



# MEDIA GUIDE

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22  
GROUP PHASE – UPDATE

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# I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

The summer wait is over and all is set for a new edition of the EHF Champions League Men. Following two seasons marked by the Covid-19 pandemic there is much excitement for the upcoming 29th edition, and not only because all handball fans eagerly await new match action.

Europe's premium competitions opened their new chapter last year after the EHF has teamed up with Infront and DAZN for the next decade and the EHF Champions League got a fresh look across several layers. The playing times have been fixed with Wednesdays and Thursdays reserved for the EHF Champions League Men and weekends for the DELO EHF Champions League. On every match day in the men's top-flight an appointment to view has been confirmed with all matches starting either at 18:45 or 20:45 (CET/CEST).

Both competitions open as usual with a group phase, though this time only two groups of eight teams are starting the long and exciting road to the EHF FINAL4.

The group phase will be followed by the play-offs and the quarter-finals, to find the four teams that will battle for the prestigious title in Cologne.

## **Six former winners and 35 nations represented among the players**

The number of participating teams has remained at 16 as the number of countries at 13 from almost all the corners of the continent are represented. In addition the 300+ players entering the courts come from no fewer than 35 countries.

Most of the teams have a rich history in the European top-flight and besides the record holders with the biggest number of participations, like HC PPD Zagreb (28) and Telekom Veszprém HC (27), also the most decorated teams can be found with Barça (nine titles) or THW Kiel (four titles). In total, there will be six former EHF Champions League winners on the starting grid when the race for the newly designed trophy commences on 15 September.

## I WE PLAY HANDBALL: OUR BRAND IDENTITY

We play handball. It is what we do, and it is the sport we have had in hearts ever since the European Handball Federation was born back in 1991. In the three decades that have followed we have kept pace with an ever-evolving society that shapes the way we work and see ourselves. One thing we have not changed, however, is our commitment to staying true to the origins of handball. This spirit of an active, social community is a core part of the handball DNA even today. Since the European Handball Federation was founded, we have served each national federation, each club, thousands of players and millions of fans with respect, honesty and transparency.

### A fresh approach to logo design

At the heart of the new approach implemented in 2020 is an updated and fresh representation of how the origins and successes of European handball are communicated, expressed and promoted. Therefore, subtle alterations have been made in the visual presentation of the EHF and its associated competitions with a newly developed design, created to offer consistent communication of the new handball umbrella brand across all European competitions. The shape of a handball itself is referenced throughout the entire EHF brand system. On a national team level, the circular shape of the ball is used to empower all national team competition logos.



By emphasising an individual tile on the ball – represented by the pentagon and the lines which form the stitching – the form becomes a strong abstract symbol for the club competitions, including the pentagon which is visible in the distorted version of the logo. The new EHF Champions League logo is the best example with a rejuvenated golden star forming the basis of the refreshed emblem of European handball's elite competitions.

## I NEW OFFICIAL EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SONG

The official EHF Champions League Song is a first spin-off from the EHF Brand Sound. At its core is the handball sound DNA: a rhythmic interpretation of the sport's most iconic movement, the jump shot. Composing a unique song dedicated to Europe's premium handball club competition has been the next step after sound logos and anthems for the EHF Champions League and the EHF European League as well as opening and closing sequences for TV elements, OTT streaming platforms and social media had already been released earlier.

MESMERIZE is the title of the official EHF Champions League Song, deriving from the handball sound DNA. With a catchy synth hook line and raw and massive dancehall power, it provides the recipe to become a new in-arena hit and to attract a younger audience. The official EHF Champions League Song is the first single of JOIN7, an international producer team. The track will be part of the official opening ceremony of all matches during the EHF Champions League Season 2021/22 and can be listened to on various platforms including: Spotify, iTunes, [YouTube](#) or Amazon music.

### THE BRAND SOUND PROJECT

As part of a holistic brand experience strategy, sound is an essential brand asset. Together with the sound agency WESOUND, EHF and EHF Marketing developed an acoustic identity for their brands, reflecting and representing the core of handball.

A modern brand sound approach is part of the vision of positioning handball as the most attractive indoor sport and it supports the goal of attracting a younger audience. Through the coherent and consistent use of unique and recognisable sound elements together with the consistent graphical picture conveyed, an improved connection of the competitions and their followers will be achieved. Much like the visual brand identity, the brand sound identity will acoustically connect the various leagues and tournaments which fit under the EHF umbrella.

## I NEW CHANNELS

Follow your favourite EHF Champions League clubs and players with the new Home of Handball app. The EHF announced the launch of its very first dedicated mobile app, Home of Handball, just before the start of the new season.

### APP

The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from the club as well as from the national team side – under one roof. The integration of highlights from EHFTV, as well as of live scores, club and player information, are key ingredients for an enriching user experience. The app features gamification elements and furthermore allows for each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

The arrival of the app offers handball fans across the globe European handball at their fingertips while at the same time creates an entry point for new fans to enter the arena and learn about the excitement of handball.

Developed together alongside Austrian start-up House of Web, the app offers smooth user experience, allowing for an easy as well as exciting entry into the world of handball with a comprehensive overview about every single match in the EHF's competitions each season.

[To download the app on iOS click here.](#)

[To download the app on Android click here.](#)



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**HOME OF HANDBALL**

OFFICIAL APP OF THE EHF

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## STAY UP TO DATE WITH EHFCL WEEKLY

If you can't get enough of the EHF Champions League you should be a subscriber to our weekly EHF Champions League newsletter. EHFCL Weekly brings you a fresh slice of the latest news of your favourite club competition direct to your inbox every Friday during the season.

From exclusive interviews with top players in the popular 'This is Me' series, to a light-hearted look at handball in the Timeout section, EHFCL Weekly is your perfect way to end the working week and start the weekend.

<https://go.eurohandball.com/ehfcl>



## TUNE IN TO EHFCL ON TIKTOK AND TWITCH

Long gone are the days when social media consisted of a few Facebook posts. The latest generation of social media platforms are here and of course the EHF Champions League has embraced them. Tiktok will showcase quirky, creative and viral video content and can be found on the Home of Handball Tiktok channel. Twitch, a video-streaming channel, will also have a number of EHF Champions League related shows screened throughout the season. Among the success stories of last season were the EHF Champions League preview shows, which were broadcast live over the weekends of both men's and women's EHF FINAL4 events. Expect more of the same in 2021/22.

That's not to say traditional social media channels have been forgotten about. The EHF Champions League accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will continue to give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news from handball's top-flight.



<https://www.twitch.tv/homeofhandball>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@homeofhandball>



# SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS!

WATCH EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ON [EHFTV.COM](http://EHFTV.COM)

# SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS!

Ahead of the start of season 2020/21 SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! was introduced to highlight the revamped EHF Champions League. Now the claim will be carried over into the 2021/22 season and will serve as headline for this year's core theme: the return of fans to the arena to reunite for the teams and to celebrate the EHF Champions League as a mesmerizing theater, made to inspire. This season it's finally SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! again – get ready to be mesmerized!

The new campaign highlights the core values of handball and the EHF Champions League especially. The passionate handball fans that evoke great excitement and emotion, the action-packed sport spectacle itself, which is created by speed, energy, skill and tactics and the players overwhelming emotions, who are all vying to be crowned “Champions of Europe”.

Of course, a perfect musical accompaniment was needed for this campaign and found in the official EHF Champions League Song MESMERIZE by Join7, which was derived from the recently established handball sound DNA.



## | MOTW SHOWCASES THE BEST OF THE BEST

The thrill of live top club handball is back and with it also the MOTW series. So what better time to re-introduce the three faces of the EHF Champions League for the 2021/22 season who will help bring the action even closer to fans watching around the world.






Following a very positive feedback from fans, media and clubs involved the Match of the Week (MOTW) project will continue in the EHF Champions League also in the new 2021/22 season.

### FACES OF #ehfcl BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the campaign in the EHF Champions League Men and the DELO EHF Champions League, our Faces of #ehfcl will give fans a unique blend of behind-the-scenes content and interviews with the people that matter the most: the players, staff and fans.

One of the three Faces of #ehfcl, the legendary former line player Anja Althaus (on the top of the picture) joins forces with two experienced hosts Hannah Jackson and Markus Floth. They will be working closely with on-site EHF mobile reporters to give fans the most comprehensive coverage of topflight handball, with interviews and behind-the-scenes insights. Due to possible Covid-19 restrictions the on-site coverage might be limited, but fans will get special insights nevertheless.

So, make sure you pay our social media channels a visit to ensure you get the most of the content – and to get to know your Faces of #ehfcl

-  @ehfcl
-  ehf.champions.league
-  @ehfcl
-  homeofhandball
-  homeofhandball



### FACES OF #ehfcl BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

After last season's success "Breakfast for Champions", the seasonal activation presented by Gorenje will continue to be part of the MOTW during the 2021/22 season.

Two players, one of each participating MOTW-team, are taking part in a fun and interactive Instagram Live Interview conducted by one of the "Faces of the EHF Champions League" Hannah Jackson, Markus Floth and Anja Althaus. While watching and engaging with the "Breakfast for Champions" fans not only get the opportunity to be part of an interesting chat, the live session is often accompanied by fun challenges and giveaways with special prizes provided by Gorenje.



## I EHFTV

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, EHFTV has established itself over the past decade as a meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sport market. The general approach of EHFTV remains, offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. This registration gives the handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season – and all of that for free.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal. Since 2020 the new EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action is accessible any time and from anywhere. Once the fans enter in the EHFTV, they find an adapted filter menu, an improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise the favourite competition and/or club directly on their registration account. These features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF Champions League, whenever it is played.

Join [EHFTV](#) and get ready for a new handball era.

The screenshot shows the EHFTV website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EHFTV logo on the left and menu items: HOME, SCHEDULES, COMPETITIONS, ARCHIVE, and FAQs. On the right side of the navigation bar are icons for user profile and search. Below the navigation bar is a yellow notification banner that reads: "Dear EHFTV user, please check your inbox and reset your password now to update your account and access myHome of Handball. [Click here to learn more](#)". The main content area features a large blue banner for a handball match. On the left side of the banner, it says "Join EHFTV FOR FREE" in a mix of blue and white text, followed by "Register now to watch free live handball games, full matches and much more" and a blue "Register for Free" button with a user icon. The right side of the banner shows a close-up of hands holding a handball. Overlaid on this image is the text "15 SEP 18:45" in a yellow box, and "ELVERUM HANDBALL vs HC VARDAR 1961" in white text.

## I TV STATIONS TO BROADCAST MATCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD

The EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 throws off on Wednesday and fans will not have to miss one minute of the unscripted drama that awaits throughout the season, with 35 broadcasters across more than 50 territories set to bring the action to TV screens across Europe. The thrills start with the first round 1 matches this Wednesday, with a standing weekly schedule that sees games played at 18:45 and 20:45 CEST/CET on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the season — as was introduced in 2020/21.

In addition to the TV broadcasters, fans will be able to view all 132 matches on the path to deciding the 2021/22 champions on the free-with-registration platform EHFTV.com (geo-restrictions apply), which also shows highlights and other special video features. EHFTV garnered over 250,000 users in 2020/21, as fans around the world tuned in to witness the season that ended with Barça's unprecedented perfect run to the trophy.

## TV PARTNERS BROADCASTING THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22

<b>ALB</b>	Arena Sport
<b>AUT</b>	DAZN
<b>BIH</b>	Arena Sport
<b>BLR</b>	BTRC
<b>CRO</b>	Arena Sport
<b>CZE</b>	SportTV
<b>DEN</b>	TV3 Sport, Viaplay
<b>ESP</b>	Esport 3
<b>ESP</b>	DAZN
<b>FIN</b>	Viaplay
<b>FRA</b>	Eurosport
<b>GER</b>	DAZN
<b>GER</b>	ServusTV
<b>GEO</b>	Silknet
<b>GRE</b>	OTE
<b>HUN</b>	SportTV
<b>ISR</b>	Sport1
<b>KOS</b>	Arena Sport
<b>MKD</b>	Arena Sport

<b>MNE</b>	Arena Sport
<b>NED</b>	Ziggo Sport
<b>NOR</b>	Viasat, Viaplay
<b>POL</b>	Eurosport
<b>POR</b>	SportTV
<b>POR</b>	PortoCanal
<b>ROU</b>	Telekom Sport
<b>ROU</b>	Digi Sport
<b>ROU</b>	Look Sport
<b>RUS</b>	MatchTV
<b>SLO</b>	Arena Sport
<b>SRB</b>	Arena Sport
<b>SVK</b>	SportTV
<b>SWE</b>	Viasat, Viaplay
<b>UKR</b>	Sport1
<b>Worldwide</b> – <a href="#">EHFTV</a> (Geo-restrictions could apply)	

## I PARTNERS



- Official partner of the EHF Champions League Men
- Part of the EHF family since 2018



- Official partner of the EHF Champions League Men
- Contract prolonged for 2021/22 season
- Present in CRO, DEN, GER, HUN, MKD, POL and SLO
- Uniting sports fans via Simplyfans social media channels



## I SUPPLIERS



- Official insurance supplier for EHF Champions League Men
- Present in: AUT, BIH, CRO, CZE, HUN, MKD, MNE, POL, ROU, SRB, SVK, UKR
- Cooperation prolonged until and including the 2022/23 season



- Official ball supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Recently signed a four-year contract extension until 2023/24
- Dedicated ball designs for EHF Champions League and EHF European League as of the 2021/22 season, so that men and women of the same competition play with the same design



- official apparel supplier for EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- contract until 2023/24
- EHF/M webshop launched in autumn 2020 with special products designed according to the competition designs, merchandising at the EHF FINAL4s and EHF European League Finals



- Official flooring supplier for EHF Champions League Men
- The distinctive “lagoon blue” court first introduced to the men’s competition at the start of the 2006/07 season and extended to the women’s competition from 2011/12
- Cooperation extended until and including the 2025/26 season



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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22  
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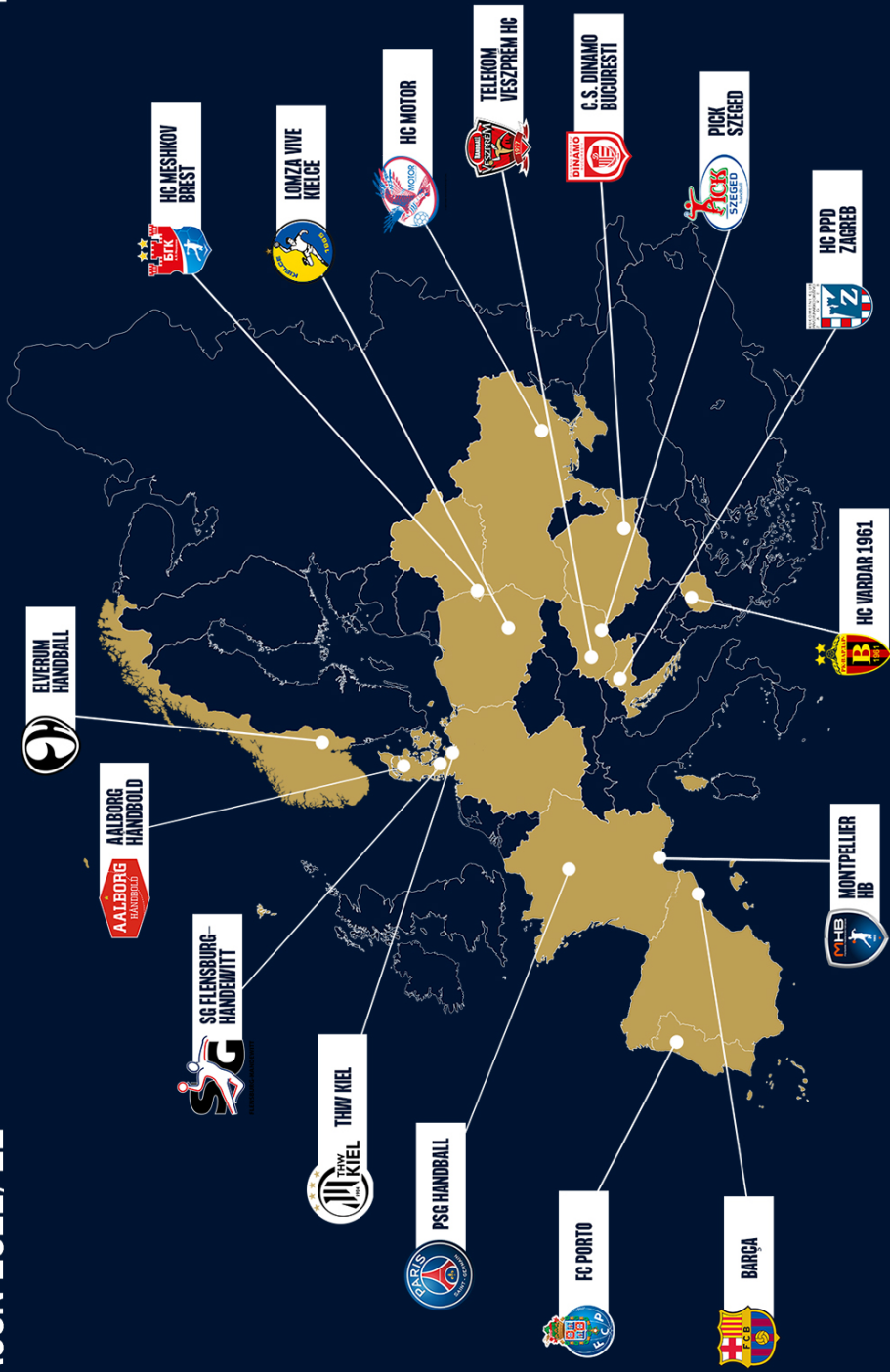
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# EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEASON 2021/22



# EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

## 2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



<p><b>Group Phase</b> <i>Draw required</i></p> <p><b>A</b>   <b>B</b></p> <p><b>A1*</b>   <b>B1*</b>   <b>A2*</b>   <b>B2*</b>   <b>A3</b>   <b>B3</b>   <b>A4</b>   <b>B4</b>   <b>A5</b>   <b>B5</b>   <b>A6</b>   <b>B6</b>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Play-offs</b> <i>No draw required</i></p> <p><b>M1</b>   <b>B6</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>A3</b></p> <p><b>M2</b>   <b>A6</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>B3</b></p> <p><b>M3</b>   <b>B5</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>A4</b></p> <p><b>M4</b>   <b>A5</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>B4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Quarter-finals</b> <i>No draw required</i></p> <p><b>M4</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>A1</b></p> <p><b>M3</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>B1</b></p> <p><b>M2</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>A2</b></p> <p><b>M1</b>   <b>V</b>   <b>B2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>EHF FINAL4</b> <i>Draw required</i></p> <p><b>SEMI-FINALS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <b>V</b>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <b>V</b>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> PLACEMENT MATCH</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <b>V</b>   <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>FINAL</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>   <b>V</b>   <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>18-19 June 2022</p>
<p>R1: 15-16/09/21   R8: 24-25/11/21</p> <p>R2: 22-23/09/21   R9: 1-2/12/21</p> <p>R3: 29-30/09/21   R10: 8-9/12/21</p> <p>R4: 13-14/10/21   R11: 16-17/02/22</p> <p>R5: 20-21/10/21   R12: 23-24/02/22</p> <p>R6: 27-28/10/21   R13: 2-3/03/22</p> <p>R7: 17-18/11/21   R14: 9-10/03/22</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> leg – 30-31 March 2022</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> leg – 6-7 April 2022</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> leg – 11-12 May 2022</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> leg – 18-19 May 2022</p>		

\* Top two places of Groups A and B proceed directly to the Quarter-finals.

# 10 DEBUTANTS, SIX FORMER WINNERS AND 13 NATIONS

## FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE 29TH SEASON OF THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

16 clubs from 13 countries, with six former champions among them, will embark on the journey to the 13th EHF FINAL4 in Cologne.

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

**0** Not a single team managed to defend the trophy in Cologne since the implementation of the EHF FINAL4 in 2010 — a total of 12 editions.

# 0

debutants are among the 16 teams competing in the EHF Champions League 2021/22 season.

**1** trophy, showing the moment the ball hits the net, is the award the 16 teams play for. It was produced by the Spanish agency Sustain Awards by Oiko Design Office. For the first time ever, in the previous season, the men's and women's winners received the same trophy.

**1** draw is needed from this point in the season until the EHF FINAL4 2022 — the one for the semi-finals. The other rounds leading towards the pinnacle event are decided by the final ranking of the group phase. The 13th edition of the EHF FINAL4 will be played on 18 and 19 June 2022.

**1** Danish team has made it to the final of the EHF Champions League: Aalborg Håndbold, in the previous season.

**1** player transferred from the 2021 EHF Champions League winners to the team they beat in the final: Aron Palmársson, who left Barça and joined Aalborg.

**1** time only — in 2018 — there was no German or Spanish team at the EHF FINAL4.

**1** EHF FINAL4 final needed to be decided by a penalty shootout: The 2016 edition, Kielce vs Veszprém (39:38).

**2** changes only, compared to the previous season, occurred in the starting grid of the 2021/22 group phase: Montpellier replace Nantes as the second French participants, and Dinamo Bucuresti are in while Celje are out. The remaining 14 clubs are the same as last season.

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group winners and 2 runners-ups will skip the play-offs and advance to the quarter-finals directly.

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

**2** current coaches won the EHF Champions League as players together in the same team: Momir Ilic (new coach for Veszprém) and Filip Jicha (coach of THW Kiel) won the trophy together in 2010 and 2012 with Kiel.

**2** teams per group, who finish seventh and eighth on the final table rankings, will see their international journey end after the first stage of the competition.

**2** times in now 12 years have the defending champions made it back to Cologne: Kiel in 2013 and Vardar in 2018.

**3** people have won the CL as a player and a coach: Talant Dujšebaev, Roberto Parrondo and Filip Jicha. Dujšebaev won the competition in 1994 as a player with Santander (ESP) and in 2006, 2008 and 2009 as coach of Ciudad Real, before steering Kielce to their first trophy in 2016. Parrondo was a player in the successful Ciudad Real squad in 2008 and 2010, then led Vardar to the trophy in 2019. Filip Jicha is the only one to win in Cologne as both a player (2010, 2012) and a coach (2020) of THW Kiel.

**3** teams from the EHF FINAL4 2020/21 are part of the 2021/22 group stage: Barça, Aalborg and PSG. Nantes did not qualify and will contest the European League.

**4** previous CL top scorers will be on court in the competition this season: Kiel's Niclas Ekberg (top scorer in 2019/20), Kielce's Alex Dujšhebaev (2018/19), and PSG's Mikkel Hansen (2011/12 and 2015/16) and Nikola Karabatic (2006/07). Two other top scorers will be on the benches: Filip Jicha (top scorer in 2008/09 and 2009/10) is Kiel's coach and Momir Ilic (2013/14 and 2014/15) is Veszprém's coach.

**4** current coaches of the 16 teams have won the EHF Champions League as coaches: Talant Dujšhebaev (Kielce — with Ciudad Real and Kielce), Xavi Pascual (Bucharest — with Barça), Patrice Canayer (Montpellier — with Montpellier) and Raul Gonzalez (PSG — with Vardar).

**4**

current coaches of the 16 teams have won the CL as players: Talant Dujšhebaev (Kielce — with Santander), Momir Ilic (Veszprém — with Kiel), Filip Jicha (Kiel — with Kiel) and Børge Lund (Elverum — with Kiel).

**4** former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year are part of the 16 squads of this season. Nikola Karabatic (PSG — 2007, 2014, 2016), Mikkel Hansen (PSG — 2011, 2015, 2018), Domagoj Duvnjak (Kiel — 2013) and Niklas Landin (Kiel — 2019). In addition, two coaches were once IHF Players of the Year: Talant Dujšhebaev (Kielce — in 1994 and 1996) and Filip Jicha (Kiel — in 2010).

**4** Barça players won their third CL title with the Catalan side in June 2021: Aitor Arino, Raul Entrerrios (ended his career), Gonzalo Perez de Vargas and Cedric Sorhaindo (now playing for Bucharest). Aron Palmársson (now Aalborg) secured his third trophy but won the first two with Kiel. Besides them, Nikola Karabatic, Viran Morros (both Paris Saint-Germain) and Ivan Cupic (Zagreb) are the treble winners among the current group phase players.

**6** former or current CL champions, representing 18 trophies, are part of the 2021/22 group phase: Barça (nine), Kiel (three), Montpellier (two), Vardar (two), Flensburg and Kielce (one each).

**6** countries are represented by the previous 26 EHF Champions League title winners: Spain (15 titles), Germany (seven), France, North Macedonia (two each), Poland and Slovenia (one each).

**8**

of the 16 current teams have been part of the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: Barça, Nantes, Paris, Flensburg, Kiel, Veszprém, Kielce and Vardar.

**9** times (1995–2000, 2011, 2015, 2021), Barça have won the EHF Champions League, making the club the record winners. In addition, they won the Champions Cup (forerunner competition of the Champions League) once. Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) have taken four trophies, while Vardar (2017, 2019) and Montpellier (2003, 2018) each won two.

**9** different Spanish coaches account for an overall of 18 EHF Champions League trophies so far: Valero Rivera (five), Dujšhebaev (four), Pascual (three), Javier Cuesta, Julian Ruiz, Francisco Equisoain, Francesc Espar, Raul Gonzalez and Roberto Parrondo (each one). Dujšhebaev, Parrondo and Gonzalez were the only ones to win the trophy with non-Spanish teams.

**13** goals, in the 2021 final Barça vs Aalborg (36:23), were the biggest margin in all 24 matches at the EHF FINAL4 at Cologne so far.

**13** nations — the same as in the previous season — are represented by the 16 group phase participants: Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Ukraine. The only change was from Slovenia to Romania.

**14** of the 16 current teams were part of the Champions League group phase in the previous season — all except Bucharest and Montpellier.

**15** times, Spanish teams have won the EHF Champions League — Barça (nine), Ciudad Real (three), Santander, Irun and Portland (each one).

**16** or **18** matches will be played by the four teams that make it to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne (18 and 19 June 2022), depending on whether the semi-finalists skip the play-offs and qualify directly for the quarter-finals or not.

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

**20** times, Aron Palmársson was on court at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne — for Kiel, Veszprém and Barça — making him the record holder in terms of number of matches at the pinnacle weekend.

**28** times (including the new season), Zagreb have been part of the EHF Champions League, ahead of Veszprém (27 participations) and Barça (25).

**68** goals were scored by Kiril Lazarov in his 14 EHF FINAL4 matches. The Macedonian, who plays for HBC Nantes, is the all-time top scorer of the event in Cologne.

**132** matches are ahead until the winner of the EHF Champions League 2021/22 is confirmed in Cologne — 112 group matches, eight play-offs and quarter-finals, and four games at the EHF FINAL4.

**254** victories in 332 EHF Champions League matches (besides 20 draws and 58 defeats) were taken by Barça so far, for them to top the all-time Champions League record table.

**7,663** goals were scored in the 127 matches decided on court in the previous season, including 6,102 in the group phase, 835 in the play-offs, 483 in the quarter-finals and 243 at the EHF FINAL4. club the record winners. In addition, they won the Champions Cup (forerunner competition of the Champions League) once. Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) have taken four trophies, while Vardar (2017, 2019) and Montpellier (2003, 2018) each won two.

