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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022/23

MOTW Round 4: Elverum Handball vs Barça

ELVERUM HANDBALL (NOR) VS BARÇA (ESP)

GROUP B



Thursday 6 October 2022, 18:45 CEST



Playing hall

Håkons Hall
Nordsetervegen 45
2618 Lillehammer
Norway
Capacity: 11,500

ROUND 4



BARÇA

Most games vs Barça:

Alexandre Blonz	4
Thorsten Fries	4
Tobias Grøndahl	4
Emil Imsgard	4
Endre Langaas	4
Simen Pettersen	4
Thomas Solstad	4

Most goals vs Barça:

Simen Pettersen	12
Thomas Solstad	12
Alexandre Blonz	11
Sebastian Henneberg	10
Dominik Mathe	8

- The MOTW in round 4 of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League between Elverum Handball and Barça sees handball return to the Håkons Hall in Lillehammer, an arena used for the 1994 Winter Olympics.
- Elverum are trying to beat their own attendance record for a handball game in Norway, set in 2019 when 12,377 fans visited the Håkons Hall for the team's CL game against Paris Saint-Germain Handball.
- Elverum have not won any of their last 13 CL matches; Barça are unbeaten for 12 straight CL games, which includes the 2021/22 final against Kielce.
- Barça are the only team in group B with six points from three matches; Elverum, like Szeged, are on zero points.
- Barça have the strongest defence in group B so far with 86 goals conceded; Elverum the weakest attack with 81 goals scored.
- Barça have won all four previous duels with Elverum, most recently in the play-offs of the CL 2020/21 season.

Most games vs Elverum Handball:

Jure Dolenc	
Raul Entrerrios	
Ludovic Fabregas	
Aleix Gómez	
Thiagus Petrus	
Dika Mem	
Kevin Møller	
Aron Palmarrsson	
Alex Pascual	
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	
Cedric Sorhaindo	all 4

Most goals vs Elverum Handball:

Aleix Gómez	16
Ludovic Fabregas	14
Dika Mem	14
Luka Cindric	12
Jure Dolenc	10

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games:

03/10 vs Drammen	W32:26
11/09 vs Fjellhammer	W30:25
06/09 vs Arendal	L34:36

Next game:

09/10 @ Halden

Standings as of 04/10:

1. Kolstad	4	132:97	8
2. Runar	4	139:108	8
3. Elverum	4	127:114	6
4. Drammen	4	118:105	6
5. Arendal	5	149:149	5
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12. Fjellhammer	3	79:95	0

- Even more so, Barça have never dropped a point in nine European matches against teams from Norway.
- Both coaches have won the CL as players: Elverum's Børge Lund once with THW Kiel (2010); Barça's Carlos Ortega six times with Barcelona (1996-2000, 2005).
- Carlos Ortega also won the CL as coach of Barça in 2022, making him only the fourth man to win the CL as player and coach; Talant Dujshabaev, Roberto Parrondo, and Filip Jicha had previously achieved the feat.
- Barça's right back Dika Mem is second on the CL 2022/23 top scorers list after round 3 with 22 goals; Kassem Awad leads for Elverum with 15 goals.
- Tobias Grøndahl scored 81 times and finished eighth on the CL 2021/22 top scorers list, despite Elverum going out in the play-offs following a defeat against PSG.
- The 2021/22 list was topped by Barça's Aleix Gomez with 104 goals, ahead of teammate Dika Mem with 100.
- Barça signed three Scandinavian players for the 2022/23 season – but no Norwegian: Swedish EHF EURO 2022 champions Jonathan Carlsbogard and Hampus Wanne, and Danish goalkeeper Emil Nielsen.
- Barça goalkeeper Gonzalo Perez de Vargas and left wing Aitor Arino have both won the CL four times – more than any other player competing in the CL this season.
- Elverum goalkeeper coach Mats Olsson was a CL winner in 1994 with Santander.
- Injury report:** *Elverum: none. – Barça: none.*

Domestic league

Liga ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

01/10 vs La Rioja	W39:28
24/09 @ Puente Genil	W31:43
16/09 vs Huesca	W35:30

Next game:

09/10 @ CB Cangas

Standings as of 04/10:

1. Barça	6	230:170	12
2. Granollers	5	165:147	8
3. Cuenca	5	151:142	8
4. Léon	5	172:163	6
5. Benidorm	5	155:148	6
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16. Torrelavega	6	181:205	2

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS



Elverum Handball vs Barça 0-0-4 (94:139) 0:8

12.10.2019	Barça vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:24 (15:12)
09.02.2020	Elverum Handball vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:30 (14:16)
02.04.2021	Elverum Handball vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	25:37 (12:19)
05.04.2021	Barça vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	39:19 (20:10)

ELVERUM HANDBALL VS SPANISH CLUBS 2–1–9

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2011/12	Cuatro Rayas Valladolid	24:25	29:38	EHF Cup – Round 2
2016/17	Naturhouse La Rioja	27:32	21:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2017/18	Abanca Ademar León	25:30	30:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2018/19	Abanca Ademar León	30:25	24:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2019/20	Barça	26:30	24:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Barça	25:37*	19:39	EHF Champions League – Play-offs

* Match played in Barcelona ESP

BARÇA VS NORWEGIAN CLUBS 9–0–0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1996/97	Drammen HK		36:26*	ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
2001/02	Drammen HK	39:30	27:24	EHF Cup – Quarter-final
2008/09	Drammen HK	38:27	29:24	EHF Champions League – Group C
2019/20	Elverum Handball	33:24	30:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Elverum Handball	39:19	37:25**	EHF Champions League – Play-offs

* Match played in Bielefeld GER / ** Match played in Barcelona ESP

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Barça vs Elverum Handball 39:19 (20:10) 05.04.2021 (Barcelona, ESP)



(EHF Champions League 2020/21 – Play-offs)

Referees: Adam Biro/Oliver Kiss (Hungary).

Suspensions: 2' – 4' (Sorhaindo 2' – Pettersen 2', Solstad 2').

Number of 7m: 3/3 – 4/2.

Attendance: 645.

 BARÇA	Gonzalo Perez de Vargas			Emil Imsgard	
	Kevin Møller -> Flensburg	(1)		Thorsten Fries -> Fredericia	
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	Raul Entrerrios -> retired	(3)	(1)	Christopher Hedberg	
	Cedric Sorhaindo -> Dinamo			Kristian Larsen	
	Jure Dolenc -> Limoges	(5)	(3)	Simen Pettersen -> Skjern	
	Aleix Gómez	(2)		Niclas Fingren	
	Thiagus Petrus	(1)	(5)	Tobias Grøndahl	
	Mamadou Diocou -> La Rioja	(6)	(1)	Edwin Aspenbäck -> Hammarby	
	Dika Mem	(4)		Luc Abalo -> retired	
	Luka Cindric	(1)	(2)	Endre Langaas	
	Alex Pascual -> Dinamo	(2)		William Nilsen-Nygaard	
	Aron Palmársson -> Aalborg	(1)	(6)	Dominik Mathe -> PSG	
	Domen Makuc	(2)		Søren Sørensen -> Skive	
	Haniel Langaro	(4)	(1)	Thomas Solstad -> BSH	
Ludovic Fabregas	(4)		Josef Pujol -> Dunkerque		
Luis Frade	(3)		Alexander Blonz -> Szeged		

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR ELVERUM HANDBALL VS BARÇA

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Sebastian Henneberg	8	12.10.2019	Barça vs Elverum Handball	33:24
Alexander Blonz	6	02.04.2021	Elverum Handball vs Barça	25:37
Thomas Solstad	6	02.04.2021	Elverum Handball vs Barça	25:37
Dominik Mathe	6	05.04.2021	Barça vs Elverum Handball	39:19
Magnus Fredriksen	5	09.02.2020	Elverum Handball vs Barça	26:30
Tobias Grøndahl	5	05.04.2021	Barça vs Elverum Handball	39:19

