

MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 EHF FINALS MEN DRAW

I ALL ABOARD FOR FRIDAY'S EHF FINALS MEN DRAW

Just as we get our breath back after the European League quarter-finals, attention turns to the EHF Finals on 28/29 May.

The draw event for the final tournament will take place on Friday at 11:00 CEST at the EHF Office in Vienna as the semi-final pairings will be determined. RK Nexe, SL Benfica, Orlen Wisla Plock and SC Magdeburg confirmed their places at the EHF Finals on Tuesday night in contrasting fashions.

Reigning champions Magdeburg and last season's fourth-place finishers Wisla Plock showed their class in the second leg matches to storm through to their second consecutive EHF Finals.

Magdeburg's big lead over Nantes was cut down over the course of the second half but they had done more than enough to win by then, 58:53 on aggregate, led by 12 goals from Michael Damgaard.

Plock left no doubt about their dominance over Schaffhausen in the second leg at home, winning by 13 goals on the night and 68:53 on aggregate. Benfica and Nexe were both made to sweat and show exactly what they were made of to progress to this stage of the competition for the very first time. Benfica fell behind early in both matches against Gorenje Velenje but their composure and scoring power across the court made them comfortable 63:56 winners over the two legs.

There was nothing comfortable about Nexe's night in Denmark as they were engaged in a wild goal-fest against GOG. Despite seeing their first-leg lead cut to the bare minimum, they stayed strong and emerged with a 37:37 away draw and a 69:64 aggregate victory.

Friday's draw can be viewed on the Home of Handball YouTube channel as well as full coverage on eurohandball.com and across the EHF European League social media channels.



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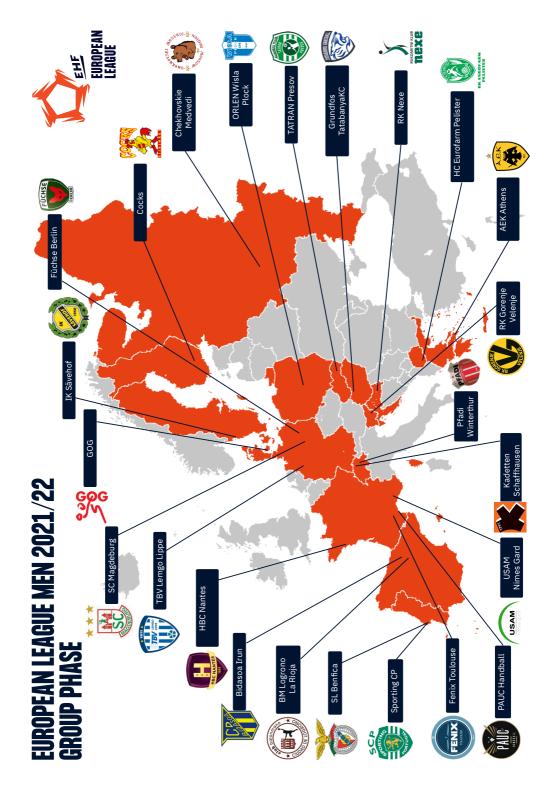
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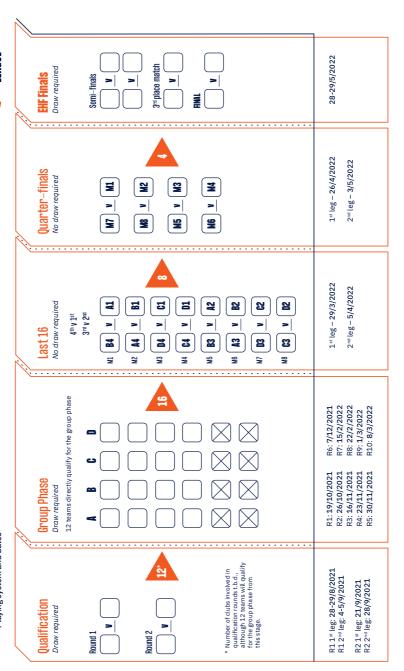


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EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



I TIWO DEBUTANTS, FOUR COUNTRIES AND THE FIRST EVER CROATIAN TEAM

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE EHF FINALS MEN

Defending champions Magdeburg, last years' semi-finalists Plock and the EHF Finals debutants Benfica and Nexe qualified for the pinnacle event of the EHF European League Men. Nexe are the first ever Croatian club to qualify for any EHF final tournament - and they have the quarter-final top scorer Halil Jaganjac in their squad.

