



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2020/21

MOTW #12: MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar 1961

MOL-PICK SZEGED (HUN) VS HC VARDAR 1961 (MKD)

GROUP A



Thursday 18 February 2021, 18:45 CEST



Playing hall

Varosi Sportcsarnok
Szeged
Temesvari Krt.33
6726 Szeged
Hungary
Capacity: 3,200

ROUND 3



Most games vs HC Vardar 1961:

Jonas Källman	9
Zsolt Balogh	7
Alen Blazevic	7
Richard Bodo	7
Mario Sostaric	7

Most goals vs HC Vardar 1961:

Jonas Källman	28
Bence Banhidi	26
Dean Bombac	24
Zsolt Balogh	22
Stas Skube	15

- The teams played the reverse fixture on Sunday at Skopje, where Szeged turned a 15:13 half-time deficit into a 28:26 victory
- After the winter break, Szeged have won two of three matches, against Vardar and Porto, and lost to PSG. In total, the hosts have eight points on their account
- Vardar have lost their last four Champions League matches and earned only three points this season, from the draw against Porto and a victory over Flensburg
- The biggest duel between the sides was in the 2018/19 quarter-finals, when Szeged clawed their way back from a 31:23 first leg deficit at one stage, before eventually winning 29:25, meaning Vardar went through and eventually won the EHF FINAL4
- While Vardar had three appearances in Cologne and won the trophy twice (2017, 2019), Szeged still wait for their first participation
- In 2015, 2017 and 2019, Szeged made it to the quarter-finals, but were eliminated on all three occasions
- Szeged left back Joan Canellas won the EHF Champions League with Vardar in 2017
- Bogdan Radivojevic (Flensburg 2014) and Jonas Källman (Ciudad Real 2006, 2008, 2009) are EHF Champions League winners in Szeged's squad

- In Vardar's squad, Croatian wing Ivan Cupic stands out with three trophies in Cologne, 2016 with Kielce, 2017 and 2019 with Vardar. Captain Stojanche Stoilov and left wing Timur Dibirov are among the players who won the trophy twice in 2017 and 2019
- In 2019, Vardar beat Szeged's domestic rival Veszprém in the final
- Ivan Cupic, Ante Gadza, Josip Vekic and Lovro Jotic (all Vardar) face their fellow Croats Mirko Alilovic and Luka Stepancic (Szeged)
- Vardar's Serbian veteran Marko Vujin played with Joan Canellas at THW Kiel
- Vardar goalkeeper Borko Ristovski and Szeged left wing Martin Stranovsky played for Barcelona, but not at the same time.
- Before he retired from the national Russian national team, Timur Dibirov was a teammate of Szeged's Dmitry Zhitnikov and current club teammate Gleb Kalarash
- Seven nations (MKD, CRO, POL, GER, RUS, SRB and FRA) are represented in the Vardar squad, 11 in Szeged's squad (HUN, CRO, SWE, ISL, ESP, SLO, SRB, SVK, CZE, RUS and ROU)
- In between 2003 and 2019, Szeged were the only non-German winner of the EHF Cup winning the trophy in 2014
- Szeged play their 19th EHF Champions League season, for Vardar it is number 15
- Szeged's Bence Banhidi, All-star team line player of the EHF Champions League season 2019/20 and EHF EURO 2020, is the top scorer among both sides so far with 38 goals, Timur Dibirov tops Vardar's scorer list with 36 strikes

Most games vs MOL-Pick Szeged:

Timur Dibirov	9
Stojanche Stoilov	9
Daniil Shishkarev	8
Igor Karacic	7
Ilija Abutovic	6
Luka Cindric	6
Ivan Cupic	6
Rogério Ferreira Moraes	6
Jorge Maqueda Pena	6
Mijajlo Marsenic	6
Arpad Sterbik Capar	6

Most goals vs MOL-Pick Szeged:

Timur Dibirov	46
Igor Karacic	36
Luka Cindric	27
Dainis Kristopans	16
Jorge Maqueda Pena	15

Domestic league

K&H Liga

Last 3 games:

01/02 vs Ceglédi W42:21

17/12 vs Veszprém L36:24

11/12 @ Eger W41:21

Next game:

