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I INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAY-OFFS

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to the beginning of the EHF Champions League Men playoffs as the road to the EHF FINAL4 truly begins. The group phase once again proved that Europe's top-flight is the place to watch the very best in our sport with a series of thrilling matches starring the handball elite.

Such was quality of handball on show, the group phase once again was a massive hit with fans across the world. Once the curtain came down on the group phase, EHF Champions League content had earned a digital reach of 130 million on digital platforms. Meanwhile, new content distribution implemented this season for clubs and stakeholders saw 50 million impressions outside of the EHF-owned channels, including more than 20 million video views. With 29 television broadcasters regularly screening EHF Champions League Men group phase matches – we look forward to seeing even more top-level handball on our screens as we enter the exciting play-offs.

One look at the line-up for the Last 16 already sends shivers down the spine with a number high-profile matches which will decide the quarter-finals. THW Kiel, who dramatically clinched last season's title after victory in Cologne in December, enter the play-offs with a mouth-watering meeting against MOL-Pick Szeged in one of the ties of the round.

Barça finished runners-up to Kiel three months ago but in this season's competition they have been unstoppable and, quite literally, unbeatable. The Spanish giants ended the group phase with a perfect 28 points from their 14 games and go into their meeting with Elverum full of confidence. Flensburg-Handewitt ended the group phase by topping group A having won 10 of their 14 games. Their prize for such a series of strong performances are two matches against PPD Zagreb. The Croatian outfit failed to pick up a single point from the group phase but that counts for nothing now and will head into the play-offs keen on causing an upset.

The road to the LANXESS arena would not be the same without Paris Saint-Germain Handball, and the French side's quest to win their first EHF Champions League title will begin against Celje Pivovarna Lasko. Another team to impress during the group phase were Lozma Vive Kielce. The Polish side had the 80 goals of top scorer Alex Dujshebaev to thank for their form and they now face HBC Nantes for a place in the quarter-finals.

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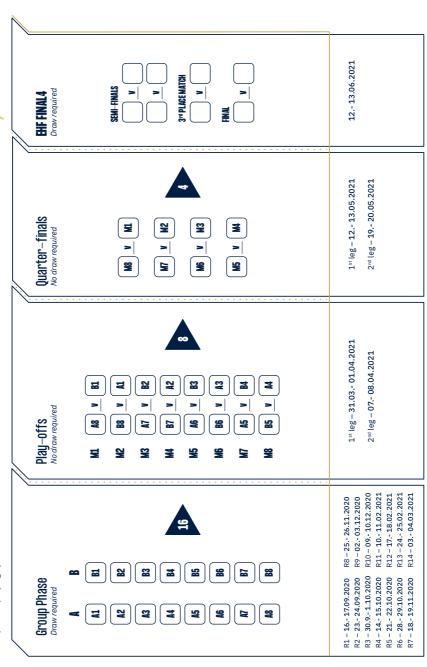
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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 SEASON

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PLAY-OFF AND QUARTER-FINAL PAIRINGS

ROAD TO THE EHF FINAL4







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I BARÇA BREAK ALL RECORDS

FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS PRIOR TO THE START OF PLAY-OFF MATCHES

The group phase of the EHF Champions League Men concluded after 112 matches — and now the 16 teams are set to proceed to the play-offs, starting on 31 March. The statistical highlights include Barcelona consolidating their status as goal machines. Though they lost the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2019/20 final against THW Kiel in the middle of the 2020/21 group phase, Barça have had an impressive run.

ehfCL.com have analysed the group phase and now present the most impressive and important facts and figures.

clubs defended their trophy in Cologne since the implementation of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in 2010. Kiel have the chance even to win two trophies in six months.

- teams are Champions League debutants or have their first knockout stage ahead.
- O points were the outcome for Zagreb in 14 group matches, and it was the first time since the groups have been played with eight teams (starting in the 2015/16 season) that a club did not win any point. The previous low score was two points, recorded by both Besiktas and Schaffhausen.
- O play-off pairings like in the Last 16 in the previous two seasons include teams from the same country.
- 1 play-off pairing is a repeat of a previous EHF Champions League final: Vardar vs Veszprém.
- 1 time this season, 45 or less goals were scored in a group match: when Porto beat Szeged 25:19.
- 1 player has defended the trophy in Cologne so far and he remains in this season's competition, with Vardar: Ivan Cupic. After winning the 2016 title with Kielce, the Croatian was VELUX EHF Champions League winner in 2017 with Vardar. In 2019, still with the Macedonian side, he took his third trophy.

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

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

- 4 times in 14 matches, Barcelona scored more than 45 goals.
- 4 head coaches still involved in the competition have won the EHF Champions League at least once as coach: Talant Dujshebaev (Kielce/four titles three with Ciudad Real; one with Kielce), Xavi Pascual (Barcelona/two with Barcelona), Raul Gonzalez (PSG/one with Vardar) and Filip Jicha (Kiel/one with Kiel). David Davis (Veszprém) and Alberto Entrerrios (Nantes) won the Champions League as players with Ciudad Real, Filip Jicha (Kiel) and Börge Lund (Elverum) as players with THW Kiel, and Maik Machulla (Flensburg) as assistant coach of Flensburg. Juan Carlos Pastor (Szeged/with Szeged) and Magnus Andersson (Porto/with Göppingen) have won the EHF Cup as coaches.
- 5 for the fifth time in six years since the playing system was adapted Barcelona were group winners.
- 5 different nations are represented by the 11 previous winners of the VELUX EHF FINAL4: Germany (Kiel in 2010, 2012 and 2020; Hamburg in 2013; Flensburg in 2014), Spain (Barcelona in 2011 and 2015), Poland (Kielce in 2016), North Macedonia (Vardar in 2017 and 2019) and France (Montpellier in 2018). All those nations are still represented in the race for the 2021 trophy.
- 6 previous EHF Champions League winners, representing 17 trophies, are still part of the competition: Barcelona (1996-2000, 2005, 2011, 2015), Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020), Vardar (2017, 2019), Celje (2004), Flensburg (2014) and Kielce (2016).

I BARÇA BREAK ALL RECORDS

- 7 of 112 group matches ended with a difference of 10 or more goals.
- 7 of 16 teams still involved in the competition have been part of at least one VELUX EHF FINAL4 (inaugurated in 2010): Barcelona (eight participations; two trophies), Kiel (seven participations; three trophies), Veszprém (six participations; zero trophies), Kielce (four participations; one trophy), PSG (four participations; zero trophies), Vardar (three participations; two trophies), Flensburg (one participation; one trophy), and Nantes (one participation; zero trophies).
- 10 group matches ended with 70 and more goals, compared to only three games with such a total in the 2019/20 season.
- 11 of the 16 teams still part of the competition were among the 14 teams that qualified for the knockout stage last season: Vardar, PSG, Veszprém, Barcelona, Flensburg, Szeged, Kielce, Celje, Porto, Aalborg and Kiel.
- 11 group matches needed to be assessed by the EHF due to COVID-19 reasons.
- 13 nations are represented by the 16 play-off participants: France, Germany and Hungary are represented by two teams each; Belarus, Denmark, Croatia, Spain, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Ukraine have one each.
- **14** victories in **14** group matches was the recordbreaking balance of Barcelona.
- 18 goals was the biggest difference in a group match, when Barcelona won 45:27 against Zagreb.
- 19 goals in a single match was the lowest score of a team in the group phase, when Szeged lost 19:25 at Porto.
- 27 group matches in a row have been won by Barça since the opening defeat at Szeged in the 2019/20 season.
- 28 points, earned by Barcelona, represents a new record since the group phases has been played with eight teams per group. The previous record was 26 points by PSG and Barça.
- 28 matches are still ahead this season: 16 playoffs, eight quarter-finals and four matches at the EHF FINAL4 on 13/14 June in Cologne.

- 36 goals were scored on average per game by Barcelona, after their average of 34.6 in the 2019/20 season.
- **42** away victories occurred in the **112** group matches.
- **43** Champions League home matches in a row have seen Barça unbeaten, including 25 straight victories.
- 44 goals scored in the match Porto vs Szeged (25:19) was the lowest score of the group phase.
- 45 goals in a single match was the high score by one team: Barcelona, in the 45:27 win against Zagreb.
- 50 times, over 60 goals were scored in a group match.
- 53 times in 112 group matches, the home side was victorious.
- 76 goals was the highest score in the group phase, when Barcelona beat Zaporozhye 42:34.
- 80 goals were scored by Alex Dujshebaev (Kielce) to make him the top scorer of the group phase, ahead of Mikkel Hansen (PSG/72), and Viachaslau Bokhan (Zaporozhye/67) and Mikita Vailupau (Meshkov Brest/67).
- +93 goals was the impressive goal difference of Barcelona after 14 group matches an average of +6.6 in every match.
- **112** group matches were scheduled and 101 decided on court in the unprecedented season.
- 300 was the number of EHF Champions League matches reached by Veszprém when they played THW Kiel in the group phase in early December, winning 41:33. Kiel reached the same record, of 300 Champions League matches, when they played the 2020 final against Barcelona on 29 December.
- **327** goals, conceded by PSG, reflect the most efficient defensive record in the group phase.
- **505** goals scored by Barcelona represented the most effective attack of the group phase. Last season, the Catalan team scored 486 goals.
- **6,102** goals were scored in the 101 matches decided on court this season 2,875 in group A and 3,227 in group B.

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PARINGS

I ELVERUM HANDBALL (NOR) VS BARÇA (ESP)



First leg: Friday, 2 April at 18:45 CEST, Barcelona (ESP) Second leg: Monday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Barcelona (ESP)



- Elverum finished last in group A while Barça were undisputed first in group B, with 14 wins in as many games
- the two clubs have only met twice before, in last season's Champions League group phase, and Barcelona won both contests
- the two games between the two sides will be played in Spain, with the first leg scheduled for Friday and the second one for next Monday
- Elverum have not played a game since 4 March due to the cancellation of the end of the Norwegian league

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Elverum Handball vs Barça 0-0-2 (50:63) 0:4

12.10.2019 09.02.2020 Barça vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A Elverum Handball vs Barça, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

33:24 (15:12) 26:30 (14:16) **A8**



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Kit colours

Light

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

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Playing hall

Terningen Arena Hamarvegen 112 2418 Elverum Norway Capacity: 2,500

ELVERUM HANDBALL



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	DL	GF:GA	GD	Ρ
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	14	10	1 3	341:336	(5)	21
2. Paris Saint-Germain HB	14	9	1 4	388:327	(61)	19
3. Lomza Vive Kielce	14	9	1 4	442:414	(18)	19
4. HC Meshkov Brest	14	7	1 6	383:380	(3)	15
5. FC Porto	14	5	2 7	361:362	(-1)	12
6. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	6	0 8	318:329	(-11)	12
7. HC Vardar 1961	14	3	3 8	335:350	(-15)	9
8. Elverum Handball	14	2	1 11	L387:457	(-70)	5

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs FC Porto	L31:38 (11:16)
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	L29:44 (12:19)
vs HC Vardar 1961	L32:35 (20:17)
@ HC Vardar 1961	D34:34 (20:21)
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L39:29 (20:14)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W33:31 (16:17)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L29:30 (12:15)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	L29:27 (15:17)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L36:27 (17:15)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L37:35 (18:14)
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	L35:29 (17:13)
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	L22:31 (11:18)
@ FC Porto	W28:30 (16:12)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	L0:10

1. Dominik Mathe (HUN)	51
Thomas Solstad (NOR)	51
3. Josef Pujol (SWE)	47
4. Alexander Blonz (NOR)	44
5. Endre Langaas (NOR)	34

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 7 Group Phase (5): 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 Qualification (1): 2013/14

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2010/11 EHF Cup: Group Phase 2012/13

Norwegian play off: 11 titles (1995, 2008, 2012-20) Norwegian league: 4 titles (2013, 2017, 2018, 2020) Norwegian Cup: 3 titles



MATCHES Longest winning run

GOALS Most goals

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win 37:26 (21:13) v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO (h), 01.12.2019 **Biggest defeat**

23:37 (12:18) v Skjern Handbold DEN (h), 27.09.2015

Longest winning run 4 matches (30.09.2018 - 03.11.2018) Longest unbeaten run

4 matches (30.09.2018 - 03.11.2018)

Longest losing run Longest run without win

6 matches (01.10.2020 - 10.12.2020) 10 matches (01.12.2018 - 24.11.2019)

Most goals

40 v Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 40:32W (h), 08.10.2017 44 v PSG Handball FRA 29:44L (h), 02.03.2021

Most goals opponent Most goals both teams **Fewest goals**

73 v PSG Handball FRA 29:44L (h), 02.03.2021 17 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016

Fewest goals opponent

18 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016

35 v HC Metalurg MKD 18:17L (a), 24.09.2016 Fewest goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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
Total:	54	18	5	31	1461:1558	-97	41:67	





Børge Lund Coach



Mouhoega

- Norwegian former centre back, who took over from Michael
 Apelgren as Flyerum coach in summer of 2020
- Elverum is his first job as head coach after working for found
- spent most of his playing career in Germany, competing for tooms like THW Kiel, Phoin, Nocker Läwen and Füchen Parlin

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- won Cl with Kiel at inqueural EUE EINAL 4 in 2010
- played more than 200 matches and scored 390 goals for Norway between 2000 and 2014

EC trophies: CL 2010 (as player)

Left during the season

Rasmus Boysen (DEN/Fredericia HK)

I TEAM ROSTER

N	o.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1		Jesper	Gulliksen	NOR	Goalkeeper	07.09.1999	Skien, NOR	191	110
2		Oskar	Kvernes	NOR	Right Wing	10.06.2001	Brandval, NOR	178	72
4		Christopher	Hedberg	SWE	Right Wing	08.08.1992	Skövde, SWE	193	88
5		Kristian	Larsen	NOR	Line Player	22.03.2000	Sandefjord, NOR	198	103
6		Rasmus	Boysen	DEN	Back	14.10.1992	Tonder, DEN	191	100
7		Simen	Schønningsen	NOR	Right Back	21.02.1996	Fetsund, NOR	190	82
9		Simen	Pettersen	NOR	Left Back	08.04.1998	Tønsberg, NOR	190	86
1	2	Emil Kheri	Imsgard	NOR	Goalkeeper	06.03.1998	Hamar, NOR	196	98
1	4	Johan Niclas	Fingren	SWE	Left Back	19.11.1995	Kungsbacka, SWE	196	99
1	5	Tobias	Grøndahl	NOR	Centre Back	22.01.2001	Bærum, NOR	182	83
1	6	Thorsten	Fries	DEN	Goalkeeper	22.01.1993	Tønder, DEN	197	94
1	8	Edwin Nils	Svensson	SWE	Right Back	07.08.2000	Hjo, SWE	195	95
1	9	Luc	Abalo	FRA	Right Wing	06.09.1984	Ivry, FRA	182	80
2	0	Endre	Langaas	NOR	Line Player	05.10.1991	Trondheim, NOR	184	99
2	1	William	Nilsen-Nygaard	NOR	Left Wing	03.07.1995	Bærum, NOR	191	94
2	3	Dominik	Mathe	HUN	Right Back	01.04.1999	Nyíregyháza, HUN	l 197	104
2	9	Søren Tau	Sørensen	DEN	Line Player	18.12.1985	Odense, DEN	193	114
C 4	4	Thomas	Solstad	NOR	Line Player	26.02.1997	Ski, NOR	194	109
7	0	Carl Josef	Pujol	SWE	Centre Back	19.02.1992	Stocholm, SWE	183	78
7	1	Alexander	Blonz	NOR	Left Wing	17.04.2000	Stavanger, NOR	187	82



Thorsten Fries

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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)



Alexander Blonz



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Left wing

- still in early stages of his career, joined Elverum from Viking HK in summer of 2019
- debuted for Norway national team at Gjensidige Cup just before WCh 2019; has since won WCh silver and EURO bronze medals
- made headlines during WCh 2019 with some stellar performances
- very fast and technically skilled wing with huge potential

