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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022/23

MOTW Play-offs, Leg 2: HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock

HBC NANTES (FRA) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)

PLAY-OFFS



Wednesday 29 March 2023, 20:45 CEST



Playing hall

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

LEG 2



Most games vs Orlen Wisla Plock:

David Balaguer, Senjamin Buric,
Nicolas Claire, Cyril Dumoulin,
Julian Emonet, Rudolf Faluvegi,
Rock Feliho, Eduardo Gurbindo,
Dominik Klein, Romain Lagarde,
Kiril Lazarov, Jerko Matulic,
Dragan Pechmalbec,
Guillaume Saurina, Arnaud Siffert,
Nicolas Tournat

all 2

Most goals vs Orlen Wisla Plock:

David Balaguer	13
Senjamin Buric	10
Valero Rivera	10
Eduardo Gurbindo	8
Nicolas Tournat	8

- The MOTW in the second leg of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23 play-offs features the only teams that played to a draw in their first-leg match last week: HBC Nantes and Orlen Wisla Plock.

- Nantes have not lost to Plock in three previous duels: before last week's 32:32 draw in Poland, Nantes beat Plock 32:30 twice in the CL 2017/18 group phase.

- The winners of this play-off tie will meet SC Magdeburg in the quarter-finals in May for a place at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 in Cologne in June.

- Nantes finished third in group B behind Barça and Industria Kielce, but have won only one of their last seven CL matches – 42:36 at Elverum Handball in February.

- Plock secured their play-off spot only on the last day of the group phase with a late 28:27 win at FC Porto to edge HC PPD Zagreb for the sixth position in group A.

- With 412 goals conceded, Plock had the second-best defence of the group phase; however, their 374 goals scored made for the lowest total among all 16 teams.

- Plock played the EHF Finals Men in each of the last two seasons, both times losing in the semi-final against the eventual champions: Magdeburg and SL Benfica.

- Plock have played the CL play-offs/Last 16 five times before, but never made it to the quarter-finals.

- Nantes have competed at the EHF FINAL4 twice: in 2018, when they reached and lost the final against fellow French side Montpellier HB; and in 2021, when they lost in the semi-final against eventual champions Barça.

- Head coach Xavier Sabate is in his fifth season with Plock; Grégory Cojean in his first with Nantes, though he has worked in other roles at the French club since 2005.

- Four players involved in this MOTW were medal winners at the 2023 IHF World Championship in Poland and Sweden: Thibaud Briet (Nantes) won silver with France; Jorge Maqueda, Kauldri Odriozola (both Nantes) and Abel Serdio (Plock) won bronze with Spain.

- Both Nantes and Plock have four Spanish players in their squad, though one of them, Nantes' Rubén Marchán, will miss the MOTW because of an elbow in jury.

- Nantes goalkeeper Ivan Pesic will face three fellow Croatian players: Tin Lucin, Lovro Mihic and Leon Šušnja.

- Nantes have players from eight different nationalities in their squad; Plock have nine.

- Nantes have never won the French league so far; Plock are 11-time Polish champions and are currently leading the table, but have not won the title since 2011.

- Injury report** – Nantes: *Rubén Marchán (elbow)*; Plock: *N/A*.

Most games vs HBC Nantes:

Michal Daszek	3
Przemyslaw Krajewski	3
Lovro Mihic	3
Adam Borbely, Jose De Toledo, Gilberto Duarte, Maciej Gebala, Tomasz Gebala, Valentin Ghionea, Sime Ivic, Adam Morawski, Nemanja Obradovic, Dan Racotea, Marcin Wichary, Igor Zabic	all 2

Most goals vs HBC Nantes:

Lovro Mihic	11
Michal Daszek	10
Gilberto Duarte	8
Sime Ivic	7

Domestic league

Liqui Moly Starligue

Last 3 games:

26/03 vs Toulouse	D33:33
16/03 @ Cesson-Rennes	W26:35
04/03 vs PAUC	W39:28

Next game:

02/04 @ Istres Provence Handball

Standings as of 28/03:

1. Montpellier	21	680:582	38
2. PSG	21	751:633	36
3. Nantes	21	719:604	35
4. Chambéry	21	641:600	29
5. Nîmes	21	667:641	26
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16. Sélestat	21	596:677	7

Domestic league

PGNiG Superliga

Last 3 games:

24/03 @ Kalisz	W26:30
18/03 vs Szczecin	W35:20
04/03 @ Piotrków	W23:32

Next game:

01/04 vs MMTS Kwidzyn

Standings as of 28/03:

1. Plock	20	674:443	60
2. Kielce	20	780:493	57
3. Zabrze	20	572:511	45
4. Azoty-Puławy	20	589:575	36
5. Gdąnsk	20	522:537	35
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14. Szczecin	20	509:617	10

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock 2-1-0 (96:92) 5:1

05.11.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:32 (13:16)
25.11.2017	HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (18:12)
22.03.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Play-offs	32:32 (14:18)

HBC NANTES VS POLISH CLUBS 3–1–3

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2017/18	Orlen Wisla Plock	32:30	32:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Lomza Vive Kielce	24:25	34:31	EHF Champions League – Play-offs
2022/23	Lomza Industria Kielce	30:33	33:40	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	Orlen Wisla Plock		32:32	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Play-offs

ORLEN WISLA PLOCK VS FRENCH CLUBS 8–1–10

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2006/07	Chambery Savoie HB	32:31	13:21	EHF Champions League – Group C
2013/14	Montpellier Agglomeration HB	28:23	27:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Wildcard Qualification
2013/14	Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral	32:25	28:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2015/16	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	22:27	24:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	25:29	30:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	HBC Nantes	30:32	30:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Fenix Toulouse Handball	27:25	26:25	EHF European League – Group A
2021/22	Fenix Toulouse Handball	33:29	30:24	EHF European League – Group A
2022/23	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	26:32	33:37	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	HBC Nantes	32:32		Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Play-offs

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes 32:32 (14:18)

22.03.2023 (Plock, POL)



(Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2022/23 – Play-offs, Leg 1)

Referees: Slave Nikolov/Gjorgji Nachevski (North Macedonia).

Suspensions: 6' – 6' (Šušnja 4', Pérez 2' – Briet 2', Cavalcanti 2', Maqueda 2').

Number of 7m: 7/5 – 6/6.

Attendance: 4,500.

	Ignacio García Marcel Jastrzebski -- Michał Daszek (4) Tin Lucin (6) (4) Tomas Piroch (3) (4) Abel Serdio (4) Leon Šušnja Gergő Fazekas (10) Przemysław Krajewski (2) Gonzalo Pérez (1) Mirsad Terzić Dawid Dawydzik Lovro Mihic (3) (1) Niko Mindegia (2) (2) Dmitry Zhitnikov (6) (3) Sergei Mark Kosorotov (4) (5)	Viktor Hallgrímsson Manuel Gaspar -- Rubén Marchán Thibaud Briet Aymeric Minne Lucas De la Breteche Linus Persson Valero Rivera Alexandre Cavalcanti Rok Ovnicek Baptiste Damatrin-Bertrand Pedro Portela Jorge Maqueda Jérémy Toto Théo Monar Kauldi Odriozola	
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HBC NANTES' RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 3-3-3

25.03.2017	Rezé FRA	HBC Nantes FRA vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	26:26
01.04.2017	Paris FRA	Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA vs HBC Nantes FRA	35:27
24.03.2018	Brest BLR	HC Meshkov Brest BLR vs HBC Nantes FRA	24:32
01.04.2018	Rezé FRA	HBC Nantes FRA vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	28:28
20.03.2019	Mannheim GER	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER vs HBC Nantes FRA	34:32
30.03.2019	Nantes FRA	HBC Nantes FRA vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	30:27
31.03.2021	Nantes FRA	HBC Nantes FRA vs Lomza Vive Kielce POL	24:25
07.04.2021	Kielce POL	Lomza Vive Kielce POL vs HBC Nantes FRA	31:34
22.03.2023	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs HBC Nantes FRA	32:32

ORLEN WISLA PLOCK'S RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 2-2-7

14.03.2012	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-THW Kiel GER	24:36
18.03.2012	Kiel GER	THW Kiel GER-Orlen Wisla Plock POL	27:24
23.03.2014	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	34:33
29.03.2014	Veszprém HUN	MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN-Orlen Wisla Plock POL	31:26
14.03.2015	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-HC Vardar MKD	32:26
21.03.2015	Skopje MKD	HC Vardar MKD-Orlen Wisla Plock POL	31:20
16.03.2016	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-HC Vardar MKD	30:30
26.03.2016	Skopje MKD	HC Vardar MKD-Orlen Wisla Plock POL	25:24
24.03.2019	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	20:22
31.03.2019	Szeged HUN	MOL-Pick Szeged HUN-Orlen Wisla Plock POL	23:16
22.03.2023	Plock POL	Orlen Wisla Plock POL-HBC Nantes FRA	32:32