07/03 @ Balatonfüredi

Standings as of 17/02:

1. Veszprém	14	504:309	27
2. Szeged	11	375:282	18
3. FTC	13	371:348	16
4. Csurgó	14	377:380	14
5. Gyöngyös	13	353:352	13
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14. Dabas	8	178:211	1

Domestic league

SEHA League

Last 2 games:

01/02 vs Nexe W27:26

28/01 vs Vojvodina W25:21

Next game:

27/02 @ HC Motor

Standings as of 17/02:

Group B

1. Vardar	2	52:47	6
2. Nexe	2	50:50	3
3. Motor	1	31:30	3
4. Vojvodina	3	74:80	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Vardar 1961 3-2-6 (285:295) 8:14

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

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

HC Vardar 1961 vs MOL-Pick Szeged 26:28 (15:13)

14.02.2021 (Skopje, MKD)

(EHF Champions League Men – Group A)

Referees: Evgeny Zotin/Nikolay Volodkov (Russia).

Suspensions: 4' – 6' (Dissinger 2', Vekic 2' – Sostaric 2', Banhidi 4').

Number of 7m: 3/1 – 3/3.

Attendance: 0.



Borko Ristovski	(1)	
Robin Cantegrel		
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Vasko Sevaljevic		(1)
Patryk Walczak	(4)	(3)
Stojanche Stoilov	(2)	(2)
Goce Georgievski		
Martin Karapalevski		(6)
Christian Dissinger	(2)	(1)
Lovro Jotic	(6)	(1)
Gleb Kalarash	(2)	(6)
Ante Gadža		(5)
Ivan Cupic	(3)	
Filip Taleski		(3)
Timur Dibirov	(6)	
Marko Vujin		
Josip Vekic		



Roland Mikler	
Mirko Alilovic	
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Jonas Källman	
Richard Bodo	
Joan Cañellas	
Nik Henigman	
Bogdan Radivojevic	
Matej Gaber	
Mario Sostaric	
Bence Banhidi	
Stanislav Kasperek	
Martin Stranovsky	
Dean Bombac	
Miklós Rosta	
Borut Mackovsek	

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME MOL–PICK SZEGED VS HC VARDAR 1961

Zsolt Balogh	9	16.10.2016	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	30:27
Peter Szabo	7	16.10.2004	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje-SC Pick Szeged	24:24
Dean Bombac	7	28.02.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:31
Bence Banhidi	7	05.05.2019	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:25
Balazs Laluska	6	30.10.2004	SC Pick Szeged-Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	25:18
Jonas Källman	6	27.09.2015	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	27:23
Gabor Ancsin	6	28.02.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:31
Stas Skube	6	18.02.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	21:23
Ivan Srsen	6	18.02.2018	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	34:30
Dean Bombac	6	05.05.2019	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:25
Bence Banhidi	6	14.02.2021	HC Vardar 1961-MOL-Pick Szeged	26:28
Bogdan Radivojevic	6	14.02.2021	HC Vardar 1961-MOL-Pick Szeged	26:28

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME HC VARDAR 1961 VS MOL–PICK SZEGED

Timur Dibirov	11	18.02.2018	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	34:30
Jorge Maqueda Pena	8	28.02.2016	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:31
Timur Dibirov	8	16.10.2016	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	30:27
Vuko Borozan	8	07.10.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	26:26
Igor Karacic	8	25.04.2019	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	31:23
Dainis Kristopans	8	25.04.2019	HC Vardar-MOL-Pick Szeged	31:23
Igor Karacic	8	05.05.2019	MOL-Pick Szeged-HC Vardar	29:25

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN THE DIRECT ENCOUNTERS (GAMES/GOALS):

Jorge Maqueda Pena	8 matches, 21 goals	w/Szeged 2/6, w/Vardar 6/15
Joan Cañellas Reixach	7 matches, 8 goals	w/Szeged 3/3, w/Vardar 4/5
Sergei Gorbok	6 matches, 12 goals	w/Szeged 2/5, w/Vardar 4/7
Stas Skube	6 matches, 24 goals	w/Szeged 4/15, w/Vardar 2/9