## TEAMS BY AGE AVERAGE

C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>29.1</b>
THW Kiel	<b>28.5</b>
Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>28.3</b>
HC Motor	<b>28.0</b>
HC Vardar 1961	<b>27.3</b>
Barça	<b>26.2</b>
CL average	<b>26.2</b>
HC Meshkov Brest	<b>26.2</b>
HC PPD Zagreb	<b>26.1</b>
FC Porto	<b>26.1</b>
Aalborg Håndbold	<b>25.8</b>
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>25.6</b>
Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>25.6</b>
Montpellier HB	<b>24.7</b>
Pick Szeged	<b>24.6</b>
Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>24.5</b>
Elverum Handball	<b>24.1</b>

## TEAMS BY HEIGHT AVERAGE

Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>195.5</b>
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>194.6</b>
THW Kiel	<b>194.6</b>
Pick Szeged	<b>194.3</b>
Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>193.8</b>
Aalborg Håndbold	<b>193.8</b>
HC Motor	<b>193.8</b>
C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>193.6</b>
CL average	<b>193.0</b>
HC Vardar 1961	<b>192.5</b>
Montpellier HB	<b>192.4</b>
Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>192.4</b>
HC PPD Zagreb	<b>192.3</b>
HC Meshkov Brest	<b>191.6</b>
Barça	<b>191.5</b>
FC Porto	<b>191.4</b>
Elverum Handball	<b>191.1</b>

## TEAMS BY WEIGHT AVERAGE

Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>99.7</b>
THW Kiel	<b>99.3</b>
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>98.4</b>
Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>97.9</b>
C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>96.3</b>
HC PPD Zagreb	<b>95.4</b>
Aalborg Håndbold	<b>95.1</b>
CL average	<b>94.3</b>
FC Porto	<b>94.1</b>
HC Meshkov Brest	<b>94.1</b>
HC Vardar 1961	<b>94.0</b>
Pick Szeged	<b>92.6</b>
HC Motor	<b>91.7</b>
Elverum Handball	<b>91.6</b>
Montpellier HB	<b>91.3</b>
Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>90.5</b>
Barça	<b>88.9</b>



# I FACTS AND FIGURES – MAX AND MIN

## YOUNGEST



**Tomas Teixeira**  
**Nuno Oliveira**  
**Ricardo Brandao**  
**Diogo Rema Marques**  
**Kyllian Prat**  
**Faruk Yusuf**  
**Robin Molnar**  
**Nichlas Kristian Ludvigsen**  
**Mikael Helmersson**  
**Mihaly Varga**  
**Noah Juul Lykke**  
**Frederik Møller Christoffersen**  
**Elie Ona**  
**Frederik Adam**  
**Lucas Guigon**  
**Christian Termansen**

POR FC Porto **12/04/2005**  
 POR FC Porto **22/09/2004**  
 POR FC Porto **28/04/2004**  
 POR FC Porto **17/03/2004**  
 FRA Montpellier HB **20/02/2004**  
 NGR Lomza Vive Kielce **19/02/2004**  
 HUN Pick Szeged **01/02/2004**  
 DEN Aalborg Håndbold **14/10/2003**  
 SWE SG Flensburg-Handewitt **29/09/2003**  
 HUN Pick Szeged **23/09/2003**  
 DEN Aalborg Håndbold **19/09/2003**  
 DEN Aalborg Håndbold **06/09/2003**  
 FRA Montpellier HB **23/08/2003**  
 GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt **31/07/2003**  
 FRA Montpellier HB **18/07/2003**  
 DEN Aalborg Håndbold **17/06/2003**

**12/04/2005**

**Tomas Teixeira**

*FC Porto*

## SHORTEST



**Luc Steins**  
**Alex Pascual**  
**Ivan Cupic**  
**Miha Zarabec**  
**Martin Karapalevski**  
**Tomas Teixeira**  
**Stas Skube**  
**Louis Perreux**  
**Timur Dibirow**  
**Gasper Marguc**  
**Nicuser Andrei Negru**  
**Filip Peric**  
**Valiantsin Silko**  
**Erlend Stafset**  
**Noah Juul Lykke**  
**Nuno Oliveira**

NED Paris Saint-Germain Handball **172**  
 ESP C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti **175**  
 CRO HC PPD Zagreb **178**  
 SLO THW Kiel **178**  
 MKD HC Vardar 1961 **178**  
 POR FC Porto **178**  
 SLO HC Meshkov Brest **179**  
 FRA Paris Saint-Germain Handball **179**  
 RUS HC Vardar 1961 **180**  
 SLO Telekom Veszprém HC **180**  
 ROU C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti **180**  
 CRO HC PPD Zagreb **180**  
 BLR HC Meshkov Brest **180**  
 NOR Elverum Handball **180**  
 DEN Aalborg Håndbold **180**  
 POR FC Porto **180**

**172 cm**

**Luc Steins**

*Paris Saint-Germain Handball*

## LIGHTEST



**Valentin Bzdynga**  
**Artem Kozakevych**  
**Filip Peric**  
**Benjamin Szilagyi**  
**Aleix Gómez Abelló**  
**Adrien Dubois**  
**Louis Perreux**  
**Dániel Kecskés**  
**Juan Palomino Moron**  
**Eduard Kravchenko**  
**Timur Dibirow**  
**Karpo Sirotic**  
**Erlend Stafset**  
**Artur Parera Ibanez**  
**Alen Kjosevski**  
**Péter Lukács**

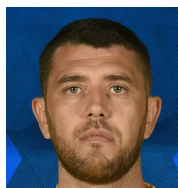
FRA Paris Saint-Germain Handball **63**  
 UKR HC Motor **68**  
 CRO HC PPD Zagreb **70**  
 HUN Pick Szeged **70**  
 ESP Barça **71**  
 FRA Montpellier HB **71**  
 FRA Paris Saint-Germain Handball **72**  
 HUN Pick Szeged **72**  
 ESP Barça **72**  
 UKR HC Motor **73**  
 RUS HC Vardar 1961 **74**  
 CRO HC PPD Zagreb **74**  
 NOR Elverum Handball **75**  
 ESP Barça **75**  
 MKD HC Vardar 1961 **75**  
 HUN Telekom Veszprém HC **75**

**63 kg**

**Valentin Bzdynga**

*Paris Saint-Germain Handball*

## OLDEST



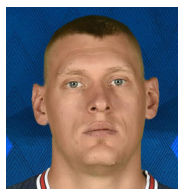
HANDBALL

26/12/1981

**Yann Genty***Paris Saint-Germain Handball*

FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>26/12/1981</b>
NED	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>07/09/1982</b>
MKD	HC Vardar 1961	<b>02/11/1982</b>
CZE	THW Kiel	<b>28/11/1982</b>
ROU	C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>25/07/1983</b>
RUS	HC Vardar 1961	<b>30/07/1983</b>
DEN	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>31/08/1983</b>
FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>11/04/1984</b>
ROU	C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>29/04/1984</b>
POR	FC Porto	<b>06/06/1984</b>
FRA	C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>07/06/1984</b>
HUN	Pick Szeged	<b>20/09/1984</b>
DEN	Aalborg Håndbold	<b>02/01/1985</b>
SWE	Aalborg Håndbold	<b>20/01/1985</b>
CRO	Montpellier HB	<b>02/08/1985</b>
CRO	Pick Szeged	<b>15/09/1985</b>

## TALLEST



HANDBALL

215 cm

**Dainis Kristopans***Paris Saint-Germain Handball*

LAT	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>215</b>
POL	Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>212</b>
ROU	C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	<b>208</b>
MKD	HC Vardar 1961	<b>207</b>
GER	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>207</b>
POL	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>206</b>
BLR	Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>205</b>
BLR	HC Meshkov Brest	<b>204</b>
NOR	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>204</b>
CRO	HC PPD Zagreb	<b>203</b>
CRO	Pick Szeged	<b>203</b>
GER	THW Kiel	<b>203</b>
SLO	Pick Szeged	<b>203</b>
HUN	Pick Szeged	<b>203</b>
LTU	HC Motor	<b>203</b>
SLO	Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>203</b>

## HEAVIEST



HANDBALL

135 kg

**Dainis Kristopans***Paris Saint-Germain Handball*

LAT	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>135</b>
SWE	Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>130</b>
SLO	Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>125</b>
BLR	HC Meshkov Brest	<b>125</b>
POL	Lomza Vive Kielce	<b>124</b>
BIH	HC PPD Zagreb	<b>120</b>
DEN	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	<b>120</b>
POL	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	<b>120</b>
POR	FC Porto	<b>117</b>
DEN	Aalborg Håndbold	<b>116</b>
SRB	Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>116</b>
MKD	HC Vardar 1961	<b>115</b>
CRO	HC Meshkov Brest	<b>115</b>
POR	Barça	<b>115</b>
HUN	Telekom Veszprém HC	<b>115</b>
CRO	HC PPD Zagreb	<b>114</b>



# CLUBS

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22  
GROUP PHASE

# GROUP A PREVIEW



## THREE FORMER WINNERS AND A STRENGTHENED 2021 FINALIST

In group A, THW Kiel, Aalborg Håndbold, Pick Szeged and Montpellier HB are regarded by many as the favourites for the top spots in the group. Still, the other sides, HC Vardar 1961, HC Meshkov Brest, HC PPD Zagreb and Elverum Handball are well capable of springing a few surprises.



Aalborg were the surprise team of the EHF Champions League 2020/21, making it all the way to the final where Barça proved too strong. Ahead of the start of the new season, the ambitions of the Danish champions are high, and rightly so, after the arrivals of some big names. Icelandic three-time Champions League winner Pálmarrson will strengthen Aalborg's squad, before Mikkel Hansen will arrive in the summer of 2022. Also, defence specialist Jesper Nielsen and wing Kristian Bjørnsen are supposed to lift the level of the team of head coach Stefan Madsen.



Can Aalborg finish first or second in group A and go straight to the quarter-finals? At least three opponents have the power to stop Aalborg's march to the top. Four-time Champions League winners Kiel didn't make changes to their squad but got left back Nikola Bilyk back after he missed the 2020/21 season with a knee injury. "We want to go to Cologne", is the general ambition of the German record champions, who failed to make to the EHF FINAL4 2021 following their quarter-final loss to Paris Saint-Germain HB, just months after winning the delayed 2020 edition. With their well-balanced and well-rehearsed squad, Kiel are among the biggest favourites to finish on top of this group.

After a one-year absence in the competition, 2003 and 2018 champions Montpellier are hungry for new success. But the team lost several key players in the off-season, most notably Melvyn Richardson, who moved to Barça. Jonas Truchanovicus (HC Motor), Alexis Borges (SL Benfica) and Fredric Pettersson (Fenix Toulouse) also left, though Montpellier signed Marko Panic from Brest. Still, the team will rely once again on the magic of coach Patrice Canayer, who is going into his 28th straight season with the club.



Szeged again make an attempt for their first trip to Cologne. They left Hungarian record champions Telekom Veszprém behind in the domestic league last season and extended contracts with coach Juan Carlos Pastor and key player Bence Banhidi. Signing Miguel Martins from Porto as additional playmaker alongside Dean Bombac, Szeged boast world-class players on this position, but they also lost some experience with former Champions League winners Jonas Källman and Joan Canellas leaving the



club. In their 20th CL season, they hope to end the EHF FINAL4 curse, after they lost in the play-offs last season against one of their group phase opponents this season: Kiel.

Vardar, Brest and Zagreb, who will also compete in the SEHA League 2021/22, will challenge the teams that are expected in the top four. After their worst Champions League season ever – losing all matches and three different coaches during the group phase – Zagreb have bolstered their squad with the likes of Ivan Cupic, Filip Ivic, Zeljko Musa, Jakov Gojun and Sandro Obradovic. Mainly the trio of Ivic-Gojun-Musa should give the defence more stability.



Brest are coming off their best Champions League season so far – reaching the quarter-finals, where they lost to eventual champions Barça. Still, new coach Daniel Gordo, who takes over from fellow Spaniard Raul Alonso, has a lot of work thrown at him with several changes to the squad. All eyes will be goal getter Mikita Vailupau again, who netted 93 times last season.

Vardar will appear in a different look after the departure of 11 players and the arrival of 13 others. There is also a new coach: Veselin Vujovic has started in his third stint at the 2017 and 2019 Champions League winners. Much attention will also go to Spanish EHF EURO and world champion Eduardo Gurbindo, who arrived from HBC Nantes.

After top star Luc Abalo ended his career and Alexander Blonz moved to group phase opponents Pick Szeged, Norwegian champions Elverum are seen as the underdogs in this group. But coach Børge Lund is confident he can lead his team to a top-six finish and a place in the play-offs.

*Björn Pazen*



# I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

## PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP A TEAMS

### Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel 3-0-7 (272:319) 6:14

02.10.2011	Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	26:38 (14:16)
09.02.2012	THW Kiel vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	34:24 (18:12)
12.04.2015	MOL-Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:29 (17:15)
19.04.2015	THW Kiel vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:23 (18:10)
20.03.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	33:29 (16:14)
23.03.2016	THW Kiel vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	36:29 (18:14)
21.03.2018	THW Kiel vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	29:22 (14:14)
01.04.2018	MOL-Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:27 (12:13)
31.03.2021	MOL-Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	28:33 (13:21)
07.04.2021	THW Kiel vs MOL-Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	33:28 (18:15)

### Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar 1961 4-2-6 (319:328) 10:14

16.10.2004	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs SC Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:24 (9:10)
30.10.2004	SC Pick Szeged vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:18 (13:8)
27.09.2015	HC Vardar vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:23 (11:11)
28.02.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:31 (14:13)
16.10.2016	HC Vardar vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:27 (16:15)
18.02.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:23 (11:12)
07.10.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:26 (14:13)
18.02.2018	HC Vardar vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	34:30 (16:14)
25.04.2019	HC Vardar vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:23 (14:12)
05.05.2019	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:25 (17:9)
14.02.2021	HC Vardar 1961 vs MOL-Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A	26:28 (15:13)
18.02.2021	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar 1961, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:33 (17:19)

### Pick Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold 3-2-1 (179:164) 8:4

10.10.2010	Pick Szeged vs AaB Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	37:28 (18:13)
06.03.2011	AaB Handball vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	34:30 (17:19)
12.10.2014	Aalborg Handball vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	25:28 (11:15)
22.02.2015	MOL-Pick Szeged vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	23:23 (10:10)
13.10.2019	Aalborg Håndbold vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:35 (17:22)
08.02.2020	MOL-Pick Szeged vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:26 (13:15)

### Pick Szeged vs HC Meshkov Brest 6-0-2 (216:193) 12:4

07.10.2006	Brest HC Meshkov vs SC Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:30 (14:17)
21.10.2006	SC Pick Szeged vs Brest HC Meshkov, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:23 (14:10)
14.10.2007	HC Meshkov Brest vs Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group H	22:24 (12:14)
24.11.2007	Pick Szeged vs HC Meshkov Brest, EHF Champions League – Group H	33:24 (12:9)
23.10.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:22 (11:10)
09.02.2017	HC Meshkov Brest vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:23 (14:14)
22.10.2020	HC Meshkov Brest vs MOL-Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A	26:24 (11:12)
09.12.2020	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Meshkov Brest, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:27 (18:13)

### Pick Szeged vs Montpellier HB 5-1-5 (301:306) 11:11

13.11.1994	Pick Szeged vs Montpellier HB, EHF Cup – Last 16	27:24 (14:9)
20.11.1994	Montpellier HB vs Pick Szeged, EHF Cup – Last 16	22:20 (13:8)
14.12.2003	SC Pick Szeged vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	29:22 (16:9)
21.12.2003	Montpellier HB vs SC Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	27:26 (15:9)
15.11.2009	Montpellier HB vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:23 (13:10)
22.11.2009	Pick Szeged vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:33 (15:16)
19.11.2011	Pick Szeged vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	38:35 (18:17)
18.12.2011	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	29:26 (17:14)
18.05.2014	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs Pick Szeged, EHF Cup – Final	28:29 (14:16)
24.10.2015	MOL-Pick Szeged vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	28:27 (14:14)
29.11.2015	Montpellier HB vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:29 (17:17)

**Pick Szeged vs HC PPD Zagreb 9-3-4 (430:411) 21:11**

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

**Pick Szeged vs Elverum Handball 3-0-0 (94:77) 6:0**

10.11.2019	MOL-Pick Szeged vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:25 (15:13)
17.11.2019	Elverum Handball vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:26 (9:14)
26.11.2020	MOL-Pick Szeged vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:27 (17:15)
26.02.2021	Elverum Handball vs MOL-Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A	0:10 (0:0)*

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

**THW Kiel vs HC Vardar 1961 6-0-2 (253:195) 12:4**

16.11.2002	THW Kiel vs Vardar Vatrost, Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group D	34:23 (15:11)
01.12.2002	Vardar Vatrost, Skopje vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:26 (14:13)
17.10.2009	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:33 (12:14)
07.03.2010	THW Kiel vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group D	39:23 (19:13)
22.04.2018	THW Kiel vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (12:14)
29.04.2018	HC Vardar vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:28 (13:13)
12.10.2019	HC Vardar vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	20:31 (4:16)
05.02.2020	THW Kiel vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	34:23 (18:14)

**THW Kiel vs Aalborg Håndbold 5-1-0 (175:150) 11:1**

14.02.2004	THW Kiel vs AaB Handbold Aalborg, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	30:23 (12:8)
22.02.2004	AaB Handbold Aalborg vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	32:32 (15:16)
27.09.2017	THW Kiel vs Aalborg Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:26 (13:12)
18.02.2018	Aalborg Handbold vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	20:27 (11:15)
21.10.2020	Aalborg Håndbold vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:31 (9:17)
23.02.2021	THW Kiel vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:26 (15:15)

**THW Kiel vs HC Meshkov Brest 7-0-1 (249:208) 14:2**

01.10.2005	THW Kiel vs Brest HC Meshkov, EHF Champions League – Group E	35:28 (19:11)
06.11.2005	Brest HC Meshkov vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group E	31:37 (15:21)
09.10.2014	HC Meshkov Brest vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	24:25 (11:11)
19.02.2015	THW Kiel vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:22 (17:11)
04.11.2017	HC Meshkov Brest vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:25 (14:12)
25.11.2017	THW Kiel vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:23 (15:10)
25.09.2019	THW Kiel vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:23 (13:12)
22.02.2020	HC Meshkov Brest vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:30 (16:13)

## THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB 7-0-1 (236:210) 14:2

31.10.1999	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group A	19:23 (8:12)
28.11.1999	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:18 (12:6)
29.09.2007	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:34 (12:20)
15.11.2007	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:24 (18:14)
09.10.2011	THW Kiel vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	23:24 (14:10)
04.12.2011	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:34 (17:16)
19.10.2019	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:33 (16:17)
30.11.2019	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:32 (16:19)

## THW Kiel vs HC PPD Zagreb 8-3-5 (445:418) 19:13

15.03.1997	THW Kiel vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	23:23 (8:11)
23.03.1997	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	25:23 (12:14)
19.03.2000	THW Kiel vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	32:21 (14:11)
25.03.2000	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	22:13 (8:7)
24.11.2002	RK Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:28 (8:15)
14.12.2002	THW Kiel vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:28 (14:10)
29.03.2009	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:28 (13:12)
04.04.2009	THW Kiel vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:27 (17:11)
21.04.2012	Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:31 (15:12)
29.04.2012	THW Kiel vs Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:27 (16:16)
28.09.2014	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:25 (9:13)
26.11.2014	THW Kiel vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	34:27 (16:16)
17.09.2015	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:22 (13:11)
03.03.2016	THW Kiel vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:29 (14:17)
17.09.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:31 (6:14)
04.03.2021	THW Kiel vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B	36:30 (23:15)

## THW Kiel vs Elverum Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

## HC Vardar 1961 vs Aalborg Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

## HC Vardar 1961 vs HC Meshkov Brest 3-1-4 (230:233) 7:9

01.10.2016	HC Vardar vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:27 (13:13)
04.03.2017	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:26 (15:13)
03.11.2018	HC Vardar vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:23 (14:14)
24.11.2018	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:31 (14:13)
03.11.2019	HC Vardar vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	36:31 (19:17)
23.11.2019	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:22 (12:13)
16.09.2020	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Vardar 1961, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:22 (12:10)
04.03.2021	HC Vardar 1961 vs HC Meshkov Brest, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:36 (12:20)

## HC Vardar 1961 vs Montpellier HB 6-1-2 (275:252) 13:5

19.10.2014	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	34:34 (19:17)
14.02.2015	HC Vardar vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	30:26 (18:13)
20.09.2015	Montpellier HB vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:30 (12:9)
05.03.2016	HC Vardar vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	34:26 (17:17)
26.05.2018	HC Vardar vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	27:28 (11:14)
15.09.2018	Montpellier HB vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	24:27 (11:12)
02.03.2019	HC Vardar vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:27 (16:13)
14.09.2019	Montpellier HB vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:33 (17:16)
29.02.2020	HC Vardar vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:31 (13:14)



## HC Vardar 1961 vs HC PPD Zagreb 6-1-5 (321:315) 13:11

10.11.2002	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:28 (13:11)
08.12.2002	RK Zagreb vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:25 (17:9)
03.04.2005	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs RK Zagreb, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	23:21 (10:11)
10.04.2005	RK Zagreb vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	34:26 (16:11)
07.10.2007	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group C	28:28 (10:16)
10.11.2007	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group C	26:34 (12:16)
22.10.2016	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	28:27 (12:17)
11.02.2017	HC Vardar vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:20 (14:8)
01.10.2017	HC Vardar vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:21 (13:10)
11.11.2017	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	23:29 (10:15)
23.03.2019	HC PPD Zagreb vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	18:27 (6:14)
30.03.2019	HC Vardar vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	32:30 (19:13)

## HC Vardar 1961 vs Elverum Handball 1-1-0 (69:66) 3:1

21.02.2021	HC Vardar 1961 vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:34 (20:21)
24.02.2021	Elverum Handball vs HC Vardar 1961, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:35 (20:17)

## Aalborg Håndbold vs HC Meshkov Brest 1-2-1 (104:103) 4:4

13.12.2003	Brestskiy HC Meshkovo vs AaB Handbold Aalborg, EHF Cup – Last 16	30:30 (12:17)
20.12.2003	AaB Handbold Aalborg vs Brestskiy HC Meshkovo, EHF Cup – Last 16	31:27 (13:12)
08.10.2017	Aalborg Handbold vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	20:23 (11:10)
07.02.2018	HC Meshkov Brest vs Aalborg Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	23:23 (10:12)

## Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB

No previous encounters in European competitions

## Aalborg Håndbold vs HC PPD Zagreb 3-0-1 (125:106) 6:2

22.09.2019	Aalborg Handbold vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:20 (13:11)
22.02.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs Aalborg Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:30 (16:15)
30.09.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs Aalborg Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:27 (15:12)
18.02.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs HC PPD Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B	38:29 (22:14)

## Aalborg Håndbold vs Elverum Handball 2-0-0 (64:52) 4:0

15.09.2019	Elverum Handball vs Aalborg Håndbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	24:34 (12:18)
01.03.2020	Aalborg Håndbold vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:28 (18:11)

## HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB 1-0-3 (100:109) 2:6

22.09.2018	HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:23 (13:10)
09.02.2019	Montpellier HB vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:23 (15:11)
21.09.2019	HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:27 (13:12)
15.02.2020	Montpellier HB vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:26 (16:14)

## HC Meshkov Brest vs HC PPD Zagreb 2-1-1 (97:90) 5:3

15.11.2014	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:22 (12:7)
23.11.2014	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:23 (11:8)
15.10.2016	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HC Meshkov Brest, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	22:27 (10:14)
18.02.2017	HC Meshkov Brest vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (11:9)

### HC Meshkov Brest vs Elverum Handball 1-0-1 (60:60) 2:2

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03.12.2020	HC Meshkov Brest vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:27 (15:17)
17.12.2020	Elverum Handball vs HC Meshkov Brest, EHF Champions League – Group A	33:31 (16:17)

### Montpellier HB vs HC PPD Zagreb 3-1-2 (171:157) 7:5

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15.11.1998	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:24 (12:11)
12.12.1998	Montpellier HB vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:23 (10:11)
01.03.2003	RK Zagreb vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:28 (17:16)
09.03.2003	Montpellier HB vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:25 (17:13)
24.10.2004	RK Zagreb vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:30 (14:14)
14.11.2004	Montpellier HB vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:29 (21:13)

### Montpellier HB vs Elverum Handball 1-0-1 (62:56) 2:2

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09.10.2016	Elverum Handball vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	32:31 (18:14)
12.02.2017	Montpellier HB vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	31:24 (16:11)

### HC PPD Zagreb vs Elverum Handball 1-1-0 (60:57) 3:1

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03.11.2019	Elverum Handball vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:30 (13:18)
24.11.2019	HC PPD Zagreb vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:27 (16:13)

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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: light blues/  
white stripes  
Player short: light blue  
GK shirt: white or yellow

## Dark

Player shirt: dark blue  
with stripes or gold blue  
Player short: dark blue  
GK shirt: blue



## Playing hall

## Pick Aréna

Városi stadion  
Felső Tisza-Part 1-3  
6723 Szeged  
Hungary  
Capacity: 8,143

## PICK SZEGED



Pick Szeged have benefitted from their domestic rivalry with Telekom Veszprém HC over the years, developing into a one of the toughest sides in the EHF Champions League. Last season they won the Hungarian league again – three years after their last triumph – and Szeged are now striving for the club's first appearance at the EHF FINAL4.

Coming off their strong domestic season and with the arrival of several key signings, Szeged have reason to believe that 2021/22 – their 20th season in the EHF Champions League – could be their year.

