



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22

MOTW Round 5: Barça vs Paris Saint–Germain Handball

BARÇA (ESP) VS PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL (FRA)

GROUP B



BARÇA

Thursday 21 October 2021, 20:45 CEST



Playing hall

Palau Blaugrana
Av. Aristides Maillol, s/n
08028 Barcelona
Spain
Capacity: 7,250

ROUND 5



HANDBALL

Most games vs Paris Saint-Germain HB:

Aitor Ariño	7
Raul Entrerrios	7
Cedric Sorhaindo	6
Victor Tomas	6
Dika Mem	5
Timothy N'guessan	5
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	5

Most goals vs Paris Saint-Germain HB:

Dika Mem	25
Victor Tomas	25
Kiril Lazarov	19
Aitor Ariño	16
Aron Palmarsson	16

- Barça and Paris Saint-Germain Handball have each lost one game in the EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 season so far – both against Telekom Veszprém HC.

- Barça are coming off a perfect season with 20 wins in 20 matches, including a 36:23 final victory over Aalborg Håndbold – the biggest winning margin in a CL final.

- Barça's last match against a French team was the 2020/21 semi-final, when they beat HBC Nantes 31:26.

- Barça's last match against PSG also came at an EHF FINAL4 event: in the 2019/20 semi-final, when they won 37:32, before losing the final to THW Kiel.

- Barça have won six of the teams' seven previous duels; PSG's only win dates back to 12 November 2016.

- Each time they defeated PSG, Barça scored at least 33 goals, with 38:28 in 2014 their biggest win.

- Barça count on four French Olympic champions: Dika Mem, Timothy N'guessan, Ludovic Fabregas, and Melvyn Richardson; PSG count on five: Vincent Gerard, Yann Genty, Nikola and Luca Karabatic, and Nedim Remili.

- None of the four French players in the Barça squad have played for PSG in the past, nor has the only Spanish player at PSG – Ferran Sole – ever played for Barça.

- Barça's last defeat against a French team in the CL came in the 2017/18 quarter-final against eventual champions Montpellier HB: 28:25.

- The only other Spanish team PSG have played against in the CL are La Rioja: both teams won their respective home game in the 2014/15 group phase.

- Both teams in this MOTW are led by a Spanish head coach: Barça by Carlos Ortega, PSG by Raul Gonzalez.

- Ortega was a six-time CL winner as a player; Gonzalez won the CL as a coach – with Vardar in 2017, after beating his current club PSG in the final.

- PSG stars Nikola Karabatic, Mikkel Hansen and Kamil Syprzak have played for Barça in the past.

- Nikola Karabatic won the CL with Barça in 2015, after he had already lifted the trophy with Montpellier in 2003 and with THW Kiel in 2007.

- Mikkel Hansen played (and lost) a CL final with both clubs: with Barça in 2010 and with PSG in 2017.

- Barça have the best defence of the 2021/22 group phase so far, conceding 107 goals; PSG have the second best attack with 139 goals, one goal fewer than THW Kiel.

- Injury report:** Barça – Luka Cindric (shoulder), PSG – none.

Most games vs Barça:

Luc Abalo	6
Mikkel Hansen	6
Luka Karabatic	5
Benoit Kounkoud	5
Nikola Karabatic	4
Jeffrey M'Tima	4
Daniel Narcisse	4
Nedim Remili	4

Most goals vs Barça:

Mikkel Hansen	32
Luka Karabatic	21
Luc Abalo	20
Nedim Remili	18
Nikola Karabatic	12
Dylan Nahi	12

Domestic league

Liga Sacyr ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

16/10 @ Valladolid	W24:40
12/10 @ Granollers	W34:40
02/10 vs Cuenca	W38:20

Next game:

23/10 vs Bada Huesca

Standings as of 20/10:

1. Barça	6	231:160	12
2. Puente Genil	7	215:201	9
3. Bidasoa Irun	7	183:185	9
4. Granollers	6	177:157	8
5. La Rioja	7	226:228	8
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16. Antequera	7	156:204	2

Domestic league

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Last 3 games:

17/10 vs Chambéry	W36:29
09/10 @ Nimes	W25:32
02/10 vs Cesson Rennes	W45:22

Next game:

24/10 @ Montpellier HB

Standings as of 20/10:

1. PSG	6	226:161	12
2. PAUC	6	180:167	9
3. Nimes	6	176:163	8
4. St.-Raphaël	6	168:156	8
5. Nantes	6	173:163	7
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16. Toulouse	6	162:187	2

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS



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

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

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR FOR BARÇA VS PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL