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN



MOL-Pick Szeged: current run – won two

14.02.2021 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar 1961 MKD	W 26:28
11.02.2021 Szeged HUN	vs FC Porto POR	W 35:31
06.02.2021 Szeged HUN	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 29:32
09.12.2020 Szeged HUN	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 30:27
03.12.2020 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 26:24
26.11.2020 Szeged HUN	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 36:27
22.10.2020 Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	L 26:24
15.10.2020 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	L 25:19
23.09.2020 Kielce POL	@ Lomza Vive Kielce POL	L 26:23
29.02.2020 Barcelona ESP	@ Barça ESP	L 30:28



HC Vardar 1961: current run - winless in five

14.02.2021 Skopje MKD	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 26:28
04.02.2021 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	L 27:24
25.11.2020 Kielce POL	@ Lomza Vive Kielce POL	L 36:29
19.11.2020 Skopje MKD	vs Lomza Vive Kielce POL	L 29:33
22.10.2020 Skopje MKD	vs FC Porto POR	D 25:25
15.10.2020 Skopje MKD	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 31:26
16.09.2020 Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	L 24:22
29.02.2020 Skopje MKD	vs Montpellier HB FRA	L 27:31
22.02.2020 Porto POR	@ FC Porto Sofarma POR	L 30:22
15.02.2020 Skopje MKD	vs HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	W 38:28

MOL-PICK SZEGED VS MACEDONIAN CLUBS 4-2-7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2004/05	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	25:18	24:24	EHF Champions League – Group A
2013/14	HC Metalurg	23:19	16:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament W
2015/16	HC Vardar	29:31	23:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	HC Vardar	21:23	27:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2017/18	HC Vardar	26:26	30:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HC Vardar	29:25	23:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2020/21	HC Vardar 1961		28:26	EHF Champions League – Group A

HC VARDAR VS HUNGARIAN CLUBS 8-3-11

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2001/02	Fotex KC Veszprém	24:27	22:27	EHF Champions League – Group D
2004/05	SC Pick Szeged	24:24	18:25	EHF Champions League – Group A
2014/15	MKB-MVM Veszprém	23:24	24:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	MOL-Pick Szeged	27:23	31:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2015/16	MVM Veszprém	26:29	30:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2016/17	MOL-Pick Szeged	30:27	23:21	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2017/18	MOL-Pick Szeged	34:30	26:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Telekom Veszprém HC	27:29	27:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	MOL-Pick Szeged	31:23	25:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2018/19	Telekom Veszprém HC		27:24	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2019/20	Telekom Veszprém HC	29:38	30:39	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	MOL-Pick Szeged	26:28		EHF Champions League – Group A

MOL-PICK SZEGED PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HC VARDAR 1961

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mirko Alilovic	CRO	11	8	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Krivokapic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Barnabás Marczika	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Roland Mikler	HUN	8	5	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Tibor Nagy	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Bruno Bajusz	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Bence Banhidi	HUN	6	2	0	4	26	4,33	7	12'
Richard Bodo	HUN	7	2	1	4	10	1,43	3	4'
Dean Bombac	SLO	8	3	0	5	31	3,88	7	0
Joan Cañellas Reixach	ESP	5	2	1	2	12	2,40	6	0
Dániel Fekete	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Matej Gaber	SLO	10	2	2	6	10	1,00	3	10'
Nik Henigman	SLO	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Jonas Källman	SWE	9	2	1	6	28	3,11	6	4'
Stanislav Kasperek	CZE	3	2	0	1	5	1,67	5	0
Daniel Kecskés	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Borut Mackovsek	SLO	11	4	0	7	25	2,27	5	4'
Bogdan Radivojevic	SRB	9	2	1	6	12	1,33	6	0
Barnabas Rea	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Miklós Rosta	HUN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mario Sostaric	SLO	7	2	1	4	9	1,29	2 (3)	8'
Luka Stepancic	CRO	2	1	0	1	2	1,00	2	0
Martin Stranovsky	SVK	6	4	1	1	27	4,50	12	0
Benjamin Szilagyi	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
József Tóth	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Bence Vetési	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dmitry Zhitnikov	RUS	8	1	2	5	29	3,63	8	4'