WCh: S 2019; EURO: B 2020



Simen Holand Pettersen



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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



Josef Pujol



@josefpujol

Centre back

- rejoined from GOG in the summer of 2020
- gained CL experience with Elverum before short stints in Germany and Denmark
- started his career in Hammarby, in his Swedish homeland, and has proven himself a a reliable playmaker at GOG
- regular feature on Swedish handball podcast Avkast



Josef Pujol Centre back



@josefpujol

- Swedish centre back, who returned to Elverum after three seasons in summer of 2020
- played for Gummersbach (2017/18) and GOG (2018-2020) in the meantime
- gained first CL experience with Elverum before starting his Bundesliga adventure
- · started his career in Hammarby, in his Swedish homeland
- won gold with Sweden's Under-21 team at Junior WCh 2013



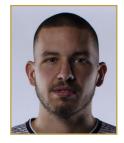
Thomas Solstad



@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 is his first season playing in the CL
- 21-year-old right back, who gained EHF Cup experience with Balatonfüred
- had his best European season in 2018/19, scoring 48 times for the Hungarian side



Luc Abalo Right wing



@lucabalo19

- joined Elverum from PSG in one of the most eye-catching CL transfers of 2020
- arrived as one of the first stars at PSG in 2012, coming from Atletico Madrid
- played EHF FINAL4 five times but never won it; did win CL with Ciudad Real in 2009
- highly successful French international, who keeps impressing with his lightning speed and extraordinary jumping skills

EC trophies: CL 2009

OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016; EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2018; WCh: 2009, 2011,

2017, B 2019



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FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs HC Motor	W42:34 (23:18)	1. Aleix Gómez (ESP)	61
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W29:32 (17:16)	2. Dika Mem (FRA)	60
vs HBC Nantes	W30:29 (14:17)	3. Aron Palmarsson (ISL)	48
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W33:37 (18:21)	4. Ludovic Fabregas (FRA)	44
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	W37:30 (15:15)	5. Aitor Ariño (ESP)	42
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	W34:37 (15:19)		
@ Aalborg Håndbold	W32:35 (15:19)		
vs THW Kiel	W29:25 (13:12)		
@ THW Kiel	W26:32 (15:16)		
vs Aalborg Håndbold	W42:33 (20:18)		

Past achievements

vs HC PPD Zagreb

@ HBC Nantes

@ HC Motor

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 24

vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W42:28 (21:14)

Winner (8): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15

W45:27 (24:13)

W27:35 (15:18)

W25.30 (11:13)

Final (4): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2019/20 Semi-final (5): 2007/08, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2018/19 Quarter-final (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2015/16

Last 16 (2): 2003/04, 2017/18 Main Round (1): 2008/09

Other

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

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

Spanish Cup: 24 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

46

GOALS Most goals

82

GOALS Most goals both teams

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 Biggest win
 17:43 (9:21) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (a), 19.11.2011

 Biggest defeat
 31:21 (13:10) v SG Flensburg-H. GER (a), 23.02.2007

41:31 (20:15) v THW Kiel GER (a), 06.04.2008

Longest unbeaten run 22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020) **Longest unbeaten run** 22 matches (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)

Longest losing run 2 matches (eight times)

Longest run without win 3 matches (30.05.2010 – 03.10.2010) 3 matches (03.06.2017 – 17.09.2017)

 Most goals
 46 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009

 Most goals opponent
 41 v THW Kiel GER 41:31L (a), 06.04.2008

41 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41L (a), 31.05.2014

 Most goals both teams
 82 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009

 Fewest goals
 21 v ABC Braga POR 21:21D (a), 09.11.1997

 21 v SC Pick Szeged HUN 22:21L (a), 23.10.2004

21 v Portland San Antonio ESP 25:21L (a), 25.02.2006 21 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 31:21L (a), 23.02.2007

21 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 22:21L (a), 20.09.2015

Fewest goals opponent11 v Aalborg Handball DEN 11:31W (a), 15.03.2015Fewest goals both teams38 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	Т	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	14	13	0	1	485:380	+105	26:2	EHF FINAL4
Total:	310	233	20	57	9612:8040	+1572	486:134	

^{*} to be played 28/29 December 2020





Xavi Pascual Coach

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

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015

Arrived during the season

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

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	rth Place of birth		Weight
	1	Gonzalo	Perez de Vargas	ESP	Goalkeeper	10.01.1991	Toledo, ESP	190	93
	6	Casper Ulrich	Mortensen	DEN	Left Wing	14.12.1989	København, DEN	190	93
С	9	Raul	Entrerrios	ESP	Centre Back	10.02.1981	Gijon, ESP	195	89
	10	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07.06.1984	La Trinite, FRA	192	110
	11	Jure	Dolenec	SLO	Right Back	06.12.1988	Kranj, SLO	191	95
	12	Jordi	Gonzales Perez	ESP	Goalkeeper	08.05.1988	Bordils, ESP	188	85
	13	Aitor	Ariño	ESP	Left Wing	05.10.1992	Penarth, WAL	187	81
	15	Albert	Pujol	ESP	Left Back	15.04.1991	St Quirze del Vallès, ESI	P195	90
	17	Alejandro	Barbeito Soriano	ESP	Centre Back	08.08.2001	Barcelona, ESP	180	75
	18	Blaz	Janc	SLO	Right Wing	20.11.1996	Brezice, SLO	187	87
	19	Timothey	N'guessan	FRA	Left Back	18.09.1992	Massy, FRA	196	105
	20	Aleix	Gómez Abelló	ESP	Right Wing	07.05.1997	Sabadell, ESP	182	71
	22	Thiagus	Petrus	BRA	Line Player	25.01.1989	Juiz de Fora, BRA	199	100
	23	Mamadou	Lamine Diocou	ESP	Right Wing	10.03.2000	Fassada, SEN	180	71
	24	Dika	Mem	FRA	Right Back	31.08.1997	Paris, FRA	194	90
	25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05.07.1993	Ogulin, CRO	182	90
	28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13.02.2000	Vigo, ESP	175	83
	33	Artur	Parera Ibanez	ESP	Line Player	28.08.2002	Barcelona, ESP	185	75
	34	Aron	Palmarsson	ISL	Centre Back	19.07.1990	Reykjavik, ISL	193	96
	35	Domen	Makuc	SLO	Centre Back	01.07.2000	Postojna, SLO	188	82
	36	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.06.1989	Tondern, DEN	200	103
	37	Haniel Vincius	Langaro Inoue	BRA	Left Back	07.03.1995	Umuarama, BRA	196	100
	44	Juan	Palomino Moron	ESP	Left Back	11.10.2001	Antequera, ESP	193	72
	55	David	Roca Rodriguez	ESP	Right Back	09.01.2000	Barcelona, ESP	188	77
	72	Ludovic	Fabregas	FRA	Line Player	01.07.1996	Perpignan, FRA	198	100
	82	Luis	Frade	POR	Line Player	11.09.1998	Rio Tinto, POR	194	115



Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

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Goalkeeper

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

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2014

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



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Aitor Arino

Left wing

- born in Wales, but started to play handball when he was seven years old at school in Barcelona, and he has been donning the Barça shirt since 2004
- used to play centre back as well
- played for Spain at all youth levels, replaced injured Angel Fernandez at EURO 2018
- his father, Sergi, was also a handball player, for Granollers and Barça in the 1980s

EC trophies: CL 2015

EURO: G 2018, G 2020; WCh: G 2013, B 2021



Aron Palmarsson

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Centre back

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

CL: 2010, 2012

EURO: B 2010



Raul Entrerrios



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Centre back

- new captain of Barça following Victor Tomas' retirement after 2019/20 season
- initially planned to retire after 2020 Olympics but added another year to his contract once Tokyo Games were postponed until 2021
- played for two Spanish clubs Leon and Valladolid before joining Barça in 2010
- best centre back of domestic ASOBAL league for six seasons in a row (2014-20)

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015; CWC 2005, 2009

OG: B 2008; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2006, 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2005, B 2011, 2021



Luka Cindric

Centre back

- joined Barca 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

Line player

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

EC trophies: CL 2018

WCh: G 2017, B 2019; OG: S 2016



Dika Mem

Right back

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

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



Aleix Gomez

Right wing

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

EURO: G 2020, WCh: B 2021



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I HC PPD ZAGREB (CRO) VS SG FLENSBURG—HANDEWITT (GER)



First leg: (Thursday, 1 April) POSTPONED!

Second leg: Thursday, 8 April at 18:45 CEST, Flensburg (GER)



- the first leg match has been postponed due to two positive Covid-19 cases within the team of Zagreb and a consequent isolation of the whole team
- the EHF will inform on the further procedure in this issue in a separate communication at a later point of time
- thanks to a victory in Kielce in the last round of the group phase, Flensburg ranked on top of group A, while Zagreb remained without a point in 14 group B matches
- the Buric brothers will clash in this play-off tie: Senjamin is line player for Zagreb and Benjamin is goalkeeper for Flensburg — and both are coached by new PPD coach Ivica Obryan in the Bosnian national team
- it is the 17th mutual duel, with Flensburg having won 12 of the previous matches, including both in the 2019/20 season. Zagreb have taken only four victories versus their German opponents
- the last time Zagreb proceeded to the Champions League quarter-finals was after beating a German team: in the 2015/16 season, by eliminating Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- Flensburg just won the 104th edition of the 'German Klassiker' 31:28 against THW
 Kiel, to remain on top of the Bundesliga table, while Zagreb have not had any matches
 in the SEHA League since 28 February
- while Zagreb's long-term injured Marin Sipic will mostly not be on court again this season, Flensburg played the 'Klassiker' against Kiel with only eight court players, due to injuries and quarantines

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HC PPD Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 4-0-12 (413:441) 8:24

15.02.2004	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:27 (17:15)
22.02.2004	RK Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:28 (13:12)
04.12.2005	RK Zagreb vs SG Flensburg Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Last 16	25:23 (11:8)
10.12.2005	SG Flensburg Handewitt vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:24 (14:12)
28.09.2006	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs RK Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:28 (14:12)
05.11.2006	RK Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:23 (11:13)
24.02.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3	29:25 (12:15)
16.03.2008	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3	36:29 (16:15)
21.11.2010	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB, VELUX EHF Champions League - Group D	32:29 (19:15)
28.11.2010	HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:26 (14:12)
11.11.2015	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:27 (12:13)
21.11.2015	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League - Group A	23:30 (10:15)
19.09.2018	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:31 (16:16)
24.02.2019	HC PPD Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:22 (11:9)
09.10.2019	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC PPD Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	20:17 (10:10)
08.02.2020	HC PPD Zagreb vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:26 (9:11)

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ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

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@ THW Kiel	L36:30 (23:15)	1. Matej Hrstic (CRO)	4
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L28:35 (11:17)	2. David Mandic (CRO)	34
@ HBC Nantes	L30:28 (13:14)	3. Senjamin Buric (BIH)	32
@ Aalborg Håndbold	L38:29 (22:14)	Vlado Matanovic (CRO)	32
vs HBC Nantes	L24:34 (8:20)	5. Filip Vistorop (CRO)	28
vs Barça	L33:37 (18:21)		
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	L29:28 (14:12)		
@ HC Motor	L29:25 (13:13)		
vs HC Motor	L23:24 (13:13)		

L45:27 (24:13)

L26:27 (15:12)

W37:25 (18:12)

L21:31 (6:14)

Past achievements

@ Telekom Veszprém HC

vs Aalborg Håndbold

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 27

vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško L22:30 (14:16)

Runners-up (4): 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99

Semi-final (1): 1999/00

Quarter-final (7): 2000/01, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2015/16

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

@ Barça

vs THW Kiel

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

SEHA League: 1 title (2013)

Croatian league: 28 titles (1992-2019) Croatian Cup winner: 26 times

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MATCHES Longest winning run

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GOALS Most goals

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GOALS Most goals both teams
 Biggest win
 34:15 (16:8) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (h), 04.12.2010

 Biggest defeat
 43:21 (23:10) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.04.2015

 Longest winning run
 6 matches (12.12.1998 – 27.02.1999)

 Longest unbeaten run
 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)

Longest losing run 15 matches (01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)
Longest run without win 15 matches (01.03.2020 – 04.03.2021)

Most goals 38 v Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI 38:30W (h), 23.02.2013

Most goals opponent43 v FC Barcelona ESP 43:21L (a), 18.04.2015Most goals both teams69 v FC Barcelona Borges ESP 36:33L (a), 03.04.2010Fewest goals15 v Portland San Antonio ESP 31:15L (a), 22.10.2005

Fewest goals opponent 13 v THW Kiel GER 22:13W (h), 25.03.2000

 13 v Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13W (h), 16.10.2005

 Fewest goals both teams
 36 v ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 18:18D (a), 20.11.1999

36 v HC Metalurg MKD 19:17 W (h), 11.10.2014

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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 CRC	14	7	0	7	328:356	-28	14:14	Quarter-final
2015/16 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRC	18	6	2	10	464:480	-16	14:22	Quarter-final
2016/17 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRC	16	4	1	11	373:408	-35	9:23	Last 16
2017/18 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRC	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
Total:	286	121	31	134	7434:7494	+60	273:299	





Ivica Obrvan

- player for Zagreb from 1988 until 1996 including the CL finals in 1995
- started his coaching career in 1999 at Jambo Metkovic
- Zagreb's coach already from 2010 until 2012 after coaching Velenje and before coaching Chambery and the Macedonian national team
- became PPD coach again as successor of Vlado Sola in March 2021, who had taken over Igor Vori's job in October 2020
- also took over the national team of Bosnia and Herzegovina in early 2021

EHF EURO: B 1994 (as a player)

Arrived during the season

Davor Cavar (CRO/HRK Gorica) Paolo Kraljevic (CRO/HRK Gorica) Ivan Laljek (CRO/HRK Gorica) Csaba Leimeter (HUN/Csurgói KK) Filip Peric (CRO/RK Porec) Srna Zvonimir (CRO/HRK Gorica)

Left during the season

Josip Bozic-Pavletic (CRO/Frisch Auf Göppingen) Milos Bozovic (MNE/Grundfos Tatabánya KC) Ziga Mlakar (SLO/RK Celje Pivovarna Laško)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
	1	Radivoje	Ristanovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	02.12.1982	Belgrade, SRB	200	105
	2	Marin	Šipic	CRO	Line Player	29.04.1996	Bad Soden a.T, GE	R 190	107
	4	Filip	Vistorop	CRO	Centre Back	29.04.1998	Mostar, BIH	194	90
	5	Luka	Mrakovcic	CRO	Centre Back	22.09.1994	Rijeka, CRO	190	95
	6	Davor	Cavar	CRO	Left Wing	07.12.1995	Zagreb, CRO	188	84
	7	David	Mandic	CRO	Left Wing	14.09.1997	Ljubuški, BIH	187	87
	8	Josip	Božic-Pavletic	CRO	Right Wing	06.08.1994	Split, CRO	187	83
	9	Luka Lovre	Klarica	CRO	Right Back	25.09.2001	Zadar, CRO	198	93
	10	Senjamin	Buric	BIH	Line Player	20.11.1990	Doboj, BIH	198	100
	11	Zvonimir	Srna	CRO	Left Back	18.01.1998	Dubrovnik, CRO	202	100
	12	Todor	Jandric	SRB	Goalkeeper	02.06.1998	Novi Sad, SRB	199	101
	13	Mario	Vuglac	CRO	Right Back	30.01.1992	Zagreb, CRO	191	92
	14	Nemanja	Obradovic	SRB	Centre Back	08.01.1991	Krusevac, SRB	200	105
	15	Darko	Stojnic	SLO	Line Player	03.04.1997	Ljubljana, SLO	200	113
С	16	Matej	Ašanin	CRO	Goalkeeper	04.09.1993	Zagreb, CRO	206	110
	17	Paolo	Kraljevic	CRO	Right Wing	31.03.2001	Ljubuški, BIH	188	80
	22	Miloš	Božovic	MNE	Left Back	10.12.1994	Budva, SRB	199	97
	24	Vlado	Matanovic	CRO	Right Wing	29.05.1995	Rijeka, CRO	182	85
	33	Valentino	Ravnic	CRO	Left Wing	20.07.1995	Zadar, CRO	190	82
	44	Matej	Hrstic	CRO	Left Back	11.08.1996	Ljubuski, BIH	197	102
	55	Csaba	Leimeter	HUN	Right Back	15.12.1994	Budapest		
	71	Nikola	Grahovac	CRO	Line Player	14.12.1998	Cakovec, CRO	201	111
	88	Aleks	Vlah	SLO	Centre Back	22.07.1997	Izola, SLO	191	90
	23	Ivan	Laljek	CRO	Centre Back	28.08.1992	Zagreb, CRO	180	85