## Main facts:

- Szeged renewed the contract of Juan Carlos Pastor, who heads into his ninth season as head coach
- one of the team's biggest stars, Bence Bánhidi, has also signed a new contract with the club
- new arrival Miguel Martins forms a strong centre back duo with Dean Bombac
- team captain Jonas Källman has left the club after seven years and Spanish ace Joan Canellas also moved on

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 20  
Quarter-finals (5): 1996/1997, 2003/2004, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2018/19  
Play-offs (1): 2020/21  
Last 16 (8): 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2010/2011, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20\*  
Main Round (1): 2007/2008  
Group Phase (3): 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2011/2012  
Qualification (1): 2013/14  
\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

## Other

*EHF Cup*: Winners 2015, Quarter-final 2001, Last 16: 1994/95, 1999/2000  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Semi-final 1993/94, Quarter-final: 2002/03, 2008/09

*Hungarian league*: 4 titles (1996, 2007, 2018, 2021)

*Hungarian cup*: 7 titles (1977, 1982-83, 1993, 2006, 2008, 2019)



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

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

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	205:216	-11	8:8	Quarter-final	
2003/04 SC Pick Szeged HUN	10	4	0	6	269:262	+7	8:12	Quarter-final	
2004/05 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	4	2	2	190:187	+3	10:6	Last 16	
2005/06 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	0	5	219:218	+1	6:10	Last 16	
2006/07 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	202:203	-1	8:8	Last 16	
2007/08 Pick Szeged HUN	12	9	0	3	361:310	+51	18:6	3rd MR Gr. 4	
2008/09 Pick Szeged HUN	6	2	0	4	159:161	-2	4:8	3rd Gr. H	
2009/10 Pick Szeged HUN	10	2	2	6	287:307	-20	6:14	5th Gr. A	
2010/11 Pick Szeged HUN	12	5	0	7	336:351	-15	10:14	Last 16	
2011/12 Pick Szeged HUN	10	3	0	7	285:316	-31	6:14	5th Gr. D	
2012/13 Pick Szeged HUN	12	4	0	8	313:350	-37	8:16	Last 16	
2014/15 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	14	9	1	4	395:383	+12	19:9	Quarter-final	
2015/16 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	16	8	1	7	466:455	+11	17:15	Last 16	
2016/17 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	18	10	2	6	492:458	+34	22:14	Quarter-final	
2017/18 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	16	7	1	8	471:467	+4	15:17	Last 16	
2018/19 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	18	12	2	4	508:489	+19	26:10	Quarter-final	
2019/20 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	14	9	2	3	409:370	+39	20:8	Last 16*	
2020/21 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	16	6	0	10	374:395	-21	12:20	Play-offs	
2021/22 Pick Szeged HUN	10	6	2	2	304:287	+17	14:6		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>6245:6185</b>	<b>+60</b>	<b>237:215</b>		

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



## Juan Carlos Pastor

Coach

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

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

### Arrivals during the season

none

### Departures during the season

none

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
3	Marcell	Lörincz	HUN	Line Player	18/10/2001	Gyöngyös, HUN	188	86
4	Barnabas	Rea	HUN	Centre Back	15/11/2002	Szeged, HUN	182	85
5	Kent Robin	Tönnesen	NOR	Right Back	05/06/1991	Partille, SWE	194	90
7	Luka	Stepancic	CRO	Right Back	20/11/1990	Pula, CRO	203	105
9	Richard	Bodo	HUN	Left Back	13/03/1993	Mateszalka, HUN	203	110
10	Miguel	Martins Soares	POR	Centre Back	04/11/1997	Porto, POR	192	83
13	Dániel	Kecskés	HUN	Right Wing	01/12/2001	Nyíregyháza, HUN	187	72
15	Nik	Henigman	SLO	Left Back	04/12/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	199	95
16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	20/09/1984	Dunaujvaros, HUN	190	100
17	Bogdan	Radivojevic	SRB	Right Wing	02/03/1993	Belgrade, SRB	192	80
22	Matej	Gaber	SLO	Line Player	22/07/1991	Kranj, SLO	198	110
24	Mario	Sostaric	SLO	Right Wing	25/11/1992	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	193	87
25	Sebastian	Frimmel	AUT	Left Wing	18/12/1995	Perchtoldsdorf, AUT	190	89
<b>C</b> 27	Bence	Banhidi	HUN	Line Player	09/02/1995	Győr, HUN	195	96
29	Marcell Csaba	Ludman	HUN	Left Back	29/11/2002	Budapest, HUN	197	95
32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15/09/1985	Ljubuski, CRO	200	110
34	Mihaly	Varga	HUN	Centre Back	23/09/2003	Bekescsaba, HUN	193	85
41	Imanol	Garciandia Alustiza	ESP	Right Back	30/04/1995	Urretxu, ESP	203	105
44	Dean	Bombac	SLO	Centre Back	04/04/1989	Koper, SLO	188	92
45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/02/1999	Győr, HUN	203	110
46	Tibor	Nagy	HUN	Goalkeeper	13/01/2001	Budapest, HUN	195	85
51	Borut	Mackovsek	SLO	Left Back	11/09/1992	Koper, SLO	203	95
56	Zalan	Francia	HUN	Right Wing	31/10/2002	Szeged, HUN	178	78
71	Alexander	Blonz	NOR	Left Wing	17/04/2000	Clamart, FRA	187	82
77	Luka	Krivokapic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/02/2002	Funchal, POR	195	85
91	Patrik	Hegedüs	HUN	Left Back	02/03/2003	Kiskunhalas, HUN	196	93
93	Benjamin	Szilagyi	HUN	Right Wing	18/05/2003	Szeged, HUN	187	70
	Robin	Molnar	HUN		01/02/2004			



## Roland Mikler

 @miklerroland

### Goalkeeper

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



## Sebastian Frimmel

 @seppo\_

### Left wing

- Austrian international, joining Szeged from Swiss side Kadetten in summer of 2021 and becoming the first player from Austria to wear the Szeged jersey
- started professional career at Westwien in Vienna before joining Kadetten in 2018
- won bronze at School WCh in 2013 and made debut for senior national team the following year at age 18
- awarded 'best young player' of Austrian league in 2014/15 season



## Borut Mackovsek

 @borut.mackovsek

### Left back

- started playing handball after he went to his brother's practice and later joined the team
- came to Szeged in the summer 2020 from their rival Veszpreme
- also played for Celje Pivovarna Lasko, Maribor, Al Sadd, ThSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Dinamo Minsk, TSV Eisenach and Montpellier
- had his first CL appearance in 2009/10 season with Celje, now enters his 11th
- part of Slovenia national team, won bronze medal at the WCh 2017 in France

WCh: B 2017



## Dean Bombac

 @ dean\_bombac44

### Centre back

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

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2011



## Bence Bánhidi

 @banhidibence27

### Line pleyer

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



## Kent Robin Tønnesen

 @kente15

### Right back

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

WCh: S 2017



## Miguel Martins

 @miguelsmartins10

### Centre back

- joined Szeged in summer of 2021 after seven seasons with FC Porto
- was superb for Porto, scoring at least 43 goals in three consecutive European seasons, one in the Men's EHF Cup and two in the CL
- scored 19 times for Portugal at EHF EURO 2020 and 17 at EHF EURO 2022
- made his debut in the Portuguese national league at 15 years and 11 months, becoming the second-youngest ever player to take the court in the competition



## Bogdan Radivojevic

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### Right wing

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

EC trophies: CL 2014



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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
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



With almost the same squad as last season, THW Kiel aim for their next journey to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne. The four-time EHF Champions League winners lifted the 2019/20 trophy in December but failed to go all the way again in their 2020/21 campaign just a few months later.

- Kiel snatched the Bundesliga title with a draw at Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the final round, edging SG Flensburg-Handewitt for the first place on a comparison of direct encounters
- Filip Jicha, who starts his third season as head coach, became the first person to win the EHF FINAL4 as coach (2020) and as player (2010, 2012)
- Kiel lost to Paris Saint-Germain in the 2020/21 quarter-final
- Kiel goalkeeper Niklas Landin made the All-star Team in the past two seasons; playing together with his brother Magnus he won silver with Denmark at the 2020 Olympic Games
- Kiel's starting seven have not changed compared to last season
- after 12 months out with a knee injury, Austrian left back Nikola Bilyk is back

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 24  
Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20  
Final (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14  
Semi-finals (5): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Quarter-finals (8): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2020/21  
Group Phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

## Other

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

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

*German cup*: 11 titles (1998-2000, 2007-09, 2011-13, 2017, 2019)



**17** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**50** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**81** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## 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	506:461	+45	24:8	Winner	
2020/21 THW Kiel GER	18	10	2	6	519:497	+22	22:14	Quarter-final	
2021/22 THW Kiel GER	10	6	1	3	323:312	+11	13:7		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>9723:8687</b>	<b>+1036</b>	<b>445:195</b>		

# WIR SIND KIEL



**Filip Jicha**  
Coach

 @filda39

- took over from Alfred Gislason in 2019, becoming only the third THW head coach since 1993, after Noka Serdarsusic (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 Dujshabaev and Roberto Parrondo to win the CL as a player and a coach

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

**Arrivals during the season**

none

**Departures during the season**

none

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
C 1	Niklas	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/12/1988	Søborg, DEN	201	105
3	Sven	Ehrig	GER	Right Wing	26/06/2000	Kiel, GER	197	94
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	01/06/1988	Dakovo, CRO	198	104
5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14/09/1995	Stavanger, NOR	195	103
6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right Back	17/08/1992	Tønsberg, NOR	197	106
7	Magnus	Landin	DEN	Left Wing	20/08/1995	Helsingør, DEN	197	96
13	Steffen	Weinhold	GER	Right Back	19/07/1986	Fuerth, GER	191	103
16	Philip Hartwig	Saggau	GER	Goalkeeper	05/01/2002	Kiel, GER	190	99
C 17	Patrick	Wiencek	GER	Line Player	22/03/1989	Duisburg, GER	200	113
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	23/12/1988	Ystad, SWE	191	92
20	Leon Maximilian Ciudad	Benitez	GER	Line Player	04/06/2002	Lübeck, GER	196	99
21	Dario	Quenstedt	GER	Goalkeeper	22/09/1989	Burg, GER	193	104
22	Philipp Maximilian	Wäger	GER	Left Back	14/02/2000	Hamburg, GER	190	91
23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left Wing	10/04/1993	Kiel, GER	189	85
24	Miha	Zarabec	SLO	Centre Back	12/10/1991	Novo Mesto, SLO	178	79
28	Pavel	Horak	CZE	Left Back	28/11/1982	Prerov, CZE	198	108
53	Mykola	Bilyk	AUT	Left Back	28/11/1996	Tunis, TUN	198	102
61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line Player	02/07/1991	Itzehoe, GER	203	104

\* THW Kiel use 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, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2014, B 2022



## Magnus Landin

 @magnuslandin

### Left wing

- younger brother of goalkeeper Niklas Landin
- joined THW and his brother at the start of 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

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021; EURO: B 2022



## 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

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### Right wing

- joined Kiel after 2012 Olympics, where he was silver medallist and top scorer; previously played for AG København and started his career at Ystad
- MVP of EHF Cup Finals 2019 and Kiel's best scorer that EHF Cup season
- 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; EURO: B 2022

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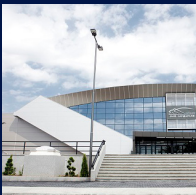
## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Jane Sandanski**  
Bubl. Avnoj b.b  
1000 Skopje  
North Macedonia  
Capacity: 5,000

## HC VARDAR 1961



Two-time EHF Champions League Men winners HC Vardar 1961 have a new coach and new players, but irrespective of the problems and challenges that they face, Vardar always aim high in Europe's top-flight competition. With Veselin Vujovic back at the helm as head coach, they will seek a spot in the EHF Champions League quarter-finals.

- the club has had many changes to the squad – Ivan Cupic, Christian Dissinger, Robin Cantegrel and Marko Vujin are among the players that have left the club
- Martin Tomovski, Eduardo Gurbindo, Darko Djukic, Ante Kuduz and Jeremy Toto are some of the new signings
- for the third time in the club's history, Vardar have appointed Veselin Vujovic as their head coach
- this is the club's second season under the name Vardar 1961 and the guidance of Mihajlo Mihajlovski

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 16  
Winners (2): 2016/17, 2018/19  
Semi-finals (1): 2017/18  
Quarter-finals (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Play-offs (1): 2020/21  
Last 16 (1): 2019/20\*  
Group Phase (6): 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2007/08, 2009/10  
Last 32 (1): 1999/2000  
\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

## Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Semi-finals 1998/99, 2004/05, 2010/11, Quarter-finals 2006/07  
*SEHA league*: 4 titles (2012, 2014, 2017, 2018)

*Macedonian league*: 14 titles (1999, 2001-04, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015-19, 2021)  
*Macedonian cup*: 14 titles (1997, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2007-08, 2012, 2014-18, 2021)



**8** MATCHES  
Longest  
winning run

**40** GOALS  
Most goals

**74** GOALS  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	31:15 (14:8) v IFK Kristianstad SWE (h), 02.12.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	41:19 (19:8) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.10.2003
<b>Longest winning run</b>	8 matches (12.03.2017 – 01.10.2017)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	15 matches (12.03.2017 – 02.12.2017)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (12.10.2003 – 09.10.2004)
	7 matches (13.10.2021 – 08.12.2021)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	8 matches (12.10.2003 – 16.10.2004)
	8 matches (03.10.2009 – 20.02.2010)
<b>Most goals</b>	40 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v FC Barcelona ESP 41:19L (a), 18.10.2003
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	74 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 38:36W (h), 20.02.2016
	74 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016
<b>Fewest goals</b>	12 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	15 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 31:15W (h), 02.12.2017
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	38 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2001/02 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	1	1	4	152:175	-23	3:9	4th Gr. D	
2002/03 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	2	0	4	152:181	-29	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2003/04 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	0	0	6	157:210	-53	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2004/05 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	1	2	3	124:153	-29	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
2007/08 HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD	6	2	1	3	161:180	-19	5:7	4th Gr. C	
2009/10 HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD	10	1	1	8	253:316	-63	3:17	5th Gr. D	
2013/14 HC Vardar – Skopje MKD	14	6	3	5	376:369	+7	15:13	Quarter-final	
2014/15 HC Vardar MKD	14	8	1	5	421:396	+25	17:11	Quarter-final	
2015/16 HC Vardar MKD	18	10	2	6	527:486	+41	22:14	Quarter-final	
2016/17 HC Vardar MKD	18	14	0	4	523:477	+46	28:8	Winner	
2017/18 HC Vardar MKD	18	10	3	5	501:454	+47	23:13	Fourth Place	
2018/19 HC Vardar MKD	20	14	1	5	577:541	+36	29:11	Winner	
2019/20 HC Vardar MKD	14	5	1	8	396:444	-48	11:17	Last 16*	
2020/21 HC Vardar 1961 MKD	16	3	3	10	392:430	-38	9:23	Play-offs	
2021/22 HC Vardar 1961 MKD	10	2	1	7	282:294	-12	5:15		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4994:5106</b>	<b>-112</b>	<b>178:186</b>		

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





## David Davis

### Coach

- joined Vardar in December 2021 to replace Veselin Vujovic
- coached Veszprém from October 2018 until the end of the 2020/21 season; led the Hungarian team to the CL final in his first season and 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; led Vardar's women's team to EHF FINAL4 in 2017
- guided Egypt to eighth place at WCh 2019

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

### Arrivals during season

Olivier Nyokas (Metalurg Skopje)  
 Kévyinn Nyokas (Metalurg Skopje)

### Departures during season

Eduardo Gurbindo (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti/ROU)  
 Tomislav Jagurinovski (Thór Akureyri/ICE)  
 Ante Kuduz (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti/ROU)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Borko	Ristovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	02/11/1982	Skopje, MKD	190	115
<del>4</del>	<del>Tomislav</del>	<del>Jagurinovski</del>	<del>MKD</del>	<del>Right Back</del>	<del>19/08/1998</del>	<del>Skopje, MKD</del>	<del>188</del>	<del>81</del>
<b>C</b> 5	Stojanche	Stoilov	MKD	Line Player	30/04/1987	Skopje, MKD	191	110
6	Olivier	Nyokas	FRA	Left Back	28/06/1986	Montfermeil, FRA	187	86
7	Patryk	Walczak	POL	Line Player	29/07/1992	Szczecin, POL	198	102
8	Yoel	Cuni Morales	CUB	Right Back	15/02/1987	Havana, CUB	190	105
9	Goce	Georgievski	MKD	Right Wing	12/02/1987	Skopje, MKD	185	83
10	Kevynn	Nyokas	FRA	Right Back	28/06/1986	Montfermeil, FRA	188	88
11	Martin	Karapalevski	MKD	Centre Back	11/03/2000	Bitola, MKD	178	82
12	Martin	Tomovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	10/07/1997	Skopje, MKD	194	94
13	Bakary	Diallo	FRA	Left Back	03/12/1994	Creteil, FRA	192	84
14	Jan	Czuwara	POL	Left Wing	18/10/1995	Swidnica, POL	184	85
<del>18</del>	<del>Eduardo</del>	<del>Gurbindo</del>	<del>ESP</del>	<del>Right Back</del>	<del>08/11/1987</del>	<del>Pamplona, ESP</del>	<del>196</del>	<del>90</del>
21	David	Savrevski	MKD	Right Back	16/06/2002	Skopje, MKD	199	103
22	Jeremy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15/05/1992	Courbevoie, FRA	197	106
24	Ante	Gadža	CRO	Centre Back	26/08/1992	Zagreb, CRO	195	95
28	Filip	Taleski	MKD	Left Back	28/03/1996	Krusevo, MKD	200	86
31	Timur	Dibirov	RUS	Left Wing	30/07/1983	Petrozavodsk, RUS	180	74
33	Stefan	Krstevski	MKD	Left Back	16/01/1999	Bitola, MKD	189	86
45	Darko	Djukic	SRB	Right Wing	11/12/1994	Nis, SRB	191	78
<del>47</del>	<del>Ante</del>	<del>Kuduz</del>	<del>CRO</del>	<del>Left Back</del>	<del>11/04/1995</del>	<del>Osijek, CRO</del>	<del>202</del>	<del>104</del>
55	Stefan	Atanasovski	MKD	Line Player	08/09/1999	Skopje, MKD	207	113
77	Alen	Kjosevski	MKD	Right Wing	07/06/2001	Bitola, MKD	187	75
94	Ali W S A	Safar	KUW	Goalkeeper	02/06/1994	Kuwait, KUW	199	109
97	Marko	Mishevski	MKD	Left Back	23/08/1999	Skopje, MKD	199	96
99	Vasil	Gogov	MKD	Goalkeeper	03/11/2000	Strumica, MKD	190	100



## Borko Ristovski

 @borko12ristovski

### Goalkeeper

- joined Vardar for third time in 2020, after earlier stints in 2001-03 and 2010-12
- played for more than 10 clubs in his career, including Benfica, Barça, Löwen, Gumpersbach and Metalurg, and won titles in North Macedonia, Spain and Germany
- vital player of Macedonian national team with more than 100 international matches
- had high save percentage at EHF EURO 2012 in Serbia when Macedonia finished fifth



## Timur Dibirov

 @timurdibirov31

### Left wing

- joined Vardar in 2013 for only the second club in his career
- won CL twice with Vardar, previously reached EHF FINAL4 with Chekhov in 2010
- key player of Russian national team; voted best left wing at WCh 2013
- fast-break specialist and also key in defence
- married to Irina Poltoratskaya, who steered Vardar's women's team to CL final in 2017

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019; Cup Winners' Cup 2006



## Olivier Nyokas

 @nyokas\_twins

### Left back

- began 2021/22 season with Metalurg but suddenly moved to cross-town rivals Vardar
- the offensive specialist previously had spells with Nantes, PSG, Alcobendas, Créteil and Balingen
- at 28, made late debut for France in 2015, then won WCh 2017
- his left-handed twin brother, Kévyynn, plays with him at Vardar

WCh: G 2017



## Ante Gadza

 @antee4

### Centre back

- joined Vardar in summer of 2020 for his first club outside Croatia
- arrived from HC PPD Zagreb, where he played just one year following five seasons at another Croatian club, RK Nexa
- also played for Ivanić, Dugo Selo, Medvescak and Umag in the past
- made national team debut at age 26 in EHF EURO 2020 qualifier against Serbia

EURO: S 2020



## Jeremy Toto

 @jayt\_4real

### Line player

- French line player set to make his CL debut in 2021/22
- arrived at Vardar in summer of 2021 from Orlen Wisla Plock; scored 25 times in the European League 2020/21 for the Polish side, which reached the EHF Finals
- previously gained EHF Cup experience with French sides Saint-Raphaël and Créteil
- played for various French junior national teams



## Stojanche Stoilov

 @sstole555

### Line player

- joined Vardar in the summer of 2010 from city rivals Metalurg, after a brief spell with Odorheiu Secuiesc
- excelled at EHF EURO 2012, where the Macedonian team finished fifth
- as team captain he led Vardar to two CL trophies, in 2017 and 2019

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019



## Kévyynn Nyokas

 @nyokas\_twins

### Right back

- former French international, who moved to Skopje in the summer of 2021 from Benfica
- began the season with Metalurg but suddenly moved to cross-town rivals Vardar
- retired in 2017 at the age of 31 after playing for clubs like PSG, Göppingen and Gummersbach, but returned to action a year later when he joined Benfica
- his right-handed twin brother, Olivier, plays with him at Vardar

EURO: G 2014; WCh: G 2015



## Darko Djukić

 @darko\_djukić

### Right wing

- Serbian international, who arrived at Vardar in summer of 2021 from Sporting CP
- Vardar will be his fifth club in the CL after earlier stints at Metalurg, Besiktas, Kielce, and Meshkov Brest
- scored 87 goals for Besiktas in CL 2015/16 season and was Brest's top scorer in group phase of CL 2018/19 season with 51 goals
- started his career at Železničar before joining Metalurg in 2014

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: light blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: dark green



### Playing hall

**Jutlander Bank Arena**  
Willy Brandts Vej 31  
9220 Aalborg Ost  
Denmark  
Capacity: 5,000

# AALBORG HÅNDBOLD



2021 has been one hell of a year so far for Aalborg. With remarkable signings and even more remarkable results on court, the Danish champions have become one of the standout stories in the handball world and they deserve it.

With a bolstered squad and self-confidence through the roof, where will this season's adventure take them in the EHF Champions League Men?

- Aalborg stunned the handball world with their run to the final of last season's EHF Champions League
- one-goal victories over Porto and Flensburg sent them to Cologne, where they beat PSG before losing the final to Barça
- they had previously stolen headlines with the signings of Aron Pálmarsson for this season and Mikkel Hansen next season
- the ambitious club has built a solid core with the likes of Lukas Sandell, Henrik Møllgaard and Felix Claar leading the back court

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 7  
Final (1): 2020/21  
Last 16 (2): 2013/14, 2019/20\*  
Group Phase (3): 2010/11, 2014/15, 2017/18  
\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

#### Other

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

*Danish league*: 6 titles (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019-21)  
*Danish cup*: 1 title (2019)



**5** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

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

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 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	20	10	0	10	566:590	-24	20:20	Runner-up	
2021/22 Aalborg Handbold DEN	10	7	0	3	324:297	+27	14:6		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2587:2705</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>75:109</b>		

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



## Stefan Madsen

### Coach

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

### Arrivals during season

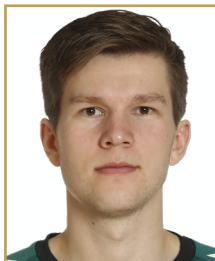
Zander Rodvig (youth team)

### Departures during season

# 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	95
2	Benjamin	Jakobsen	DEN	Line Player	09/09/1991	Hamburg, GER	191	116
3	Jonas	Samuelsson	SWE	Right Wing	10/04/1991	Skövde, SWE	192	92
4	Aron	Palmarsson	ISL	Centre Back	19/07/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	193	100
5	Victor	Kløve	DEN	Left Back	27/06/2002	Brønderslev, DEN	197	93
6	Sebastian	Barthold	NOR	Left Wing	27/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	184	88
7	Felix	Claar	SWE	Left Back	05/01/1997	Norrköping, SWE	192	94
8	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30/09/1989	Norrköping, SWE	200	110
9	Sebastian	Gammelgaard	DEN	Left Back	18/02/1994	Viborg, DEN	197	100
11	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	03/02/1997	Reslöv, SWE	191	84
12	Nichlas Kristian	Ludvigsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	14/10/2003	Rebild, DEN	194	106
13	Nikolaj Læsø	Christensen	DEN	Centre Back	15/11/1996	Aarhus, DEN	196	99
14	Valdemar Schiødt	Hermansen	DEN	Line Player	20/07/2002	Favrskov, DEN	192	98
15	Andreas Holst	Jensen	DEN	Left Back	01/12/1994	Lemvig, DEN	201	102
16	Mikael	Aggefors	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/01/1985	Stockholm, SWE	191	91
17	Martin	Larsen	DEN	Right Back	19/09/1992	Aalborg, DEN	194	84
18	Frederik Møller	Christoffersen	DEN	Centre Back	06/09/2003	Aalborg, DEN	198	98
19	Kristian	Bjørnsen	NOR	Right Wing	10/01/1989	Stavanger, NOR	191	84
20	Noah Juul	Lykke	DEN	Right Wing	19/09/2003	Aalborg, DEN	180	85
21	Henrik	Møllgaard	DEN	Left Back	02/01/1985	Bramming, DEN	195	97
<b>C</b> 22	Rene	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	04/03/1992	Vesthimmerland, DEN	195	110
23	Buster	Juul-Lassen	DEN	Left Wing	31/03/1993	Slagelse, DEN	196	95
25	Marinus Grandahl	Munk	DEN	Left Back	22/04/2003	Aalborg, DEN	200	80
26	Christian	Termansen	DEN	Right Back	17/06/2003	Frederikshavn, DEN	195	90
27	Magnus Dahl	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	25/08/2002	Frederikshavn, DEN	197	87
28	Zander	Rodvig	DEN	Goalkeeper	05/06/2003	Mariagerfjord, DEN	200	95





## 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 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 and 62 in CL 2020/21 season, helping the team reach the final
- previously played seven seasons at Haslum HK in his native Norway
- had national team debut for Norway in 2012



## Henrik Møllgaard

@henrikmlgrd

### 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, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2013; EURO: S 2014, B 2022



## Felix Claar

@felixclaar


### Centre back

- arrived at Aalborg in summer of 2020 from Alingsas HK in his native Sweden
- was crucial in Aalborg's 2020/21 quarter-final win over Flensburg, scoring 14 times
- 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 national team debut in 2017

WCh: S 2021; EURO: B 2022



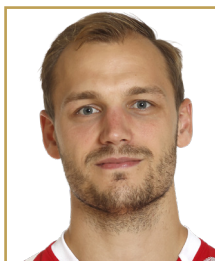
## Aron Palmarsson

 @aronpalm

### Centre Back

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

CL: 2010, 2012, 2021 EURO: B 2010



## Lukas Sandell

 @lukassandell

### Right back

- Swedish back, who arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2020 after two seasons with another Scandinavian CL team, Elverum in Norway
- previously played for Ystads IF, where he learned a lot from legendary Kim Andersson
- has a great variety of shots and plenty of speed

WCh: S 2021; EURO: B 2022



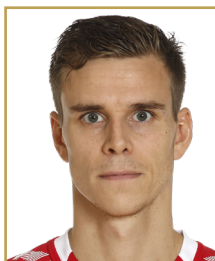
## René Antonsen

 @reneantonsen

### Line player

- switched from Aalborg to league rivals Ribe Esbjerg HH in 2013 but returned in 2015
- first-choice line player since Simon Hald left for SG Flensburg-Handewitt in 2018
- a strong and uncompromising line player, equally good at both ends of the court

EURO: B 2022



## Jonas Samuelsson

### Right wing

- Swedish wing, who moved from his hometown club Skövde to Denmark in 2015 and joined Aalborg, his fourth Danish club, in 2020
- the 193 cm-tall left-hander has performed well in his debut CL season, contributing 37 goals as part of Aalborg's strong wing quartet
- made national team debut for Sweden in April 2019

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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



## Playing hall

**Sportshall Victoria**  
Leningradskaya str. 4  
224028 Brest  
Belarus  
Capacity: 3,500

## HC MESHKOV BREST



Last season, HC Meshkov Brest made history by reaching their first EHF Champions League quarter-final. With a new head coach and a few squad changes, the Belarusian side, who will celebrate their 20th anniversary in April, hope to do well again.