Mirko Alilovic (C.BM. Ademar Leon 2007/08, Reale Ademar 2009/10, MKB-MVM Veszprém 2014/15, MVM Veszprém 2015/16); Dean Bombac (HC Dinamo Minsk 2013/14, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2016/17); Joan Cañellas Reixach (HSV Hamburg 2013/14); Matej Gaber (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2014/15, Montpellier HB 2015/16); Borut Mackovsek (HC Dinamo Minsk 2013/14, Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2014/15, Montpellier HB 2015/16, RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2016/17, Telekom Veszprém HC 2018/19, Telekom Veszprém HC 2019/20); Roland Mikler (MKB-MVM Veszprém 2014/15, MVM Veszprém 2015/16, Telekom Veszprém HC 2018/19); Bogdan Radivojevic (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2013/14, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2016/17, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2017/18, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2018/19); Luka Stepancic (Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2016/17, Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2017/18); Martin Stranovsky (C.BM. Ademar Leon 2007/08, Reale Ademar 2009/10, FC Barcelona 2013/14); Dmitry Zhitnikov (Chekhovskie Medvedi 2014/15, Orlen Wisla Plock 2015/16)

HC VARDAR 1961 PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST MOL-PICK SZEGED

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Robin Cantegrel	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Marko Kizic	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Borko Ristovski	MKD	3	1	0	2	2	0,67	1 (2)	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ivan Cupic	CRO	10	6	1	3	27	2,70	5 (2)	2'
Timur Dibirov	RUS	13	8	2	3	60	4,62	11	6' (D)
Dimitar Dimitrioski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Christian Dissinger	GER	7	3	0	4	24	3,43	6	4'
Ante Gadža	CRO	3	0	0	3	9	3,00	7	0
David Gashovski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Goce Georgievski	MKD	3	1	0	2	4	1,33	3	0
Tomislav Jagurinovski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lovro Jotic	CRO	3	0	0	3	9	3,00	6	0
Gleb Kalarash	RUS	3	1	0	2	2	0,67	2	6'
Martin Karapalevski	MKD	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Marko Mishevski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vasko Sevaljevic	MNE	3	1	0	2	15	5,00	9	0
Stojanche Stoilov	MKD	9	6	1	2	7	0,78	3	2'
Filip Taleski	MKD	3	1	0	2	2	0,67	2	4'
Josip Vekic	CRO	3	0	1	2	2	0,67	2	4'
Marko Vujin	SRB	7	3	0	4	40	5,71	9	0
Patryk Walczak	POL	2	1	0	1	4	2,00	4	0

Robin Cantegrel (HBC Nantes 2013/14 – DNP); Ivan Cupic (KS Vive Targi Kielce 2012/13 – DNP, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2014/15, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2015/16); Timur Dibirov (Chekhovskie Medvedi 2009/10, Chekhovskie Medvedi 2010/11); Christian Dissinger (Kadetten Schaffhausen 2012/13, THW Kiel 2015/16, THW Kiel 2017/18); Ante Gadža (HC PPD Zagreb 2019/20); Goce Georgievski (HC Metalurg 2013/14); Lovro Jotic (HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 2016/17, HC PPD Zagreb 2018/19); Borko Ristovski (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2015/16 – DNP, FC Barcelona Lassa 2017/18); Vasko Sevaljevic (HC Dinamo Minsk 2012/13); Filip Taleski (HC Metalurg 2013/14 – DNP, Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2017/18); Josip Vekic (HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 2016/17 – DNP, HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 2017/18 – DNP, HC PPD Zagreb 2018/19, HC PPD Zagreb 2019/20); Marko Vujin (THW Kiel 2014/15, THW Kiel 2015/16, THW Kiel 2017/18); Patryk Walczak (KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2016/17)

'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 being awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Men 2020/21 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2020/21 season:

- Round 1: Sander Sagosen (THW Kiel)
- Round 2: Hampus Wanne (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 3: Aron Palmarsson (Barça)
- Round 4: Nikola Mitrevski (FC Porto)
- Round 5: Sander Sagosen (THW Kiel)
- Round 6: Vladimir Cupara (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 7: Kevin Møller (Barça)
- Round 8: Arkadiusz Moryto (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 9: Gøran Johannessen (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 10: Dominik Máthé (Elverum Handball)
- Round 11: Emil Nielsen (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 12:



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