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



HBC Nantes: current run – winless three

22.03.2023	Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 32:32
01.03.2023	Szeged HUN	@ Pick Szeged HUN	D 28:28
23.02.2023	Nantes FRA	vs Lomza Industria Kielce POL	L 30:33
15.02.2023	Elverum NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 36:42
09.02.2023	Nantes FRA	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	L 31:32
15.12.2022	Nantes FRA	vs Barça ESP	L 33:37
08.12.2022	Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 37:33
01.12.2022	Nantes FRA	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 35:28
23.11.2022	Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 32:35
03.11.2022	Barcelona ESP	@ Barça ESP	L 34:29



Orlen Wisla Plock: current run – unbeaten two

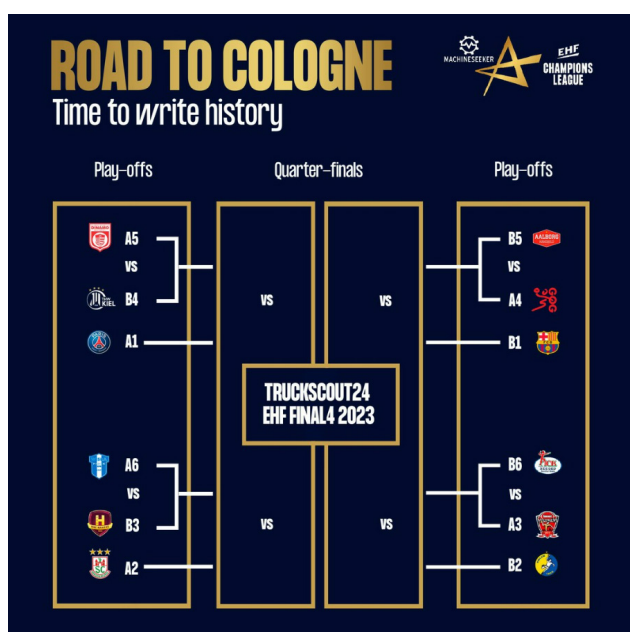
22.03.2023	Plock POL	vs HBC Nantes FRA	D 32:32
02.03.2023	Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	W 27:28
23.02.2023	Plock POL	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 26:32
15.02.2023	Gudme/Fyn DEN	@ GOG DEN	L 31:24
09.02.2023	Plock POL	vs SC Magdeburg GER	W 25:24
15.12.2022	Plock POL	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	L 26:30
08.12.2022	Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 32:22
01.12.2022	Plock POL	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 26:28
24.11.2022	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 32:27
03.11.2022	Plock POL	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 26:30

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR HBC NANTES VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK

Valero Rivera	10	22.03.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	32:32
David Balaguer	9	05.11.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	30:32
Senjamin Buric	7	25.11.2017	HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock	30:32
Dominik Klein	5	05.11.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	30:32
Nicolas Tournat	5	25.11.2017	HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock	32:30
Kauldi Odriozola	5	22.03.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	32:32

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR ORLEN WISLA PLOCK VS HBC NANTES

Tin Lucin	6	22.03.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	32:32
Dmitry Zhitnikov	6	22.03.2023	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	32:32
Sime Ivic	5	05.11.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	30:32
Lovro Mihic	5	05.11.2017	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HBC Nantes	30:32
Gilberto Duarte	5	25.11.2017	HBC Nantes vs Orlen Wisla Plock	32:30



MOTW 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

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

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

Awarded players in the 2022/23 season:

- Round 1: Harald Reinkind (THW Kiel)
- Round 2: Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)
- Round 3: Jannick Green (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 4: Timothy N'guessan (Barça)
- Round 5: Tilen Strmljan (RK Celje Pivovarna Laško)
- Round 6: Rasmus Lauge (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 7: Alexandre Cavalcanti (HBC Nantes)
- Round 8: Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 9: Arkadiusz Moryto (Lomza Industria Kielce)
- Round 10: Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)
- Round 11: Sebastian Barthold (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 12: Kay Smits (SC Magdeburg)
- Round 13: Ante Kuduz (CS Dinamo Bucuresti)
- Round 14: Jannick Green (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Play-offs, Leg 1: Henrik Møllgaard (Aalborg Håndbold)