Here are many more Facts and Figures on the European League season 2021/22, the quarter-finals and the upcoming EHF Finals.

- 1 team qualified unbeaten for the EHF Finals: defending champions SC Magdeburg (12 victories and two draws)
- 1 Nexe are the first ever Croatian club to qualify for any final tournament of Men's EHF club competitions since the premiere of the EHF FINAL 4 in 2010 and the the EHF Finals in 2013
- **1** team again Nexe made it from the first qualification round to the EHF Finals

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former EHF Champions League winner is still part of the competition: Magdeburg, winner in 2002

1 German club only at the EHF Finals had happened the last time in 2016, when Göppingen

1 time in the eight quarter-final matches, 70 or more goals were scored, in the 37:37 between GOG and Nexe in the second leg

won the trophy in Nantes

- 1 country is represented by participants of both EHF Finals men and women: Germany -Magdeburg and Bietigheim
- 2 different nations represent the winners of the EHF Finals since 2013: Germany (7 trophies) and Hungary (1)
- 2 clubs qualified for a final tournament in any EHF club competition for the first time in history: Nexe and Benfica

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Benfica are the second Portuguese side to qualify for a EHF Finals tournament after FC Porto in 2019

- 2 clubs made it for their second straight EHF Finals: defending champions Magdeburg and Plock
- 2 teams again Magdeburg and Plock won both legs of the quarter-finals
- 2 group winners qualified for the EHF Finals: Plock (group A) and Magdeburg (group C) - Nimes (winner of group D) had already failed in the Last 16 against Velenje, GOG (group B) against Nexe in the quarter-finals
- 2 former EHF Finals participants were eliminated in the quarter-finals: Nantes (2013, 2016) and Velenje (2015)
- 2 coaches, still in competition, are parallel national team coaches: Chema Rodriguez (Benfica/Hungary) and Javier Sabate (Plock/Czech Republic).
- 3 of the four EHF Finals participants remained unbeaten in Last 16 and quarter-finals: Nexe, Magdeburg, Plock by three victories and one draw each
- 3 times in the 8 quarter-final matches, 60 and more goals were scored
- 4 nations are represented by the four EHF Finals participants for the first time since 2014 and the second time since the implementation in 2013
- 4 for the fourth time after 2017, 2018 and 2021, SC Magdeburg have qualified for EHF Finals
- 4 of the eight quarter-final matches ended by home victories, each two by draws and away wins
- +5 goals were the closest margin in the quarterfinals: Magdeburg vs Nantes (58:53) and Nexe vs GOG (69:64)

- 4 teams, which won the first leg of the quarterfinals (which means all), booked their tickets for the FHF Finals
- 6 different clubs have won the EHF Finals since the premiere in 2013: Göppingen, Berlin (each 2), Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Szeged, Kiel and Magdeburg
- 9 Croatia is the ninth country represented at the EHF Finals (EHF Cup Finals) since 2013 after Germany, France, Denmark, Romania, Hungary, Slovenia, Spain and Portugal

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matches since the start of the group phase ended with 70 or more goals

- 12 goals were scored by Halil Jaganjac (in Nexe's 37:37 against GOG) and Michael Damgaard (in Magdeburg's 30:28 against Nantes) to become the individual top scorer in a single quarter-final
- 12 victories each were taken by Magdeburg and Plock in the 14 matches since the start of the group phase
- 13 goals were the biggest gap in a quarter-final match, when Plock beat Kadetten 35:22
- **15** goals (68:53 in the duel Plock vs Schaffhausen) were the biggest overall margin in the quarter-finals
- **15** of the 142 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase ended with a draw