Matei Asanin

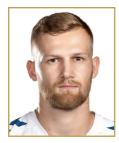


@matt16_as

Goalkeeper

- returned to Zagreb from TSG Friesenheim (GER) in the summer of 2019
- also played for Split, Varazdin (CRO), Leon (ESP), Balingen (GER) and Sporting (POR)
- part of Croatia's silver-medal team at EHF EURO 2020, also won gold with Croatia at Mediterranean Games in 2018

EURO: S 2020



David Mandic



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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



Matej Hrstic

Left back

- born in Bosnian city Ljubuski, played for Bosnian youth teams before he switched the citizenship to Croatian
- · arrived at Zagreb in 2017 at the age of 21
- became Croatian international at Zagreb and played his first major event at the EHF EURO 2020
- Zagreb's best scorer in the 2020/21 group phase with 44 goals

EURO: S 2020



Nemanja Obradovic



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Left back

- Serbian back, joining Zagreb from Meshkov Brest in summer of 2020
- represented Metaloplastika, Valence, Metalurg, Wisla Plock and Brest in the space of five years
- national team player who competed at two EHF EUROs with Serbia
- can also cover centre-back position, having started his career as a playmaker

@filipvistoropp

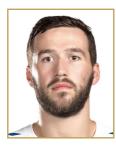
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Filip Vistorop

Centre back

- debuted in CL with Zagreb in 2018/19, scored 15 times in 2019/20 campaign
- previously gained European Cup experience with Bosnian side Zrinjski Mostar in Challenge Cup 2017/18
- helped Croatia to win historic silver medal at Junior WCh 2019



Senjamin Buric

Line player

- returned to Zagreb in summer of 2020 after switching between the Croatian club and Nantes two times since 2016
- has considerable CL experience, also played for Velenje between 2013 and 2016
- reached EHF FINAL4 final with Nantes in 2018
- his twin brother, Benjamin, also plays for Bosnian national team, as goalkeeper, and they played in four clubs together: Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Velenje



Mario Vuglac

Right back

- · started his career at Partizan Bjelovar
- had a short stint at German Bundesliga, but first was ruled out at Balingen by a torn ACT then by a long-term shoulder injury in 2011/12
- after playing for Hüttenberg in Germany and Slovan Ljubljana had his first stint at Zagreb in 2014/15
- joined Qatari side Al-Lakhwiya from 2015 to 2017, then returned to Zagreb
- part of the Croatian national team at the EHF EURO events 2018



Vlado Matanovic

Right wing

- arrived from Slovenian side Gorenje Velenje at Zagreb last summer
- previously, played for Buzet and Umag on Istria peninsula
- was a core part of the Croatian U19 silver medallists at the 2013 World Championship
- became men's national team player under head coach Slavko Goluza at the age of 18

EURO: S 2020

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



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

SG FLENSBURG-HANDEWITT



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ Lomza Vive Kielce	W28:31 (17:19)	1
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	W28:27 (19:10)	2
@ HC Meshkov Brest	W26:28 (15:14)	3
@ Elverum Handball	W29:30 (12:15)	4
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W26:24 (11:10)	5
vs HC Meshkov Brest	D29:29 (13:11)	
vs Elverum Handball	W37:35 (18:14)	
@ HC Vardar 1961	L31:26 (17:15)	
vs FC Porto	W36:29 (15:15)	
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	W28:29 (18:14)	
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W31:30 (14:14)	
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	W0:10	
@ FC Porto	L10:0	

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

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

vs HC Vardar 1961

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 16

Winners (1): 2013/14

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

Semi-final (1): 2005/2006

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

L0:10

2017/18, 2018/19

Last 16 (2): 2014/15, 2019/20 Main Round (1): 2007/2008

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2001, 2012 EHF Cup: Winners 1996/1997 City Cup: Winners 1998/1999

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German league: 3 titles (2004, 2018, 2019) German cup: 4 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

44

GOALS Most goals

Most goal

80

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win
Biggest defeat

43:24 (23:12) v RK Metalurg Skopje MKD (h), 19.10.2006 36:22 (16:10) v Montpellier HB FRA (a), 06.03.2005

24:38 (08:19) v Renovalia C. Real ESP (h), 21.04.2011

35:21 (19:13) v KIF Kolding DEN (a), 28.09.2014

Longest winning run
Longest unbeaten run

Longest losing run Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent Most goals both teams

Fewest goals

Fewest goals opponent
Fewest goals both teams

9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016) 9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)

6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)

6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)

44 v Redbergslids IK SWE 44:33W (h), 22.11.2003 41 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 41:31L (a), 02.12.2006

80 v FC Barcelona ESP 39:41W (a), 31.05.2014 17 v Montpellier HB FRA 29:17L (a), 29.04.2018

17 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 20:17W (h), 09.10.2019 37 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 20:17W (h), 09.10.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	w	Т	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*
Total:	216	128	18	70	6341:5919	+422	274:158	

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





Maik Machulla Coach

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

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

Arrived during the season

Alexander Petersson (ISL/Rhein-Neckar Löwen)

Left during the season

Domen Pelko (SLO/CB Ciudad de Logrono)

I TEAM ROSTER

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



Benjamin Buric

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Goalkeeper

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



Hampus Wanne



@hampusw

Left wing

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

EC trophies: CL 2014

EURO: S 2018, WCh: S 2021



Magnus Jöndal



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Left wing

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

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



Jim Gottfridsson



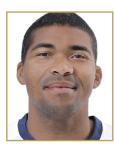
@gotte24

Centre back

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

EC trophies: CL 2014

EURO: S 2018, WCh: S 2021



Mads Mensah Larsen

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Centre back

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

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



Johannes Golla





Line player

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



Magnus Röd

Right back



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

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



Lasse Svan



@lassesvan

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

EC trophies: CL 2014; Cup Winners' Cup 2012

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

I HC VARDAR 1961 (MKD) VS TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC (HUN)



First leg: Thursday, 1 April at 18:45 CEST, Skopje (MKD) Second leg: Thursday, 8 April at 18:45 CEST,Veszprém (HUN)



- Veszprém finished their group B campaign second ranked below Barça, with 20 points, while Vardar only took one victory in 14 group matches on court funnily enough, against group winners Flensburg and finished seventh
- it is a rematch of the Champions League 2019 final, when Vardar took their second trophy after 2017 thanks to a 27:24 victory versus the Hungarian powerhouse
- in total, Veszprém have won eight of the 11 previous Champions League duels against Vardar — including the clear victories in the previous season (38:29 and 39:30) — drawn once and lost twice
- in September 2020, Veszprém won their third trophy in the SEHA League by beating Vardar 35:27 in the final
- five current Veszprém players had played for Vardar before: Vuko Borozan, Dejan Manaskov, Jorge Magueda, Rogerio Moraes and Daniil Shishkarev
- in the current SEHA League season, Vardar have won three of five matches so far, while Veszprém are undefeated leaders of the Hungarian league after 18 victories and one draw. They beat their biggest rivals, Szeged, last week

PREVIOUS FC FNCOUNTERS

HC Vardar 1961 vs Telekom Veszprém HC 2-1-8 (289:324) 5:17

10.11.2001	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:27 (11:10)
08.12.2001	Fotex KC Veszprém vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:22 (14:10)
15.11.2014	HC Vardar vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	23:24 (11:13)
22.11.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	32:24 (16:10)
23.04.2016	HC Vardar vs MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:29 (9:12)
30.04.2016	MVM Veszprém vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:30 (12:14)
29.09.2018	Telekom Veszprém HC vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:27 (11:13)
16.02.2019	HC Vardar vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:29 (16:11)
02.06.2019	HC Vardar vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Final	27:24 (16:11)
19.10.2019	Telekom Veszprém HC vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	39:30 (21:17)
01.12.2019	HC Vardar vs Telekom Veszprém HC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:38 (15:22)

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Playing hall

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

HC VARDAR 1961

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ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs HC Meshkov Brest	L32:36 (12:20)	1. Timur Dibirov (RUS)	63
@ Elverum Handball	W32:35 (20:17)	2. Ivan Cupic (CRO)	52
vs Elverum Handball	D34:34 (20:21)	3. Lovro Jotic (CRO)	36
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L34:33 (17:19)	Stojanche Stoilov (MKD)	36
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	L26:28 (15:13)	5. Ante Gadza (CRO)	25
@ FC Porto	L27:24 (13:13)		
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L36:29 (18:12)		
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	L29:33 (13:16)		
vs FC Porto	D25:25 (13:12)		

L24:22 (12:10)

@ Paris Saint-Germain HB D5:5

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt W0:10

vs Paris Saint-Germain HB L0:10

@ HC Meshkov Brest

Past achievements EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 15

vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W31:26 (17:15)

Winners (2): 2016/17, 2018/19

Semi-final (1): 2017/18

Quarter-final (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

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

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 1998/99, 2004/05, 2010/11, Quarter-finals 2006/07 SEHA league: 5 titles (2012, 2014, 2017-19)

Macedonian league: 13 titles (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015-19) Macedonian cup: 13 titles



MATCHES Longest winning run

GOALS Most goals

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win

Biggest defeat

Longest winning run

Longest unbeaten run Longest losing run

Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent Most goals both teams

Fewest goals Fewest goals opponent Fewest goals both teams 31:15 (14:8) v IFK Kristianstad SWE (h), 02.12.2017

41:19 (19:8) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.10.2003

8 matches (12.03.2017 - 01.10.2017) 15 matches (12.03.2017 - 02.12.2017)

7 matches (12.10.2003 - 09.10.2004)

8 matches (12.10.2003 - 16.10.2004)

8 matches (03.10.2009 - 20.02.2010)

40 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016

41 v FC Barcelona ESP 41:19L (a), 18.10.2003 74 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 38:36W (h), 20.02.2016

74 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016

12 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004 15 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 31:15W (h), 02.12.2017

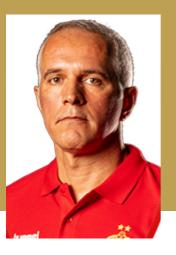
38 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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*
Total:	156	74	16	66	4320:4382	-62	164:148	

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





Stevce Alushovski Coach

- took over as coach of Vardar in early 2020, returning to the club where he had spent 10 years as player.
- one of the players of the Macedonian national team with more than 200 matches
- besides Vardar, he also played for RK Pelister, RK Prespa and RK Metalurg, and won 13 domestic titles and 11 cups
- started coaching career in 2017 at RK Pelister in his home
 town Bitala, hafara inining PK Furaform Bahataik in 2010

Arrived during the season

Vasko Sevaljevic (MNE/Istres Handball)

Left during the season

Marko Vujin (SRB/MOL-Pick Szeged)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth H	eight	Weight
	1	Borko	Ristovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	02.11.1982	Skopje, MKD	190	115
	2	Vasko	Sevaljevic	MNE	Left Back	21.06.1988 Cetinje, MNE		193	107
	3	Patryk	Walczak	POL	Line Player	29.07.1992	Szczecin, POL	198	102
	4	Tomislav	Jagurinovski	MKD	Right Back	19.08.1998	Skopje, MKD	188	81
С	5	Stojanche	Stoilov	MKD	Line Player	30.04.1987	Skopje, MKD	191	110
	6	David	Gashovski	MKD	Line Player	02.09.1996	Skopje, MKD	197	127
	8	Dimitar	Dimitrioski	MKD	Left Wing	16.02.1998	Prilep, MKD	183	83
	9	Goce	Georgievski	MKD	Right Wing	12.02.1987	Skopje, MKD	185	83
	11	Martin	Karapalevski	MKD	Centre Back	11.03.2000	Bitola, MKD	178	82
	15	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left Back	15.11.1991	Ludwigshafen, GER	202	102
	18	Lovro	Jotic	CRO	Centre Back	12.11.1994	Zagreb, CRO	192	96
	21	Gleb	Kalarash	RUS	Line Player	29.11.1990	Moscow, RUS	205	95
	24	Ante	Gadža	CRO	Centre Back	26.08.1992	Zagreb, CRO	195	95
	27	Ivan	Cupic	CRO	Right Wing	27.03.1986	Metkovic, CRO	178	78
	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
	41	Marko	Vujin	SRB	Right Back	07.12.1984	Backa Palanka, SRB	201	104
	44	Josip	Vekic	CRO	Right Back	16.03.1998	Metkovic, CRO	210	100
	77	Robin	Cantegrel	FRA	Goalkeeper	13.02.1995	Nantes, FRA	194	77
	97	Marko	Mishevski	MKD	Left Back	23.08.1999	Skopje, MKD	199	96
	98	Marko	Kizic	MKD	Goalkeeper	22.01.2001	Skopje, MKD	190	89



Borko Ristovski

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, Gummersbach 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

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



Filip Taleski

Left back

- joined Vardar in summer of 2020 after one season at Balingen-Weilstetten in Germany
- previously played CL with Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Metalurg
- considered one of biggest talents in Macedonian handball, part of national team since WCh play-off against Greece in 2014
- made professional debut for Metalurg at age of 17



Christian Dissinger

Left back

- started career at TSG Friesenheim and played there until June 2011
- before joining Vardar in 2018 and winning CL in his first season with the club, he played for Kadetten Schaffhausen, BM Atlético Madrid, TuS N-Lübbecke and THW Kiel
- in 2016 he won gold at EHF EURO and bronze at Olympics with German national team

EC trophies: CL 2019 EURO: G 2016: OG: B 2016



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@antee4



Ante Gadza

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 Nexe
- · also played for Ivanic, Dugo Selo, Medvescak and Umag in the past
- made national team debut at age 26 in EHF EURO 2020 qualifier against Serbia



Stojanche Stoilov

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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



Marko Vujin



@markovujin41

Right back

- after one season with Sporting CP in Portugal, the experienced Serbian right back joined Vardar in the summer of 2020
- started his career at RK Sintelon; most notable other clubs were Veszprém and Kiel
- · won Cup Winners' Cup in 2008 with Veszprém
- was part of the Serbian national team that won silver at EHF EURO 2012

EC trophies: CWC 2008 FURO: S 2012



Ivan Cupic

Right wing

- despite losing a finger in an accident in 2008, he has remained an important player for his club teams and the Croatian national side
- still the only player to win EHF FINAL4 two years in a row: first with Kielce in 2016, then with Vardar in 2017; and he won the CL again with Vardar in 2019
- second-best scorer of 2012 Olympic handball tournament, has won eight medals with Croatian national team since 2009

EC trophies: CL 2016, 2017, 2019

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

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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 Külso Kadartai ut 8200 Veszprém

Hungary Capacity: 5,096

TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

W28:35 (11:17)	1. Petar Nenadic (SRB)	54
W34:30 (17:17)	2. Andreas Nilsson (SWE)	49
W25:29 (14:16)	3. Vuko Borozan (MNE)	43
L37:30 (15:15)	4. Gasper Marguc (SLO)	40
L34:37 (15:19)	5. Yahia Omar (EGY)	39
W41:33 (19:19)		
L30:32 (16:19)		
W27:33 (18:16)		
D31:31 (18:20)		
	W34:30 (17:17) W25:29 (14:16) L37:30 (15:15) L34:37 (15:19) W41:33 (19:19) L30:32 (16:19) W27:33 (18:16)	W34:30 (17:17) 2. Andreas Nilsson (SWE) W25:29 (14:16) 3. Vuko Borozan (MNE) L37:30 (15:15) 4. Gasper Marguc (SLO) L34:37 (15:19) 5. Yahia Omar (EGY) W41:33 (19:19) L30:32 (16:19) W27:33 (18:16)