HBC NANTES PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST ORLEN WISLA PLOCK

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Junayd Belbrahim	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Manuel Gaspar	POR	3	1	1	1	0	0,00	0	0
Viktor Hallgrímsson	ISL	5	2	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Ivan Pesic	CRO	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mathis Beauchef	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thibaud Briet	FRA	1	0	1	0	4	4,00	4	2'
Alexandre Cavalcanti	POR	1	0	1	0	2	2,00	2	2'
Baptiste Damatrin-Bertrand	FRA	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lucas De la Breteche	FRA	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pierre-Alexis Favril	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Enzo Handjou	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Maqueda	ESP	7	4	3	0	10	1,43	3	2'
Rubén Marchán	ESP	3	1	1	1	5	1,67	3	0
Aymeric Minne	FRA	1	0	1	0	4	4,00	4	0
Théo Monar	FRA	1	0	1	0	3	3,00	3	0
Salomon Nassequela	COD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kauldi Odriozola	ESP	4	1	1	2	16	4,00	5 (2)	8'
Rok Ovnicsek	SLO	1	0	1	0	1	1,00	1	0
Linus Persson	SWE	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ernest Pineau	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pedro Portela	POR	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valero Rivera	ESP	5	5	0	0	27	5,40	10	2'
Alexander Shkurinskiy	RUS	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alban Simonnet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jérémy Toto	FRA	1	0	1	0	2	2,00	2	0
Sebastian Vellenoweth	GBR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
André Wenkegheu Tchambou	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Manuel Gaspar (Sporting CP 2020/21); Viktor Hallgrímsson (GOG 2019/20, GOG 2020/21); Jorge Maqueda (HC Vardar 2015/16, HC Vardar 2017/18, MOL-Pick Szeged 2018/19); Rubén Marchán (Abanca Ademar Leon 2020/21); Kauldi Odriozola (Bidasoa Irun 2019/20, Bidasoa Irun 2021/22); Ivan Pesic (RK Maribor Branik 2012/13); Valero Rivera (FC Barcelona Lassa 2016/17, FC Barcelona Lassa 2017/18).

ORLEN WISLA PLOCK PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HBC NANTES

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ignacio García	ESP	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marcel Jastrzebski	POL	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Krystian Witkowski	POL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Michal Daszek	POL	3	0	1	2	10	3,33	4 (2)	0
Dawid Dawydzik	POL	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gergő Fazekas	HUN	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Oliwier Kaminski	POL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Krzysztof Komarzewski	POL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sergei Mark Kosorotov	RUS	1	0	1	0	4	4,00	4	0
Przemyslaw Krajewski	POL	3	0	1	2	6	2,00	4	0
Tin Lucin	CRO	3	1	1	1	9	3,00	6	4'
Filip Michalowicz	POL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lovro Mihic	CRO	3	0	1	2	11	3,67	5	0
Niko Mindegia	ESP	3	1	1	1	6	2,00	4	0
Uros Mitrovic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Pérez	ESP	2	0	1	1	4	2,00	4	2'
Tomas Piroch	CZE	1	0	1	0	3	3,00	3	0
Abel Serdio	ESP	1	0	1	0	4	4,00	4	0
Marcel Sroczyk	POL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leon Šušnja	CRO	3	0	2	1	4	1,33	3	6'
Mirsad Terzic	BIH	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kosuke Yasuhira	JPN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dmitry Zhitnikov	RUS	5	1	1	3	12	2,40	6	0

Tin Lucin (HC PPD Zagreb 2017/18, HC PPD Zagreb 2018/19 – DNP, Abanca Ademar Leon 2019/20); Niko Mindegia (Pick Szeged 2013/14); Gonzalo Pérez (Abanca Ademar Leon 2019/20); Leon Šušnja (HC Prvo plinarsko društvo Zagreb 2017/18, HC PPD Zagreb 2018/19); Dmitry Zhitnikov (MOL-Pick Szeged 2017/18, MOL-Pick Szeged 2018/19).

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