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was the low-score of a team since the start of the group phase, Presov at the 15:29 against Plock, the low-score of a single team in the quarter-finals were 22 goals by Kadetten in the 22:35 at Plock

- 16 goals were the biggest gap since the start of the group phase, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30 in the group phase
- 21 goals (9+12) were scored by Nexe's Halil Jaganjac in both quarter-finals against GOG to become the top scorer of this round ahead of Simon Pytlick (17) and Jerry Tollbring (15, both GOG)

- **43** goals were the low-score since the start of the group phase: Nexe's 22:21 Last 16 away win at Bitola, 53 goals in Magdeburg's 28:25 win at Nantes in the first leg were the low score of the quarter-finals
- 46 was the high score of a team in a single match since the start of the group phase, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30, the high-score in the quarter-finals were 37 goals by GOG and Nexe (37:37)
- 47 matches since the start of the group phase and decided on the court, were won by the away teams
- 59 matches since the start of the group phase ended with 60 or more goals
- 69 goals were scored by Nexe in the quarterfinals to top the list ahead of Plock (68), Benfica (63) and Magdeburg (58)
- 74 goals in the second leg of GOG vs Nexe (37:37) were the high-score in the quarter-finals
- **80** of the 142 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase, were won by the home teams
- 97 goals are on the tally of Halil Jaganjac since the start of the group phase to be top scorer still in competition, ahead of Petar Djordjic (Benfica/90)
- 99 goals were scored by Mohamed Sanad (Nimes) since the start of the group phase to be the currently best scorer of the competition
- **473** goals were scored by Benfica since the start of the group phase to have the best attack of those teams, still in competition. Ahead of Magdeburg (440), Plock (438) and Nexe (415)
- **484** goals were scored in the eight quarter-final matches, an average of 60.5 per match
- **8,390** goals were scored in those 134 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase, including 950 in the Last 16 and 6,956 in the group phase



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Dark

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Playing hall OS Kralja Tomislava, Nasice Matice Hrvatske 1 31500 Nasice Croatia

Capacity: 2,000

RK NEXE



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS MEN

QUALIFICATION F	ROUND 1:
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@ Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów	W23:28 (6:17)
vs Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów	W32:28 (16:12)
QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:	
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	L33:27 (16:14)
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	W32:26 (15:11)
GROUP C:	
@ PAUC Handball	W29:30 (14:17)
vs IK Sävehof	W39:31 (18:15)
@ RK Gorenje Velenje	L34:28 (19:14)
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W31:30 (14:15)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W31:23 (14:9)
@ SC Magdeburg	L32:26 (19:14)
vs PAUC Handball	W33:29 (17:12)
@ IK Sävehof	L33:23 (16:12)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	L31:30 (14:15)
vs SC Magdeburg	L24:28 (11:11)
LAST 16:	
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W29:26 (12:10)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	W21:22 (11:11)
QUARTER-FINALS:	
vs GOG	W32:27 (16:14)
@ GOG	D37:37 (22:20)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	97
2. Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	70
3. Predrag Vejin (SRB)	49
4. Marin Jelinic (CRO)	48
5. Mario Tomic (CRO)	27
* starting from group phase only	

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Р
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	1	0	317:267	(50)	19
2. IK Sävehof	10	6	0	4	313:297	(16)	12
3. RK Nexe	10	5	0	5	295:300	(-5)	10
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	10	4	1	5	284:306	(-22)	9
5. BM Logroño La Rioja	10	3	1	6	307:317	(-10)	7
6. PAUC Handball	10	1	1	8	290:319	(-29)	3

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final (1): 2017/18 Last 16 (1): 2011/12

Group Phase (2): 2014/15, 2018/19

Round 3 (7): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14,

2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20

Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Croatian league: -

Croatian Cup: -



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Kit colours

Light

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Dark

Player shirt: green Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: red or green



Playing hall Getec Arena Magdeburg Berliner Chaussee 32 39114 Magdeburg Germany Capacity: 7,800