W39:24 (18:11)

W34:37 (18:17)

W37:25 (18:12)

W24:28 (10:11)

D5:5

Past achievements

vs Celje Pivovarna Laško

@ HC Motor

vs HC PPD Zagreb

@ HBC Nantes

vs HBC Nantes

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 26 Final (4): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19

Semi-final (5): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20

Ouarter-final (9): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09,

2009/10, 2012/13

Last 16 (4): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2017/18 Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2008, Finalists 1997 SEHA-league: 3 titles (2015, 2016, 2020)

Hungarian league: 26 titles Hungarian Cup: 27 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

46

GOALS Most goals

77

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win
Biggest defeat
Longest winning run

Longest unbeaten run Longest losing run

Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent

Most goals both teams Fewest goals

Fewest goals opponent

Fewest goals both teams

38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004

30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995

12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019) 12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)

4 matches (28.12.2020 - 09.02.2021)

4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999) 4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)

 $46\ v$ MSK SIRS Povazska B. SVK $46{:}26W$ (h), 07.10.2006

46 v MSK SIRS Povazska B. SVK 30:46W (a), 21.10.2006

39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007

39 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.16 77 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.16

15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995

13 v SO Chambery FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001

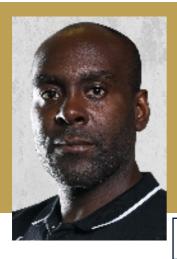
13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002 32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

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1994/95 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147	-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1995/96 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204	+24	11:5	Quarter-final
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188	+12	7:9	Quarter-final
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202	+1	8:8	Quarter-final
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267	+43	18:6	Runner-up
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238	+38	16:4	Semi-final
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276	+30	14:6	Quarter-final
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259	+58	14:6	Quarter-final
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318	+55	18:6	Semi-final
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288	+50	14:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171	+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320	+31	16:8	Quarter-final
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368	+51	22:6	Quarter-final
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338	+35	18:6	Last 16
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322	-1	14:10	Last 16
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348	+62	22:6	Quarter-final
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410	+67	23:9	Fourth Place
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423	+57	27:5	Runner-up
2015/16 MVM Veszprém HUN	20	15	2	3	600:539	+61	32:8	Runner-up
2016/17 Telekom Veszprém HUN	20	13	2	5	549:511	+38	28:12	Third Place
2017/18 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	16	9	2	5	466:439	+27	20:12	Last 16
2018/19 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	20	15	0	5	589:543	+46	30:10	Runner-up
2019/20 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	14	10	0	4	448:386	+62	20:8	EHF FINAL4*
Total:	292	198	14	80	8496:7649	+847	410:174	

^{*} to be played 28/29 December 2020





David Davis

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

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

Arrived during the season

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

Left during the season

Márton Székely (HUN/FC Porto)

I TEAM ROSTER

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



Vladimir Cupara

Goalkeeper



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



Manuel Strlek

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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



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Right back

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



Petar Nenadic

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015

EURO: S 2012



Mate Lekai

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Centre back

- Hungarian international, who joined Veszprém in 2014 after two seasons with Celje
- suffered from several injuires 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 Celjein his native Slovenia
- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012

WCh: B 2017



Jorge Maqueda



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Right back

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

EC trophies: CL 2017

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



Gasper Marguc



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- Right wing
- came to Veszprém in 2014 from Celje, where he had played since 2009
- had his best CL season for Veszprém in 2015/16, scoring 78 goals
- once scored 18 goals from 18 attempts for Celje in two matches against THW Kiel's legendary goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer
- played at WCh 2013 when Slovenia placed fourth, and in 2017 when they won bronze

WCh: B 2017

I RK CELJE PIVOVARNA LAŠKO (SLO) VS PARIS SAINT—GERMAIN HANDBALL (FRA)



First leg: Thursday, 1 April at 20:45 CEST, Celje (SLO)
Second leg: Thursday, 8 April at 20:45 CEST, Paris (FRA)



- Celje placed seventh in group B while Paris clinched second spot in group A
- Celje already played twice against a French team in the Champions League this season:
 They lost to Nantes at home before winning away in February 2021
- Paris had to postpone their last two games in the French league due to Covid-19 cases in their ranks
- since 2015, the two sides have faced each other eight times in the Champions League, and Paris won all the confrontations

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

RK Celje Pivovarna Laško vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2-0-8 (267:298) 4:16

09.11.1996	Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs PSG Asnières Hand-Ball, EHF Champions League – Group D	31:22 (11:10)
11.01.1997	PSG Asnières Hand-Ball vs Celje Pivovarna Lasko, EHF Champions League – Group D	20:26 (11:13)
18.10.2015	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:32 (15:16)
06.12.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:27 (17:12)
08.10.2017	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:27 (18:14)
11.02.2018	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	26:31 (13:17)
23.09.2018	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:21 (17:12)
24.02.2019	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:36 (17:17)
13.10.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:18 (13:11)
09.02.2020	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:33 (13:17)



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Light

Player shirt: yellow-blue Player short: blue GK shirt: blue, green, orange

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



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FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	DΙ	GF:GA	GD	Р	
1. Barça	14	14	0 0	505:412	(93)	28	
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2 3	443:392	(51)	20	
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2 5	394:378	(16)	16	
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0 7	397:411	(-14)	14	
5. HC Motor	14	7	0 7	389:411	(-22)	14	
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2 7	388:378	(10)	12	
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Lašk	(0	14	4 0	10 372:4	13	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0 14	1369:462	(-93)	0	

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ THW Kiel	L33:29 (19:15)	1. Ziga Mlakar (SLO)	39
vs Barça	L29:32 (17:16)	2. Tilen Kodrin (SLO)	37
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L25:29 (14:16)	3. Kristjan Horzen (SLO)	36
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W29:28 (14:12)	Domen Novak (SLO)	36
@ HBC Nantes	W28:30 (13:14)	5. Josip Sarac (CRO)	35
@ HC Motor	L31:29 (14:13)		
vs HBC Nantes	L25:31 (11:13)		
vs HC Motor	L31:32 (14:17)		
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W22:30 (14:16)		

L39:24 (18:11)

L24:35 (13:16)

L42:28 (21:14) L29:321 (16:15)

W0:10

Past achievements

@ Telekom Veszprém HC

vs THW Kiel

@ Barça

EHF Champions League

vs Aalborg Håndbold @ Aalborg Håndbold

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 26

Winner (1): 2003/04

Semi-final (6): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99,

1999/2000, 2000/01, 2004/05

Quarter-final (2): 2001/02, 2005/06

Last 16 (5): 1995/96, 2006/07, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2019/20

Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09

Group Phase (7): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18,

2018/19

Qualification (1): 2009/10

EHF Cup: Ouarter-finals 2009/10

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 2002/03, 2011/12

Slovenian league: 24 titles (1991-2001, 2003-08, 2010, 2014-20)

Slovenian cup: 21 times



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MATCHES Longest winning run

42

GOALS Most goals

72

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win 37:17 (16:9) v Redbergslids IK SWE (h), 18.11.2000

Biggest defeat 45:21 (21:13) v Barça ESP (a), 21.09.2019

Longest winning run 6 matches (23.03.1997 – 24.01.1998)

6 matches (25.03.2000 - 09.12.2000)

Longest unbeaten run 8 matches (31.10.2004 – 02.04.2005)

 Longest losing run
 10 matches (24.11.2019 – 14.10.2020)

 Longest run without win
 10 matches (25.11.2018 – 13.10.2019)

10 matches (24.11.2019 - 14.10.2020)

Most goals 44 v HC 'Granitas-Karys' LTU 44:27W (h), 22.11.2008

Most goals opponent 45 v Barça ESP 45:21L (a), 21.09.2019

Most goals both teams 77 v FC Barcelona Borges ESP 44:33L (a), 09.10.2010

Fewest goals 17 v UHK West Wien AUT 18:17L (a), 06.04.1994

Fewest goals opponent 16 v SG Wallau-Massenheim GER 23:16W (h), 13.02.1994 16 v Redbergslids Göteborg SWE 31:16W (h), 14.11.1998

Fewest goals both teams 35 v UHK West Wien AUT 18:17L (a), 06.04.1994

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	L	GF GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	6	2	0	4	120:116	+4	4:8	4th Gr. A
1996/97 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	7	1	2	254:213	+41	15:5	Semi-final
1997/98 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	8	0	2	268:234	+34	16:4	Semi-final
1998/99 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	7	1	2	290:245	+45	15:5	Semi-final
1999/00 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	7	0	3	294:250	+44	14:6	Semi-final
2000/01 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	6	1	3	292:254	+38	13:7	Semi-final
2001/02 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	8	6	0	2	232:217	+15	12:4	Quarter-final
2003/04 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	10	2	2	447:398	+49	22:6	Winner
2004/05 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	12	8	1	3	360:327	+33	17:7	Semi-final
2005/06 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	7	0	3	311:273	+38	14:6	Quarter-final
2006/07 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	8	6	0	2	272:237	+35	12:4	Last 16
2007/08 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	12	4	2	6	342:344	-2	10:14	4th MR Gr. 4
2008/09 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	4	0	6	296:287	+9	8:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2010/11 HC Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	3	0	7	300:332	-32	6:14	5th Gr. A
2012/13 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	12	5	0	7	305:324	-19	10:14	Last 16
2013/14 Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	12	5	1	6	322:327	-5	11:13	Last 16
2014/15 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	10	3	0	7	284:293	-9	6:14	5th Gr. C
2015/16 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	3	1	10	385:398	-13	7:21	7th Gr. A
2016/17 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	3	3	8	399:424	-25	9:19	7th Gr. B
2017/18 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	3	1	10	398:434	-36	7:21	7th Gr. B
2018/19 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	3	1	10	380:416	-36	7:21	8th Gr. B
2019/20 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	14	3	0	11	355:429	-74	6:22	Last 16*
Fotal:	244	113	15	116	6906:6772	+134	241:247	

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





Tomaž Ocvirk Coach



- former Celje player, who took over the position of head coach from Branko Tamse a few weeks into the 2018/19 season
- led Celje back into Last 16 for first time in six years in 2019/20
- born in Celje, he has spent his entire handball life at the club, going through the youth ranks and competing for the senior team for four seasons in the 1990s
- focused on a coaching career after his active years, and worked with youth team and as a fitness coach at Celie

Arrived during the season

Ziga Mlakar (SLO/HC PPD Zagreb) Denis Strasek (SLO/Celje youth)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
	1	Filip	Ivic	CRO	Goalkeeper	30.08.1992	Zagreb, CRO	195	95
	3	Domen	Knez	SLO	Left Back	05.10.2001	Celje, SLO	199	92
	4	Tobias	Cvetko	SLO	Left Back	10.01.1997	Celje, SLO	192	92
	6	Tadej	Mazej	SLO	Left Wing	31.07.1998	Slovenj Gradec, SL	.0190	87
	8	Arsenije	Dragasevic	MNE	Left Back	18.07.2002	Plevlje, MNE	202	95
С	9	David	Razgor	SLO	Centre Back	13.07.1989	Celje, SLO	180	78
	10	Tim	Cokan	SLO	Right Wing	07.06.2001	Celje, SLO	191	81
	11	Gal	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	16.11.1996	Celje, SLO	179	75
	12	Denis	Strasek	SLO	Goalkeeper	01.07.2002	Innsbruck, AUT	175	70
	13	Josip	Sarac	CRO	Left Back	24.02.1998	Ljubuški, BIH	201	103
	14	Matic	Groselj	SLO	Right Back	22.09.1997	Trbovlje, SLO	194	95
	15	Vid	Poteko	SLO	Line Player	05.04.1991	Celje, SLO	193	94
	16	Miljan	Vujovic	SLO	Goalkeeper	27.08.2000	Cetinje, MNE	196	97
	18	Mitja	Janc	SLO	Centre Back	05.04.2003	Brežice, SLO	182	85
	20	Nik	Cirovic	SLO	Left Back	23.03.2002	Postojna, SLO	187	86
	22	Radojica	Cepic	MNE	Centre Back	29.07.2002	Plevlje, MNE	194	89
	25	Tilen	Kodrin	SLO	Left Wing	14.05.1994	Celje, SLO	192	89
	27	Kristjan	Horzen	SLO	Line Player	08.12.1999	Novo mesto, SLO	192	98
	28	Jan	Grebenc	SLO	Left Back	18.08.1992	Ljubljana, SLO	195	95
	33	Tadej	Kljun	SLO	Right Back	18.04.2001	Postojna, SLO	196	79
	55	Žiga	Mlakar	SLO	Right Back	16.05.1990	Celje	192	95
	57	Patrik	Leban	SLO	Centre Back	07.09.1989	Ljubljana, SLO	187	94
	77	Domen	Novak	SLO	Right Wing	26.04.1998	Ljubljana, SLO	182	80
	90	Veron	Nacinovic	CRO	Line Player	07.03.2000	Rijeka, CRO	200	103
	99	Gal	Gabersek	SLO	Goalkeeper	23.08.2001	Celje, SLO	200	90



Filip Ivic

Goalkeeper



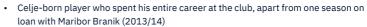
- Croatian international who started his career in Zagreb and made CL debut in 2010/11
- joined then CL winners Kielce in 2016, played EHF FINAL4 with Polish club in 2019
- won bronze with Croatia at WCh 2013, also played at WCh 2015 and 2017
- practiced karate as a kid, switched to handball after Croatia won world title in 2003

WCh: B 2013



Tilen Kodrin

Left wing



- has won six domestic titles in six seasons since his return to Celje in 2014
- became Slovenian international in 2016 and was part of the team that won bronze at WCh 2017; also played at EHF EURO 2020

WCh: B 2017



Josip Sarac

Left back

- talented left back, who arrived in Celje in 2018 from HRK Izvidac in his native Croatia
- scored 62 goals for Celje in CL 2019/20, after netting 21 times in his debut CL season
- led Croatia to silver at Junior WCh 2019 and was part of the senior national team that also won silver at EHE FURO 2020.