- in 2020/21, Brest won the Belarusian league for an eighth successive season and the 13th time overall
- last season, they reached the EHF Champions League quarter-finals for the first time
- Simon Razgor, Alexander Shkurinskiy, Marko Panic and Sandro Obranovic left the team, while Stanislav Kasperek and Baptiste Bonnefond have joined and Dzmitry Datchuk returned from loan
- in the summer, head coach Raul Alonso left the club and was replaced by another Spaniard, Daniel Gordo

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 13  
Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21  
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*: 13 titles (2004-08, 2014-21)  
*Belarusian cup*: 13 titles (2004-05, 2007-09, 2011, 2014-18, 2020-21)



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

**36** **GOALS**  
Most goals

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	34:22 (15:14) v Vojvodina SRB (h), 19.09.2015
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	36:17 (16:8) v GOG Gudme DEN (a), 09.10.2004
<b>Longest winning run</b>	5 matches (24.10.2015 – 05.12.2015)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (24.10.2015 – 05.03.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005)
	10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005)
	10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)
	10 matches (12.05.2021 – 24.11.2021)
<b>Most goals</b>	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
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v GOG Gudme DEN 36:17L (a), 09.10.2004
	17 v RK Gorenje Velenje SLO 27:17L (a), 30.10.2004
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	20 v TATRAN Presov SVK 20:30W (a), 26.09.2015
	20 v Aalborg Handbold DEN 20:23W (a), 08.10.2017
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	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	
2020/21 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	18	8	1	9	500:508	-8	17:19	Quarter-final	
2021/22 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	10	1	2	7	286:316	-30	4:16		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3786:4053</b>	<b>-267</b>	<b>94:182</b>		



## Daniel Gordo

### Coach

- third Spanish coach of Brest in the club's history, after Manolo Cadenas and Raul Alonso, whom he replaced in 2021
- raised in Valladolid, he started coaching career at just 22 and first worked with various youth teams
- was assistant to Cadenas at Ademar before taking over as head coach of the Spanish side in 2013
- also coached Nava in Spain, helping the team from a small town to get a surprising promotion to ASOBAL League in 2019
- worked at Faroe Islands, leading Torshavn to domestic league and cup titles; also coached Brazil national team

### Arrivals during season

Pavel Darafeyeu (BLR/Neva St. Petersburg)  
Viachaslau Saldatsenka (BLR/CSM Bacau)  
Stevan Sretenovic (SRB)

### Departures during season

Ivan Pesic (TVB 1898 Stuttgart/GER)  
Dzmitry Datchuk (loaned to Donskie Kozaki Taganrog/RUS)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
<del>1</del>	<del>Ivan</del>	<del>Pesic</del>	<del>CRO</del>	<del>Goalkeeper</del>	<del>17/03/1989</del>	<del>Rijeka, CRO</del>	<del>193</del>	<del>115</del>
3	Dmitrii	Santalov	RUS	Left Back	07/04/1996	Blagoveshensk, RUS	196	105
4	Yahor	Budzeika	BLR	Right Back	01/05/2000	Baranovich, BLR	192	90
6	Baptiste	Bonnefond	FRA	Left Back	22/01/1993	Lyon, FRA	193	97
8	Stevan	Sretenovic	SRB	Left Back	25/09/1995	Arandelovac, SRB	201	98
12	Ivan	Matskevich	BLR	Goalkeeper	08/05/1991	Lepel, BLR	190	91
14	Andrei	Yurynok	BLR	Left Wing	21/09/1996	Brest, BLR	190	102
15	Uladzimir	Rubiankou	BLR	Left Back	21/01/2002	Mogilev, BLR	195	89
16	Viachaslau	Saldatsenka	BLR	Goalkeeper	23/07/1994	Orsha, BLR	189	84
20	Stas	Skube	SLO	Centre Back	15/11/1989	Novo Mesto, SLO	179	85
21	Ilya	Usik	BLR	Goalkeeper	13/08/1998	Brest, BLR	195	89
<b>C</b> 22	Viachaslau	Shumak	BLR	Line Player	22/12/1988	Brest, BLR	204	125
24	Maksim	Baranau	BLR	Right Wing	11/04/1988	Bobruysk, BLR	188	82
25	Danila	Viarheichyk	BLR	Right Wing	27/05/2000	Baranovich, BLR	190	90
<del>32</del>	<del>Dzmitry</del>	<del>Datchuk</del>	<del>BLR</del>	<del>Line Player</del>	<del>12/04/2000</del>	<del>Brest, BLR</del>	<del>199</del>	<del>90</del>
33	Pawel	Paczkowski	POL	Right Back	14/06/1993	Swiecie, POL	192	90
37	Stanislav	Kasperek	CZE	Right Back	11/06/1996	Prerov, CZE	200	85
38	Pavel	Darafeyeu	BLR	Line Player	28/01/1997	Brest, BLR	208	90
42	Artsiom	Selviasiuk	BLR	Line Player	08/12/1992	Brest, BLR	190	93
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right Wing	30/07/1995	Vitebsk, BLR	184	93
66	Jaka	Malus	SLO	Centre Back	15/06/1996	Celje, SLO	190	90
71	Andrei	Chmel	BLR	Goalkeeper	19/03/2001	Brest, BLR	191	79
76	Ilya	Tamashuk	BLR	Left Wing	28/06/2000	Brest, BLR	185	90
77	Vladimir	Vranjes	BIH	Line Player	14/12/1988	Banja Luka, BIH	200	112
98	Valiantsin	Silko	BLR	Centre Back	20/01/2000	Brest, BLR	180	87



## Ivan Matskevich

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### Goalkeeper

- Belarusian international, who arrived at Brest in the summer of 2017
- started pro career at HPC Arkatron and played four seasons for SKA Minsk (2011-15) before joining Steaua Bucuresti for two years
- gained first international experience in 2010/11, with Arkatron in the Challenge Cup
- played for Belarus at the Men's EHF EURO 2022



## 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
- missed most of the 2020/21 season through injuries
- 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



## Jaka Malus

 @jmalus

### Centre back

- Celje-born Slovenian international, who played six years for local side RK Celje before joining Meshkov Brest in 2019
- forms centre-back duo at Brest with fellow Slovenian Stas Skube
- quickly learned Russian language, which helped him to adjust in Brest
- his father was a javelin thrower, his mother and brother both played basketball, and his grandfather was an ice hockey referee



## 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



## Stanislav Kasperek

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### Right back

- Czech international, who first moved abroad at age 19, joining Balatonfüred in Hungary
- has been playing CL with Pick Szeged for three seasons since 2018 before moving to Meshkov Brest in summer of 2021
- with 33 goals, he was the second best Czech scorer at the EHF EURO 2018
- 202 cm tall, but light for a shooter, at 86 kg
- started his career at HC Zubří



## Mikita Vailupau

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### Right wing

- moved from SKA Minsk to HC Meshkov Brest in the summer of 2019; was joined second-best scorer of CL 2020/21 with 93 goals
- 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



## GROUP A



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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: green/orange

## Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green/orange



## Playing hall

Palais des Sports René  
Bougnol  
1000 Avenue du Val de  
Montferrand  
34090 Montpellier  
France  
Capacity: 3,000

## MONTPELLIER HB



The only French club to have lifted the EHF Champions League trophy is back in the top tier, after playing in the European League last season. It has only been three years since the successful 2018 campaign but it is a completely different team with only two core players left: Valentin Porte and Diego Simonet.

- Montpellier are the only French team to have won the EHF Champions League - and they did it twice, in 2003 and 2018
- while only two players remain from the 2018 title-winning team, coach Patrice Canayer remains ever-present, starting his 27th season with the club
- their 2019/20 season was stopped by Covid-19 at the Last 16 stage, while their 2018/19 campaign ended after the group phase, a first for a defending champion
- they finished second in the French league last season, behind champions Paris Saint-Germain HB

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 23  
Winners (2): 2002/03, 2017/18  
Semi-final (1): 2004/05  
Quarter-final (5): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17  
Last 16 (6): 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2019/20\*  
Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09  
Group Phase (4): 1998/99, 1999/00, 2012/13, 2018/19  
Qualification (1): 2013/14  
\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

## Other

*EHF European League*: Quarter-final: 2020/21  
*EHF Cup*: Final 2013/14; Quarter-final: 1996/97; Last 16: 1993/94, 1994/95; Last 32: 1997/98  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-final 2001/02

*French league*: 14 titles (1995, 1998-2000, 2002-06, 2008-12)  
*French cup*: 13 titles (1999-2003, 2005-06, 2008-10, 2012-13, 2016)

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS



**8** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

**46** **GOALS**  
Most goals

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

<b>Biggest win</b>	46:20 (26:9) v AC PAOK GRE (h), 04.10.2009
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	37:20 (16:10) v Prosema Ademar Leon ESP (a), 06.11.1999
<b>Longest winning run</b>	8 matches (15.10.2016 – 04.03.2017)
	8 matches (16.09.2017 – 19.11.2017)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	11 matches (15.10.2016 – 02.04.2017)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (14.02.2016 – 27.03.2016)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	7 matches (15.09.2018 – 07.11.2018)
<b>Most goals</b>	46 v AC PAOK GRE 46:20W (h), 04.10.2009
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	38 v Kolding KIF DEN 38:29L (a), 05.12.2004
	38 v Pick Szeged HUN 38:35L (a), 19.11.2011
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	78 v VfL Gummersbach GER 41:37W (h), 09.02.2008
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 26:17L (a), 03.01.1999
	17 v FC Barcelona ESP 24:17L (a), 10.12.2000
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	16 v HC Portovik Yuzhny UKR 26:16W (h), 07.10.2006
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	38 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 21:17W (h), 08.11.1998

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1998/99 Montpellier HB FRA	6	3	0	3	134:134	0	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1999/00 Montpellier HB FRA	6	3	0	3	139:148	-9	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
2000/01 Montpellier HB FRA	8	4	1	3	193:193	0	9:7	1/4-finals	
2002/03 Montpellier HB FRA	12	8	1	3	334:311	+23	17:7	Winner	
2003/04 Montpellier HB FRA	8	6	0	2	216:199	+17	12:4	Last 16	
2004/05 Montpellier HB FRA	12	9	0	3	375:328	+47	18:6	1/2-finals	
2005/06 Montpellier HB FRA	10	6	0	4	282:272	+10	12:8	1/4-finals	
2006/07 Montpellier HB FRA	8	5	1	2	224:198	+26	11:5	Last 16	
2007/08 Montpellier HB FRA	12	7	0	5	358:348	+10	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2008/09 Montpellier HB FRA	10	6	1	3	295:275	+20	13:7	4th MR Gr. 3	
2009/10 Montpellier HB FRA	14	10	2	2	447:372	+75	22:6	1/4-finals	
2010/11 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	14	10	0	4	442:379	+63	20:8	1/4-finals	
2011/12 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	12	6	0	6	357:357	0	12:12	Last 16	
2012/13 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	10	2	2	6	301:311	-10	6:14	5th Gr. A	
2014/15 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	12	4	2	6	351:377	-26	10:14	Last 16	
2015/16 Montpellier HB FRA	16	3	1	12	429:472	-43	7:25	Last 16	
2016/17 Montpellier HB FRA	16	11	1	4	476:425	+51	23:9	1/4-finals	
2017/18 Montpellier HB FRA	18	14	1	3	530:464	+66	29:7	Winner	
2018/19 Montpellier HB FRA	14	3	1	10	377:414	-37	7:21	7th Gr. A	
2019/20 Montpellier HB FRA	14	8	1	5	386:375	+11	17:11	Last 16*	
2021/22 Montpellier HB FRA	10	7	2	1	313:284	+29	16:4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6959:6636</b>	<b>+323</b>	<b>287:197</b>		

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



**Patrice Canayer**  
Coach

- in charge of Montpellier since 1994, he is among the longest serving coaches at a single club in professional handball
- has meanwhile won more than 40 trophies with Montpellier, most notably the two CL titles in 2003 and 2018
- still the only French coach to win the CL
- was voted CL All-star Team coach after the club won their second CL title in 2017/18
- played for Stade Pessacais UC, Bordeaux and Racing Paris in his active years

**EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018**

#### Arrivals during season

none

#### Departures during season

none

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Marin	Sego	CRO	Goalkeeper	02/08/1985	Mostar, BIH	194	98
3	Alexis	Berthier	FRA	Right Back	12/03/2002	Tournus, FRA	193	84
4	Diego	Simonet	ARG	Centre Back	26/12/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	189	88
5	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre Back	20/05/1998	Lyon, FRA	189	85
6	Olafur Andres	Gudmundsson	ISL	Left Back	13/05/1990	Hafnarfjarðar, ISL	194	92
7	Lucas	Guigon	FRA	Right Back	18/07/2003	Versailles, FRA	197	83
9	Hugo	Descat	FRA	Left Wing	16/08/1992	Paris, FRA	183	92
10	Lucas	Pellas	SWE	Left Wing	28/08/1995	Stockholm, SWE	184	80
12	Charles	Bolzinger	FRA	Goalkeeper	14/12/2000	Sete, FRA	198	96
13	Julien	Bos	FRA	Right Back	18/08/1998	Pessac, FRA	188	82
15	Mathis	Mougin	FRA	Left Back	07/07/2002	Montpellier, FRA	200	95
16	Kevin	Bonnefoi	FRA	Goalkeeper	03/12/1991	Toulon, FRA	190	103
17	Benjamin	Bataille	FRA	Left Back	25/07/1992	Paris, FRA	197	96
18	Marko	Panic	BIH	Right Back	10/03/1991	Jajce, BIH	197	101
19	Arthur	Lenne	FRA	Line Player	02/05/2001	Selestat, FRA	194	96
20	Robin	Puigsegur	FRA	Line Player	18/12/2002	Montpellier, FRA	194	100
21	Kylian	Prat	FRA	Left Back	20/02/2004	TremblayenFrance, FRA	191	78
22	Lucas Dario	Moscariello	ARG	Line Player	19/02/1992	Buenos Aires, ARG	190	103
24	Adrien	Dubois	FRA	Left Wing	21/03/2001	Montpellier, FRA	182	71
25	Mathieu	Cornette	FRA	Centre Back	30/03/2003	Montpellier, FRA	188	80
<b>C</b> 28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right Back	07/09/1990	Versailles, FRA	190	96
32	Yanis	Lenne	FRA	Right Wing	29/06/1996	Colmar, FRA	187	88
49	Karl	Wallinius	SWE	Left Back	14/01/1999	Lund, SWE	199	93
90	Gilberto	Duarte Brito	POR	Left Back	06/07/1990	Lagoa, POR	196	102
93	Veron	Nacinovic	CRO	Line Player	07/03/2000	Rijeka, CRO	203	103
98	Elie	Ona	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/08/2003	Toulouse, FRA	196	88



## Kevin Bonnefoi


 @bonnefoikevin

### Goalkeeper

- joined Montpellier in 2019 arriving from domestic league rivals HBC Nantes
- previously with Toulouse and Saint-Raphaël, where he gained EHF Cup experience
- has extended his contract with Montpellier until the end of the 2023/24 season
- made debut in French national team in April 2021



## Hugo Descat

 @hdescat

### Left wing

- returned to France in 2019 after two years in Romania with Dinamo Bucuresti
- earlier played six seasons for another French club, US Créteil
- was second-best goal scorer of (shortened) CL 2019/20 season with 75 goals; netted 71 times in European League 2020/21 season
- won gold with France at 2020 Tokyo Olympics and made All-star Team as left wing

OG: G 2020



## Gilberto Duarte

 @gilbs5

### Left back

- complete player with great attitude who joined Montpellier in summer of 2019
- won seven Portuguese championship titles with FC Porto
- moved to Polish side Orlen Wisla Plock in 2017, and to Barça in 2018
- key player for Portuguese national team, made debut in 2011 against Austria



## Diego Simonet

 @chinosimonet

### Centre back

- Argentinian international, born into a handball family, with two brothers – Sebastian and Pablo – also playing the sports professionally
- going into his eighth CL campaign with Montpellier in 2021; also played EHF Cup (2013/14) and European League (2020/21) with the club
- has suffered from several injuries in recent seasons; missed most of the 2018/19 campaign due to persistent thigh problem
- elected MVP of Montpellier's golden EHF FINAL4 in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2018



## Valentin Porte

 @valhand28

### Right back

- arrived in Montpellier in 2016, reached CL quarter-final in his debut season and won the CL in his second year with the club, in 2018
- played on right wing until 2014, France coach Claude Onesta placed him on back court
- rose to prominence during EHF EURO 2014, scoring 16 goals in semi-final and final
- known as a true golf aficionado

EC trophies: CL 2018

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



## Marko Panic

 @pana\_8

### Right back

- Bosnian back, joined Montpellier in 2021 after two seasons with Meshkov Brest
- played for another French club, Chambéry (2012-13), 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 of shooting almost equally well with both hands



## Yanis Lenne

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### Right wing

- returned to France in 2019 after two seasons with Barça – though he spent one of those years on loan at PAUC Handball
- scored more than 30 goals in each of Montpellier's last two European seasons: 37 in CL 2019/20, and 35 in European League 2020/21
- has been part of French national team for a while but will get more time to shine since Luc Abalo has retired



## Lucas Moscariello

 @mosca.11

### Line player

- Argentinian international, who joined Montpellier in summer of 2021
- spent previous five seasons in Spain and played two seasons in EHF Cup with Cuenca
- was playing in French third division in 2014; 2021/22 will be his first in the CL
- useful addition to Montpellier's squad, with strengths at both sides of the court

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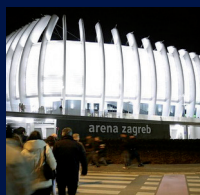
## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: orange



## Playing hall

**Arena Zagreb**  
Laniste 30  
10000 Zagreb  
Croatia  
Capacity: 15,200

## HC PPD ZAGREB



HC PPD Zagreb are still on top of Croatian handball. After a disappointing European season they are aiming for the play-offs in the new EHF Champions League season with new names in the squad. The Croatian champions are going into their 28th season, more than any other club.

- head coach Ivica Obrvan took over in February 2021, the team's third coach that season after Igor Vori and Vlado Šola
- Filip Ivić, Sandro Obranović and Jakov Gojun are returning to Zagreb after years abroad
- other reinforcements include three-time CL winner Ivan Čupić and Željko Musa
- 28 appearances in 29 CL seasons make Zagreb the all-time record holders
- Zagreb will play domestic Croatian league from start for first time since 2010/11

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 28  
Final (4): 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99  
Semi-finals (1): 1999/00  
Quarter-finals (7): 2000/01, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Play-offs (1): 2020/21  
Last 16 (5): 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19  
Main Round (1): 2007/08  
Group Phase (8): 1993/94, 1995/96, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2017/18, 2019/20

## Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up 2004/05, Semi-finals 2006/07  
*(IHF) European Champions Cup*: 2 titles (1991/92, 1992/93)

*Croatian league*: 29 titles (1992-2019, 2021)  
*Croatian cup*: 27 titles (1992-2000, 2003-2019, 2021)

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS



**6** **MATCHES**  
Longest winning run

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

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

<b>Biggest win</b>	34:15 (16:8) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (h), 04.12.2010
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	43:21 (23:10) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.04.2015
<b>Longest winning run</b>	6 matches (12.12.1998 – 27.02.1999)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (09.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
	6 matches (12.12.1998 – 27.02.1999)
	6 matches (30.10.1999 – 05.12.1999)
	6 matches (04.10.2008 – 22.11.2008)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	17 matches (01.03.2020 – 08.04.2021????????????)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	17 matches (01.03.2020 – 08.04.2021????????????)
<b>Most goals</b>	38 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 38:30W (h), 23.02.2013
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	45 v Barca ESP 45:27L (a), 14.10.2020
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	72 v Barca ESP 45:27L (a), 14.10.2020
<b>Fewest goals</b>	15 v Portland San Antonio ESP 31:15L (a), 22.10.2005
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	13 v THW Kiel GER 22:13W (h), 25.03.2000
	13 v Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13W (h), 16.10.2005
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	36 v ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 18:18D (a), 20.11.1999
	36 v HC Metalurg MKD 19:17W (h), 11.10.2014

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	6	0	2	4	135:147	-12	2:10	4th Gr. A	
1994/95 Badel Zagreb CRO	8	5	1	2	203:203	0	11:5	Runner-up	
1995/96 Croatia Banka Zagreb CRO	6	2	1	3	138:144	-6	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
1996/97 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	12	6	3	3	310:294	+16	15:9	Runner-up	
1997/98 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	12	7	0	5	300:287	+13	14:10	Runner-up	
1998/99 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	12	8	1	3	288:269	+19	17:7	Runner-up	
1999/00 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	10	7	1	2	260:230	+30	15:5	Semi-final	
2000/01 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO	8	4	1	3	195:192	+3	9:7	Quarter-final	
2002/03 RK Zagreb CRO	8	3	2	3	209:216	-7	8:8	Quarter-final	
2003/04 RK Zagreb CRO	10	4	0	6	273:258	+15	8:12	Quarter-final	
2004/05 RK Zagreb CRO	6	3	0	3	165:170	-5	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2005/06 RK Zagreb CRO	8	5	1	2	212:194	+18	11:5	Last 16	
2006/07 RK Zagreb CRO	6	3	0	3	153:148	+5	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2007/08 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO	12	5	1	6	339:344	-5	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 3	
2008/09 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO	12	7	3	2	357:313	+44	17:7	Quarter-final	
2009/10 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO	12	6	0	6	351:335	+16	12:12	Last 16	
2010/11 HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB CRO	12	6	3	3	358:319	+39	15:9	Last 16	
2011/12 Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb CRO	14	9	1	4	391:359	+32	19:9	Quarter-final	
2012/13 HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb CRO	10	2	1	7	266:284	-18	5:15	5th Gr. D	
2013/14 HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb CRO	10	4	0	6	267:282	-15	8:12	5th Gr. A	
2014/15 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	14	7	0	7	328:356	-28	14:14	Quarter-final	
2015/16 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	18	6	2	10	464:480	-16	14:22	Quarter-final	
2016/17 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	16	4	1	11	373:408	-35	9:23	Last 16	
2017/18 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	14	2	2	10	349:396	-47	6:22	8th Gr. A	
2018/19 HC PPD Zagreb CRO	16	4	3	9	407:447	-40	11:21	Last 16	
2019/20 HC PPD Zagreb CRO	14	2	1	11	343:419	-76	5:23	7th Gr. A	
2020/21 HC PPD Zagreb CRO	16	0	0	16	369:482	-113	0:32	Play-offs	
2021/22 HC PPD Zagreb CRO	10	2	2	6	254:282	-28	6:14		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>8057:8258</b>	<b>-201</b>	<b>279:345</b>		





**Ivica Obrvan**  
Coach

- played for Zagreb from 1988 until 1996, helped the club win the CL twice - in 1992 and 1993
- started his coaching career in 1999 at Jambo Metkovic
- first stint as Zagreb coach was between 2010 and 2012 after previously leading Velenje, Chambéry and the Macedonian national team
- became Zagreb coach again in March 2021, replacing Vlado Sola, who had taken over from Igor Vori in October 2020
- also in charge of national team of Bosnia and Herzegovina since early 2021

**EHF EURO: B 1994 (as a player)**

#### Arrived during season

Aleks Kavcic (SLO/Gorenje Velenje)  
Paolo Kraljevic (CRO/HRK Gorica)  
Matej Mandic (CRO/Izvidac)

#### Departures during season

Matej Hrstic (Limoges/FRA)  
Luka Mrakovcic (Lübbecke/GER)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Marin	Šipić	CRO	Line Player	29/04/1996	Bad Soden am T., GER	190	107
4	Filip	Vistorop	CRO	Centre Back	29/04/1998	Mostar, BIH	194	90
5	Luka	Mrakovčić	CRO	Centre Back	22/09/1994	Rijeka, CRO	190	95
6	Davor	Cavar	CRO	Left Wing	07/12/1995	Zagreb, CRO	188	84
<b>C</b> 7	David	Mandić	CRO	Left Wing	14/09/1997	Ljubuški, BIH	187	87
8	Adin	Faljić	BIH	Line Player	24/09/2000	Zenica, BIH	197	120
9	Luka Lovre	Klarica	CRO	Right Back	25/09/2001	Zadar, CRO	198	93
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Left Back	18/04/1986	Split, CRO	203	112
11	Zvonimir	Srna	CRO	Left Back	18/01/1998	Dubrovnik, CRO	202	100
12	Dino	Slavić	CRO	Goalkeeper	04/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	185	113
13	Edin	Kliš	BIH	Left Back	22/02/2000	Zenica, BIH	195	96
16	Filip	Ivić	CRO	Goalkeeper	30/08/1992	Zagreb, CRO	195	95
18	Paolo	Kraljević	CRO	Right Wing	31/03/2001	Ljubuski, BIH	188	80
19	Filip	Perić	CRO	Right Wing	18/10/1996	Pula, CRO	180	70
22	Željko	Musa	CRO	Line Player	08/01/1986	Mostar, BIH	200	114
23	Karpo	Sirotić	CRO	Centre Back	22/02/2000	Zagreb, CRO	188	74
24	Vlado	Matanović	CRO	Right Wing	29/05/1995	Rijeka, CRO	182	85
25	Matej	Mandić	CRO	Goalkeeper	02/05/2002	Ljubuski, BIH	204	95
27	Ivan	Čupić	CRO	Right Wing	27/03/1986	Metković, CRO	178	78
33	Valentino	Ravnić	CRO	Left Wing	20/07/1995	Zadar, CRO	190	82
43	Aleks	Kavčić	SLO	Left Back	15/05/1996	Skofja Loka, SLO	187	92
44	Matej	Hrstić	CRO	Left Back	11/08/1996	Ljubuski, BIH	197	102
47	Sandro	Obranović	CRO	Left Back	18/10/1992	Karlovac, CRO	195	93
55	Csaba	Leimeter	HUN	Right Back	15/12/1994	Budapest, HUN	195	98
71	Nikola	Grahovac	CRO	Line Player	14/12/1998	Cakovec, CRO	201	111



## Dino Slavic

 @dinoslavic

### Goalkeeper

- returned to his native Croatia and joined Zagreb in the summer of 2021 after three years, including one season in the CL, with Abanca Ademar Leon in Spain
- previously played for Croatian clubs Zamet and Umag in 2008-18
- gained first European experience with Zamet in the EHF Cup 2012/13



## David Mandic

 @david.mandic\_7

### Left wing

- came from Izvidac (BIH) in summer of 2018 and gained first CL experience at Zagreb
- besides being efficient in attack, he possesses great defensive skills
- reached EHF EURO 2020 final with Croatia, won gold at 2018 Mediterranean Games
- first called up to Croatian national team in mid-2017

EURO: S 2020



## Jakov Gojun

 @jakovgojun10

### Left back

- joined Zagreb in summer of 2021 after six seasons with Füchse Berlin in Germany; had earlier stint at Zagreb in 2009-12
- previously played for PSG, Atletico de Madrid and several Croatian clubs
- core player of Croatian national team until retiring after home EHF EURO in 2018
- named best defender of EHF EURO 2010, when Croatia won bronze

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018  
EURO: B 2010; OG: B 2012



## Sando Obradovic

 @sandro3792

### Left back

- Karlovac-born player, who returned to Zagreb in summer of 2021
- previously played for Zagreb in 2013-16 before joining teams like Nexø, Pick Szeged (HUN), Chambéry (FRA) and, most recently, Meshkov Brest (BLR)
- brings extensive additional CL experience to the team
- was part of Croatian youth national teams, also had appearance in senior team



## Filip Vistorop

 @filipvistoropp

### Centre back

- debuted in CL with Zagreb in 2018/19, scored 28 times in 2020/21 campaign
- previously gained European Cup experience with Bosnian side Zrinjski Mostar in Challenge Cup 2017/18
- helped Croatia win historic silver medal at Junior WCh 2019



## Željko Musa

 @zeljkomusa02

### Line player

- experienced Croatian line player, who joined Zagreb - the eighth club of his career - in the summer of 2021 after six years with SC Magdeburg in Germany
- won the EHF European League with Magdeburg in 2020/21, and finished third at the EHF FINAL4 with Kielce in 2012/13
- has won a total of four World Championship and EHF EURO medals; scored winning goal in EHF EURO 2020 semi-final vs Norway after two periods of extra time

EC trophies: EL 2021

EURO: S 2020, S 2012, S 2010; WCh: B 2013



## Csaba Leimeter

### Right back

- Hungarian international, who joined Zagreb in February 2021 from Csurgói KK
- scored 16 times for Zagreb in the remaining CL matches of the 2020/21 season
- Zagreb are his first club abroad, though he previously gained international experience in the EHF Cup with Hungarian sides Tatabánya, Budakalasz, and Csurgó
- started his career at Pler in Budapest, his place of birth



## Ivan Čupić

### Right wing

- signed for Zagreb in summer of 2021 after 16 years abroad, playing for clubs like Velenje (2008-10), Löwen (2010-12), Kielce (2012-16), and Vardar (2017-21)
- despite losing a finger in an accident in 2008, he has remained an important player for his club teams and the Croatian national side throughout his illustrious career
- still the only player to win the EHF FINAL4 two years in a row: with Kielce in 2016 and with Vardar in 2017; won it a third time in 2019, again with Vardar

CL 2016, 2017, 2019

OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, B 2013; EURO: S 2008, 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016

## GROUP A



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Terningen Arena**  
Hamarvegen 112  
2418 Elverum  
Norway  
Capacity: 2,400

## ELVERUM HANDBALL



A much-changed Elverum side return to the top table after another promising, yet ultimately disappointing season in 2020/21. Despite a large turnover in players, a number of key figures remain at the Norwegian champions, who remain as keen as ever to make a splash in Europe.