SC MAGDEBURG



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS MEN

GROUP C:

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@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W27:31 (14:13)
vs PAUC Handball	W31:27 (18:18)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	D29:29 (13:16)
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W33:31 (16:15)
vs RK Nexe	W32:26 (19:14)
@ IK Sävehof	W26:29 (11:11)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W34:24 (20:12)
@ PAUC Handball	W28:39 (13:20)
vs IK Sävehof	W31:25 (17:13)
@ RK Nexe	W24:28 (11:11)
LAST 16:	
@ Sporting CP	D29:29 (16:13)
vs Sporting CP	W36:35 (21:19)
QUARTER-FINALS	
@ HBC Nantes	W25:28 (13:11)
vs HBC Nantes	W30:28 (16:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Michael Damgaard (DEN)	54
Ómar Ingi Magnussen (ISL)	54
3. Kay Smits (NED)	53
4. Lukas Mertens (GER)	48
5. Magnus Saugstrup (DEN)	35
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EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

EHF European League

Winners (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Winners (3): 1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07

Champions Cup (forerunner of CL)

Winners (2): 1977/78, 1980/81

EHF Champions Trophy

Winners (3): 1980/81, 2000/01, 2001/02

German league (11)

2001 (GDR league: 1970, 1977, 1980, 1981-85, 1988, 1991)

German cup (7)

1996, 2016 (GDR Cup: 1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990)



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Player shirt: blue Player short: blue GK shirt: red



Playing hall **ORLÉN Arena** Pl. Celebry Papieskiej 1 09-400 Plock Poland Capacity: 5,467

ORLEN WISLA PLOCK



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS MEN

OUALIFICATION ROUND 2: vs HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta W25:14 (7:6) @ HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta L26:20 (14:9) GROUP A: @ Pfadi Winterthur W23:35 (11:18) vs Fenix Toulouse Handball W33:29 (19:17) vs Füchse Berlin L24:28 (14:15) @ Fenix Toulouse Handball W24:30 (13:13) @ Bidasoa Irun W28:29 (11:16) vs Bidasoa Irun W33:26 (19:14) vs Pfadi Winterthur W35:27 (16:9) @ Tatran Presov W15:29 (8:13) vs Tatran Presov W33:29 (15:16) @ Füchse Berlin W29:30 (15:16) LAST 16: W28:31 (15:13) @ TBV Lemgo Lippe vs TBV Lemgo Lippe D28:28 (12:13) **OUARTER-FINALS** @ Kadetten Schaffhausen W31:33 (18:19)

vs Kadetten Schaffhausen **CURRENT TOP SCORERS***

1. Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	63
2. Michal Daszek (POL)	58
3. Lovro Mihic (CRO)	54
4. Abel Serdio (ESP)	44
5. Dmitry Zhitnikov (RUS)	44

^{*} starting from the group phase only

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Р
1. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	9	0	1	311:258	(53)	18
2. Füchse Berlin	10	8	0	2	314:269	(45)	16
3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265	(27)	13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286	(0)	7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308	(-68)	4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338	(-57)	2

W35:22 (17:11)

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (5): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19

Group Phase (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

Group Matches (5): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07,

2008/09

Qualification (1): 2012/13

EHF European League

Fourth place: 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final: 1993/94

EHF Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final: 1996/97

Polish league

7 titles (1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011)

Polish cup

9 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008)



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Playing hall Pav. Luz No. 2 Av. General Norton Matos 1500-313 Lisboa Portugal Capacity: 1,540

SL BENFICA



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS MEN

W24:31 (13:17)
W29:18 (14:8)
D31:31 (15:16)
W33:28 (18:13)
W29:30 (16:14)
W38:35 (21:15)
W32:37 (18:15)
L25:33 (10:17)
W37:23 (17:12)
D33:33 (16:17)
W35:30 (15:15)
W27:32 (15:17)
L39:38 (20:18)
W31:30 (15:16)
L38:34 (17:20)
W36:30 (17:15)
W36:29 (16:18)
D27:27 (11:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Petar Djordjic (SRB)	90
2. Ole Rahmel (GER)	72
3. Lazar Kukic (SRB)	60
4. Rogerio Moraes (BRA)	44
5. Jonas Källman (SWE)	42