EURO: S 2020



Jan Grebenc

Left back

- came to Celje in 2019 after spending one season each at Gorenje Velenje (2017/18) and Danish side Skjern Handbold (2018/19)
- started his career at RD Riko Ribnica (SLO) in 2003
- Slovenian international who was part opf the team that won bronze at WCh 2017

WCh: B 2017



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Patrik Leban



@ pakoleban57

- **Centre back**
- joined Celje in 2019, returning to his native Slovenia from RK Nexe in Croatia
- moved from RD Riko Ribnica to Nexe in 2017 after his national team debut
- a skilled back with an unpredictable style of play
- · is a rally racing addict



Vid Poteko



@vpoteko

Line player

- Celje-born line player, who went through the club's youth ranks before making senior team debut in 2010/11
- joined Meshkov Brest for two seasons (2017-19) before returning to Celje
- played at 2016 Olympics and won bronze with Slovenia at WCh 2017

WCh: B 2017



Ziga Mlakar



@zmlakar

Right back

- Slovenian back who started playing handball at age 12; occasional member of Slovenia national team
- arrived in Zagreb in 2020 from Wisla Plock, which was his first foreign club, but already in September 2020 returned to Celje
- spent most of his career at Celje, also had brief stint with Branik Maribor in 2014/15
- had his best CL season in 2015/16, scoring 60 goals for Celje



Gal Marguc Right wing



@galmarguc

- key player for Celje since his breakthrough in 2016/17, which was his third season with the team
- younger brother of Veszprém star Gasper Marguc
- highly talented youngster; next in line of world-class Celje right wings including Dragan Gajic, Blaz Janc and his brother

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



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PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ Elverum Handball	W29:44 (12:19)	1. Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	72
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	t L28:27 (19:10)	2. Nedim Remili (FRA)	41
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W37:26 (19:10)	3. Kamil Syprzak (POL)	37
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W33:26 (15:12)	4. Dylan Nahi (FRA)	31
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	W29:32 (17:16)	5. Dainis Kristopans (LAT)	27
vs FC Porto	W29:28 (15:11)		
@ FC Porto	W31:34 (16:12)		
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L35:33 (18:18)		
vs Elverum Handball	W35:29 (17:13)		

L32:31 (19:14)

W10:0

W0:10

D5:5

Past achievements

@ HC Meshkov Brest

vs MOL-Pick Szeged

@ HC Vardar 1961

vs HC Vardar 1961

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 9

vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt L28:29 (18:14)

Runners-up (1): 2016/17

Semi-final (3): 2015/16, 2017/18 (3rd), 2019/20 Quarter-final (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Othe

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

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

French cup: 4 titles

League Cup: 3 titles

Trophee des Champions: 4 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

42

GOALS Most goals

72

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

 Biggest win
 42:24 (22:10) v THW Kiel GER (h), 12.03.2017

 Biggest defeat
 44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005

Longest winning run 9 matches (08.10.2017 – 17.02.2018)

9 matches (27.05.2018 – 14.11.2018)

Longest unbeaten run

10 matches (11.02.2017 – 03.06.2017)

Longest losing run

4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)

Longest run without win

4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)

Most goals 44 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021

Most goals opponent 44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005 Most goals both teams 73 v Elverum Handball NOR 29:44W (a), 02.03.2021

Fewest goals 20 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:26L (h), 11.01.1997

20 v Caja Cantabria Santander ESP 26:20L (a), 18.01.1997 20 v MVM Veszprém HUN 28:20L (a), 28.11.2015

Fewest goals opponent 18 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005

18 v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO 27:18W (h), 13.10.2019

Fewest goals both teams 39 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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	14	11	0	3	444:389	+55	22:6	EHF FINAL4*
Total:	128	88	7	33	3854:3530	+324	183:73	

^{*} to be played 28/29 December 2020





Raul Gonzalez Gutierrez Coach

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

EC trophies: CL 2017

Arrived during the season

Luc Steins (NED/Fenix Toulouse)

Left during the season

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

I TEAM ROSTER

No	o. First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	leight	Weight
1	Vincent	Gerard	FRA	Goalkeeper	16.12.1986	Woippy, FRA	189	104
3	Valentin	Bzdynga	FRA	Right Back	19.07.2002	Lambres lez Douai, FR	A184	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	N 194	100
6	Luc	Steins	NED	Centre Back	22.03.1995	Voerendaal, NED	172	76
7	Sadou	Ntanzi	FRA	Centre Back	07.01.2000	Longjumeau, FRA	183	80
9	Adama	Keita	FRA	Left Wing	05.06.1997	Paris, FRA	185	81
10) Dainis	Kristopans	LAT	Right Back	27.09.1990	Ludza, LAT	214	136
11	Benoit	Kounkoud	FRA	Right Wing	19.02.1997	Le Chesnay, FRA	188	78
12	Yann	Genty	FRA	Goalkeeper	26.12.1981	Enghien les Bains, FRA	A 185	89
13	B Louis	Despreaux	FRA	Right Back	22.02.1999	Mont Saint Aignan, FRA	4 194	76
14	Ferran	Sole Sala	ESP	Right Wing	25.08.1992	Sant Quirze, ESP	192	88
15	Henrik	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	18.12.1986	Skive, DEN	200	106
17	' Noah	Lenclume	FRA	Left Back	24.01.2002	Saint-pierre, FRA	192	80
18	B 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
22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	19.04.1988	Strasbourg, FRA	202	108
23	8 Viran	Morros de Argila	a ESP	Back	15.12.1983	Barcelona, ESP	199	99
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	22.10.1987	Helsingor, DEN	192	93
26	Louis	Perreux	FRA	Centre Back	28.04.2002	Lyon, FRA	179	72
44	l 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-Koni	rad 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	B Loick	Spady	FRA	Goalkeeper	24.03.2000	Pointe à pitre, FRA	187	77
97	7 Andry	Goujon Bellevue	FRA	Left Back	02.09.1999	Schoelcher, FRA	193	80
98	3 Gautier	Loredon	FRA	Line Player	15.10.2002	Le Lamentin, FRA	200	103
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30.11.1999	Paris, FRA	192	94



Vincent Gérard



@gerardvin

Goalkeeper

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

EC trophies: CL 2018

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



Mathieu Grébille



@mat_grebille

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

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

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



Luc Steins

Centre back

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



Luka Karabatic

Line player



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

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



Dainis Kristopans



Right back

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

EC trophies: CL 2019



Nedim Remili



@nedim remili

Right back

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

WCh: G 2017, B 2019



Ferran Solé

Right wing



- @ferransole14
- joined PSG in summer of 2020, his third French club after Granollers and Toulouse
- at age 28 he is set to make his CL debut
- part of Spanish national team that won EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020
- named best right wing of EHF EURO 2018 and WCh 2019
- was top scorer of EHF Cup 2015/16, with 70 goals for Granollers

EURO: G 2018, 2020, WCh: B 2021

I MOL-PICK SZEGED (HUN) VS THIV KIEL (GER)



First leg: Saturday, 6 March at 16:00 CET, Ramnicu Valcea (ROU) Second leg: Saturday, 13 March at 16:00 CET, Bucharest (ROU)



- thanks to two victories in the last rounds, Kiel jumped into third position in group B, while Szeged finished sixth in group A
- the sides met in the Champions League Last 16 in the 2015/16 and 2017/18 seasons, with Kiel proceeding to the quarter-finals twice thanks to victories on home ground after away defeats
- Szeged's Joan Canellas and new arrival Marko Vujin used to play for Kiel. Vujin, who arrived from Vardar, replaces injured Croatian right back Luka Stepancic
- while THW goalkeeper Niklas Landin was in Covid-19 quarantine last week, defence specialists Hendrik Pekeler and Pavel Horak were injured during the 28:31 defeat against Flensburg
- Kiel are second ranked in the German league, as are Pick in the Hungarian league.
 After their 23:27 defeat in Veszprém, Szeged are 13 points below the top side

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

MOL-Pick Szeged vs THW Kiel 3-0-5 (216:253) 6:10

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)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Player shirt: white with blue sleeves

Player short: dark blue GK shirt: white



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6726 Szeged Hungary Capacity: 3,200

MOL-PICK SZEGED



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs Lomza Vive Kielce	L26:30 (14:14)	1. Bogdan Radivojevic (SRB)	44
vs HC Vardar 1961	W34:33 (17:19)	2. Bence Banhidi (HUN)	38
@ HC Vardar 1961	W26:28 (15:13)	Joan Canellas (ESP)	38
vs FC Porto	W35:31 (18:12)	4. Richard Bodo (HUN)	35
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	L29:32 (17:16)	5. Dean Bombac (SLO)	27
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W30:27 (18:13)		
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L26:24 (11:10)		
vs Elverum Handball	W36:27 (17:15)		
@ HC Meshkov Brest	L26:24 (11:12)		

Past achievements

@ Paris Saint-Germain HB L10:0

vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt L0:10

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 19

Quarter-final (5): 1996/1997, 2003/2004, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2018/19 Last 16 (7): 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2010/2011, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2017/18,

L25:19 (15:10)

L26:23 (12:7)

W0:10

2019/20 Main Round (1): 2007/2008

Group Phase (3): 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2011/2012

Qualification (1): 2013/14

Other

@ FC Porto

@ Lomza Vive Kielce

@ Flyerum Handball

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: 3 titles (1996, 2007, 2018)

Hungarian cup: 7 titles



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MATCHES Longest unbeaten run

39

GOALS Most goals

73

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win
Biggest defeat

Biggest defeat

Longest winning run Longest unbeaten run

Longest unbeaten ru Longest losing run

Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent

Most goals both teams

Fewest goals
Fewest goals opponent

Fewest goals both teams

39:24 (15:10) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (h), 07.10.2007 40:17 (19:5) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 15.02.1997

7 matches (13.10.2019 – 30.11.2019) 10 matches (28.09.2019 – 16.02.2020)

6 matches (17.10.2009 – 20.02.2010) 6 matches (06.03.2011 – 15.10.2011)

7 matches (17.10.2009 – 27.02.2010) 39 v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH 39:24W (h), 07.10.2007

40 v FC Barcelona ESP 40:17L (a), 15.02.1997

73 v Montpellier Aggl. HB FRA 38:35W (h), 19.11.2011 17 v FC Barcelona ESP 40:17L (a), 15.02.1997

16 v Wisla Plock SA POL 16:26W (a), 05.10.2008 16 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 23:16W (h), 31.03.2019

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	Т	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*
Total:	200	97	17	86	5567:5503	+64	211:189	

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





Juan Carlos Pastor

- 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
- 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

Arrived during the season

Tibor Nagy (HUN/NEKA) Martin Stranovsky (SVK/Nove Zamky) Marko Vujin (SRB/HC Vardar 1961)

Left during the season

Dániel Fekete (ROU/unknown) Patrik Hegedüs (HUN/unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No. First name Su		Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth H	eight	Weight
	1	Barnabas	Marczika	HUN	Goalkeeper	09.05.2001	Szeged, HUN	186	84
	7	Luka	Stepancic	CRO	Right Back	20.11.1990	Pula, CRO	203	105
С	8	Jonas	Källman	SWE	Left Wing	17.07.1981	Växjö, SWE	200	95
	9	Richard	Bodo	HUN	Left Back	13.03.1993	Mateszalka, HUN	203	110
	10	Stefan Rafn	Sigurmannsson	ISL	Left Wing	19.05.1990	Hafnarfjördur, ISL	197	101
	13	Daniel	Kecskes	HUN	Right Wing	01.12.2001	Nyíregyháza, HUN	187	72
	14	Joan	Cañellas	ESP	Centre Back	30.09.1986	St. Maria de Palau, ESP	198	110
	15	Nik	Henigman	SLO	Left Back	04.12.1995	Ljubljana, SLO	200	100
	16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	20.09.1984	Dunaujvaros, HUN	190	100
	17	Bogdan	Radivojevic	SRB	Right Wing	02.03.1993	Belgrade, SRB	192	81
	22	Matej	Gaber	SLO	Line Player	22.07.1991	Kranj, SLO	198	115
	23	Bence	Vetesi	HUN	Centre Back	06.04.2000	Budapest, HUN	184	81
	24	Martin	Stranovsky	SVK	Left Wing	12.09.1985	Nove Zamky, SVK	187	78
	24	Mario	Sostaric	SLO	Right Wing	25.11.1992	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	193	93
	27	Bence	Banhidi	HUN	Line Player	09.02.1995	Györ, HUN	207	126
	32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15.09.1985	Ljubuski, CRO	200	110
	37	Stanislav	Kasparek	CZE	Right Back	11.06.1996	Prerov, CZE	202	90
	39	Bruno	Bajusz	HUN	Left Wing	25.05.2001	Szeged, HUN	193	78
	41	Marko	Vujin	SRB	Right Back	07.12.1984	Backa Palanka, SRB	200	100
	44	Dean	Bombac	SLO	Centre Back	04.04.1989	Koper, SLO	190	95
	45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14.02.1999	Györ, HUN	203	110
	46	Tibor	Nagy	HUN	Goalkeeper	13.01.2001	HUN		
	48	Jozsef	Toth	HUN	Line Player	23.06.1999	Szeged, HUN	195	110
	51	Borut	Mackovsek	SLO	Left Back	11.09.1992	Koper, SLO	203	100
	77	Luka	Krivokapic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07.02.2002	Funchal, POR	195	85
	89	Dmitry	Zhitnikov	RUS	Right Back	20.11.1989	Zvolen, SVK	195	96
	90	Dániel	Fekete	ROU	Left Back	14.06.1999	Székelyudvarhely, ROL	J198	98
	91	Patrik	Hegedüs	HUN	Left Back	02.03.2003	Kiskunhalas, HUN	196	93
	92	Barnabas	Rea	HUN	Centre Back	15.11.2002	Szeged, HUN	182	85
	93	Benjamin	Szilagyi	HUN	Right Wing	18.05.2003	Szeged, HUN	187	70



Roland Mikler

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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 eversince

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



Jonas Källman



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Left wing

- three-time CL winner, signed by Szeged halfway through 2013/14 after more than a decade in Spain (Ciudad Real, Atlético Madrid) and his native Sweden (IFK Skövde)
- · has shown his ability to defend in three positions
- vital in coach Juan Carlos Pastor's defensive variations and Szeged's attacking edge
- · part of Sweden's national team that won silver at 2012 London Olympics

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009; EHF Cup 2014 OG: S 2012



Richard Bodo

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Left back

- Hungarian international, who arrived at Szeged in 2016 from Tatabanya
- was named Hungarian Player of the Year in 2018, the year Szeged beat Veszprém to the domestic title
- made national team debut in 2012, played at WCh 2019 but missed EHF EURO 2020 due to injury



Joan Canellas



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Centre back

- Centre back
- played for a string of top clubs in Europe before joning Szeged in 2018
- started career at Granollers before playing for Barça, Ciudad Real, Atletico Madrid, Hamburg, Kiel and Vardar, where he won the CL in 2017
- made debut for Spain in 2008, became top scorer of EHF EURO 2014, with 50 goals
- · his younger brother Marc is also a professional handball player

EC trophies: CL 2017

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011, 2021



Dean Bombac

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 Banhidi

Line player

- only started playing at age 14, as back-court player at his local club Györ
- 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



Luka Stepancic

Right back

- · after three season at PSG, he joined Szeged in 2019 to get more playing time
- Szeged is only third team in his career, which he started at Zagreb in his native Croatia
- won bronze with Croatia at WCh 2013 and added EHE FURO silver in 2020.

WCh: B 2013: EURO: S 2020



Bogdan Radivojevic

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 goals in the group phase in his first season with Szeged
- previously 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



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THW KIEL

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	DL	GF:GA	GD	Ρ
1. Barça	14	14	0 0	505:412	(93)	28
2. Telekom Veszprém HC	14	9	2 3	443:392	(51)	20
3. THW Kiel	14	7	2 5	394:378	(16)	16
4. Aalborg Håndbold	14	7	0 7	397:411	(-14)	14
5. HC Motor	14	7	0 7	389:411	(-22)	14
6. HBC Nantes	14	5	2 7	388:378	(10)	12
7. RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	14	4	0 10	372:413	(-41)	8
8. HC PPD Zagreb	14	0	0 14	1369:462	(-93)	0

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs HC PPD Zagreb	W36:30 (23:15)	1. Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	61
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W33:29 (19:15)	2. Sander Sagosen (NOR)	50
@ HBC Nantes	D24:24 (12:9)	3. Harald Reinkind (NOR)	42
vs Aalborg Håndbold	W28:26 (15:15)	4. Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)	37
vs HC Motor	W34:23 (16:12)	5. Hendrik Pekeler (GER)	35
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	L41:33 (19:19)		
@ Barça	L29:25 (13:12)		
vs Barça	L26:32 (15:16)		
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	D31:31 (18:20)		

W23:31 (9:17)

L27:35 (12:15)

W21:31 (6:14)

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Past achievements

@ Aalborg Håndbold

vs HBC Nantes

@ HC Motor

@ HC PPD Zagreb

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 23 Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20 Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14 Semi-final (5): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16

@ RK Celie Pivovarna Laško W24:35 (13:16)

Ouarter-final (7): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2017/18

Group Phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2018/19

Champions Trophy: Winners 2006/07; Runners-up: 2000/01, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2007/08

German league: 21 titles German cup: 11 titles



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MATCHES Longest unbeaten run

50

GOALS Most goals

81

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

 Biggest win
 26:50 (13:24) v Banik OKD Karvina CZE (a), 22.10.2006

 Biggest defeat
 42:24 (22:10) v Paris SG Handball FRA (a), 12.03.2017

Longest winning run 11 matches (02.10.2014 – 22.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run 17 matches (22.10.2011 – 11.10.2012)
Longest losing run 3 matches (07.02.1996 – 19.03.1996)

3 matches (30.05.2015 – 17.09.2015) 3 matches (30.04.2016 – 29.05.2016) 3 matches (29.04.2017 – 24.09.2017) 3 matches (19.11.2020 - 02.12.2020)