- Elverum enter their eighth season in Europe's top flight, their seventh in a row
- while star wings Alexander Blonz and Luc Abalo have departed, a raft of new signings join the club
- Tokyo 2020 Olympian Simen Holand Pettersen and goalkeeper Thorsten Fries had a short loan spell at the end of last season at French club US Ivry as the Norwegian season was at a standstill
- despite winning the Norwegian league and cup last season, Elverum only played their first domestic league match in 2021 on 31 August

## Past achievements

**EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 8

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Group Phase (5): 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Qualification (1): 2013/14

**Other**

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-final 2010/11

*EHF Cup*: Group Phase 2012/13

*Norwegian league*: 10 titles (1995, 2008, 2012-21)

*Norwegian Cup*: 3 titles (2019-21)



**4** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

**40** **GOALS**  
Most goals

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	37:26 (21:13) v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO (h), 01.12.2019
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	39:19 (20:10) v Barca ESP (a), 05.04.2021
<b>Longest winning run</b>	4 matches (30.09.2018 – 03.11.2018)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	4 matches (30.09.2018 – 03.11.2018)
	4 matches (29.09.2021 – 28.10.2021)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (01.10.2020 – 10.12.2020)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	10 matches (01.12.2018 – 24.11.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	40 v Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 40:32W (h), 08.10.2017
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	44 v PSG Handball FRA 29:44L (h), 02.03.2021
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v PSG Handball FRA 29:44L (h), 02.03.2021
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	35 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 Elverum Handball Herrer NOR	10	3	1	6	274:289	-15	7:13	5th Gr. D	
2016/17 Elverum Handball NOR	10	3	2	5	257:274	-17	8:12	5th Gr. C	
2017/18 Elverum Handball NOR	10	5	0	5	287:304	-17	10:10	4th Gr. C	
2018/19 Elverum Handball NOR	10	6	1	3	278:272	+6	13:7	3rd Gr. D	
2019/20 Elverum Handball NOR	14	1	1	12	365:419	-54	3:25	8th Gr. A	
2020/21 Elverum Handball NOR	16	2	1	13	431:533	-102	5:27	Play-offs	
2021/22 Elverum Handball NOR	10	3	2	5	306:320	-14	8:12		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2198:2411</b>	<b>-213</b>	<b>54:106</b>		



**Børge Lund**  
Coach

 @louboega

- Norwegian former centre back, who took over from Michael Apelgren as Elverum coach in summer of 2020
- Elverum is his first job as head coach after working for four years as an assistant with the Norwegian national team
- spent most of his playing career in Germany, competing for teams like THW Kiel, Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Fühse Berlin
- won CL with Kiel at inaugural EHF FINAL4 in 2010
- played more than 200 matches and scored 390 goals for Norway between 2000 and 2014

**EC trophies: CL 2010 (as player)**

#### Arrivals during season

Jacob Moen (youth)

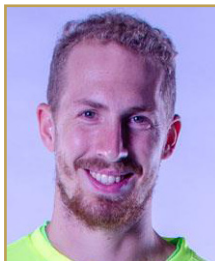
#### Departures during season

none

## I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Brede	Dahl	NOR	Goalkeeper	20/06/2000	Elverum, NOR	189	80
3	Josip	Vidovic	CRO	Centre Back	21/05/1990	Metcovic, CRO	192	80
4	Christopher	Hedberg	SWE	Right Wing	08/08/1992	Skövde, SWE	190	88
5	Kristian Hübert	Larsen	NOR	Line Player	22/03/2000	Sandefjord, NOR	199	103
6	Stig-Tore	Moen Nilsen	NOR	Right Back	09/08/1994	Alta, NOR	193	91
7	Kasper Thorsen	Lien	NOR	Right Wing	15/04/2001	Fredrikstad, NOR	191	84
9	Simen Holand	Pettersen	NOR	Left Back	08/04/1998	Tønsberg, NOR	188	86
12	Emil Kheri	Imsgard	NOR	Goalkeeper	06/03/1998	Hamar, NOR	197	95
14	Niclas	Fingren	SWE	Left Back	19/11/1995	Kungsbacka, SWE	197	99
15	Tobias Schjølberg	Grøndahl	NOR	Centre Back	22/01/2001	Bærum, NOR	183	80
16	Thorsten	Fries	DEN	Goalkeeper	22/01/1993	Tønder, DEN	196	94
17	Orri Freyr	Þorkelsson	ISL	Left Wing	25/06/1999	Hafnarfjörður, ISL	185	88
20	Endre	Langaas	NOR	Line Player	05/10/1991	Trondheim, NOR	185	100
23	Dominik	Mathe	HUN	Right Back	01/04/1999	Nyíregyháza, HUN	199	108
24	Eric	Johansson	SWE	Left Back	28/06/2000	Eskilstuna, SWE	198	110
25	Erlend	Stafset	NOR	Right Back	21/10/2002	Elverum, NOR	180	75
33	Sindre	Heldal	NOR	Left Wing	10/02/1999	Bergen, NOR	183	77
<b>C</b> 44	Thomas Alfred	Solstad	NOR	Line Player	26/02/1997	Ski, NOR	194	110
	Jacob	Moen	NOR	Back	30/05/2003	Elverum, NOR		



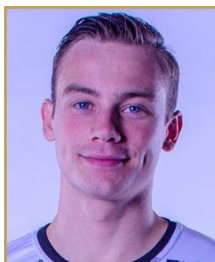


## Thorsten Fries

 @thorstenfries22

### Goalkeeper

- joined Elverum in the summer of 2019 from SønderjyskE in his homeland, Denmark, to replace retired Norwegian international Morten Nergaard
- started career at KIF Kolding but had breakthrough with SønderjyskE
- gained his first European experience with Kolding, playing in the EHF Cup (2012/13) and the CL (2013/14)

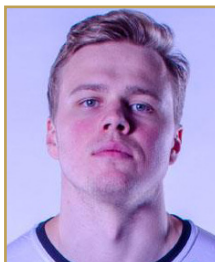


## Sindre Heldal

 @sindreheldal

### Left wing

- young Norwegian player, who arrived from Nærbø Idrettslag in the summer of 2021
- playing his first career CL season, but has European experience in Challenge Cup and EHF Cup with his former club FyllingenBergen
- one of the players, alongside Iceland's Orri Freyr Thorkelsson who joined from Haukar Handball, to replace Alexander Blonz on the left wing



## Simen Holand Pettersen

 @simenptrsn

### Left back

- 2020/21 is his third season with Elverum, after joining from Sandefjord IF in 2018
- son of former national team coach Gunnar Pettersen
- made debut for national team in June 2019, against Spain in EHF EURO Cup 2020
- scored 16 goals from 16 attempts in a junior international against Romania in 2017
- one of few back-court players who shoots almost equally well with both hands



## Eric Johansson

 @johanssooneric

### Left back

- 197 cm-tall left back with wicked shooting arm, but also refined assist giver
- coming from hometown club Eskilstuna Guif, Elverum signed him in summer of 2021
- made immediate impact and became key attacking player in his first season in Norway
- those performances earned him a call up to the Swedish national team, where he won EHF EURO 2022 at the first time of asking

EURO: G 2022



## Tobias Grøndahl

 @tobias\_grondahl

### Centre back

- the Norwegian playmaker is one of the revelations of the 2021/22 season as he shot to the upper echelons of the top scorer ranking
- in his third season in Europe, he claims to have “cracked the code on how to find my teammates in open spaces whilst still being a threat myself”
- became Elverum’s first-choice playmaker at the age of 20
- has played at senior level for Norway but yet to be called up for a major championship

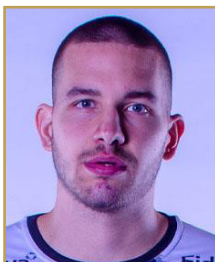


## Thomas Solstad

 @thomasolstad

### Line player

- joined Elverum from BK Halden in the summer of 2019
- was a regular in Norway’s youth and junior national teams
- forms a reliable line player duo with Endre Langaas
- a strong player, at 194 cm and 107 kg, effective at both ends of the court



## Dominik Mathé

 @mathedominik

### Right back

- Hungarian international, who arrived at Elverum in 2020 from Balatonfüredi KSE
- 2020/21 was his first career CL season – and he did well, scoring 59 times although Elverum went out in the play-offs
- gained EHF Cup experience with Balatonfüred in the past
- scored 23 times at EHF EURO 2020 for Hungary, the co-hosts of the EHF EURO 2022



## Christopher Hedberg

 @christopherhed

### Right wing

- Swedish wing who joined Elverum from IFK Skövde in 2020
- scored 21 goals for Elverum in 2020/21, his first ever season in the CL
- Elverum is his first foreign club, after four seasons with Skövde (2016-20) and four with HK Aaranäs (2012-16)



HANDBALL

# GROUP B PREVIEW

## GROUP FEATURES IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP

The line-up of EHF Champions League group B is impressive, to say the least. The title holders (Barça), a semi-finalist from last season (Paris Saint-Germain HB), the 2016 winners (Lomza Vive Kielce), the 2014 winners (SG Flensburg-Handewitt), and the 2019 and 2020 semi-finalists (Telekom Veszprém HC) will battle it out for the top spots in group B.



BARÇA

Barça are coming off a unique season, in which the Spanish champions won all their 20 Champions League matches – a feat never seen before in Europe's top flight. They had been at the last three EHF FINAL4 events, and finally managed to win it again in 2021. Aron Pálmarsson moved to Aalborg, but Barça signed French standout Melvyn Richardson and Spanish wing Angel Fernandez Perez. Their squad is just as impressive as last season, but will the players need time to adapt to ideas of their new coach, Carlos Ortega, who replaced Xavi Pascual after 12 highly successful years in charge.

After making it to Cologne five times in the last six editions, can PSG finally lift the trophy? Only once did the French side reach the final, back in 2017. PSG did not sign any new players in the summer of 2021, only welcoming back Sadou Ntanzi who was on loan at Toulouse. On the other hand, coach Raul Gonzalez lost a key player in Dylan Nahi, who joined rivals Kielce.



FC Porto

The 2016 champions start their 2020/21 campaign with an impressive squad once again – and president Bertus Servaas has already announced three more reinforcements for the 2022/23 season. With the likes of Nicolas Tournat, Alex Dujšebaev and Andreas Wolff, and now Dylan Nahi added on the left wing, Kielce are among the serious candidates for an EHF FINAL4 ticket again.

The same goes for Veszprém. The Hungarian side, just like PSG, has its eye on the trophy for quite some time now, without actually winning it. Veszprém have to overcome the disappointment of last season's quarter-final loss to Nantes when they start on the road to Cologne once again – this time with former player Momir Ilic as coach on the bench, and a team more focused on local talents.



Flensburg have made the most of their geographic location and signed three Danish internationals and one Swedish. Half of the German team are from Scandinavia, making for an interesting blend. Coach Maik Machulla can be expected to steer his team on a long journey deep into this competition.



Will some might argue that the above mentioned team will finish in the top five of group B, nothing can be taken for granted with FC Porto, HC Motor and CS Dinamo Bucuresti the remaining competitors in this appealing section.

Porto (against Aalborg) and Motor (Barça) played against the eventual finalists in the play-offs – and held up well. Especially Porto went just narrowly down to the Danish surprise pack of 2020/21. It will be interesting to see how the Portuguese side recovers from losing Angel Gomes (Melsungen) and Miguel Martins (Szeged) – but inventive coach Magnus Andersson will come up with solutions for sure.



Getting out of the group for the first time last season, Motor look even stronger for the 2021/22 campaign, thanks to Jonas Truchanovicus' arrival. The left back won the Champions League with Montpellier in 2018 and his experience comes in handy for the Ukrainian side, who also signed Croatian international Luka Sebetic in its attempt to fulfil its quarter-final dreams this season.

Dinamo return to the Champions League after their European League campaign last year. The Romanian side had qualified for the 2019/20 Last 16, which unfortunately could never be played due to the coronavirus outbreak. They are back to get out of the group again this season, and will try to do so under new coach Xavi Pascual, who arrived from Barça. Also, line players Cédric Sorhaindo and Mohamed Mamdouh, left back Christian Dissinger and left wing Alex Pascual Garcia have all won the Champions League in the past, and they surely have it what it takes in Europe's top club handball competition.



*Kevin Domas*



# I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

## PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP B TEAMS

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Barça 1-0-6 (218:240) 2:12

20.10.2013	PSG Handball vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	29:33 (17:17)
15.02.2014	FC Barcelona vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	38:28 (19:9)
12.11.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:26 (15:12)
03.12.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	35:32 (14:14)
19.10.2019	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	36:32 (19:15)
01.12.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:35 (17:16)
28.12.2020	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	37:32 (18:14)

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs FC Porto 3-0-1 (112:109) 6:2

17.11.2007	FC do Porto/Vitalis vs Paris Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3	30:23 (14:11)
25.11.2007	Paris Handball vs FC do Porto/Vitalis, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3	26:20 (13:9)
18.11.2020	FC Porto vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:34 (16:12)
26.11.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs FC Porto, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:28 (15:11)

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Lomza Vive Kielce 6-0-3 (287:266) 12:6

28.05.2016	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	28:26 (16:16)
05.11.2017	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:28 (18:16)
26.11.2017	PGE Vive Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:30 (11:15)
21.04.2018	PGE Vive Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:34 (10:22)
28.04.2018	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	35:32 (17:15)
27.04.2019	PGE Vive Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:24 (16:11)
05.05.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	35:26 (18:11)
22.10.2020	Lomza Vive Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	35:33 (18:18)
23.02.2021	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group A	37:26 (19:10)

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 9-0-5 (416:412) 18:10

15.10.2005	SG Flensburg Handewitt vs Paris Handball, EHF Champions League – Group H	37:24 (17:13)
13.11.2005	Paris Handball vs SG Flensburg Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group H	33:31 (16:16)
19.09.2015	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	39:32 (21:16)
06.03.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	35:32 (16:16)
16.10.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:22 (13:11)
18.02.2017	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:34 (18:15)
30.09.2017	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:29 (13:14)
17.02.2018	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:21 (19:10)
10.11.2018	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:28 (12:15)
14.11.2018	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	20:27 (9:12)
06.11.2019	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:30 (13:14)
17.11.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (17:16)
23.09.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:29 (18:14)
25.02.2021	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:27 (19:10)

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Telekom Veszprém HC 7-1-4 (330:328) 15:9

19.04.2014	PSG Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:28 (14:12)
26.04.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:26 (12:12)
12.04.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:24 (10:12)
20.04.2015	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:28 (16:12)
25.10.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:27 (16:12)
28.11.2015	MVM Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:20 (16:14)
20.11.2016	Telekom Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:29 (14:15)
27.11.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Telekom Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:24 (14:12)
03.06.2017	Telekom Veszprém vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	26:27 (11:11)
12.11.2017	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:28 (19:14)
18.11.2017	Telekom Veszprém HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:29 (12:12)
29.12.2020	Telekom Veszprém HC vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	26:31 (11:14)

## Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

### Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs HC Motor 2-0-0 (66:54) 4:0

12.09.2018	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:35 (12:17)
03.03.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs HC Motor Zaporozhye, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:25 (16:13)

### Barça vs FC Porto

No previous encounters in European competitions

### Barça vs Lomza Vive Kielce 6-2-1 (296:266) 14:4

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

### Barça vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 8-0-2 (318:294) 16:4

18.12.1999	FC Barcelona vs SG Flensburg Handewitt, European Championship for Club Teams – Semi-Final	32:29 (16:14)
23.02.2007	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FC Barcelona-Cifec, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:21 (13:10)
03.03.2007	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:29 (14:12)
31.05.2014	FC Barcelona vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF FINAL4 - Semi-final	39:41 (17:18, 32:32, 36:36)
15.11.2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:37 (16:16)
23.11.2014	FC Barcelona vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	36:27 (14:16)
05.10.2016	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:28 (11:13)
26.02.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:23 (14:12)
30.10.2019	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:34 (12:18)
23.11.2019	Barça vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:27 (15:15)

### Barça vs Telekom Veszprém HC 16-1-6 (674:622) 33:13

13.04.1986	VAEV Epitök SC vs FC Barcelona, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:25 (13:12)
19.04.1986	FC Barcelona vs VAEV Epitök SC, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	29:19 (13:10)
21.02.1998	Fotex KC Veszprém vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:28 (19:13)
01.03.1998	FC Barcelona vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:27 (13:15)
31.01.1999	Fotex KC Veszprém vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:29 (14:15)
07.02.1999	FC Barcelona vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:24 (16:11)
14.11.1999	Fotex KC Veszprém vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:31 (13:16)
04.12.1999	FC Barcelona vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:21 (13:13)
13.12.2003	FC Barcelona vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Last 16	33:29 (18:15)
20.12.2003	Fotex KC Veszprém vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Last 16	31:26 (16:14)
25.04.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:27 (17:15)
01.05.2010	MKB Veszprém KC vs FC Barcelona Borges, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:34 (19:15)
27.03.2011	FC Barcelona Borges vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:21 (14:13)
02.04.2011	MKB Veszprém KC vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	30:26 (15:8)
01.06.2014	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	26:25 (9:10)
31.05.2015	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final	28:23 (14:10)
22.10.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs Telekom Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:23 (16:11)
11.02.2017	Telekom Veszprém vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	22:25 (14:13)
04.06.2017	Telekom Veszprém vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	34:30 (18:17)
22.09.2018	Barça Lassa vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:28 (17:14)
09.02.2019	Telekom Veszprém HC vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:26 (15:15)
04.02.2021	Telekom Veszprém HC vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:37 (15:19)
09.02.2021	Barça vs Telekom Veszprém HC, EHF Champions League – Group B	37:30 (15:15)

## Barça vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

### Barça vs HC Motor 2-0-0 (72:59) 4:0

17.09.2020	HC Motor vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:30 (11:13)
03.03.2021	Barça vs HC Motor, EHF Champions League – Group B	42:34 (23:18)

### FC Porto vs Lomza Vive Kielce 1-1-5 (196:226) 3:11

04.09.2009	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs FC Porto/Vitalis, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 4	32:23 (14:9)
29.09.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs FC Porto Vitalis, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	35:23 (16:13)
07.02.2014	FC Porto Vitalis vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:35 (14:16)
28.09.2019	FC Porto Sofarma vs PGE VIVE Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:30 (15:12)
15.02.2020	PGE VIVE Kielce vs FC Porto Sofarma, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:25 (12:12)
29.10.2020	FC Porto vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:32 (19:17)
09.02.2021	Lomza Vive Kielce vs FC Porto, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (19:14)

### FC Porto vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 0-0-1 (29:36) 0:2

30.09.2020	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FC Porto, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:29 (15:15)
26.02.2021	FC Porto vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group A	10:0 (0:0)*

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

### FC Porto vs Telekom Veszprém HC 0-0-2 (69:52) 0:4

13.10.2019	Telekom Veszprém HC vs FC Porto Sofarma, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	38:28 (19:16)
08.02.2020	FC Porto Sofarma vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:31 (9:14)

## FC Porto vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

### FC Porto vs HC Motor 0-1-2 (90:98) 1:5

06.09.2014	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs Futebol Clube do Porto, VELUX EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament Group 2	30:26 (17:12)
19.10.2019	FC Porto Sofarma vs HC Motor Zaporozhye, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	35:35 (15:15)
27.11.2019	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs FC Porto Sofarma, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:29 (19:16)

### Lomza Vive Kielce vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 1-3-2 (172:175) 5:7

23.04.2016	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:28 (13:14)
27.04.2016	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:28 (14:13)
08.10.2017	PGE Vive Kielce vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:25 (10:10)
11.02.2018	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:32 (17:21)
16.09.2020	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Lomza Vive Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:30 (14:14)
04.03.2021	Lomza Vive Kielce vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:31 (17:19)

### Lomza Vive Kielce vs Telekom Veszprém HC 3-1-10 (405:447) 7:21

18.10.2003	Fotex KC Veszprém vs KS 'Vive' Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group G	31:24 (21:12)
15.11.2003	KS 'Vive' Kielce vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group G	30:41 (19:19)
17.10.2009	MKB Veszprém KC vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group B	33:26 (16:11)
06.03.2010	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:32 (14:14)
02.10.2011	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:29 (10:17)
11.02.2012	MKB Veszprém KC vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:24 (13:12)
29.05.2016	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final	39:38 (13:17, 29:29, 35:35)
15.10.2017	PGE Vive Kielce vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:32 (16:15)
02.12.2017	Telekom Veszprém HC vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:26 (15:15)
15.09.2018	Telekom Veszprém HC vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:27 (14:13)
02.03.2019	PGE Vive Kielce vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	35:36 (21:18)
01.06.2019	Telekom Veszprém HC vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	33:30 (13:13)
02.11.2019	PGE VIVE Kielce vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	34:33 (17:17)
23.11.2019	Telekom Veszprém HC vs PGE VIVE Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	28:24 (13:15)

### Lomza Vive Kielce vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

### Lomza Vive Kielce vs HC Motor 5-1-0 (191:167) 11:1

12.10.2014	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs HC Motor Zaporozhye, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	30:26 (17:14)
18.02.2015	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	27:28 (19:10)
23.03.2019	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs PGE Vive Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	33:33 (16:16)
30.03.2019	PGE Vive Kielce vs HC Motor Zaporozhye, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	34:29 (17:12)
22.09.2019	PGE VIVE Kielce vs HC Motor Zaporozhye, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:26 (22:11)
20.02.2020	HC Motor Zaporozhye vs PGE VIVE Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	26:33 (14:19)



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Stade Pierre de Coubertin**  
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Capacity: 3,500

# PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL



After changing a large part of their roster last summer, Paris Saint-Germain Handball have not signed any new players ahead of the 2021/22 season.

But with important players on the verge of leaving the club, including Mikkel Hansen's move to Aalborg Håndbold in 2022, is this going to be a crucial year for PSG in their hunt for a first EHF Champions League title?

- PSG qualified for their 10th Champions League campaign by winning their seventh straight French league title
- Paris played five of the last six EHF FINAL4 events, but reached the final only once – in 2017
- the French side did not sign any new players but welcomed the return of Sadou Ntanzi, who was on loan in Toulouse last season
- two key defenders left the club in the offseason: Viran Morros (Füchse Berlin) and Dylan Nahi (Lomza Vive Kielce)

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 10  
Final (1): 2016/17  
Semi-finals (4): 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2020/21  
Quarter-finals (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*: 8 titles (2013, 2015-21)

*French cup*: 5 titles (2007, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2021)



**9** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

**44** **GOALS**  
Most goals

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	42:24 (22:10) v THW Kiel GER (h), 12.03.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005
<b>Longest winning run</b>	9 matches (08.10.2017 – 17.02.2018)
	9 matches (27.05.2018 – 14.11.2018)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	10 matches (11.02.2017 – 03.06.2017)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
<b>Most goals</b>	44 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021
<b>Fewest goals</b>	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
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	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
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	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	20	13	1	6	583:496	+87	27:13		Third place
2021/22 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	10	5	2	3	331:295	+36	12:8		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4831:4384</b>	<b>+447</b>	<b>224:96</b>		



**Raul Gonzalez Gutierrez**  
Coach

- former stalwart of BM Valladolid and centre back 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**

**Arrivals during season**

none

**Departures during season**

none

# 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	188	86
3	Valentin	Bzdynga	FRA	Right Wing	19/07/2002	Lambres lez Douai, 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, FRA	215	135
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
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	108
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
<b>C</b> 22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	19/04/1988	Strasbourg, FRA	202	90
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	22/10/1987	Helsingør, DEN	192	93
26	Louis	Perreux	FRA	Centre Back	28/04/2002	Lyon, FRA	179	72
33	Victor	Crenn	FRA	Right Back	17/02/2003	Nogent sur Mame, FRA	197	95
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
90	Leo	Plantin	FRA	Left Wing	01/05/2003	Toulouse, FRA	180	80
98	Gautier	Loredon	FRA	Line Player	15/10/2002	Le Lamentin, FRA	200	103



## 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: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, B 2019; EURO: B 2018



## Mathieu Grébillé

 @mat\_grebillé

### 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

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### Left back

- has started his 10th and final season with PSG, before going back to Denmark in summer of 2022 to join CL 2020/21 runners-up Aalborg
- played EHF FINAL4 six times, including four with PSG, but is yet to win the trophy
- IHF Player of the Year in 2011, 2015 and 2018; also MVP and best scorer at WCh 2019
- son of former Danish international Flemming, having grown into a top player at GOG
- holds record for most CL goals in one season: 141 in 2015/16

OG: G 2016, S 2020; EURO: G 2012, S 2014, B 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013



## Luc Steins

 @luc\_steins

### Centre back

- 1.73m-tall Dutch international, who joined PSG in November 2020 to make up for Nikola Karabatic's long-term knee injury
- missed EHF FINAL4 2020 after positive Covid-19 test but did play at 2021 edition
- arrived in France in 2016, first played for Massy in the national second league, before joining Tremblay and, in 2019, Toulouse
- made EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team after leading Netherlands into main round



## 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: G 2020, 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\_reмили

### Right back

- signed with PSG in the summer of 2016 from his only previous club, Créteil, but will leave Paris to join Kielce in Poland after the 2021/22 season
- very regular scorer for PSG in the CL, netting 369 times in his five seasons so far
- Kamel, his father, was a professional handball player
- made national team debut in 2016, helped win France world title next year

OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, B 2019



## Ferran Solé

 @ferransole14

### Right wing

- joined PSG in summer of 2020, his third 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

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

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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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


**Playing hall**  
**Palau Blaugrana**

Av. Aristides Maillol, s/n  
08028 Barcelona  
Spain  
Capacity: 7,585

# BARÇA



After 12 seasons that saw 61 trophies for Barça, Xavi Pascual's tenure as coach of the Spanish powerhouse ended on a high last June, as the club won their ninth EHF Champions League Men title.