^{*} starting from the group phase only

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Р
1. GOG	10	7	1	2	340:297	(43)	15
2. SL Benfica	10	7	1	2	336:311	(25)	15
3. HBC Nantes	10	5	3	2	304:266	(38)	13
4. TBV Lemgo Lippe	10	5	2	3	319:312	(7)	12
5. Cocks	10	1	1	8	257:311	(-74)	3
6. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	1	0	9	239:278	(-39)	2

EHF Champions League

Oualification (1): 2008/09

EHF Cup

Group phase (2): 2016/17, 2019/20*

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/2

Challenge Cup

Runners-up (2): 2010/11, 2015/16 Semi-finals (2): 2007/08, 2014/15

Portuguese league

7 titles (1961/62, 1974/75, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1988/89, 1989/90, 2007/08)

Portuguese cup

6 titles (1984/85, 1985/86, 1986/87, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2017/18)

Portuguese super cup

6 titles (1989, 1993, 2010, 2012, 2016)

*The season was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic



I TOP SCORERS 2021/22

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	USAM Nimes Gard	99
2	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	97
3	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	GOG	94
4	Petar Djordjic (SRB)	SL Benfica	90
5	Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL)	TBV Lemgo Lippe	89
6	Samuel Zehnder (SUI)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	82
7	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG	75
8	Ole Rahmel (GER)	SL Benfica	72
9	Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	RK Nexe	70
	Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (FAR)	IK Sävehof	70
11	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes	69
12	Agustín Casado (ESP)	BM Logroño La Rioja	66
	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG	66
13	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister	64
14	Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	Orlen Wisla Plock	63
15	Rune Schrøder (DEN)	IK Sävehof	60
	Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	IK Sävehof	60
	Lazar Kukic (SRB)	SL Benfica	60

^{*} starting from the group phase only

I POTENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

RK Nexe vs SC Magdeburg 1-0-7 (199:235) 2:14

11.02.2012	SC Magdeburg vs RK Nexe Nasice, EHF Cup – Last 16	33:31 (17:13)
18.02.2012	RK Nexe Nasice vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Last 16	22:21 (10:6)
19.11.2016	SC Magdeburg vs RK Nexe, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	31:22 (17:12)
26.11.2016	RK Nexe vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	27:30 (12:14)
01.12.2020	RK Nexe vs SC Magdeburg, EHF European League – Group C	24:32 (8:15)
08.12.2020	SC Magdeburg vs RK Nexe, EHF European League – Group C	28:23 (17:10)
07.12.2021	SC Magdeburg vs RK Nexe, EHF European League – Group C	32:26 (19:14)
08.03.2022	RK Nexe vs SC Magdeburg, EHF European League – Group C	24:28 (11:11)

RK Nexe vs Orlen Wisla Plock

No previous encounters in European competitions

RK Nexe vs SL Benfica 1-0-1 (54:54) 2:2

16.11.2019	RK Nexe vs SL Benfica, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	30:26 (18:12)
23.11.2019	SL Benfica vs RK Nexe, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	28:24 (12:10)

SC Magdeburg vs Orlen Wisla Plock 3-0-0 (101:90) 6:0

16.11.2002	Sportclub Magdeburg vs Wisla Plock SSA, EHF Champions League – Group A 40:32 (17:11)
30.11.2002	Wisla Plock SSA vs Sportclub Magdeburg, EHF Champions League – Group A 29:31 (16:12)
22.05.2021	SC Magdeburg vs Orlen Wisla Plock, EHF European League – EHF Finals – Semi-final 30:29 (13:15)

SC Magdeburg vs SL Benfica

No previous encounters in European competitions

Orlen Wisla Plock vs SL Benfica

No previous encounters in European competitions

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