Longest run without win 5 matches (15.02.2017 – 22.03.2017)

Most goals 50 v Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50W (a), 22.10.2006

Most goals opponent44 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008Most goals both teams81 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008

 Fewest goals
 13 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000

 Fewest goals opponent
 15 v SKA Minsk BLR 15:27W (a), 10.11.1996

15 v SKA Minsk BLR 21:15W (h), 12.01.1997

Fewest goals both teams 35 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	137:136	+1	6:6	2nd Gr. B
1995/96 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	151:148	+3	6:6	2nd Gr. A
1996/97 THW Kiel GER	10	6	1	3	247:211	+36	13:7	Semi-final
1998/99 TKW 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	14	9	2	3	437:398	+39	20:8	EHF FINAL4*
Total:	290	193	20	77	8812:7815	+997	406:174	

^{*} to be played 28/29 December 2020





Filip Jicha Coach



- took over from Alfred Gislason in 2019, becoming only the third THW head coach since 1993, after Noka Serdarusic (1993-2008) and Gislason (2008-19)
- worked as an assistant to Gislason in the 2018/19 season
- led Kiel to the domestic title in his first season and was awarded best Bundesliga coach of 2019/20
- as player he was part of the golden generation in 2007-15
- twice CL top scorer, he ended his career in Barcelona in 2017
- first in handball to win the EHF FINAL4 as a player (2010, 2012) and a coach (2020) and third after Talant Dujshebaev and Roberto Parrondo to win the CL as a player and a coach

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

Arrived during the season

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

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname Nat. I		Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
С	1	Niklas	Landin Jacobser	nDEN	Goalkeeper	19.12.1988	Søborg, DEN	201	103
	3	Sven	Ehrig	GER	Right Wing	26.06.2000	Kiel, GER	197	95
С	4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	01.06.1988	Dakovo, CRO	198	102
	5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14.09.1995	Stavanger, NOR	195	102
	6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right Back	17.08.1992	Tønsberg, NOR	197	103
	7	Magnus	Landin Jacobser	DEN	Left Wing	20.08.1995	Helsingør, DEN	197	92
	9	Oskar	Sunnefeldt	SWE	Left Back	21.04.1998	Mölndal, SWE	197	84
	13	Steffen	Weinhold	old GER F		19.07.1986	Fuerth, GER	191	99
	16	Philip	Hartwig Saggau	GER	Goalkeeper	05.01.2002	Kiel, GER	190	104
С	17	Patrick	Wiencek	GER	Line Player	22.03.1989	Duisburg, GER	200	109
	18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	23.12.1988	Ystad, SWE	191	91
	20	Leon	Ciudad Benitez	GER	Line Player	04.06.2002	Lübeck, GER	196	112
	21	Dario	Quenstedt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.09.1989	Burg, GER	193	101
	22	Philipp	Wäger	GER	Left Back	14.02.2000	Hamburg, GER	190	87
	23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left Wing	10.04.1993	Kiel, GER	189	85
	24	Miha	Zarabec	SLO	Centre Back	12.10.1991	Novo Mesto, SLO	178	78
	25	Bevan	Calvert	AUS	Right Wing	04.04.1986	Sydney, AUS	174	79
	26	Jesper	Schmidt	GER	Left Wing	06.08.2002	Kiel, GER	193	86
	27	Malte	Voigt	GER	Left Wing	17.01.1993	Husum, GER	189	91
	28	Pavel	Horak	CZE	Line Player	28.11.1982	Prerov, CZE	198	113
	53	Nikola	Bilyk	AUT	Left Back	28.11.1996	Tunis, TUN	198	104
	61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line Player	02.07.1991	Itzehoe, GER	203	106
	99	Mattias	Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	29.03.1978	Malmö, SWE	186	95

^{*} THW Kiel use the three-man captaincy



Niklas Landin

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

@niklaslandin

@magnuslandin

@sandersagosen

@domagojduvnjak88

- captain of world-title winning Danish national team, has been named IHF World Player of the Year 2019
- One of six players in handball history now to win the trophies in Olympic Games, WCh, EURO and EHF Champions League

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2013, 2019

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



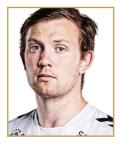
Magnus Landin

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 Kobenhavn and KIF Kolding Kobenhavn

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019

WCh: G 2019, 2021



Sander Sagosen

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

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

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@hendrikpekeler

@haraldreinkind

@ekbergniclas18



Patrick Wiencek

Line player

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- 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 guartet in national team with Pekeler, Kohlbacher and Golla

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019; CWC 2011

OG: B 2016



Hendrik Pekeler

Line plaver

- 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

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

Right wing

- joined Kiel after 2012 Olympics, where he was silver medallist and top scorer; previously played for AG Kobenhavn 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

I HBC NANTES (FRA) VS LOMZA VIVE KIELCE (POL)



First leg: Wednesday, 31 March at 20:45 CEST, Nantes (FRA) Second leg: Wednesday, 7 April at 20:45 CEST, Kielce (POL)



- Nantes finished sixth in group B while Kielce were third in group A
- the two sides have never met in a European competition
- this game will be the first opportunity for former Nantes player Nicolas Tournat to visit his former teammates, as he left France last summer
- Kielce left back Daniel Dujshebaev suffered a knee injury a few weeks ago and will be out for the rest of the season
- Nantes only lost two Champions League games since the beginning of 2021, against Celie and Barca

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HBC Nantes vs Lomza Vive Kielce

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Player shirt: purple/yellow Player short: purple GK shirt: yellow, blue or green



Playing hall H ARENA Palais des Sports de 7-9 rue André Tardieu 44200 Nantes, France

Capacity: 5,400

HBC NANTES



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

vs THW Kiel	D24:24 (12:9)	1. Valero Rivera (ESP)	66
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W30:28 (13:14)	2. Aymeric Minne (FRA)	38
@ Barça	L30:29 (14:17)	Dragan Pechmalbec (FRA)	38 (
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W24:34 (8:20)	4. Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	37
vs Aalborg Håndbold	W38:29 (18:14)	5. Adrian Figueras (ESP)	33
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	L28:30 (13:14)		
@ HC Motor	L29:28 (13:13)		
vs HC Motor	L31:32 (18:18)		
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W25:31 (11:13)		

L32:24 (16:9)

L27:35 (15:18)

W27:35 (12:15)

L24:28 (10:11)

@ Telekom Veszprém HC D5:5

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

vs Telekom Veszprém HC

@ Aalborg Håndbold

vs Barca

@ THW Kiel

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4

Runners-up (1): 2017/18 Ouarter-finals (1): 2018/19 Last 16 (1): 2016/17

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

French Cup: 1 title (2017) French League Cup: 1 title (2015) Trophee des Champions: 1 title (2017)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

38

GOALS Most goals

69

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

 Biggest win
 33:19 (16:9) v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR (h), 01.10.2016

 Biggest defeat
 35:27 (15:13) v Paris SG Handball FRA (a), 01.04.2017

27:35 (15:18) v Barça ESP (h), 01.10.2020

32:24 (16:9) v Aalborg Håndbold DEN (a), 14.10.2020

Longest winning run 7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run 7 matches (14.10.2017 – 10.02.2018)
7 matches (25.02.2018 – 26.05.2018)

Longest losing run 3 matches (24.04.2019 – 16.09.2020) 3 matches (09.12.2020 – 04.02.2021)

Longest run without win 5 matches (18.11.2018 – 07.02.2019)

Most goals 38 v RK Celje Pivovarna L. SLO 38:27W (h), 14.10.2018 38 v Aalborg Håndbold DEN 38:29W (h), 10.02.2021

Most goals opponent 35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:27L (a), 01.04.2017 35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:34L (a), 06.10.2018 35 v Paris SG Handball FRA 31:35L (h), 07.02.2019

35 v Barça ESP 27:35 (h), 01.10.2020

Most goals both teams69 v Paris SG Handball FRA 35:34L (a), 06.10.2018Fewest goals22 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:22L (a), 17.02.2018Fewest goals opponent19 v Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR 33:19W (h), 01.10.2016Fewest goals both teams43 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 23:20W (h), 03.11.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	L	GF GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2016/17 HBC Nantes FRA	14	10	2	2	433:387	+46	22:6	Last 16
2017/18 HBC Nantes FRA	20	12	4	4	581:548	+33	28:12	Runner-up
2018/19 HBC Nantes FRA	18	6	4	8	534:530	+4	16:20	Quarter-final
Total:	52	28	10	14	1548:1465	+83	66:38	





Alberto Entrerrios Coach

- Spanish former international and three-time CL winner

- with 726 goals in 240 matches
- his younger brother Raul is still playing for Barça

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009; CWC 1999, 2003

WCh: G 2005, 2013, B 2011; EURO: S 2006, B 2000; OG: B 2008

Left during the season

Andrea Colleluori (ITA/Polisportiva Cingoli)

I TEAM ROSTER

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



Emil Nielsen

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Goalkeeper

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

WCh: G 2021



Valero Rivera



@valerorivera

Left wing

- CL winner and world champion, who returned to Nantes from Barcelona in summer of 2018, after earlier spell with French club in 2010-16
- top scorer of EHF EURO 2016, with 48 goals, and best left wing of WCh 2015
- his father, Valero Rivera sr., has been coach of Barcelona, Spain and, currently, Qatar
- married to former handball player Marion Anti, daughter of previous Nantes coach

EC trophies: CL 2005; EHF Cup 2003

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



Olivier Nyokas



@nyokas_twins

Left back

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

WCh: G 2017



Rock Feliho





- Left back
- experienced team captain, turned 38 just before 2020/21 season
- has been playing for Nantes since 2010 with exception of two seasons at Toulouse after several years in German Bundesliga
- played, and lost, three European finals with Nantes: CL 2018 and EHF Cup 2013, 2016
- used to score around 80 league goals per season but is now focussing only on defence
- has French and Congolese passport; played for Congo at African Championship 2012

@aymericminne



Aymeric Minne

Left back/centre back

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



Dragan Pechmalbec

@dragan_pechmalbec

Line player

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



Kiril Lazarov



@klazarov77

Right back

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

EC trophies: 2015



David Balaguer

Right wing



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

EURO: G 2018



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



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Poland Capacity: 4,200

LOMZA VIVE KIELCE

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

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Alex Duishebaev (ESP) 80 Artsem Karalek (BLR) 52 gor Karacic (CRO) 48 Arkadiusz Moryto (POL) 44 Nicolas Tournat (FRA) 37

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 18 Winners (1): 2015/16

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt L31:30 (14:14)

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

Ouarter-final (1): 2017/18

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

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 1997/98, 2005/06 Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 1995/96

Polish league: 17 titles Polish cup: 16 titles



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MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

41

GOALS Most goals

78

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win Biggest defeat 41:17 (21:8) v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER (h), 24.03.2018 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

Longest winning run Longest unbeaten run Longest losing run 11 matches (25.09.2014 – 15.03.2015) 18 matches (15.11.2015 – 15.10.2016) 5 matches (13.02.2010 – 27.03.2010) 5 matches (19.02.2011 – 09.10.2011)

Longest run without win 6 matches (26.09.2010 – 27.11.2010)

Most goals

41 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 41:17W (h), 24.03.2018 42 v Barca Lassa ESP 36:42L (h), 24.11.2018

Most goals opponent Most goals both teams Fewest goals

78 v Barça Lassa ESP 36:42L (h), 24.11.2018 21 v HC Bosna BH Gas BIH 25:21L (a), 27.02.2010

21 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012

Fewest goals opponent Fewest goals both teams 17 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 41:17W (h), 24.03.2018

41 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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*
Total:	178	100	16	62	5302:5078	+224	216:140	

^{*} 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

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

Arrived during the season:

Yusuf Faruk (NGR/Mountada Derb Sultan HC)

I TEAM ROSTER

No	. First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	
1	Mateusz	Kornecki	POL	Goalkeeper	05.06.1994	Skarzysko-Kamienna, PO	L 194	91	
2	Branko	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	20.04.1998	Niksic, MNE	194	96	
5	Igor	Karacic	CRO	Centre Back	02.11.1988	Mostar, BIH	189	87	
5	Michal	Olejniczak	POL	Left Back	31.01.2001	Gorzów Wielkopolski, PC	DL193	97	
9	Szymon	Sicko	POL	Line Player	20.08.1997	Dabrowa Bialostocka, PC	DL 200	95	
10	Alex	Dujshebaev	ESP	Right Back	17.12.1992	Santander, ESP	187	94	
11	Nicolas	Tournat	FRA	Line Player	05.04.1994	Niort, FRA	200	114	
12	Milosz	Walach	POL	Goalkeeper	23.11.2001	Kielce, POL	188	90	
17	Yusuf	Faruk	NGR	Right Back	19.02.2004	NGR	185	85	
19	Krzysztof	Lijewski	POL	Right Back	07.07.1983	Ostrów Wielkopolski, PC	L 198	94	
22	Uladzislau	Kulesh	BLR	Left Back	28.05.1996	Gomel, BLR	206	102	
23	Arkadiusz	Moryto	POL	Right Wing	31.08.1997	Kraków, POL	180	76	
25	Haukur	Thrastarson	ISL	Centre Back	14.04.2001	Selfoss, ISL	190	90	
27	Cezary	Surgiel	POL	Left Wing	18.09.2002	Kielce, POL	186	75	
32	Angel	Fernandez Pere	zESP	Left Wing	16.09.1988	Santander, ESP	192	90	
33	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	03.03.1991	Euskirchen, GER	198	105	
41	Sebastian	Kaczor	POL	Line Player	15.12.2001	Kraków, POL	196	93	
44	Daniel	Dujshebaev	ESP	Left Back	04.07.1997	Santander, ESP	198	98	
48	Tomasz	Gebala	POL	Left Back	23.11.1995	Gdynia, POL	212	124	
50	Artsem	Karalek	BLR	Line Player	20.02.1996	Grodno, BLR	96	102	
84	Sigvaldi Björn	Gudjonsson	ISL	Right Wing	04.07.1994	Reykjavik, ISL	190	83	



Andreas Wolff



@andi_jo_wo

Goalkeeper

- · joined Kielce as his first foreign club in summer of 2019, arriving from THW Kiel
- · started his career at 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
- · studies international management, and loves computer games and powerlifting

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



Angel Fernandez Perez



@angel_f32

Left wing

- signed for Kielce from La Rioja in summer of 2018, his first club outside Spain
- named the best left wing in the Spainsh league for three consecutive years (2016-18)
- biggest moments of his career were winning gold at EHF EURO 2018 and again in 2020
- · started playing football aged six in his local team Astillero

EURO: G 2018, 2020, WCh: B 2021



Uladzislau Kulesh

Left back

- one of tallest players in Kielce team, at 206 cm, and one of biggest talents of Belarusian handball
- joined Kielce in summer of 2018 but missed first part of that season due to injuries
- · one of his strongest weapons is powerful throw from long distance
- nicknamed 'Hercules' by coach Talant Dujshebaev for his extraordinary power



Igor Karacic



@igorkaracicc

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

@karalek_artsem



Artsem Karalek

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 young talents of Belarusian handball
- made his debut in Belarusian national team at age 17



Nicolas Tournat

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Line player

- arrived from HBC Nantes in summer of 2020 as successor of Julen 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



Alex Dujshebaev



@alexdujshebaev

Right back

- son of coach Talant Dujshebaev, 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

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016, WCh: B 2021



Arkadiusz Morvto





- @arekmoryto
- arrived at Kielce from Zaglebie 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 he replaced at Kielce in 2018
- has been part of Polish national team since WCh 2017

I FC PORTO (POR) VS AALBORG HÅNDBOLD (DEN)



First leg: Thursday, 1 April at 20:45 CEST, Porto (POR)
Second leg: Wednesday, 7 April at 18:45 CEST, Aalborg (DEN)