The 2021/22 season will be full of new faces at the reigning champions, as Antonio Carlos Ortega replaced Pascual, while crucial players like Raul Enterrerrios and Aron Pálmarsson will not be part of the roster anymore.

- Barça have qualified for the EHF FINAL4 in eight of the last 11 seasons and hold the record for most participations
- the club lost eight players over the summer, including talisman Raul Enterrerrios, who retired after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics
- players from three continents and nine different countries are represented in the roster for this season
- Barça can become the first club winning Champions League 10 times
- the last team to retain their Champions League title was Ciudad Real, in 2008/09

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 25  
 Winners (9): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2020/21  
 Final (4): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2019/20  
 Semi-finals (4): 2007/08, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2018/19  
 Quarter-finals (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2015/16  
 Last 16 (2): 2003/04, 2017/18  
 Main Round (1): 2008/09

### Other

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

*Spanish league*: 28 titles (1969, 1973, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988-92, 1996-2000, 2003, 2006, 2011-21)

*Spanish cup*: 25 titles (1969, 1972-73, 1983-85, 1988, 1990, 1993-94, 1997-98, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009-10, 2014-2021)

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS



**22** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**46** GOALS  
Most goals

**82** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

<b>Biggest win</b>	17:43 (9:21) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (a), 19.11.2011
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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
<b>Longest winning run</b>	22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	2 matches (nine times)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	3 matches (30.05.2010 – 03.10.2010)
	3 matches (03.06.2017 – 17.09.2017)
	3 matches (28.10.2021 – 24.11.2021)
<b>Most goals</b>	46 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v THW Kiel GER 41:31L (a), 06.04.2008
	41 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41L (a), 31.05.2014
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	82 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
<b>Fewest goals</b>	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
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	11 v Aalborg Handball DEN 11:31W (a), 15.03.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	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	20	20	0	0	721:562	+159	40:0	Winner	
2021/22 Barça ESP	10	5	2	3	311:287	+24	12:8		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10709:8954</b>	<b>+1755</b>	<b>500:144</b>		





## Carlos Ortega

Coach

- former Spanish international, taking over at Barça from the legendary Xavi Pascual, who won more than 60 titles during his 12 seasons in charge at the club
- in his successful playing career as a right back and wing, Ortega won the CL six times in his 11 years with Barça
- scored more than 500 goals for the Spanish national team
- started his coaching career in Antequera in 2005; later worked at Veszprém (HUN), Kolding (DEN), and Hannover (GER)

**EC trophies: CL 1996-2000, 2005; CWC 1995; EHF Cup 2003**  
**OG: B 2000; EURO: S 1998, B 2000 (all as player)**

### Arrivals during season

Youssef Ben Ali (TUN/Al-Arabi)  
 Ali Zein (EGY/Al Sharjah)  
 Pablo Urdangarin (ESP/Barça B)

### Departures during season

none

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
C 1	Gonzalo	Perez de Vargas	ESP	Goalkeeper	10/01/1991	Toledo, ESP	190	93
3	Aleksandar	Cenic	SRB	Right Back	11/01/2003	Leskovac, SRB	201	100
10	Dika	Mem	FRA	Right Back	31/08/1997	Paris, FRA	194	90
12	Jordi	Gonzalez Perez	ESP	Goalkeeper	08/05/1988	Bordils, ESP	188	85
13	Aitor	Ariño	ESP	Left Wing	05/10/1992	Penarth, GBR	187	81
15	Albert	Pujol Armendariz	ESP	Line Player	15/04/1991	S. Quirze del Vallès, ESP	195	90
18	Blaz	Janc	SLO	Right Wing	20/11/1996	Brezice, SLO	185	85
19	Timothey	N'guessan	FRA	Left Back	18/09/1992	Massy, FRA	192	96
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	Marti	Soler Biescas	ESP	Left Wing	28/04/2003	Barcelona, ESP	190	75
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05/07/1993	Ogulin, CRO	182	90
32	Angel	Fernandez Perez	ESP	Left Wing	16/09/1988	Santander, ESP	192	90
33	Artur	Parera Ibanez	ESP	Line Player	28/08/2002	Barcelona, ESP	185	75
35	Domen	Makuc	SLO	Line Player	01/07/2000	Postojna, SLO	188	82
37	Haniel Vincius	Langaro Inoue	BRA	Right Back	07/03/1995	Umarama, BRA	196	100
40	Leonel Carlos	Maciel	ARG	Goalkeeper	04/01/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	192	87
41	Youssef	Ben Ali	TUN	Line Player	03/02/1987	TUN	193	102
44	Juan	Palomino Moron	ESP	Left Back	11/10/2001	Antequera, ESP	193	72
66	Melvyn	Richardson	FRA	Right Back	31/01/1997	France, FRA	190	85
72	Ludovic	Fabregas	FRA	Line Player	01/07/1996	Perpignan, FRA	198	98
77	Pablo	Urdangarin	ESP	Right Wing	06/12/2000	Barcelona, ESP	191	75
82	Luis	Frade	POR	Line Player	11/09/1998	Rio Tinto, POR	194	115
90	Ali	Zein	EGY	Left Back	14/12/1990	Giza, EGY	199	95



## 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
- won his third CL title in 2020/21 season; was the CL 2016/17 All-star goalkeeper
- 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, 2015, 2021

OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016, 2022, B 2014; WCh: B 2021



## Angel Fernandez Perez

 @angel\_f32

### Left wing

- returned to Spain in summer of 2021 after three seasons with Kielce in Poland
- previously played for La Rioja; named best left wing in Spain three times (2016-18)
- part of Spanish national team that won EHF EURO gold in 2018 and 2020
- started playing football aged six in his local team Astillero before switching to handball

OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022



## Timothy N'guessan

 @timoute19

### Left back

- French international, who arrived at Barça in the summer of 2016 from his only previous club: Chambéry in France
- scored 34 goals for Barça on their way to the CL title in 2020/21
- struggled with injuries and missed EHF EURO 2020, but got back his best the following season, winning the CL with Barça and Olympic gold with France

CL: 2021

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



## Blaz Janc

 @janc8

### Right wing

- one of the biggest talents of Slovenian handball; made CL debut at age 15 and scored more than 100 CL goals as teenager
- joined Barça in summer 2020 from Kielce and scored 48 times in his first season
- top scorer for Slovenia at 2016 Olympics, won bronze at WCh 2017 few months later
- a versatile left-hander who can play at right back and on the wing

EC trophies: CL 2021

WCh: B 2017



## Luka Cindric

 @luka\_cindric25

### 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

- joined Barça after winning CL in 2018 with Montpellier, scoring six goals in the final, and lifted the trophy again with the Spanish side in 2021
- CL All-star line player in 2016/17 and 2020/21, and best young player in 2018/19
- was youth world champion in mountain biking before turning to handball only at age 15

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2021  
OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, B 2019



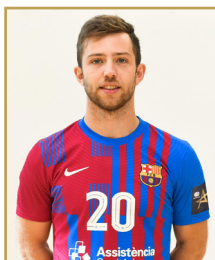
## Dika Mem

 @dikamem

### Right back

- Barça's leading scorer on their way to winning the CL 2020/21 with 93 goals
- CL All-star right back in 2017/18 and again in 2020/21
- joined from French club Tremblay in 2016 at age 19, soon became key player
- won two Olympic and two WCh medals and EHF EURO bronze with France
- his two older brothers are both basketball players

EC trophies: CL 2021  
OG: G 2020; EURO: B 2018; WCh: G 2017, B 2019



## Aleix Gomez

 @aleixgomez11

### Right wing

- young talent coming through club's youth ranks since 2009
- contributed massively to Barça's CL triumph in 2020/21, scoring 92 goals that season
- had previously been sharing right wing position with Victor Tomas, who retired in 2020
- made CL All-star Team in 2019/20 as best young player, and in 2020/21 as right wing; also member of EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team where Spain won silver

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

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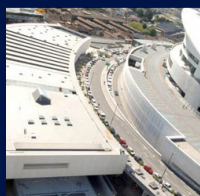
## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white and blue  
Shorts: blue or white  
Goalkeeper shirt: grey

## Dark

Player shirt: dark blue  
Player shorts: dark blue  
Goalkeeper shirt: orange



## Playing hall

**Pavilhão Dragão Arena**  
Via Futebol Clube do Porto  
4350419 Porto  
Portugal  
Capacity: 2,225

## FC PORTO



FC Porto have won several titles in Portugal, including the domestic championship in 2021, and have been increasingly competitive in the European scene.

Last season, the team in blue and white only lost in the play-offs of the EHF Champions League on away goals against eventual finalists Aalborg.

For 2021/22, Porto return with an appetite for something bigger.

## Main facts:

- going into group phase for third straight season
- with a third place in the EHF Cup 2018/19, FC Porto has stood out in European handball in recent seasons
- Magnus Andersson heads into his fourth season as head coach
- their impressive performances have seen the talented Miguel Martins (Szeged) and André Gomes (Melsungen) move abroad
- Alfredo Quintana's tragic passing devastated the club and the wider sporting world last season and his spirit has lived on in the team

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 12

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Last 16 (1): 2019/20\*

Group phase (2): 2013/14, 2015/16

Qualification (7): 1999/00, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15

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

## Other

EHF Cup: 3rd: 2018/19; Group Phase: 2014/15, 2016/17; Last 16: 1998/99, 2010/11, 2011/12  
Cup Winner's Cup: Quarter-final 2000/01, 2001/02; Last 16: 1996/97, 2007/08

*Portuguese league:* 22 titles (1954, 1957-60, 1963-65, 1968, 1999, 2002-04, 2009-15, 2019, 2021)

*Portuguese cup:* 9 titles (1976-77, 1979-80, 1994, 2006-07, 2019, 2021)



**3** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

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

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	37:15 (16:7) v Vojvodina SRB (h), 05.12.2015
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	33:19 (18:4) v Paris Saint-Germain FRA (a), 18.11.2021
<b>Longest winning run</b>	3 matches (01.10.2015 – 17.10.2015)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	3 matches (01.10.2015 – 17.10.2015)
	3 matches (19.10.2019 – 10.11.2019)
	3 matches (15.10.2020 – 29.10.2020)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (22.09.2013 – 12.10.2013)
	3 matches (27.11.2019 – 15.02.2020)
	3 matches (18.11.2021 – 02.12.2021)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	6 matches (14.10.2021 – 02.12.2021)
<b>Most goals</b>	38 v Elverum Handball NOR 30:39L (h), 04.03.2021
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	39 v Lomza Vive Kielce POL 39:33L (a), 20.10.2021
	39 v Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA 30:39L (h), 25.11.2021
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	72 v Lomza Vive Kielce POL 39:33L (a), 20.10.2021
<b>Fewest goals</b>	19 v Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA 33:19L (a), 18.11.2021
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	15 v Vojvodina SRB 37:15W (h), 05.12.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	43 v Dunkerque HB FRA 22:21W (h), 20.10.2013

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2013/14 FC Porto Vitalis POR	10	2	1	7	241:278	-37	5:15	5th Gr. B	
2015/16 Futebol Clube do Porto POR	10	7	0	3	296:265	+31	14:6	3rd Gr. C	
2019/20 FC Porto Sofarma POR	14	6	2	6	400:410	-10	14:14	Last 16*	
2020/21 FC Porto POR	16	6	2	8	417:408	+9	14:18	Play-offs	
2021/22 FC Porto POR	10	3	1	6	280:322	-42	21:31		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1634:1683</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>68:84</b>		

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



## Magnus Andersson

### Coach

- Swedish former centre back, going into his 11th season as a coach, and fourth with Porto after joining the club in 2018
- previously coached teams like Göppingen, Malmö and København as well as the national team of Austria
- led Göppingen to two EHF Cup titles, in 2016 and 2017
- in his playing days, he was a centre back who competed at three Olympics as part of Sweden's golden generation, winning two world and four EHF EURO titles

**EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016, 2017 (as coach)**

**WCh: G 1990, 1999, S 1997, 2001, B 1993, 1995; EURO: G 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002; OG: S 1992, 1996, 2000 (as player)**

### Arrivals during the season

Diogo Oliveira (HSC Suhr-Aarau/SUI)  
Goncalo Morgado

### Departures during the season

none

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
9	Pedro	Cruz	POR	Left Back	06/06/1984	Gaia, POR	190	92
16	Nikola	Mitrevski	MKD	Goalkeeper	03/10/1985	Bitola, MKD	188	84
88	Fabio Ramos	Magalhães	POR	Left Back	12/03/1988	Lisboa, POR	193	90
25	Antonio	Areia Rodrigues	POR	Right Wing	21/06/1990	Lisboa, POR	189	91
19	Ivan	Sliskovic	CRO	Left Back	23/10/1991	Split, CRO	197	98
14	Rui	Silva	POR	Centre Back	28/04/1993	Guimaraes, POR	186	80
30	Sebastian Leth	Frandsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/05/1994	Aarhus, DEN	201	103
<b>C 15</b>	Daymaro	Salina Amador	POR	Line Player	01/09/1987	Havana, CUB	200	101
23	Diogo	Branquinho	POR	Left Wing	25/07/1994	Aveiro, POR	185	94
24	Diogo	Silva da Borges	POR	Right Back	02/07/1998	Porto, POR	198	99
29	Miguel	Alves	POR	Right Wing	22/07/1996	Porto, POR	189	89
10	Diogo	De Abreu Oliveira	POR	Centre Back	07/05/1997	Matosinhos, POR	193	97
4	Victor Manuel	Iturriza Alvarez	POR	Line Player	22/05/1990	Havana, CUB	193	117
21	Leonel	Fernandes	POR	Left Wing	12/03/1998	Porto, POR	186	80
2	Pedro	Veitia Valdez	CUB	Left Back	17/08/1994	Havana, CUB	190	101
33	Diogo	Rema Marques	POR	Goalkeeper	17/03/2004	Porto, POR	190	88
99	Goncalo	Oliveira	POR	Goalkeeper	16/04/2002	SJ Madeira, POR	192	100
11	Djibril Omar	Mbengue	GER	Right Back	13/05/1992	Stuttgart, GER	195	107
44	Jesus	Hurtado Vergara	COL	Line Player	16/05/2002	Buenaventura, COL	203	94
69	Ricardo	Brandao	POR	Line Player	28/04/2004	Aveiro, POR	195	105
60	Nuno	Oliveira	POR	Left Wing	22/09/2004	Ermesinde, POR	180	80
80	Tomas	Teixeira	POR	Right Wing	12/04/2005	Porto, POR	178	80
99	Goncalo	Morgado	POR	Goalkeeper	20/04/2004	Braga, POR	188	86





## Nikola Mitrevski

### Goalkeeper

- joined Porto in summer of 2020 from Eurofarm Rabotnik after playing in many clubs across Europe, including Vardar and Metalurg
- previously played in Portugal for Benfica, from 2015 to 2017
- won domestic league titles in Portugal and North Macedonia
- formed strong tandem with the late Alfredo Quintana



## Diogo Branquinho

 @diogobranquinho\_

### Left wing

- after several years at ABC - and winning Challenge Cup with them in 2015/16 - he joined FC Porto in 2017
- won all domestic titles (league, cup, Super Cup) with ABC and again with Porto
- very strong in counterattack, Branquinho is a regular in Portuguese national team
- made his debut for Portugal against Germany in 2016

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2016



## Ivan Slišković

### Left back

- Croatian international, who joined Porto in 2020 from German side Göppingen
- started career at RK Nexe but has been playing outside Croatia since 2013, when he joined Celje in Slovenia; also had two-year stint at Veszprém in Hungary
- was part of the Croatian team that won bronze at the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland

EURO: B 2016



## Rui Silva

 @ruiisilva14

### Centre back

- after five years at Sporting CP, he arrived at domestic rivals FC Porto in 2015 and quickly became a key player for the club
- an intelligent athlete and essential in the team's offensive maneuver
- very important in 7-against-6 tactics for his team
- assists well for the pivot, also a strong finisher



## Daymaro Salina

 @daymarosalina

### Line player

- Cuba-born player who joined FC Porto in 2011 and stayed with the club ever since
- one of Porto's team captains, he has won several Portuguese league titles
- is an easy scorer and a defensive machine
- made his national team debut for Portugal against Qatar in 2016



## Diogo Silva

### Right back

- Portuguese international, who has been at Porto since 2016
- played the 2019/20 season on loan at Celje, and scored 28 goals for the Slovenian club in his first career CL season
- was MVP of the M18 EHF EURO 2018, and top scorer and member of the All-star Team at the M19 World Championship the following year



## Djibril M'Bengue

 @djibril\_mbengue11

### Right back

- German player who joined Porto in summer of 2018 after five years in Stuttgart
- right back with Senegalese roots, who has a great mentality on court
- physically strong player with an excellent shot



## Antonio Areia

 @antonioareia25

### Right wing

- arrived at FC Porto in 2015 after five seasons with league rivals SL Benfica
- previously played for Belenenses, from 2008-10
- left-handed wing, who is a true expert from the penalty line
- debuted for Portuguese national team against Romania in 2014 and has been a regular ever since, also played at EHF EURO 2020



## GROUP B



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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: yellow  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: grey

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

Hala M.O.S.I.R. – Legionów  
ul. Drogosza 2  
25-093 Kielce  
Poland  
Capacity: 4,200

## LOMZA VIVE KIELCE

Lomza Vive Kielce always belong to the contenders for an EHF FINAL4 spot. After their early exit from the EHF Champions League in the previous season, losing to HBC Nantes in the play-offs, the well-balanced and significantly strengthened squad of Talant Dujshebaev starts another 'mission Cologne' in a challenging group.

- Polish champions enter EHF Champions League for 10th straight time 19th time overall
- CL winners in 2016; played EHF FINAL4 three more times: 3rd in 2013 and 2015, 4th in 2019
- since 2014 the team is led by iconic coach Talant Dujshebaev; his sons Alex (since 2017) and Daniel (2018) also play for Kielce
- after knee surgery, Dani Dujshebaev is expected back on court in October
- Dylan Nahi is among the new arrivals; his former PSG teammates Benoît Kounkoud and Nedim Remili will follow in 2022

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 19

Winners (1): 2015/16

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

Quarter-finals (1): 2017/18

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Last 16 (7): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20\*

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

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

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

## Other

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

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 1995/96

Polish league: 18 titles (1993-94, 1996, 1998-99, 2003, 2009-10, 2012-21)

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



**18** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

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

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1999/00 KS Iskra-Lider Market POL	6	3	0	3	173:186	-13	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2003/04 KS 'Vive' Kielce POL	6	2	1	3	159:177	-18	5:7	3rd Gr. G	
2009/10 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	5	1	6	345:344	+1	11:13	Last 16	
2010/11 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	10	1	2	7	276:300	-24	4:16	6th Gr. A	
2011/12 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	6	1	5	345:336	+9	13:11	Last 16	
2012/13 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	469:400	+69	28:4	Third Place	
2013/14 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	7	1	4	362:331	+31	15:9	Last 16	
2014/15 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	483:439	+44	28:4	Third Place	
2015/16 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	20	14	4	2	614:577	+37	32:8	Winner	
2016/17 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	16	9	0	7	469:451	+18	18:14	Last 16	
2017/18 PGE Vive Kielce POL	18	8	3	7	555:524	+31	19:17	Quarter-final	
2018/19 PGE Vive Kielce POL	20	9	1	10	631:624	+7	19:21	Fourth Place	
2019/20 PGE VIVE Kielce POL	14	8	2	4	421:389	+32	18:10	Last 16*	
2020/21 Lomza Vive Kielce POL	16	10	1	5	498:472	+26	21:11	Play-offs	
2021/22 Lomza Vive Kielce POL	10	7	0	3	316:299	+17	14:6		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>6116:5849</b>	<b>+267</b>	<b>251:157</b>		

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



## Talant Dujshebaev

Coach

- won many trophies during his playing career with three different national teams: CIS, Russia, and Spain
- voted IHF World Player of the Year twice, in 1994 and 1996
- enjoying successful coaching career spanning well over a decade, which saw him win the CL four times
- father of Alex and Daniel, who both play in Kielce as backs; all three extended their contracts with the club in 2021

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

**Arrivals during the season:**

none

**Departures during the season:**

none

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1	Mateusz	Kornecki	POL	Goalkeeper	05/06/1994	Skarżysko-Kamienna, POL	194	92
2	Branko	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	20/04/1998	Niksic, MNE	196	94
4	Miguel Sanchez-	Migallon	ESP	Left Wing	08/02/1995	Ciudad Real, ESP	200	105
5	Michal	Olejniczak	POL	Centre Back	31/01/2001	Gorzów Wlkpl., POL	193	87
9	Szymon	Sicko	POL	Left Back	20/08/1997	Dabrowa Białostoka, POL	200	109
<b>C</b> 10	Alex	Dujšhebaev	ESP	Right Back	17/12/1992	Santander, ESP	188	93
11	Nicolas	Tournat	FRA	Line Player	05/04/1994	Niort, FRA	200	111
17	Faruk	Yusuf	NGR	Right Back	19/02/2004	Sokoto, NGR	185	82
18	Igor	Karacic	CRO	Centre Back	02/11/1988	Mostar, BIH	191	90
22	Uladzislau	Kulesh	BLR	Left Back	28/05/1996	Gomel, BLR	205	105
23	Arkadiusz	Moryto	POL	Right Wing	31/08/1997	Kraków, POL	183	84
24	Daniel	Dujšhebaev	ESP	Left Back	04/07/1997	Santander, ESP	197	104
25	Haukur	Thrastarson	ISL	Centre Back	14/04/2001	Selfoss, ISL	193	94
27	Cezary	Surgiel	POL	Left Wing	18/09/2002	Kielce, POL	188	81
33	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	03/03/1991	Euskirchen, GER	198	110
41	Damian	Domagala	POL	Line Player	30/12/2002	Zawiercie, POL	196	94
48	Tomasz	Gebala	POL	Left Back	23/11/1995	Gdynia, POL	212	124
50	Artsem	Karalek	BLR	Line Player	20/02/1996	Grodno, BLR	197	110
84	Sigvaldi Björn	Gudjonsson	ISL	Right Wing	04/07/1994	Reykjavik, ISL	193	86
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30/11/1999	Paris, FRA	192	102



## Andreas Wolff

 @andi\_jo\_wo

### Goalkeeper

- joined Kielce for his first foreign club in summer of 2019, arriving from THW Kiel; has meanwhile extended his contract with Kielce for many years until 2028
- started his career at Grosswallstadt and played for Wetzlar before moving to Kiel in 2016
- excelled during Germany's golden EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, with over 50% save rate in final against Spain, and was named All-star goalkeeper of the tournament

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019  
EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



## Dylan Nahi

 @dylan\_nahi99

### Left wing

- joined Kielce in summer of 2021 from PSG
- made debut in PSG's senior team at age 15 in August 2015, and became the youngest player ever at an EHF FINAL4 in 2017, when he was 17 years and 185 days old
- with 67 goals in total, including 14 in the quarter-final against defending champions Kiel, 2020/21 was his breakthrough season in the CL



## Tomasz Gebala

 @tomasz\_gebala

### Left back

- arrived at Kielce in 2019 from another Polish side, Orlen Wisla Plock
- had joined German side SC Magdeburg at 18, returned to Poland three years later
- shares the position with Uladzislau Kulesh, Daniel Dujshebaev and Szymon Sicko
- at 212 cm, one of the tallest CL players
- became Polish national team player in 2016 under Talant Dujshebaev



## Igor Karacic

 @igorkaracic

### Centre back

- joined Kielce in summer of 2019, replacing fellow Croatian national team player Luka Cindric, after winning CL for second time with Vardar
- speedy and tough player, excelling in one-on-one situations but prefers giving assists over scoring himself
- born in Mostar, he plays for Croatia but brother Ivan for Bosnia and Herzegovina
- awarded MVP of EHF FINAL4 2019 and All-star centre back of EHF EURO 2020

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



## Artsem Karalek

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### Line player

- born in Grodno, started career at local side Kronon, moved to SKA Minsk in 2014
- joined Saint-Raphael Var in France in 2016 and reached EHF Cup final in 2017/18, before moving to Kielce in Poland in summer of 2018
- born in 1996, one of biggest talents of Belarusian handball
- made his debut in Belarusian national team at age 17



## Nicolas Tournat

 @nicolas\_tournat

### Line player

- arrived from HBC Nantes in summer of 2020 as successor of Julien Aguinagalde
- played (and lost) three European finals with Nantes: EHF Cup 2013, 2016; CL 2018
- was awarded best line player of French league in past three years (2018-20)
- scored 850 goals for Nantes in six years (2014-20)

EURO: B 2018  
OG: G 2020



## Alex Dujshbaev

 @alexdujshebaev

### Right back

- son of coach Talant Dujshbaev, joined Kielce at start of 2017/18 season
- had four-year stay in Vardar, winning first CL trophy in club's history in 2017
- usually plays right back but also valuable in centre back position
- key player for Spain, helped team win back-to-back EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020

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



## Arkadiusz Moryto

 @arekmoryto

### Right wing

- arrived at Kielce from Zagłębie Lubin in 2018, after becoming youngest top scorer ever of Polish league in 2017/18 season, and was top scorer again in 2018/19
- awarded best wing player of Polish league in 2017 and 2018
- his role model was Ivan Cupic, who played at his position in Kielce until 2016
- has been part of Polish national team since WCh 2017



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Flens Arena**  
Campusallee 2  
24943 Flensburg  
Germany  
Capacity: 6,300

# SG FLENSBURG— HANDEWITT



Ten players from SG Flensburg-Handewitt were part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics - and all 10 made it at least to the quarter-finals. Having so many Olympians in the squad hampered preparation for the new season.

But after failing in the quarter-final five times in the past six years, the club that won the EHF Champions League 2013/14 wants to finally secure a ticket to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne again.