Victor Tomas	10	15.02.2014	FC Barcelona vs PSG Handball	38:28
Kiril Lazarov	9	03.12.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	35:32
Siarhei Rutenka	8	20.10.2013	PSG Handball vs FC Barcelona	29:33
Aleix Gomez	8	19.10.2019	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	36:32
Dika Mem	8	28.12.2020	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	37:32

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL VS FOR BARÇA

Nedim Remili	9	12.11.2016	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs FC Barcelona Lassa	33:26
Dylan Nahi	9	28.12.2020	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	37:32
Luka Karabatic	8	19.10.2019	Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	36:32
Mikkel Hansen	8	01.12.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Barça	32:35
Sander Sagosen	8	01.12.2019	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Barça	32:35

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Nikola Karabatic	6 matches, 20 goals	w/Barça 2/8 (2013-2014), w/Paris 4/12 (2016-2019)
Viran Morros	7 matches, 2 goals	w/Barça 4/1 (2013-2016), w/Paris 3/1 (2019-2020)
Kamil Syprzak	5 matches, 14 goals	w/Barça 2/6 (2016), w/Paris 3/8 (2019-2020)

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Barça vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball 37:32 (18:14) 28.12.2020 (Cologne, GER)

(VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 – Semi-final)

Referees: Matija Gubica/Boris Milosevic (Croatia).

Suspensions: 6' – 4' (Enterrerrios Rodriguez 2', Gonçalves Dos Santos 2', Frade 2' – Remili 2', Karabatic 2').

Number of 7m: 5/3 – 5/5.

Attendance: 0.

 BARÇA	Gonzalo Perez de Vargas				 HANDBALL
	Kevin Møller -> Flensburg-Handewitt	(1)			
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	Raul Enterrerrios -> retired				
	Cédric Sorhaindo -> Dinamo Bucuresti	(1)	(4)		
	Aitor Ariño	(1)			
	Blaz Janc	(5)	(3)		
	Timothey N'guessan	(4)	(5)		
	Aleix Gómez	(2)			
	Thiagus Petrus		(1)		
	Dika Mem	(8)	(2)		
	Luka Cindric	(4)			
	Alex Pascual -> Dinamo Bucuresti		(7)		
	Aron Palmarsson -> Aalborg Håndbold	(6)	(1)		
Domen Makuc		(9)			
Ludovic Fabregas	(5)				
Luis Frade					
					Vincent Gerard Yann Genty -- Adama Keita Dainis Kristopans Benoit Kounkoud Ferran Sole Nedim Remili Mathieu Grebille Kamil Syprzak Luka Karabatic Viran Morros -> Füchse Berlin Mikkel Hansen Elohim Prandi Dylan Nahi -> Lomza Vive Kielce

BARÇA VS FRENCH CLUBS 31-2-7



Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1984/85	USM Gagny	25:17	15:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	US Créteil	23:18	20:19	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1990/91	US Nîmes	23:16	18:16	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
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1993/94	OM Vitrolles	26:14	20:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
2000/01	Montpellier HB	24:17	25:25	EHF Champions League – Group B
2006/07	Montpellier HB	29:23	25:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2007/08	US Ivry handball	34:26	29:27	EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	Chambéry Savoie HB	38:23	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Chambéry Savoie HB	28:25	30:19	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomération HB	36:20	28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	PSG Handball	38:28	33:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	Montpellier HB	37:27	31:23	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	35:32	26:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	HBC Nantes	31:25	25:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	Montpellier HB	30:28	25:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2018/19	Montpellier HB	35:27	36:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HBC Nantes	29:26	32:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB	36:32	35:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	HBC Nantes		35:27	EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21*	Paris Saint-Germain HB		37:32	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2020/21	HBC Nantes	30:29		EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	HBC Nantes		31:26	EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final

* 2020 VELUX EHF FINAL4 played in 2020/21 season

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL VS SPANISH CLUBS 2-0-7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2013/14	FC Barcelona	29:33	28:38	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2014/15	Naturhouse La Rioja	32:25	33:35	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	FC Barcelona Lassa	33:26	32:35	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2019/20	Barça	32:35	32:36	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21*	Barça		32:37	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final

* 2020 VELUX EHF FINAL4 played in 2020/21 season

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN



BARÇA

Barça: current run – won one

14.10.2021	Barcelona ESP	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 36:32
29.09.2021	Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 29:28
23.09.2021	Barcelona ESP	vs HC Motor UKR	W 36:25
16.09.2021	Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 21:25
13.06.2021	Cologne GER	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 23:36
12.06.2021	Cologne GER	@ HBC Nantes FRA	W 26:31
20.05.2021	Barcelona ESP	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 40:28
12.05.2021	Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 29:33
05.04.2021	Barcelona ESP	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 39:19
02.04.2021	Barcelona ESP	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 25:37