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR BARÇA VS ELVERUM HANDBALL

Luka Cindric	7	12.10.2019	Barça vs Elverum Handball	33:24
Dika Mem	7	02.04.2021	Elverum Handball vs Barça	25:37
Victor Tomas	6	12.10.2019	Barça vs Elverum Handball	33:24
Aitor Ariño	6	09.02.2020	Elverum Handball vs Barça	26:30
Aleix Gómez	6	09.02.2020	Elverum Handball vs Barça	26:30
Mamadou Diocou	6	05.04.2021	Barça vs Elverum Handball	39:19

MOTW 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2022/23 season:

- Round 1: Harald Reinkind (THW Kiel)
- Round 2: Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)
- Round 3: Jannick Green (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 4:



LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Elverum Handball: current run – winless 13

29.09.2022 Nantes FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	L 41:30
21.09.2022 Elverum NOR	vs Aalborg Håndbold	L 25:33
14.09.2022 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 36:26
07.04.2022 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 37:30
30.03.2022 Elverum FRA	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	D 30:30
09.03.2022 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar 1961 MKD	L 39:30
02.03.2022 Elverum NOR	vs Pick Szeged HUN	L 24:27
23.02.2022 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 32:27
17.02.2022 Lillehammer NOR	vs THW Kiel GER	L 30:31
08.12.2021 Elverum NOR	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 28:34



BARÇA

Barça: current run – unbeaten 12

29.09.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 38:30
22.09.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs Lomza Industria Kielce POL	W 32:28
14.09.2022 Szeged HUN	@ Pick Szeged HUN	W 28:35
19.06.2022 Cologne GER	vs Lomza Vive Kielce POL	W 37:35 *
18.06.2022 Cologne GER	@ THW Kiel GER	W 30:34
19.05.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 27:24
11.05.2022 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 29:33
10.03.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 29:22
24.02.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 35:30
17.02.2022 Bucharest ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 30:35

* after shoot-out

ELVERUM HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST BARÇA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Emil Imsgard	NOR	4	0	0	4	0	0,00	0	0
Šimon Mizera	CZE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Håvar Skare	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Patrick Anderson	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kassem Awad	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Benjamin Berg	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Daniel Blomgren	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Uros Borzas	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Niclas Fingren	SWE	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Tobias Grøndahl	NOR	4	0	0	4	5	1,25	5	0
Andreas Haugseng	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Christopher Hedberg	SWE	2	0	0	2	4	2,00	3	2'
Sindre Heldal	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kristian Larsen	NOR	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Endre Langaas	NOR	4	0	0	4	4	1,00	2	0
Kasper Lien	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Stig-Tore Moen	NOR	4	0	0	4	14	3,50	6 (2)	0
Orri Freyr Þorkelsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Josip Vidovic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Uros Borzas (Telekom Veszprém HC 2018/19 – DNP); Stig-Tore Moen Nilsen (IFK Kristianstad 2017/18, IFK Kristianstad 2018/19)

BARÇA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST ELVERUM HANDBALL

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Roberto Domenech	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Emil Nielsen	DEN	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	ESP	4	4	0	0	1	0,25	1	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Aitor Ariño	ESP	2	2	0	0	9	4,50	6	2'
Jonathan Carlsbogard	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aleksandar Cenic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Cindric	CRO	3	3	0	0	12	4,00	7	0
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	6	5	0	1	19	3,17	4 (3)	2'
Luis Frade	POR	2	2	0	0	4	2,00	3	0
Aleix Gómez	ESP	4	4	0	0	16	4,00	6	0
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	4	4	0	0	2	0,50	1 (2)	2'
Blaz Janc	SLO	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Haniel Langaro	BRA	3	3	0	0	13	4,33	8	2'
Domen Makuc	SLO	2	2	0	0	2	1,00	2	2'
Dika Mem	FRA	4	4	0	0	14	3,50	7	0
Timothey N'guessan	FRA	3	3	0	0	5	1,67	4	0
Artur Parera	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Bruno Reguart	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Melvyn Richardson	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Martí Soler	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pablo Urdangarin de Borbon	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Hampus Wanne	SWE	3	3	0	0	3	1,00	2	0

Ludovic Fabregas (Montpellier HB 2016/17); Haniel Langaro (Naturhouse La Rioja 2016/17); Domen Makuc (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2019/20 – DNP); Emil Nielsen (Skjern Handbold 2017/18); Hampus Wanne (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2020/21).

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