- · Porto ranked fifth in group A while Aalborg finished fourth in group B
- the two sides have never met in European cup competitions
- Porto signed Hungarian goalkeeper Marton Szekely from Veszprém to make up for the tragic loss of Alfredo Quintana
- the Portuguese side are the undefeated leaders of the Portuguese league this season, while Aalborg stand third in the Danish league
- Aalborg recently made official the signing of Jesper Nielsen (Rhein-Neckar Löwen) for next summer

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

FC Porto vs Aalborg Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white and blue (stripes) Shorts: blue or white Goalkeeper shirt: black

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



Playing hall Dragao Arena Via Futebol Clube do Porto 4350419 Porto Portugal Capacity: 2,225

FC PORTO

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ Elverum Handball	W31:38 (11:16)	1. Victor Iturriza (POR)	48
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L35:31 (18:12)	2. Miguel Martins (POR)	45
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L32:30 (19:14)	3. Antonio Areia (POR)	41
vs HC Vardar 1961	W27:24 (13:13)	4. Andre Gomes (POR)	35
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	L29:28 (15:11)	5. Rui Silva (POR)	28
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	L31:34 (16:12)		
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	D32:32 19:17)		
@ HC Vardar 1961	D25:25 (13:12)		
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W25:19 (15:10)		

W27:25 (12:9)

L28:30 (16:12)

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Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 11

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt L36:29 (15:15)

Last 16 (1): 2019/20

vs HC Meshkov Brest

vs Elverum Handball

@ HC Meshkov Brest

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

vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W10:0

Qualification (7): 1999/00, 2004/05, 2009/10,

2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15

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: 21 titles (1954, 1957-60, 1963-65, 1968, 1999, 2002-04, 2009-15,

Portuguese cup: 8 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

37

GOALS Most goals

70

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win 37:15 (16:7) v Vojvodina SRB (h), 05.12.2015

Biggest defeat 35:23 (16:13) v KS Vive Targi Kielce POL (a), 29.09.2013

 Longest winning run
 3 matches (01.10.2015 – 17.10.2015)

 Longest unbeaten run
 3 matches (01.10.2015 – 17.10.2015)

3 matches (19.10.2019 – 10.11.2019) 3 matches (15.10.2020 – 29.10.2020)

Longest losing run 3 matches (22.09.2013 – 12.10.2013)

3 matches (27.11.2019 – 15.02.2020) 4 matches (22.10.2020 – 26.11.2020)

Longest run without win 4 matches (22.10.2020 – 26.11.2020)

Most goals 38 v Elverum Handball NOR 31:38W (a), 04.03.2021

Most goals opponent38 v Telekom Veszprém HC HUN 38:28L (a), 13.10.2019Most goals both teams70 v HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 35:35D (h), 19.10.2019Fewest goals20 v KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN 25:20L (a), 22.09.2013

Fewest goals opponent 15 v Vojvodina SRB 37:15W (h), 05.12.2015 Fewest goals both teams 43 v Dunkerque HB FRA 22:21W (h), 20.10.2013

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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*
Total:	34	15	3	16	937:953	-16	33:35	

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





Magnus Andersson Coach

- Swedish former centre back, going into his 10th season as a coach, and third with Porto after joining the club in 2018.
- previously coached teams like Göppingen, Malmö and
- led Göppingen to two EHF Cup titles, in 2016 and 2017
- as player a three-time Olympian and 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)

Newcomers

Márton Székely (HUN/Telekom Veszprém HC)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
	1*	Alfredo	Quintana Bravo	POR	Goalkeeper	20.03.1988	Havana, CUB	201	92
	4	Victor Manuel	Iturriza Alvarez	POR	Line Player	22.05.1990	Havana, CUB	200	105
	7	Vasco	Costa	POR	Left Back	02.12.2005	Porto, POR	196	80
	8	Tomas	Abreu	POR	Left Wing	29.01.2002	Funchal, POR	184	77
	9	Manuel	Späth	GER	Line Player	16.10.1985	Ostfildern, GER	200	101
	10	Miguel	Martins Soares	POR	Centre Back	04.11.1997	Porto, POR	192	83
	11	Djibril Omar	Mbengue	GER	Right Back	13.05.1992	Stuttart, GER	198	101
	12	Márton	Székely	HUN	Goalkeeper	02.01.1990	Budapest, HUN	194	92
	13	Francisco	Costa	POR	Right Wing	16.02.2005	Vila Nova de Gaia, PC	R 185	80
	14	Rui	Silva	POR	Centre Back	28.04.1993	Guimaraes, POR	186	80
С	15	Daymaro	Salina Amador	POR	Line Player	01.09.1987	Havana, CUB	200	101
	16	Nikola	Mitrevski	MKD	Goalkeeper	03.10.1985	Bitola, MKD	188	84
	18	Miguel	Oliveira	POR	Left Back	13.01.2004	Porto, POR	192	78
	19	Ivan	Sliskovic	CRO	Left Back	23.10.1991	Split, CRO	197	98
	20	Tiago	Sousa	POR	Line Player	06.12.2000	Porto, POR	186	82
	21	Leonel	Fernandes	POR	Left Wing	12.03.1998	Porto, POR	186	80
	23	Diogo	Branquinho	POR	Right Wing	25.07.1994	Aveiro, POR	180	83
	24	Diogo	Silva da Borges	POR	Right Back	02.07.1998	Porto, POR	198	102
	25	Antonio	Areia Rodrigues	POR	Right Wing	21.06.1990	Lisboa, POR	191	91
	27	Andre	Gomes	POR	Left Back	27.07.1998	Braga, POR	192	94
	29	Miguel	Alves	POR	Right Wing	22.07.1996	Porto, POR	188	85
	33	Diogo	Marques	POR	Goalkeeper	17.03.2004	Porto, POR	190	88
	44	Jesus	Hurtado Vergara	COL	Line Player	16.05.2002	Buenaventura, CO	DL203	94
	69	Bernardo	Pegas	POR	Right Wing	17.09.2003	Porto, POR	185	89
	79	Martim	Costa	POR	Left Back	27.09.2002	Vila Nova de Gaia, PC	R 188	88
	88	Fabio Ramos	Magalhães	POR	Left Back	12.03.1988	Lisboa, POR	194	100
	99	Goncalo	Oliveira	POR	Goalkeeper	16.04.2002	SJ Madeira, POR	192	100

^{*} Alfredo Quintana died on 26 February 2021 due to the complications from a cardiac arrest



Nikola Mitrevski

Goalkeeper

- aged 35, joined Porto in the summer of 2020 after playing in many clubs across
 Europe
- in his second adventure in Portugal, as he already played for Benfica from 2015 to 2017
- formed a tandem for the rest of the season with Marton Szekely, who joined the club to replace the late Alfredo Quintana



Diogo Branquinho

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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



André Gomes

Left back

- joined Porto from league rivals ABC in 2017 alongside Diogo Branquinho, a year after they won the Challenge Cup with ABC
- part of Portuguese national team, sharing left-back position with Gilberto Duarte
- was Porto's second-best scorer in the CL 2019/20 with 47 goals; only Branquinho scored more (55)

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 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

@miguelsmartins10



Miguel Martins

Centre back

- _
- arrived at FC Porto as a 15-year-old in 2013 and has not played for another club since
- was among the most productive players for Porto in the CL 2019/20, netting 43 times
- at 22, a regular starter in Portuguese national team and respresented his country at EHF EURO 2020



Daymaro Salina

Line player

- Cuba-born player who joined FC Porto in 2011 and stayed with the club eversince
- 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



Djibril M'Bengue

Right back



- right back with Senegalese roots, who has a great mentality on court
- · physically strong player with an excellent shot



Antonio Areia

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 eversince, also played at EHF EURO 2020

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Kit colours

Light

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

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



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AALBORG HÅNDBOLD



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

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

- 1. Nikolaj Christensen (DEN) 53
- 2. Magnus Saugstrup (DEN) 46 3. Sebastian Barthold (NOR) 44 4. Lukas Sandell (SWE) 39
- 5. Henrik Møllgaard (DEN) 37

Past achievements

vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško L0:10

EHF Champions League

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

EHF Cup: Quarter-final 2003/04, Group Phase 2015/16

Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

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

Danish cup: 1 title (2019)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

37

GOALS Most goals

79

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win 37:23 (17:7) v HK DROTT Halmstad SWE (h), 24.11.2013

Biggest defeat 11:31 (5:16) v FC Barcelona ESP (h), 15.03.2015

 Longest winning run
 5 matches (01.03.2020 – 14.10.2020)

 Longest unbeaten run
 5 matches (01.03.2020 – 14.10.2020)

 Longest losing run
 6 matches (01.12.2013 – 29.03.2014)

6 matches (27.09.2017 – 18.11.2017)

Longest run without win 9 matches (16.11.2014 – 16.09.2017) **Most goals** 38 v HC Motor UKR 38:29W (h), 23.09.2020

38 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 38:29W (h), 18.02.2021

 Most goals opponent
 44 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019

 Most goals both teams
 79 v Barça ESP 44:35L (a), 16.11.2019

 Fewest goals
 11 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015

 Fewest goals opponent
 20 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 30:20W (h), 22.09.2019

Fewest goals both teams 42 v FC Barcelona ESP 11:31L (h), 15.03.2015

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	w	Т	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*
Total:	62	17	7	38	1697:1818	-121	41:83	

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





Stefan Madsen

- 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

I TEAM ROSTER

No	. First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Simon	Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	03.01.1997	Holstebro, DEN	194	90
2	Benjamin	Jakobsen	DEN	Line Player	09.09.1991	Hamborg, GER	191	122
3	Jonas	Samuelsson	SWE	Right Wing	10.04.1991	Skövde, SWE	193	87
4	Mikkel Lang	Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	03.05.2002	Aalborg, DEN	185	71
5	Victor	Klove	DEN	Left Back	27.06.2002	Brønderslev, DEN	N 197	93
6	Sebastian	Barthold	NOR	Left Wing	27.08.1991	Oslo, NOR	185	90
7	Felix	Claar	SWE	Centre Back	05.01.1997	Norrköping, SWE	192	97
8	Valdemar	Hermansen	DEN	Line Player	20.07.2002	Favrskov, DEN	192	120
9	Sebastian	Gammelgaard	DEN	Left Back	18.02.1994	Viborg, DEN	197	100
11	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	03.02.1997	Reslöv, SWE	192	91
12	Sören Hanser	n Brunsborg	DEN	Goalkeeper	10.03.2001	Vesthimmerland, DE	N 192	105
13	Nikolaj	Dueholm	DEN	Back	15.11.1996	Aarhus, DEN	196	102
14	Magnus	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	12.07.1996	Aalborg, DEN	195	105
15	Andreas Hols	tJensen	DEN	Left Back	01.12.1994	Lemvig, DEN	201	107
16	Mikael	Aggefors	SWE	Goalkeeper	20.01.1985	Stockholm, SWE	191	90
17	Magnus Dahl	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	25.08.2002	Frederikshavn, DE	N197	87
19	Mark	Strandgaard	DEN	Right Wing	18.05.1987	Slagelse, DEN	181	72
20	Mads	Christiansen	DEN	Right Back	03.05.1986	Næstved, DEN	194	101
21	Henrik	Møllgaard	DEN	Back	02.01.1985	Bramming, DEN	196	102
22	Rene	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	04.03.1992	Vesthimmerland, DE	N 196	102
23	Buster	Juul-Lassen	DEN	Left Wing	31.03.1993	Slagelse, DEN	196	95
24	Andreas	Tvedergaard	DEN	Goalkeeper	05.07.2001	Aalborg, DEN	195	78



Simon Gade

Goalkeeper

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



Sebastian Barthold

Left wing

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



Henrik Møllgaard

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 is still a huge asset in defence as well as attack

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



Felix Claar

Centre back

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

WCh: S 2021



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@felixclaar



Magnus Saugstrup

@reneantonsen

Line player

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

WCh: G 2021



Lukas Sandell



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Right back

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

WCh: S 2021



Mads Christiansen



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Right back

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

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



Mark Strandgaard



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

I HC MOTOR ZAPOROZHYE (UKR) VS HC MESHKOV BREST (BLR)



First leg: Thursday, 1 April at 18:45 CEST, Zaporozhye (UKR) Second leg: Thursday, 8 April at 18:45 CEST, Brest (BLR)



- Motor played a strong group phase, including six victories in a row, and finished fifth, while Meshkov were fourth ranked in group A thanks to a record that included a victory against PSG
- Meshkov were the only away team to snatch a point from group winners Flensburg
- Motor's Belarusian goalkeeper Ivan Maroz will face many national teammates on Brest's side
- in the Champions League, the teams only clashed twice in the previous season, when Brest won both duels. Meshkov also won both legs of the SEHA League 2019/20 quarterfinals against Motor
- Viachaslau Bokhan (Motor) and Mikita Vailupau (Brest) are joint-third on the season's top scorer list, with 67 goals each

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HC Motor vs HC Meshkov Brest 0-0-2 (64:69) 0:4

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HC MOTOR ZAPOROZHYE



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ Barça	L42:34 (23:18)
vs Aalborg Håndbold	L27:29 (15:14)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC	L34:30 (17:17)
@ THW Kiel	L34:23 (16:12)
vs HBC Nantes	W29:28 (13:13)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W29:25 (13:13)
@ HBC Nantes	W31:32 (18:18)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W31:29 (14:13)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W23:24 (13:13)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	W31:32 (14:17)
vs Telekom Veszprém HC	L34:37 (18:17)
@ Aalborg Håndbold	L38:29 (17:13)
vs Barça	L25:30 (11:13)
vs THW Kiel	W10:0

1. Viachaslau Bokhan (BLR) 67 2. Aidenas Malasinskas (LTU) 57 3. Barvs Pukhouski (BLR) 49 40

4. Dmytro Horiha (UKR) 5. Artem Kozakevych (UKR) 38

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 8 Last 16 (3): 2013/14, 2015/16, 2018/19 Group Phase (4): 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

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

Ukrainian league: 8 titles (2013-2020) Ukrainian cup: 6 titles (2013, 2015-19)



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MATCHES Longest unbeaten run

39

GOALS Most goals

76

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win 22:35 (9:18) v ABC/UMinho POR (a), 12.11.2016

36:23 (21:16) v Chekhovskie Med. RUS (h), 14.09.2017

76 v Naturhouse La Rioja ESP 39:37W (h), 05.03.2016

Biggest defeat 44:27 (20:13) v MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN (a), 10.10.2013

Longest winning run 6 matches (22.10.2016 – 12.02.2017)

6 matches (28.10.2020 – 20.12.2020)

Longest unbeaten run 8 matches (18.10.2015 – 05.03.2016)

8 matches (08.10.2017 – 24.02.2018)

Longest losing run 7 matches (09.02.2020 – 30.09.2020)

Longest run without win 12 matches (03.03.2019 – 20.11.2019)

Most goals 39 v Naturhouse La Rioja ESP 39:37W (h), 05.03.2016

Most goals opponent 44 v MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN 44:27L (a), 10.10.2013

76 v Barça ESP 42:34L (a), 03.03.2021

 Fewest goals
 20 v Montpellier HB FRA 28:20L (a), 01.10.2017

 Fewest goals opponent
 18 v St. Petersburg HC RUS 18:24W (a), 21.11.2013

 Fewest goals both teams
 42 v St. Petersburg HC RUS 18:24W (a), 21.11.2013

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

Most goals both teams

	MP	W	Т	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
Total:	90	36	11	43	2638:2669	-31	83:97	





Gintaras Savukynas Coach



- 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

Arrived during the season

Carlos Molina (ESP/SL Benfica)