HANDBALL

Paris Saint-Germain Handball: current run – unbeaten three

14.10.2021	Paris FRA	vs HC Motor UKR	W 40:32
29.09.2021	Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	D 27:27
23.09.2021	Paris FRA	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 41:30
16.09.2021	Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 34:31
19.05.2021	Paris FRA	vs THW Kiel GER	W 34:28
12.05.2021	Cologne GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 31:29
08.04.2021	Paris FRA	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 31:23
01.04.2021	Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 24:37
02.03.2021	Paris FRA	@ Elverum Handball FRA	W 29:44
25.02.2021	Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 28:27

BARÇA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS VS PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL #MOTW

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Jordi Gonzalez	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leonel Maciel	ARG	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	ESP	5	4	0	1	1	0,20	1	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Aitor Ariño	ESP	7	6	0	1	16	2,29	5	0
Aleksandar Cenic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Cindric	CRO	9	5	0	4	40	4,44	7	2
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	3	3	0	0	10	3,33	5	0
Angel Fernandez	ESP	5	3	0	2	16	3,20	8	0
Luis Frade	POR	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	2
Aleix Gómez	ESP	3	3	0	0	11	3,67	8	2
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	6	3	1	2	7	1,17	5	2
Blaz Janc	SLO	9	2	0	7	36	4,00	5 (2)	4
Haniel Langaro	BRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Domen Makuc	SLO	7	1	0	6	9	1,29	4	0
Dika Mem	FRA	5	4	0	1	25	5,00	8	0
Timothe N'guessan	FRA	5	4	0	1	11	2,20	4	0
Juan Palomino	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Artur Parera	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Albert Pujol	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Melvyn Richardson	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marti Soler	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ali Zein	EGY	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Luka Cindric (HC Metalurg 2013/14, 2014/15; HC Vardar 2016/17, 2017/18; PGE Vive Kielce 2018/19); Angel Fernandez Perez (Naturhouse La Rioja 2014/15, PGE Vive Kielce 2018/19, Lomza Vive Kielce 2020/21); Thiagus Petrus (Naturhouse La Rioja 2014/15, MOL-Pick Szeged 2016/17); Blaz Janc (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2015/16, PGE Vive Kielce 2017/18, 2018/19); Domen Makuc (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20)

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS VS BARÇA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Yann Genty	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Vincent Gerard	FRA	11	2	0	9	0	0,00	0	0
Loick Spady	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leo Villain	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Valentin Bzdynga	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Batiste Clay	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Victor Crenn	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mathieu Grebille	FRA	5	1	0	4	13	2,60	5	0
Mikkel Hansen	DEN	10	3	0	7	55	5,50	8 (2)	8
Luka Karabatic	FRA	7	2	0	5	21	3,00	8	4
Nikola Karabatic	FRA	10	5	0	5	48	4,80	10	10
Adama Keita	FRA	3	0	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Benoit Kounkoud	FRA	5	1	0	4	5	1,00	4	4
Dainis Kristopans	LAT	6	2	0	4	27	4,50	10	6
Noah Lenclume	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thomas Lopy	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gautier Loredon	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sadou Ntanzi	FRA	2	0	0	2	1	0,50	1	0
Wallem-Konrad Peleka	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Louis Perreux	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leo Plantin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Elohim Prandi	FRA	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Nedim Remili	FRA	4	1	0	3	18	4,50	9	2
Ferran Sole Sala	ESP	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Luc Steins	NED	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	5	1	0	4	17	3,40	5 (2)	4
Henrik Toft Hansen	DEN	6	1	0	5	9	1,50	3 (2)	6

Vincent Gerard (Montpellier HB 2006/07, 2015/16, 2017/18, 2018/19); Mathieu Grebille (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2011/12, Montpellier HB 2015/16 – DNP, 2017/18 – DNP, 2018/19); Mikkel Hansen (GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme 2007/08, AG København 2011/12); Luka Karabatic (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2011/12); Nikola Karabatic (Montpellier HB 2000/01 – DNP; THW Kiel 2007/08, 2008/09; Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2011/12); Dainis Kristopans (HC Vardar 2017/18, 2018/19); Kamil Syprzak (Orlen Wisla Plock 2014/15); Henrik Toft Hansen (AG København 2011/12, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 2012/13, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 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 awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2021/22 season:

- Round 1: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 2: Alex Dujshebaev (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 3: Kyllian Villeminot (Montpellier HB)
- Round 4: Rodrigo Corrales (Telekom Veszprém HC)



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