas	ESP	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Filip Saric	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Aitor Ariño	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ian Barrufet	ESP	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jonathan Carlsbogard	SWE	2	1	0	1	0	0,50	1	0
Petar Cikusa	ESP	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Djordje Cikusa	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luis Frade	POR	2	1	0	1	3	1,50	2	0
Jaime Gallego	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aleix Gómez	ESP	2	1	0	1	14	7,00	8	0
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	2'
Haniel Langaro	BRA	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Blaz Janc	SLO	2	1	0	1	4	2,00	2 (2)	2'
Domen Makuc	SLO	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Dika Mem	FRA	2	1	0	1	12	6,00	8	0
Timothy N'guessan	FRA	2	1	0	1	11	5,50	9	2'
Melvyn Richardson	FRA	3	1	0	2	4	1,33	3	0
Javier Rodríguez	ESP	3	1	1	1	0	0,00	0	4'
Pol Valera	ESP	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Hampus Wanne	SWE	2	1	0	1	7	3,50	4	0
Oriol Zarzuela	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Emil Nielsen (HBC Nantes 2019/20, HBC Nantes 2021/22); Melvyn Richardson (Montpellier HB 2020/21);
 Javier Rodríguez (BM Logroño La Rioja 2021/22).



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