Left during the season

Viktor Melnicsuk (HUN/unknown) Stevan Vujovic (MNE/unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth H	leight	Weight
	1	Rudolf	Borodai	UKR	Goalkeeper	17.03.1998	Poltava, UKR	194	84
	4	Stevan	Vujovic	MNE	Left Back	07.04.1990	Cetinje, MNE	195	97
	5	Iurii	Kubatko	UKR	Right Wing	28.08.1988	Zaporozhye, UKR	184	82
	6	Maxim	Babichev	BLR	Line Player	07.03.1986	Minsk, BLR	196	94
	7	Aidenas	Malasinskas	LTU	Centre Back	29.04.1986	Vilnus, LTU	189	84
	8	Viktor	Melnicsuk	HUN	Centre Back	30.08.2001	Dobrjani, HUN	188	80
	10	Barys	Pukhouski	BLR	Centre Back	03.01.1987	St.Mazorita, BLR	188	95
С	11	Zakhar	Denysov	UKR	Left Wing	01.03.1990	Ilychevsk, UKR	188	82
	13	Milos	Orbovic	SRB	Right Back	02.11.1993	Vrbas, SRB	195	96
	17	Ihor	Turchenko	UKR	Left Back	04.12.2000	Brovary, UKR	190	82
	18	Carlos	Molina Cosano	ESP	Right Back	31.05.1991	Barcelona, ESP	201	104
	19	Eduard	Kravchenko	UKR	Right Wing	19.05.1996	Zaporozhye, UKR	189	83
	20	Artem	Kozakevych	UKR	Right Wing	02.10.1992	Novovolynsk, UKR	182	68
	22	Vladyslav	Dontsov	UKR	Right Back	22.09.1995	Zaporozhye, UKR	200	107
	24	Dmytro	Horiha	UKR	Left Back	08.10.1997	Brovary, UKR	196	98
	25	Pavlo	Gurkovsky	UKR	Line Player	09.10.1985	Zaporozhye, UKR	196	100
	27	Ivan	Burzak	UKR	Line Player	22.02.1998	Melytopol, UKR	200	105
	28	Maksym	Viunik	UKR	Goalkeeper	28.02.1996	Melytopol, UKR	192	103
	31	Oleksandr	Kasai	UKR	Left Wing	14.01.1997	Zaporozhye, UKR	180	80
	33	Ivan	Maroz	BLR	Goalkeeper	05.10.1992	Gomel, BLR	197	103
	35	Taras	Minotskyi	UKR	Right Back	15.01.2000	Volochysk, UKR	193	86
	55	Gennadiy	Komok	UKR	Goalkeeper	05.07.1987	Zaporozhye, UKR	197	110
	74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	07.04.1996	Novopolotsk, BLR	203	104
	77	Dmytro	Tiutiunnyk	UKR	Line Player	07.03.1993	Uman, UKR	200	104



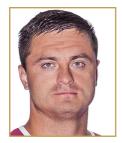
Gennadiy Komok



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Goalkeeper

- 2020/21 is his sixth season at Motor, though he will miss the first part of the campaign because of an achilles tendon injury
- born in Zaporozhye and started career at local rivals ZTR
- also had spell in Russian league, at St.Petersburg, in 2011/12
- was Ukraine's captain and first-choice goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2020



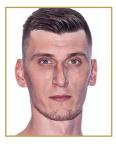
Zakhar Denysov



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Left wing

- all-rounder with experience of playing in many different positions
- · Ukrainian interntional, 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



Viacheslau Bokhan

Line player

- arrived from Belarusian side SKA Minsk before the start of the 2020/21 season
- · with 203 cm the tallest player of the current Motor squad
- quickly became Motor's best weapon in attack, sharing the position with experienced Maxim Babichey
- has been part of the Belorussian team at the EHF EURO events 2018 and 2020
- third best scorer of the 2020/21 group phase with 67 goals



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

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Centre back

- joined Motor from BM Puerto Sagunto in summer of 2015 and quickly became key element in the team
- Lithuanian international, who also played for Bidasoa Irun, Granollers and La Rioja
- scored 58 goals in the CL for Motor in 2019/20 season, including a nine-goal outing against Meshkov Brest



Maxim Babichau

Line player

- experienced Belarusian player, joined Zaporozhye in 2017 for his first foreign club
- · previously played for Arkatron Minsk, Dinamo Minsk and Meshkov Brest
- nine-time Belarusian and three-time Ukrainian champion
- regular member of Belarusian national team for more than a decade until 2018



Vladislav Dontsov

Right back

- powerful left-hander, who was born in Zaporozhye
- started career at local rivals ZTR but, at age 19, joined Motor in 2014
- played two seasons abroad for Dinamo Chelyabinsk in Russia (2016/17) and SKA Minsk in Belarus (2017/18) - before returning to Motor in 2018



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



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



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HC MESHKOV BREST



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	DΙ	GF:GA	GD	Ρ
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	14	10	1 3	341:336	(5)	21
2. Paris Saint-Germain HB	14	9	1 4	388:327	(61)	19
3. Lomza Vive Kielce	14	9	1 4	442:414	(18)	19
4. HC Meshkov Brest	14	7	16	383:380	(3)	15
5. FC Porto	14	5	2 7	361:362	(-1)	12
6. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	6	0 8	318:329	(-11)	12
7. HC Vardar 1961	14	3	3 8	335:350	(-15)	9
8. Elverum Handball	14	2	1 11	387:457	(-70)	5

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

@ HC Vardar 1961	W32:36 (12:20)	1. Mikita Vailupau (BLR)	67
@ Paris Saint-Germain HB	L33:26 (15:12)	2. Marko Panic (BIH)	60
vs Lomza Vive Kielce	W35:30 (15:11)	3. Stas Skube (SLO)	41
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L26:28 (15:14)	4. Vladimir Vranjes (BIH)	31
@ Elverum Handball	L33:31 (16:17)	5. Viachaslau Shumak (BLR)	30
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L30:27 (18:13)		
vs Elverum Handball	W29:27 (15:17)		
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	D29:29 (13:11)		
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W26:24 (11:12)		
@ Lomza Vive Kielce	L34:27 (18:11)		
vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	W32:31 (19:14)		
@ FC Porto	L27:25 (12:9)		

Past achievements

vs HC Vardar 1961 vs FC Porto

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 12 Last 16 (4): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Group Phase (6): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2014/15, 2019/20

W24:22 (12:10)

W10:0

Qualification (1): 2008/09

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2011/12

EHF Cup: Last 16 2003/04

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

Belarusian cup: 11 titles



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MATCHES Longest unbeaten run

36

GOALS Most goals

73

GOALS Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

 Biggest win
 34:22 (15:14) v Vojvodina SRB (h), 19.09.2015

 Biggest defeat
 36:17 (16:8) v GOG Gudme DEN (a), 09.10.2004

Longest winning run 5 matches (24.10.2015 – 05.12.2015)
Longest unbeaten run 7 matches (24.10.2015 - 05.03.2016)
Longest losing run 10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005)

10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)

Longest run without win 10 matches (09.10.2004 – 06.11.2005) 10 matches (30.09.2006 – 10.11.2007)

Most goals 36 v RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 36:36D (a), 27.11.2016

36 v HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 33:36W (a), 09.02.2020 36 v HC Vardar 1961 MKD 32:36W (a), 04.03.2021

 Most goals opponent
 41 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018

 Most goals both teams
 73 v Barça Lassa ESP 41:32L (a), 02.12.2018

 Fewest goals
 17 v GOG Gudme DEN 36:17L (a), 09.10.2004

17 v GOG Gudme DEN 36:17L (a), 09.10.2004 17 v RK Gorenje Velenje SLO 27:17L (a), 30.10.2004

Fewest goals opponent 20 v TATRAN Presov SVK 20:30W (a), 26.09.2015

 $20\ v$ Aalborg Handbold DEN $20{:}23W$ (a), 08.10.2017

Fewest goals both teams 42 v HC PPD Zagreb CRO 21:21D (h), 18.02.2017

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	Т	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
Total:	110	31	11	68	3000:3229	-229	73:147	





Raul Alonso Coach

- Spanish coach, who was assistant to Manolo Cadenas until

- spent most of his playing and coaching career in Germany was assistant coach at THW Kiel between 2010 and 2015 and helped them win two CL titles

I TEAM ROSTER

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



Ivan Pesic

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



Andrei Yurynok

Left wing

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



Dmitrii Santalov

Left back

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



Aleksandr Shkurinskiy



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- Left back
- · Russian left back, who joined Brest in 2017 from SKIF Krasnodar
- quickly became one of the team's key players, will share his position in 2020/21 season with fellow Russian player Dmitrii Santalov
- national team player, who competed at EHF EURO 2020 and WCh 2017 and 2019



Stas Skube

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 Velenie reached Last 16
- despite his height of 1.76 metre, he is one of Slovenia's best playmakers

EC trophies: CL 2019



Vladimir Vranjes

Line player

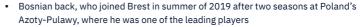
- powerful line player, who is a defensive specialist, joined Brest in summer of 2020 from Hungarian side Tatabanya
- also played in his native Bosnia as well as Slovenia and Spain in the past, and won EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014
- Bosnian national team player, who took part in WCh 2015 and EHF EURO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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



Marko Panic

Right back



- started his career at Borac Banja Luka in his homeland in 2006, also played for Chambéry in France from 2012 to 2017 and made CL debut in 2012/13
- made national team debut in 2010, aged 19, and soon became key member of team
- has a rare quality as he shoots almost equally well with both hands



Mikita Vailupau

Right wing

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



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I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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

All matches of the DELO EHF Champions League 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 - If scores are equal after the first round of penalty points won. - If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is

PLAY-OFF AND OUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

If, after completion of the two matches, both teams have won the same number of points (no extra-time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the

game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.

- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

I PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

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

What is the procedure if a first-leg match is not played on Wednesday or Thursday, 31 March/1 April?

If a team reports positive cases of Covid-19 and the match cannot be played, this pairing will be decided by playing both matches (1st and 2nd leg) as a so called 'double game' before Thursday, 8 April, the date when the last second-leg matches are scheduled.

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

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

What is the procedure if a second-leg match is not played on Wednesday or Thursday, 7 April/8 April?

It is not an option to postpone a match to a date after Thursday, 8 April 2021.

As a consequence of this and following the principle that the party responsible is liable for, in this case, the fact that the match cannot be played, a team which is not in the position to play its scheduled game on the

second weekend will be excluded from the competition regardless of the result in the first-leg game. The opponents would subsequently qualify for the quarter-finals.

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

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

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

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

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

I CURRENT TOP SCORERS



80 goals Alex Dujshebaev Lomze Vive Kielce

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1.	Dujshebaev Alex (ESP)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	80
2.	Hansen Mikkel (DEN)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	72
3.	Bokhan Viachaslau (BLR)	HC Motor (UKR)	67
	Vailupau Mikita (BLR)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	67
5.	Rivera Valero (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	66
6.	Dibirov Timur (RUS)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	63
7.	Ekberg Niclas (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	61
	Gómez Aleix (ESP)	Barça (ESP)	61
9.	Mem Dika (FRA)	Barça (ESP)	60
	Panic Marko (BIH)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	60
11.	Johannessen Gøran (NOR)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	58
12.	Malasinskas Aidenas (LTU)	HC Motor (UKR)	57
13.	Nenadic Petar (SRB)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	54
14.	Læsø Nikolaj (DEN)	Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)	53
15.	Cupic Ivan (CRO)	HC Vardar 1961 (MKD)	52
	Karalek Artsem (BLR)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	52
17.	Mathe Dominik (HUN)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	51
	Solstad Thomas (NOR)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	51
19.	Sagosen Sander (NOR)	THW Kiel (GER)	50
20.	Nilsson Andreas (SWE)	Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN)	49
	Pukhouski Barys (BLR)	HC Motor (UKR)	49
22.	Iturriza Victor (POR)	FC Porto (POR)	48
	Karacic Igor (CRO)	Lomza Vive Kielce (POL)	48
	Palmarsson Aron (ISL)	Barça (ESP)	48
25.	Pujol Josef (SWE)	Elverum Handball (NOR)	47

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993-2020

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Barça ESP	326	248	20	58	10,182:8517	+1665	516:136	(24)	79,14%
2	Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	308	207	16	85	9000:8108	+892	430:186	(25)	69,81%
3	THW Kiel GER	306	202	22	82	9275:8256	+1019	426:186	(23)	69,61%
4	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	230	138	19	73	6682:6255	+427	295:165	(16)	64,13%
5	HC PPD Zagreb CRO	300	121	31	148	7803:7956	-153	273:327	(27)	45,50%
6	Montpellier HB FRA	232	128	15	89	6646:6352	+294	271:193	(20)	58,41%
7	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	258	117	15	126	7278:7185	+93	249:267	(23)	48,26%
8	Lomza Vive Kielce POL	192	109	17	66	5744:5492	+252	235:149	(14)	61,20%
9	BM Atletico Madrid ESP	144	111	5	28	4502:3803	+699	227:61	(10)	78,82%
10	MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	214	103	17	94	5885:5832	+53	223:205	(18)	52,10%
11	Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	144	98	8	38	4305:3920	+385	204:84	(10)	70,83%
12	HC Vardar 1961 MKD	170	77	19	74	4655:4732	-77	173:167	(14)	50,88%
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 Kobenhavn DEN	118	54	9	55	3330:3361	-31	117:119	(12)	49,58%
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	136	44	11	81	3594:3833	-239	99:173	(13)	36,40%
20	HC Motor UKR	104	43	11	50	3027:3080	-53	97:111	(8)	46,64%
21	HC Meshkov Brest BLR	124	38	12	74	3383:3609	-226	88:160	(11)	35,48%
22	HBC Nantes FRA	66	33	12	21	1936:1843	+93	78:54	(4)	59,09%
23	HC Metalurg MKD	102	35	6	61	2516:2718	-202	76:128	(10)	37,26%
24	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	106	31	9	66	2966:3133	-167	71:141	(11)	33,49%
25	Rk Gorenje Velenje SLO	72	32	1	39	2050:2046	+4	65:79	(7)	45,14%
28	Aalborg Håndbold DEN	76	24	7	45	2094:2229	-135	55:97	(6)	36,18%
33	Elverum Handball NOR	68	20	6	42	1848:2015	-167	46:90	(6)	33,82%
34	FC Porto POR	48	20	5	23	1298:1315	-17	45:51	(4)	46,88%

I ALL-TIME STATS 1993-2020

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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

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Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009

Biggest home wins

- 25 FC Barcelona ESP vs Hapoel Rishon Le Zion ISR 42:17 (18:10), 15.11.1997
- 25 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 43:18 (23:8), 09.02.2012

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HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009

Biggest away wins

- 29 ZTR Zaporozhye UKR @ AS Conversano 2003 ITA 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003
- 26 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP @ HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 17:43 (9:21), 19.11.2011

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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

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RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD

37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005

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

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

Most goals both teams

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

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Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona ESP 11:31 (5:16), 15.03.2015

Fewest goals

- 12 AS Conversano 2003 ITA vs ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003
- 12 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004

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SG Wallau-Massenheim GER vs UHK West Wien AUT 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994

Fewest goals both teams

- 32 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN vs Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13 (9:7), 17.11.2002
- 33 Panellinios AC Athens GRE vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 16:17 (8:9), 30.11.2002

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

FC Barcelona ESP @ GOG Gudme DEN

22:22 (16:10), 14.02.1996

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

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

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

Kolding KIF DEN vs RK Partizan Belgrad

SCG - 2nd half 42:26 (16:13), 12.10.

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

Kolding IF DEN @ TEKA Santander ESP

- 1st half 28:16 (16:4), 25.01.1995

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

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

Fewest goals in one half both teams

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SG Wallau-Massenheim vs UHK West Wien AUT – 1st half 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994 14 Riihimäen Cocks FIN vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP – 2nd half 19:19 (13:11), 12.09.2018

- 15 ABC Braga POR vs Schachtjor Donetsk UKR 1st half 21:15 (11:4), 16.11.1996
- **15** Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 2nd half 19:18 (14:8), 09.01.1999
- 15 Skjern Handball DEN vs ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 2nd half 16:20 (9:12), 13.11.1999
- 15 Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO vs THW Kiel GER 1st half 22:13 (8:7), 25.03.2000
- 15 RK Zagreb CRO vs Sandefjord TIF NOR 1st half 22:15 (10:5), 12:10:2003
- 15 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP 2nd half 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004
- 15 Pick Szeged HUN vs Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 1st half 20:19 (8:7), 08.03.2008
- 15 HC Metalurg MKD vs Elverum Handball NOR 1st half 18:17 (8:7), 24.09.2016

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