- again finished second in the Bundesliga last season but had the same number of points as champions THW Kiel
- their biggest success was winning the EHF Champions League trophy in 2014, which came in their only appearance to date at the EHF FINAL4
- Danish goalkeeper Kevin Møller returns from Barça and replaces Torbjørn Bergerud, and Emil Jakobsen will bid to fill Magnus Joendal's shoes on the left wing
- Danish international Lasse Møller will miss the 2021/22 season due to knee problems. Aaron Mensing will replace his countryman
- Maik Machulla starts his fifth season as Flensburg head coach

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 17

Winners (1): 2013/14

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

Semi-finals (1): 2005/2006

Quarter-finals (9): 2004/2005, 2008/2009, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2020/21

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

Main Round (1): 2007/2008

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

### 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 (2003-05, 2015)



**9** **MATCHES**  
Longest  
winning run

**44** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**80** **GOALS**  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	43:24 (23:12) v RK Metalurg Skopje MKD (h), 19.10.2006
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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
<b>Longest winning run</b>	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	44 v Redbergslichs IK SWE 44:33W (h), 22.11.2003
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 41:31L (a), 02.12.2006
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	80 v FC Barcelona ESP 39:41W (a), 31.05.2014
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v Montpellier HB FRA 29:17L (a), 29.04.2018
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	17 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 20:17W (h), 09.10.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	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	18	13	1	4	415:391		+24	27:9	Quarter-final
2021/22 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	10	4	1	5	278:280		-2	9:11	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>7034:6590</b>		<b>+444</b>	<b>310:178</b>	

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

Saison 2021/2022

SG Flensburg-Handewitt



## 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

### Arrivals during the season

Teitur Örn Einarsson (ISL/Kristianstad)  
Julius Meyer-Siebert  
Michael Müller

### Departures during the season

Oscar von Oettingen (Mors-Thy/DEN)

# 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	196	102
2	Mikael	Helmersson	SWE	Left Back	29/09/2003	Brixen, ITA	198	89
4	Johannes	Golla	GER	Line Player	05/11/1997	Wiesbaden, GER	195	112
5	Simon	Hald Jensen	DEN	Line Player	28/09/1994	Aalborg, DEN	203	120
6	Mark	Bult	NED	Right Back	07/09/1982	Emmen, NED	200	101
<b>C</b> 11	Lasse	Svan	DEN	Right Wing	31/08/1983	Stevns, DEN	185	85
<del>13</del>	<del>Oscar</del>	<del>van Oettingen</del>	<del>GER</del>	<del>Right Back</del>	<del>05/02/2003</del>	<del>Husum, GER</del>	<del>190</del>	<del>97</del>
14	Hampus	Wanne	SWE	Left Wing	10/12/1993	Lundby, SWE	185	87
16	Felix	Backhaus	GER	Goalkeeper	23/01/2002	Hamburg, GER	207	113
17	Julius	Meyer-Siebert	GER	Left Back	06/07/2000	Bayreuth, GER	206	104
19	Marius	Steinhauser	GER	Right Wing	06/02/1993	Karlsruhe, GER	187	85
22	Hans Aaron	Mensing	DEN	Left Back	11/11/1997	Gråsten, DEN	198	100
22	Mads	Mensah Larsen	DEN	Centre Back	12/08/1991	Holbæk, DEN	188	105
23	Gøran Søgard	Johannessen	NOR	Left Back	26/04/1994	Stavanger, NOR	193	96
24	Jim	Gottfridsson	SWE	Centre Back	02/09/1992	Ystad, SWE	191	93
27	Edward	Hammarberg	FIN	Centre Back	20/01/2002	Esbo, FIN	193	88
31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left Wing	24/01/1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190	86
32	Franz	Semper	GER	Right Back	05/07/1997	Leipzig, GER	191	102
34	Teitur Örn	Einarsson	ISL	Right Back	23/09/1998	Selfoss, ISL	190	90
35	Frederik	Adam	GER	Left Wing	31/07/2003	Langenfeld, GER	188	77
36	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/06/1989	Tondern, DEN	200	103
47	Torben	Hübke	GER	Line Player	16/05/2002	Berlin, GER	199	105
64	Lasse Kjaer	Møller	DEN	Left Back	11/06/1996	Gudme, DEN	199	104
66	Anton	Lindskog	SWE	Line Player	07/12/1993	Kristianstad, SWE	198	110
77	Magnus Abelvik	Rød	NOR	Right Back	07/07/1997	Oslo, NOR	204	108
99	Leon	Kirschberger	GER	Right Wing	01/12/2000	Berlin, GER	193	93



## 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



## Kevin Møller

 @kevinkam16

### Goalkeeper

- returned to Flensburg after three seasons with Barça, replacing Torbjörn Bergerud who moved to Møller's former club in Denmark: GOG
- ended his stint at the Spanish club with winning the CL final against Aalborg
- previously played for Flensburg in 2014-18, winning several domestic trophies
- is No. 2 in the Danish national team, behind Niklas Landin

EC trophies: CL 2021  
OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021; EURO: B 2022



## Emil Jakobsen

 @manfeldt98

### Left wing

- one of the best upcoming wing talents from Europe; arrived at Flensburg in summer of 2021 from GOG in his native Denmark, his only previous club
- was top scorer of EHF European League 2020/21, with 96 goals, and set a record for most domestic league goals in a single season in Denmark, with 244 goals
- debuted for Denmark in April 2019 and was part of team that won WCh 2021 in Egypt

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021; EURO: B 2022



## Jim Gottfridsson

 @gotte24

### Centre back

- comes from Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars
- played for Ystads IF 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 events in 2018 and 2022, All-star centre back at WCh 2021

EC trophies: CL 2014  
EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021



## Mads Mensah Larsen

 @madsmensah

### Centre back

- arrived in Flensburg in 2020 from Bundesliga rivals Rhein-Neckar Löwen, replacing Michal Jurecki who returned to his native Poland
- will return to Aalborg after the 2021/22 season; played for Aalborg before joining his former coach Nikolaj Jacobsen at Löwen in 2014
- started his career at AG København, and made it to the EHF FINAL4 in 2012
- son of a Danish mother and a Ghanaian father

WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2013; OG: G 2016, S 2020; EURO: S 2014, B 2022



## Johannes Golla

 @johgolla

### Line player

- one of Germany's biggest talents, arrived in Flensburg 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 and made EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team
- defence boss for the German national team at his WCh premiere in 2021



## Magnus Rød

 @magnusrod

### Right back

- plays his fifth season at Flensburg, missed most of 2020/21 due to injuries
- 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, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2014, B 2022

## GROUP B



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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 Kadartai út  
8200 Veszprém  
Hungary  
Capacity: 5,096

## TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



For Telekom Veszprém HC, each EHF Champions League season starts with the feeling it could be the year they finally win the crown jewel of their impressive trophy cabinet.

With major changes in the squad and on the bench for 2021/22, added to a tough draw for the group phase, they face another challenging task.

- the runners-up from 2002, 2015, 2016 and 2019 are still aiming for their first EHF Champions League title
- as the club terminated the contracts of Vuko Borozan and Nikolaj Markussen, question marks remain over the left back position
- former player Momir Ilic starts his first season as head coach, succeeding David Davis after nearly three years in charge
- Veszprém are coming off a disappointing season, missing the EHF FINAL4 in June and losing the Hungarian league title to Pick Szeged

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 27  
Final (4): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19  
Semi-finals (5): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20  
Quarter-finals (10): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2020/21  
Last 16 (4): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2017/18  
Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

## Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Winners 2008, Finalists 1997  
*SEHA-league*: 2 titles (2015, 2016)

*Hungarian league*: 26 titles (1985-86, 1992-1995, 1997-99, 2001-06, 2008-17, 2019)  
*Hungarian Cup*: 28 titles (1984, 1988-1992, 1994-1996, 1998-2000, 2002-05, 2007, 2009-18, 2021)



**12** MATCHES  
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winning run

**47** GOALS  
Most goals

**79** GOALS  
Most goals  
both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Fotex Veszprém HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147	-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Fotex Veszprém HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204	+24	11:5	Quarter-final	
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188	+12	7:9	Quarter-final	
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202	+1	8:8	Quarter-final	
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267	+43	18:6	Runner-up	
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238	+38	16:4	Semi-final	
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276	+30	14:6	Quarter-final	
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259	+58	14:6	Quarter-final	
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318	+55	18:6	Semi-final	
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288	+50	14:6	Quarter-final	
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171	+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F	
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320	+31	16:8	Quarter-final	
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368	+51	22:6	Quarter-final	
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338	+35	18:6	Last 16	
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322	-1	14:10	Last 16	
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348	+62	22:6	Quarter-final	
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410	+67	23:9	Fourth Place	
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423	+57	27:5	Runner-up	
2015/16 MVM Veszprém HUN	20	15	2	3	600:539	+61	32:8	Runner-up	
2016/17 Telekom Veszprém HUN	20	13	2	5	549:511	+38	28:12	Third Place	
2017/18 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	9	2	5	466:439	+27	20:12	Last 16	
2018/19 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	20	15	0	5	589:543	+46	30:10	Runner-up	
2019/20 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	10	0	6	509:453	+56	20:12	Fourth Place	
2020/21 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	18	12	2	4	583:511	+72	26:10	Quarter-final	
2021/22 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	10	6	0	4	316:288	+28	12:8		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>9456:8515</b>	<b>+941</b>	<b>448:196</b>		



# TELEKOM VESZPRÉM

2021 2022



**Momir Ilic**  
Coach

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

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

## Arrivals

Krisztian Istvan Mikler (HUN)

## Departures during the season

Mark Daniel Bodor

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Dejan	Manaskov	MKD	Left Wing	26/08/1992	Veles, MKD	182	86
5	Yahia Khaled	Fathy Omar	EGY	Right Back	09/09/1997	Giza, EGY	197	97
12	Rodrigo	Corrales Rodal	ESP	Goalkeeper	24/01/1991	Cangas, ESP	200	104
13	Petar	Nenadic	SRB	Left Back	28/06/1986	Beograd, SRB	198	97
15	Jorge	Maqueda Peno	ESP	Right Back	06/02/1988	Toledo, ESP	197	102
16	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/02/1994	Belgrade, SRB	199	116
18	Andreas	Nilsson	SWE	Line Player	12/04/1990	Trelleborg, SWE	198	130
23	Patrik	Ligetvári	HUN	Left Back	13/02/1996	Várpalota, HUN	203	115
24	Gaspar	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	20/08/1990	Celje, SLO	180	89
<b>C</b> 25	Rasmus	Lauge Schmidt	DEN	Left Back	20/06/1991	Randers, DEN	195	102
26	Manuel	Strlek	CRO	Left Wing	01/12/1988	Zagreb, CRO	185	86
27	Péter	Lukács	HUN	Centre Back	30/07/2002	Budapest, HUN	190	75
31	Blaz	Blagotinsek	SLO	Line Player	17/01/1994	Celje, SLO	203	125
35	Kentin	Mahe	FRA	Centre Back	22/05/1991	Paris, FRA	186	90
43	Zoran	Ilic	HUN	Right Back	02/01/2002	Zenta, SRB	197	96
48	Borisz	Dörnyei	HUN	Right Wing	23/07/1999	Veszprém, HUN	184	81
61	Kristian Istvan	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	05/01/2002	Budapest, HUN	192	80
66	Mate	Lekai	HUN	Centre Back	16/06/1988	Budapest, HUN	190	92
77	Márk	Bodor	ROU	Left Back	23/02/2000	Sighisoara, ROU	201	106
88	Adrián	Sipos	HUN	Line Player	08/03/1990	Szombathely, HUN	198	106



## Rodrigo Corrales

 @rodrigao016

### Goalkeeper

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

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



## 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-Zamalek at Veszprém in 2019
- won the SEHA-League in his first season at the club and made it to the EHF FINAL4
- scored 56 goals in his second CL season, in 2020/21
- was top scorer for Egypt with 11 goals in historic WCh 2021 quarter-final against Denmark, which the eventual world champions won in a 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 saw 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, 2022, B 2014



## Gasper Marguc

 @gaspermarguc

### Right wing

- came to Veszprém in 2014 from Celje, where he had played since 2009
- scored 60 goals in CL 2020/21 season; his best season was 2015/16, with 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

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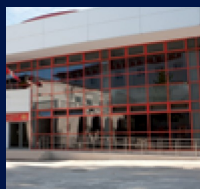
## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Dinamo Bucuresti Arena**  
Sos. Stefan cel Mare  
n° 7-9, sec 2  
020121 Bucuresti  
Romania  
Capacity: 2,538

# C.S. DINAMO BUCURESTI



Dinamo aimed high and landed an eye-catching transfer with Spanish coach Xavi Pascual joining from Barça. It was a big statement for Dinamo, who are back with a bang in the EHF Champions League Men and hoping to make their fans proud against the European powerhouses that will visit the Romanian capital in the next months.

- Dinamo are back in the EHF Champions League after playing in the European League group phase last season
- the Romanian side have a superb home record in the Champions League, winning 11 of the last 12 games in their arena
- a core of experienced players has been retained as Dinamo bring in eight new players and release seven
- among the newcomers are three-time Champions League winner Cedric Sorhaindo and German left back Christian Dissinger
- Xavi Pascual, after leading Barça to the Champions League title last season, is Dinamo's new coach, replacing Constantin Stefan

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 8  
Last 16 (1): 2019/20\*  
Group phase (4): 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19  
Qualification (2): 1995/96, 1997/98  
\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

### Other

*EHF European League*: Group Phase: 2020/21  
*EHF Cup*: Semi-finals: 2003/04; Last 16: 2001/02, 2004/05  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-finals: 2002/03  
*Challenge Cup*: Final: 2000/01, Semi-finals: 2007/08  
*City Cup*: Semi-finals: 1999/2000  
*European Champions' Cup*: 1 title (1965)  
*IHF Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up: 1983

*Romanian league*: 17 titles (1959-62, 1964-66, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2016-19, 2021)

*Romanian cup*: 6 titles (1979, 1982, 1988, 2017, 2020-21)



**12** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

**35** **GOALS**  
Most goals

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

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	34:23 (15:13) v Chekhovskie med. RUS (h), 20.11.2019
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	40:17 (19:9) v BM Ciudad Real ESP (a), 06.11.2005
<b>Longest winning run</b>	3 matches (26.09.2018 – 14.10.2018) 3 matches (25.09.2016 – 09.10.2016) 3 matches (18.09.2019 – 12.10.2019)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	12 matches (12.09.2019 – 01.12.2019)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (08.10.2017 – 30.11.2017)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	7 matches (08.10.2017 – 30.11.2017)
<b>Most goals</b>	35 v HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 35:31W (h), 29.09.2016 35 v ABC/UMinho POR 35:29W (h), 01.12.2016 35 v Wacker Thun SUI 35:34W (h), 26.09.2018 35 v Abanca Ademar Leon ESP 35:30W (h), 08.11.2018 35 v GOG DEN 35:28W (h), 25.09.2019
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	47 v Telekom Veszprém HC HUN 47:32L (a), 02.12.2021
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	79 v Telekom Veszprém HC HUN 47:32L (a), 02.12.2021
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v BM Ciudad Real 40:17L (a), 06.11.2005
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	20 v Chekhovskie medvedi RUS 20:30W (a), 12.10.2019 20 v OrLEN Wisla Plock POL 29:20W (h), 30.10.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	45 v OrLEN Wisla Plock POL 24:21W (h), 14.10.2018

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2005/06 Dinamo Baumeit Bucuresti ROU	6	1	0	5	148:198	-50	2:10	4th Gr. F	
2016/17 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	10	3	2	5	294:294	0	8:12	4th Gr. D	
2017/18 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	10	1	0	9	278:324	-46	2:18	6th Gr. C	
2018/19 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	12	7	0	5	350:339	+11	14:10	Elimination C+D	
2019/20 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	12	9	3	0	350:305	+45	21:3	Last 16*	
2021/22 Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	10	3	0	7	293:331	-38	6:14		
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1713:1791</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>53:67</b>		

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



## Xavi Pascual

### Coach

- legendary Spanish coach who joined Dinamo in 2021 after 12 highly successful seasons at the helm of Barça, winning more than 60 trophies, including three CL titles
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the club in 2005 before taking over as head coach four years later
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's success (7 out of 7) in 1999/2000
- also coached Romanian national team for two years (2016-18) and returned just before the 2021/22 season

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

### Arrivals during the season

Eduardo Gurbindo (ESP/Vardar)

### Departures during the season

Kamel Alouini (Dunkerque/FRA)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Calin	Dedu	ROU	Line Player	21/10/2002	Bucuresti, ROU	208	113
7	Dan Emil	Racotea	ROU	Left Back	21/07/1995	Brasov, ROU	202	98
9	Amine	Bannour	TUN	Right Back	21/02/1990	Mahdia, TUN	196	95
<del>10</del>	<del>Kamel</del>	<del>Alouini</del>	<del>TUN</del>	<del>Centre Back</del>	<del>06/07/1988</del>	<del>La Marsa, TUN</del>	<del>187</del>	<del>86</del>
15	Valentin Marian	Ghionea	ROU	Right Wing	29/04/1984	Craiova, ROU	197	90
18	Eduardo	Gurbindo	ESP	Right Back	08/11/1987	Pamplona, ESP	196	91
22	Khalifa	Ghedbane	ALG	Goalkeeper	26/11/1996	M'sila, ALG	200	110
23	Saeid	Heidarirad	IRI	Goalkeeper	22/09/1990	Khorramabad, IRI	194	95
24	Nicusor Andrei	Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24/05/1994	Resita, ROU	180	82
25	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left Back	15/11/1991	Ludwigshafen, GER	202	102
28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13/02/2000	Vigo, ESP	175	83
29	Razvan	Gavriloaia	ROU	Right Wing	25/07/1983	Iasi, ROU	186	90
49	Raul	Nantes Campos	BRA	Left Back	20/03/1990	Nova Andradina, BRA	195	102
51	Javier	Humet Gaminde	ROU	Right Back	22/01/1990	Barcelona, ESP	196	87
73	Catalin Octavian	Bizau	ROU	Centre Back	21/11/1997	BAIA MARE, ROU	194	96
81	Dan Andrei	Lazar	ROU	Goalkeeper	11/06/2000	Gaesti, ROU	192	92
<b>C</b> 88	Seyed Alireza	Mousavi	IRI	Line Player	27/04/1990	Esfahan, IRI	197	108
89	Mohamed Mamdouh	Shebib	EGY	Line Player	01/04/1989	Cairo, EGY	193	100
94	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	04/01/1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196	100
95	Ahmend	Nasralla	EGY	Centre Back	15/09/1994	Cairo, EGY	190	92
99	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07/06/1984	La Trinite, FRA	192	105

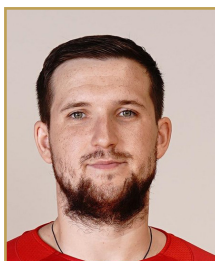




## Saeid Heidarirad

### Goalkeeper

- Iranian international, who arrived in Bucharest in 2017
- playing CL for his fourth season, after Dinamo were in European League in 2020/21
- one of the favourites of the Dinamo fans thanks to his antics
- initially played volleyball, but switched to handball and became a goalkeeper



## Nicusor Negru

### Left wing

- Romanian wing who has always played in his home country: at HC Caras Severin and CSM Bucuresti before signing for Dinamo in 2018
- top scorer of Youth WCh in 2013 and Junior WCh in 2015
- already in his ninth European season; apart from CL, also played in Challenge Cup, EHF Cup and the EHF Cup's successor, European League



## Dan Racotea

 @racoteadan7

### Left back

- left CSM for Wisla Plock in 2014, joined Veszprém in 2019 and played on loan for Chartres and Bidasoa Irun, before returning to Dinamo in summer of 2021
- scored 117 goals in total during his four CL seasons at Plock
- has tattooed the numbers of his friends and fellow handball players, Robert Militaru and Vlad Rotaru, who have matching tattoos
- made debut in Romanian national team age 19 but is yet to play at a major event



## Kamel Alouini

 @kamelalouini

### Centre back

- Tunisian international, has returned to Dinamo in 2021 after one year with Al Nasr
- Dinamo is his second European club, after playing for Istres in France in 2008-10
- twice African champions with Tunisia, in 2012 and 2018
- fast and skilful player, not just a playmaker but can also move to left back position



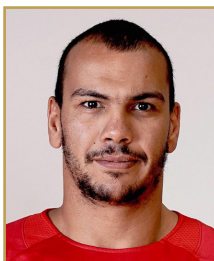
## Cedric Sorhaindo

@tchoufy10

### Line player

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

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



## Mohamed Mamdouh Shebib

### Line player

- joined Dinamo from Montpellier HB before the 2019/20 season, a year after winning the CL with the French club
- considered one of biggest talents in Macedonian handball, part of national team since WCh play-off against Greece in 2014
- dreamed of a career as goalkeeper in football before becoming a handball pro

EC trophies: CL 2018

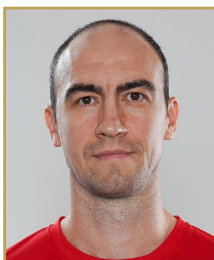


## Amine Bannour

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### Right back

- nicknamed the 'Tunisian hammer' for his powerful shots
- joined Dinamo from French side Chambéry Savoie in 2018 and scored a total of 111 goals (60, 51) in his first two CL seasons with the Romanian club
- two-time African champion with Tunisia, in 2012 and 2018
- was IHF Super Globe top scorer in 2012, netting 42 times for Saudi team Mudhar Club



## Valentin Ghionea

@ghioneavalentin

### Right wing

- experienced wing, who played for Dinamo in 2005-07 before returning in 2020, after playing his trade for clubs like Szeged (HUN), Plock (POR), and Sporting (POL)
- was domestic league top scorer and player of the year in Romania several times
- has scored 487 goals for various clubs in total during 14 seasons in the CL
- his wife Renata, a former player, is a coach at the Dinamo youth academy

## GROUP B



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Palace of Sports Yunost**  
Pobeda St. 66  
69000 Zaporozhye  
Ukraine  
Capacity: 3,500

## HC MOTOR



The Ukrainian champions were a hard nut to crack last season, showing good morale and fighting hard even against heavyweights. Now HC Motor hope to continue in the same way in their ninth straight EHF Champions League campaign, despite being drawn into a very competitive group.

- became Ukrainian champions for the ninth consecutive season in 2020/21
- finished group phase in fifth last season before losing to HC Meshkov Brest in the play-offs
- four players joined Motor in the summer, while just as many left the team
- coached by Gintaras Savukinas, who took his position in February 2020

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 9  
Play-offs (1): 2020/21  
Last 16 (3): 2013/14, 2015/16, 2018/19  
Group Phase (4): 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

## Other

*EHF Cup*: Group Phase 2012/13  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-finals 2011/12

*Ukrainian league*: 9 titles (2013-21)  
*Ukrainian cup*: 8 titles (2013, 2015-21)



**8** **MATCHES**  
Longest unbeaten run

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

**76** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

<b>Biggest win</b>	22:35 (9:18) v ABC/UMinho POR (a), 12.11.2016
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	36:23 (21:16) v Chekhovskie Med. RUS (h), 14.09.2017
<b>Longest winning run</b>	6 matches (22.10.2016 – 12.02.2017)
	6 matches (28.10.2020 – 20.12.2020)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	8 matches (18.10.2015 – 05.03.2016)
	8 matches (08.10.2017 – 24.02.2018)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (09.02.2020 – 30.09.2020)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	12 matches (03.03.2019 – 20.11.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	39 v Naturhouse La Rioja ESP 39:37W (h), 05.03.2016
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	44 v MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN 44:27L (a), 10.10.2013
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	76 v Naturhouse La Rioja ESP 39:37W (h), 05.03.2016
	76 v Barça ESP 42:34L (a), 03.03.2021
<b>Fewest goals</b>	20 v Montpellier HB FRA 28:20L (a), 01.10.2017
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v St. Petersburg HC RUS 18:24W (a), 21.11.2013
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v St. Petersburg HC RUS 18:24W (a), 21.11.2013

## I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2013/14 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	12	4	1	7	333:367	-34	9:15	Last 16	
2014/15 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	10	3	0	7	283:284	-1	6:14	5th Gr. D	
2015/16 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	14	9	1	4	418:414	+4	19:9	Last 16	
2016/17 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	12	7	2	3	371:337	+34	16:8	Elimination C+D	
2017/18 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	12	7	3	2	352:326	+26	17:7	Elimination C+D	
2018/19 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	16	5	2	9	475:479	-4	12:20	Last 16	
2019/20 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	14	1	2	11	406:462	-56	4:24	8th Gr. B	
2020/21 HC Motor UKR	16	8	0	8	444:471	-27	16:16	Play-offs	
2021/22 HC Motor UKR	10	4	0	6	285:308	-23	8:12		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3367:3448</b>	<b>-81</b>	<b>107:125</b>		

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## сезон 2021-2022

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# МЫ - ЕДИНАЯ КОМАНДА!



## Gintaras Savukynas

Coach

@gintarassavukynas

- Motor head coach since February 2020, when he replaced Rostislav Lanevich
- earlier coached Riihimaki Cocks for more than three years, after spells at national team of Lithuania (2009-13) and Belarusian side HC Meshkov Brest (2010-12)
- spent his playing career in Iceland, Switzerland and Norway, apart from his native country, Lithuania

### Arrivals during the season

Jonas

### Departures during the season

Ivan Burzak

# I TEAM ROSTER

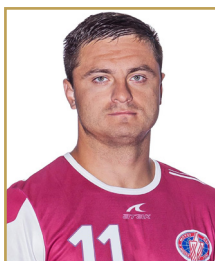
No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Iurii	Kubatko	UKR	Right Wing	28/08/1988	Zaporozhye, UKR	184	82
6	Jonas	Truchanovicus	LTU	Left Back	24/06/1993	Siauliai, LTU	203	96
7	Aidenas	Malasinskas	LTU	Centre Back	29/04/1986	Vilnius, LTU	189	84
10	Barys	Pukhouski	BLR	Centre Back	03/01/1987	St.Mazorita, BLR	186	100
<b>C</b> 11	Zakhar	Denysov	UKR	Left Wing	01/03/1990	Ilychevsk, UKR	188	82
15	Oleksandr	Tilte	UKR	Centre Back	10/04/1995	Zaporozhye, UKR	198	92
17	Ihor	Turchenko	UKR	Left Back	04/12/2000	Brovary, UKR	193	90
18	Carlos	Molina Cosano	ESP	Line Player	31/05/1991	Barcelona, ESP	201	95
19	Eduard	Kravchenko	UKR	Right Wing	19/05/1996	Zaporozhye, UKR	186	73
20	Artem	Kozakevych	UKR	Right Wing	02/10/1992	Novovolynsk, UKR	182	68
22	Vladyslav	Dontsov	UKR	Right Back	22/09/1995	Zaporozhye, UKR	197	94
23	Luka	Sebetic	CRO	Right Back	26/05/1994	Bjelovar, CRO	198	97
24	Dmytro	Horiha	UKR	Left Back	08/10/1997	Brovary, UKR	196	100
<del>27</del>	<del>Ivan</del>	<del>Burzak</del>	<del>UKR</del>	<del>Line Player</del>	<del>22/02/1998</del>	<del>Melytopol, UKR</del>	<del>200</del>	<del>105</del>
28	Maksym	Viunik	UKR	Goalkeeper	28/02/1996	Melytopol, UKR	193	101
31	Oleksandr	Kasai	UKR	Left Wing	14/01/1997	Zaporozhye, UKR	182	79
33	Ivan	Maroz	BLR	Goalkeeper	05/10/1992	Gomel, BLR	198	100
37	Denis	Vasilev	RUS	Line Player	31/12/1993	Astrakhan, RUS	196	95
55	Gennadiy	Komok	UKR	Goalkeeper	05/07/1987	Zaporozhye, UKR	196	96
74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	07/04/1996	Novopolotsk, BLR	203	92
77	Dmytro	Tiutiunnyk	UKR	Line Player	07/03/1993	Uman, UKR	200	104



## Ivan Maroz

### Goalkeeper

- Belarusian international, who joined Motor in 2020 from SKA Minsk
- quickly became key figure for Motor, who reached CL play-offs in 2020/21
- born in Gomel, he started his handball career at local side HC Gomel
- later spent four seasons at Minsk and became one of best Belarusian goalkeepers
- played his first major event for Belarus at WCh 2021 in Egypt



## Zakhar Denysov

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### Left wing

- all-rounder with experience of playing in many different positions
- Ukrainian international, named Player of the Year in Ukraine in 2019
- raised in Yuzhny and played for local team Portovik before moving to Motor in 2014
- was also a talented football player as a teenager, but focused on handball



## Jonas Truchanovicius

### Left back

- moved to Motor from Montpellier in 2021, hoping to get more playing time
- third Lithuanian at the club, alongside Aidenas Malasinskas and Gintaras Savukynas
- became first Lithuanian player to win the CL, with Montpellier in 2018
- at his best at left back position but can also feature as centre back

EC trophies: CL 2018



## Barys Pukhouski

### Left/centre back

- one of Motor's leading players, having been with the club since 2015
- second-best scorer of CL 2019/20 (74 goals), and joined fourth-best of 2018/19 (87)
- arrived at Motor from SKA Minsk, where he won the Challenge Cup title in 2013, scoring 20 times in total in the two-leg final against Handball Esch
- all-time top scorer of the Belarusian national team

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2013



## Aidenas Malasinskas

 @aidenas\_7\_

### Centre back

- joined Motor from BM Puerto Sagunto in summer of 2015 and quickly became key element in the team
- was Motor's second-best scorer in the CL 2020/21 with 68 goals - only three short of his personal best tally of 71 goals from the CL 2018/19 season
- Lithuanian international, who also played for Bidasoa Irun, Granollers and La Rioja



## Viachaslau Bokhan

### Line player

- arrived with goalkeeper Ivan Maroz from Belarusian side SKA Minsk in 2020
- quickly became Motor's best weapon in attack and was the club's top scorer in the CL 2020/21 with 71 goals
- has been part of the Belarusian team at the EHF EURO events in 2018 and 2020



## Luka Sebetic

### Right back

- Croatian international, joined Motor in 2021 after four years at Tremblay-en-France
- born in Bjelovar, he started his handball career at Zagreb
- once considered one of Croatia's biggest talents, made national team debut at 17
- took part at EHF EURO 2016, where Croatia won bronze, and WCh 2017

EURO: B 2016



## Artem Kozakevych

### Right wing

- moved to Motor Zaporozhye from Portovik Yuzhny in 2014
- fast left-handed winger, who has won multiple league titles with Motor
- part of Ukrainian national team at EHF EURO 2020
- won silver with Ukraine at the Beach Handball WCh 2012



# 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.

### GROUP PHASE

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match of the two teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in the group phase matches
- g) greater number of points in the group phase

\* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

\* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

### QUARTER-FINALS

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.



# HISTORY AND FUTURE

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22  
GROUP PHASE

# I TOP SCORERS 2020/21



95 goals

**Valero Rivera**  
HBC Nantes

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	95
2	Dika Mem (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	93
	Mikita Vailupau (BLR)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	93
4	Aleix Gómez (ESP)	Barça (ESP)	92
5	Alex Dujshbaev (ESP)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	90
6	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	PSG Handball (FRA)	88
7	Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	83
8	Petar Nenadic (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	73
	Sander Sagosen (NOR)	THW Kiel (GER)	73
10	Nedim Remili (FRA)	Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)	72
11	Viachaslau Bokhan (BLR)	HC Motor (UKR)	71
12	Nikolaj Christensen (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	70
13	Timur Dibirov (RUS)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	69
14	Aidenas Malasinskas (LTU)	HC Motor (UKR)	68
	Marko Panic (BIH)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	68
16	Dylan Nahi (FRA)	PSG Handball (FRA)	67
17	Harald Reinkind (NOR)	THW Kiel (GER)	66
	Lukas Sandell (SWE)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	66
19	Ludovic Fabregas (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	65
20	Ivan Cupic (CRO)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	64
	Magnus Saugstrup (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	64
22	Andreas Nilsson (SWE)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	63
23	Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	62
	Victor Iturriza (POR)	FC Porto (POR)	62
25	Dragan Pechmalbec (SRB)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	61
26	Diogo Branquinho (POR)	FC Porto Sofarma (POR)	55

# ALL-STAR TEAM 2020/21



## PREVIOUS ALL-STAR TEAMS OVERVIEW

S	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
GK	Darko Stanic (Metalurg)	Niklas Landin (RNL)	Roland Mikler (Veszprém)	Niklas Landin (Kiel)	Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barcelona)	Arpad Sterbik (Vardar)	Dejan Mitosavljev (Vardar)	Niklas Landin (Kiel)
LW	Anders Eggert (Flensburg)	Timur Dibirov (Vardar)	Uwe Gensheimer (RNL)	Manuel Strlek (Kielce)	Uwe Gensheimer (PSG)	Uwe Gensheimer (PSG)	Timur Dibirov (Vardar)	Manuel Strlek (Veszprém)
LB	Filip Jicha (Kiel)	Momir Ilic (Veszprém)	Nikola Karabatic (Barcelona)	Momir Ilic (Veszprém)	Mikkel Hansen (PSG)	Sander Sagosen (PSG)	Mikkel Hansen (PSG)	Sander Sagosen (PSG)
CB	Daniel Narcisse (Kiel)	Mikkel Hansen (PSG)	Mikkel Hansen (PSG)	Dean Bombac (Szeged)	Nikola Karabatic (PSG)	Nikola Karabatic (PSG)	Kentin Mahe (Veszprém)	Mikkel Hansen (PSG)
LP	Julen Aguinagalde (Atletico)	Renato Sulic (Veszprém)	Renato Sulic (Veszprém)	Rastko Stojkovic (Brest)	Ludovic Fabregas (Montpellier)	Bjarte Myrhol (Skjern)	Julen Aguinagalde (Kielce)	Bence Banhidi (Szeged)
RB	Laszlo Nagy (Veszprém)	Kiril Lazarov (Barcelona)	Kiril Lazarov (Barcelona)	Kiril Lazarov (Barcelona)	Alex Dujshebaev (Vardar)	Dika Mem (Barcelona)	Dainis Kristopans (Vardar)	Alex Dujshebaev (Kielce)
RW	Ivan Cupic (Kielce)	Luc Abalo (PSG)	Victor Tomas (Barcelona)	Gasper Marguc (Veszprém)	Victor Tomas (Barcelona)	David Balagué (Nantes)	Ivan Cupic (Vardar)	Niclas Ekberg (Kiel)
< 23	N/A	N/A	Alex Dujshebaev (Vardar)	Darko Djukic (Besiktas)	Nedim Remili (PSG)	Romain Lagarde (Nantes)	Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)	Aleix Gomez (Barça)
DEF	Timuzsin Schuh (Veszprém)	Timuzsin Schuh (Veszprém)	Rene Toff Hansen (Kiel)	Timuzsin Schuh (Veszprém)	Luka Karabatic (PSG)	Luka Karabatic (PSG)	Blaz Blagotinsek (Veszprém)	Blaz Blagotinsek (Veszprém)
C	N/A	N/A	Talant Dujshebaev (Kielce)	Xavier Sabate (Veszprém)	Raul Gonzalez (Vardar)	Patrice Canayer (Montpellier)	Roberto Parrondo (Vardar)	David Davis (Veszprém)

## I PAST WINNERS

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

# I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2021

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	<b>Barça ESP</b>	332	254	20	58	10398:8667	+1731	528:136	(25)	79,52%
2	<b>Telekom Veszprém HC HUN</b>	312	210	16	86	9140:8227	+913	436:188	(26)	69,87%
3	<b>THW Kiel GER</b>	310	205	22	83	9400:8375	+1025	432:188	(24)	69,68%
4	<b>SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER</b>	234	141	19	74	6756:6310	+446	301:167	(17)	64,32%
5	<b>HC PPD Zagreb CRO</b>	302	121	31	150	7803:7976	-173	273:331	(28)	45,20%
6	<b>Montpellier HB FRA</b>	232	128	15	89	6646:6352	+294	271:193	(21)	58,41%
7	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	260	117	15	128	7325:7253	+72	249:271	(23)	47,88%
8	<b>Lomza Vive Kielce POL</b>	194	110	17	67	5800:5550	+250	237:151	(15)	61,08%
9	BM Atletico Madrid ESP	144	111	5	28	4502:3803	+699	227:61	(10)	78,82%
10	<b>Pick Szeged HUN</b>	216	103	17	96	5941:5898	+43	223:209	(19)	51,62%
11	<b>Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA</b>	150	102	8	40	4500:4089	+411	212:88	(11)	70,67%
12	<b>HC Vardar 1961 MKD</b>	172	77	19	76	4712:4812	-100	173:171	(15)	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	<b>HC Motor UKR</b>	106	44	11	51	3082:3140	-58	99:113	(9)	46,70%
20	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	136	44	11	81	3594:3833	-239	99:173	(13)	36,40%
21	<b>HC Meshkov Brest BLR</b>	128	39	12	77	3500:3737	-237	90:166	(12)	35,16%
22	HBC Nantes FRA	72	35	12	25	2110:2021	+89	82:62	(4)	56,94%
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%
27	<b>Aalborg Håndbold DEN</b>	82	27	7	48	2263:2408	-145	61:103	(7)	37,20%
32	<b>FC Porto POR</b>	50	21	5	24	1354:1371	-17	47:53	(5)	47,00%
33	<b>CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU</b>	50	21	5	24	1420:1460	-40	47:53	(6)	47,00%
34	<b>Elverum Handball NOR</b>	70	20	6	44	1892:2091	-199	46:94	(7)	32,86%

\* = RK Gorenje Velenje is reserve team for 2021/22

# I ALL-TIME STATS 1993–2020

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

31

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

18

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 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

50

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

## Most goals

- 48 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009  
47 THW Kiel GER vs CS HCM Constanta ROU 47:31 (24:18), 12.11.2006  
47 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021

82

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

## Most goals both teams

- 81 FC Barcelona ESP vs THW Kiel GER 44:37 (19:20), 13.04.2008  
80 FC Barcelona ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41 (17:18, 32:32, 36:36), 31.05.2014 (after penalty throws)

11

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

32

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

-9

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

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

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

-6

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

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

- 6 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD 28:28 (10:16), 07.10.2007
- 6 Pevafersa Valladolid ESP vs Pick Szeged HUN 35:35 (13:19), 27.02.2010
- 6 Naturhouse La Rioja ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 32:32 (13:19), 19.10.2013
- 6 Orlen 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

26

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

4

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



**22**

**Barça**  
(21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)

**Longest winning run**

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

**22**

**Barça**  
(21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)

**Longest unbeaten run**

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

**15**

**HC PPD Zagreb**  
(01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)

**Longest losing run**

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

**20**

**Wacker Thun**  
(21.09.2013 – 29.11.2018)

**Longest run without a win**

- 16** TATRAN Presov (16.11.2008 – 10.10.2015)
- 15** HC PPD Zagreb (01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)
- 13** Orlen Wisla Plock (25.11.2015 – 19.10.2016)
- 12** HC Motor (03.03.2019 – 20.11.2019)

# I HISTORY: 28 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

## 1993 – 2007

### 1993/94

**Final: ABC Braga vs TEKA Santander**

**22:22/21:23 (43:45)**

The inaugural year of the Men's EHF Champions League saw the classic home and away knockout matches being replaced with a totally new system: 32 teams in two qualification rounds, eliminating 24 clubs. The remaining eight teams were placed into two groups of four. TEKA Santander and ABC Braga topped their respective groups and faced each other in the final. Santander narrowly kept the upper hand and started what should become an eight-year Spanish club winning streak in the Men's EHF Champions League.

### 1994/95

**Final: Elgorriaga Bidasoa Irun vs Badel Zagreb**

**30:20 / 26:27 (56:47)**

The final of the EHF Champions League's second season became the match of a lifetime for Irun's Nenad Perunicic, nicknamed "the canon" or "El Conquistadore" by the fans. He was his team's key player in the final and, in his first year in Spain, not only he lifted the EHF Champions League but also the national championship trophy with Irun.

### 1995/96

**Final: FC Barcelona vs Elgorriaga Bidasoa Irun**

**23:15 / 23:23 (46:38)**

In the season that was marked by the "Bosman decision", which had substantial effects on transfer regulations and transfer fees in sport, FC Barcelona won their first EHF Champions League title. No other should be capable of dethroning the Catalan side for the next four years.

### 1996/97

**Final: FC Barcelona vs Badel Zagreb**

**31:22 / 30:23 (61:45)**

In their second consecutive EHF Champions League Final Barcelona dominated both matches against Badel Zagreb. And while the Spanish side celebrated their second EHF Champions League triumph, the Croatian side had lost their second final. Also in 1996/97 the so called "fast break" was born due to a rule change, making handball more attractive and athletic than ever before.

### 1997/98

**Final: FC Barcelona vs Badel Zagreb**

**28:18 / 28:22 (56:40)**

Barcelona beat Zagreb once more to win their third consecutive EHF Champions League title. But at least as much news as the repeated triumph made the wedding of Barcelona player Inaki Urdangarin who married Christina, youngest daughter of Spanish King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, on 4th October 1997.

### 1998/99

**Final: Badel Zagreb vs FC Barcelona**

**22:22 / 18:29 (40:51)**

Once again there were tears in Zagreb and joy in Barcelona. The Spanish team beat Zagreb in their third consecutive final and lifted the EHF Champions League trophy for the fourth time in a row. Zagreb's coach Velimir Klajic had to admit that Barcelona "at this moment in time, were quite simply the best club team in the world."

### 1999/00

**Final: THW Kiel – FC Barcelona**

**28:25 / 24:29 (52:54)**

THW Kiel became the first German team to make it into the Final but even a 28:25-victory in the final's first leg was not enough to end Barcelona's EHF Champions League winning streak. Backed by half of the Spanish national team and international stars like Christian Schwarzer and Tomas Svensson, Barcelona won their fifth title.

## 2000/01

**Final: Portland San Antonio – FC Barcelona  
30:24 / 22:25 (52:49)**

For Barcelona it was a whole new feeling to watch another team celebrating at the end of the Champions League Final. Following five consecutive titles an era came to end when Spanish King Juan Carlos handed the huge trophy to Portland San Antonio at the end of all-Spanish Final.

## 2001/02

**Final: Fotex Veszprem vs SC Magdeburg  
23:21 / 25:30 (48:51)**

One year after Barcelona's dominance had ended in the EHF Champions League, the dominance of Spanish clubs also came to an end, when SC Magdeburg became the first German team to win the competition. And late at night, at the end of a glittering party, Stefan Kretzschmar and coach Alfred Gislason were still up for jokes: "Training is on the agenda. The entire team is going to run through the whole town until 08:00 tomorrow morning," they said.

## 2002/03

**Final: Portland San Antonio – Montpellier HB  
27:19 / 19:31 (46:50)**

A new star was born during the finals of the 2002/03 EHF Champions League season. Montpellier's Nikola Karabatic scored 11 goals in the first leg in Spain and another six in front of his home fans, enabling his team to turn around the eight goal defeat from the first leg and to become the first French side to win the CL.

## 2003/04

**Final: Celje vs Flensburg- Handewitt  
34:28 / 28:30 (62:58)**

In March 2003 the EHF had decided on a new structure for the competition. Three teams from Spain and Germany now had a starting slot. Two representatives from Hungary, Slovenia, Denmark and Croatia would start in the Group Phase. Overall 32 teams (8 groups of 4 teams each) made up the Group Phase. Flensburg had

profited from the new system but Slovenian side Celje was too strong in the final.

## 2004/05

**Final: BM Ciudad Real vs FC Barcelona Cifec  
28:27 / 27:29 (55:56)**

Following four years without being present in the final, Barcelona won their sixth EHF Champions League title. And while the spectator record for one match was 10,000 fans, the whole city celebrated Barcelona's victory. "We did a lap of honour in the Stadion Nou Camp in front of 100,000 spectators and were celebrated by the whole town," remembers Barcelona's Dane Lars Krogh Jeppesen.

## 2005/06

**Final: Portland San Antonio vs BM Ciudad Real  
19:25 / 28:37 (47:62)**

Spanish businessman and BM Ciudad Real president, Domingo Diaz de Mera, had put together a team that proved to be unbeatable in the 2005/06 Champions League season. Mera bought superstars from all over Europe and the team around Olafur Stefansson, Mirza Dzomba, Didier Dinart et al. paid justified Mera's expenses when they beat Spanish rival San Antonio in the final.

## 2006/07

**Final: SG Flensburg- Handewitt vs THW Kiel  
28:28 / 27:29 (55:57)**

The EHF Champions League, through the efforts of the 2005 founded EHF Marketing GmbH, became a unified look. Since 2006, TV spectators across Europe know they are watching a men's EHF Champions League match when they see the distinct blue lagoon and black supplied by flooring specialists Gerfloor in addition to the season's individual yellow and blue handball supplied by adidas. On the sport side of things, Kiel won their first EHF Champions League title, beating arch rival Flensburg-Handewitt.

# I HISTORY: 28 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN

## 2007 – 2019

### 2007/08

#### **BM Ciudad Real vs THW Kiel 27:29 / 31:25 (58:54)**

In the 2007/08 season a second Group Phase with four groups of four teams each replaced the Last 16-matches and the quarter-finals.

The first teams of each group qualified for the semi-finals and in the final 2006 champion Ciudad Real faced 2007 champion THW Kiel. The Spanish side prevailed and could win their second EHF Champions League trophy.

### 2008/09

#### **THW Kiel vs BM Ciudad Real 39:34 / 27:33 (66:67)**

THW Kiel and BM Ciudad Real faced each other in the final for the second year in a row and even though Kiel had won the first leg of the final by five goals, it was Ciudad Real that won the EHF Champions League for a second consecutive time. Kiel were still in the lead by 20:16 after 39 minutes but with a series of 10:3 goals within 11 minutes Ciudad Real turned the match in their favour.

### 2009/10

#### **FC Barcelona Borges vs HW Kiel 34:36**

In the 2009/10 season the number of participating teams in the first Group Phase was reduced from 32 to 24. Four groups of six teams each were formed and the first four teams qualified for the knockout phase which replaced the second group phase. For the first time the VELUX EHF FINAL4 tournament, which combined the Semi-finals and the Final, was held in Cologne, Germany, to decide the champion. THW Kiel won their second title when they beat Barcelona.

### 2010/11

#### **FC Barcelona vs Renovalia Ciudad Real 27:24**

Since 2010 the event is known as the VELUX EHF Champions League. 40,000 fans stormed

to Cologne to attend the VELUX EHF FINAL4 weekend and TV viewing audience figures went to a new height. 310 million viewers from 76 countries worldwide watched 2,800 hours of TV transmissions 2010/11. Barcelona extended their lead as the most successful club in EHF Champions League history when won their seventh title, beating Ciudad Real in the Final.

### 2011/12

#### **THW Kiel vs BM Atletico Madrid 26:21**

The German powerhouse sensationally lost in their first home match of the season against Montpellier, but no other team was able to overcome THW Kiel throughout the remaining of the season. Gíslason led his team to the third trophy in the club's history becoming the first coach who won with two different teams. Defending champions from Barcelona were eliminated in the quarter-finals by AG København, but the Danish side was stopped in the semi-final by Atlético Madrid, who made it to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 for the fourth time in a row.

### 2012/13

#### **FC Barcelona vs HSV Hamburg 29:30 AET**

For the first time the extra-time had to decide the winner. In 20 years of EHF Champions League history there have only been two champions, Montpellier in 2003 and Celje in 2004, who neither came from Spain nor from Germany. The All-Stars team of the 20 years were announced: Goalkeeper Tomas Svensson (SWE), Left Wing Stefan Kretzschmar (GER), Left Back Filip Jícha (CZE), Line Player Andrei Xepkin (ESP), Centre Back Jackson Richardson (FRA), Right Back Oláfur Stefansson (ISL), Right Wing Mirza Džomba (CRO), Best defender Didier Dinart (FRA)

## 2013/14

### **SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel 30:28**

For the third year in a row a team from Northern Germany prevailed as SG Flensburg-Handewitt took both of their opponents at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 by surprise. In the semi-final the “Vranjes boys” eliminated giants of FC Barcelona after a penalty-shoot-out thriller and made the Cinderella story perfect by beating their neighbours from Kiel 30:28 in the final.

## 2014/15

### **FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprem 28:23**

The defending champions from SG Flensburg-Handewitt were eliminated already in the Last 16 as well as Rhein-Neckar Löwen. The end of the three-year-old reign of Bundesliga was sealed only in Cologne as THW Kiel were unable to repeat their 2014 semi-final win against Veszprem. However, the effort of Hungarian champions for their premiere trophy were denied by FC Barcelona who rose to the throne for the eighth time in the EHF history.

## 2015/16

### **KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs MVM Veszprem 39:38 after 7m shootout**

This final went down to history books of the Champions League as a breathtaking classic. Deep in the second half Veszprem were leading by nine goals, still Kielce put up a spirited fight to force the extra-time. Even the additional ten minutes could not solve the thriller and in the 7m shootout Kielce were luckier with Julen Aguinagalde’s last effort clinched the maiden title for the Polish champions adding only fifth country to the list of winners.

## 2016/17

### **Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs HC Vardar 23:24**

For the first time in history no German team made it to the EHF FINAL4. The sold-out arena still saw yet another edition of some showcase handball and three out of four matches ended in only one goal differences. HC Vardar beat the buzzer for two days in a row as Luka Cindric

sank FC Barcelona Lassa in the semi-final and Ivan Cupic clinched the maiden title for the Macedonian team in the final against PSG sending their country into a handball frenzy.

## 2017/18

### **HBC Nantes vs Montpellier HB 27:32**

In its 25th anniversary the European top flight once again underlined the rule that favourites cannot take anything for granted in this fierce competition. No fewer than three French teams made it to the final tournament in Cologne and after both finalists from the previous edition (Vardar and PSG) failed in the semi-finals it was a showdown between two pre-season underdogs HBC Nantes and Montpellier HB in the final. Mainly courtesy of a brilliant performance of their playmaker Diego Simonet Montpellier returned to the European throne after 15 years and became the first team from Group C or D with this achievement.

## 2018/19

### **HC Vardar vs Telekom Veszprém HC 27:24**

The Macedonian champions unexpectedly returned to the throne. Despite losing several key players in the summer and during the season Vardar reached their third VELUX EHF FINAL4 in a row. After having stunned Barcelona in the semi-finals they held the upper hand throughout the whole final over Veszprem, whose losing streak in the Champions League finals was extended to four games. After what many saw as the club’s last shot at glory tens of thousands of people were welcoming the champions in the streets of Skopje.

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## 2020 – 2021

### 2019/20

#### THW Kiel vs Barça 33:28

For the first time in the history of the competition, the final of the EHF Champions League could only be played halfway through the following season. In March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic put the Champions League on hold after the group phase. The Last 16 and the quarter-finals had to be cancelled, but the EHF FINAL4 could be played - on 28/29 December, more than six months after its initial date. It didn't seem to bother Kiel, who had returned to the competition in the 2019/20 season after one year in the EHF Cup. The German side didn't arrive as the tournament favourites in Cologne, but edged Veszprém in the semi-finals before upsetting Barça 33:28 in the final to claim their fourth title, but first in eight years.

### 2020/21

#### Barça vs Aalborg Håndbold 36:23

Two clubs who had a stunning season, each in their own way, made it all the way to the final in Cologne in June 2021, and this time favourites Barça truly delivered and took their ninth title. In what was head coach Xavi Pascual's last match in charge, the Spanish champions eased past Aalborg to complete a perfect season: 20 matches played, 20 matches won - a feat never seen before in the EHF Champions League. The success story of Aalborg was also impressive: the Danish side didn't have an outstanding group phase campaign but grew stronger and stronger as the season progressed. They beat Flensburg in the quarter-final to get to their maiden EHF FINAL4, where they defeated PSG in the semi-final, only for their fairy-tale run coming to an end in the final. What a season it was!



## THIRTEEN A LUCKY NUMBER FOR COLOGNE

The EHF FINAL4 is the culmination of the European handball season. The two-day event sees the best four men's teams in Europe playing to decide the ultimate winner of the EHF Champions League Men. The 2022 edition will take place on 18/19 June in Cologne, which hosts the event for the 13th straight time.

Introduced in the 2009/10 season and to be played until at least 2024 in the LANXESS arena, the decision to create a new format for the final phase of the EHF Champions League was seen as crucial for the growth of handball across Europe. The aim was to create a flagship event, one that could compete on the international sports market and make the Europe's leading club competition even more attractive to fans, partners and sponsors.

The success of all previous editions of the EHF FINAL4 up to date showed that this format has been the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment; it is not just

four games played over two days but a true entertainment event. The 2021 tournament is still resonating in the most handball lovers' memories as the season's highlight in European handball as millions of fans watched four unforgettable handball games, unique entertainment shows and Barça's return to the European throne.

The success of the EHF FINAL4 is also thanks to the commitment of a great number of volunteers who have been active on the weekend of the event. The preparations for the event have already started and it is planned to welcome volunteers back to the arena.

Full information at: [ehffinal4.eurohandball.com](https://ehffinal4.eurohandball.com)

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the EHF FINAL4 2022 will start in March 2022.



## I THE WINNERS' TROPHY AWAITS

Following their win in the EHF Champions League Men final the players of Barça not only booked their ninth EHF Champions League title but also became the first men's team to lift the brand new trophy. The ultimate prize for Europe's elite handball clubs has been revealed on the fringes of the start of 2020/21 season and will be seen after final battles also in many seasons to come.

One design has emerged from 27 submissions across 12 European nations to become the new EHF Champions League trophy. With a new era of European handball on the horizon, EHF Marketing launched a public tender with the goal of finding the best possible new trophy design for the EHF Champions League. A Spanish agency based in Barcelona, specialising in the design and production of environmentally responsible trophies came out victorious from the tender.

The core idea of the trophy was to represent a goal as the main objective of the sport, to reflect the dynamic movement of a ball hitting the target and to transmit handball as a team sport by forming the net in the shape of a shield. The net itself symbolises the needed connection within a team - all for one and one for all. For the first time, the design is the same for both men's and women's competitions and every element from the font to the logo fits the new competition identity. The materials of which the trophies consist of are aluminium cast (30% recycled aluminium) for the body and base, and recycled balls used for the sculptural ball which hits the net. A golden bath covers the trophies, making sure they are in line with the new brand image, giving them the premium touch that all trophies need. The sustainability of the materials has been a key element in the choice of the winning design. The trophies are each 80 cm high, 57 cm wide and weigh 10 kg.

Also the medals have been designed in a way that resembles the pentagon-shaped panels of the ball's surface.





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