

# **MEDIA GUIDE**

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 PLAY-OFFS - UPDATE

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#### I INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAY-OFFS

We are delighted to welcome you to the first knockout round on the road to the EHF FINAL4: the EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 play-offs.

What a season it has been so far! We saw all teams giving it their all in a thrilling group phase, fighting until their last match in order to improve their ranking ahead of the knockout phase.

Only half of this season's teams will participate in the play-offs. While for four clubs the season is already over, another four – Aalborg, Kiel, Kielce and the defending champions Barça have qualified directly for the quarter-finals as the top two finishers in each group.

We have a scintillating play-off schedule ahead of us, with the first legs scheduled for 30/31 March and the return legs for 6/7 April.

There are three former EHF Champions League winners in the play-off mix but all of them will have to prove themselves against extremely formidable opponents if they want to pass the gate to the quarter-finals. The 2014 trophy holders from SG Flensbug-Handewitt square off in a mouth-watering clash with Pick Szeged, while two-time champions from Montpellier HB will lock horns with FC Porto.

The most recent title-winning team from the trio are HC Vardar, who claimed the trophy in 2017 and 2019 and will be facing Telekom Veszprém HC. Yet again the Macedonian champions will try to live-up to their reputation of the competition's dark horse, but if Veszprém maintain their sharp shape from the end of the group phase it is going to be difficult for Vardar.

The other French contenders, Paris Saint-Germain Handball, open their new knockout adventure with a trip to Norway to face Elverum Handball.

All the ingredients are here for a tasty play-offs menu. Join us when we find out which four teams made one important step closer to Cologne.

We wish all eight teams the best of luck and, as the handball fans slowly but steady flock back to the arenas, we can hardly be more excited by the atmosphere they will create at those eight matches.

We are also looking forward to cooperation with you media representatives. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need more information than you can find in this media pack.

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# COMPETITION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 PLAY-OFFS

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# EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEASON 2021/22

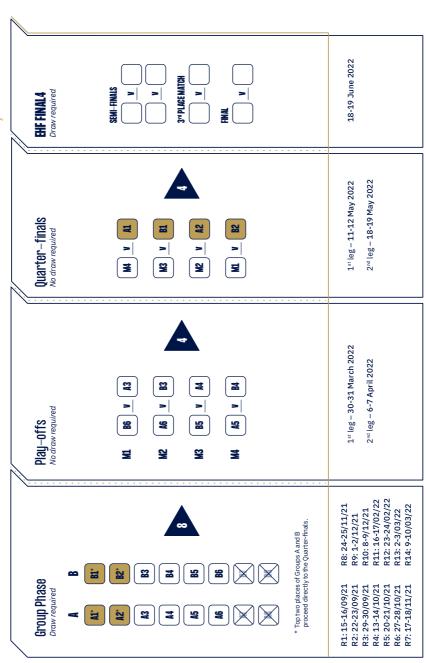




# EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 SEASON

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Playing system and dates



#### **I 6 FORMER WINNERS, 9 NATIONS REPRESENTED AND 6,408 GOALS**

#### FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PLAY-OFFS

The group phase is over, now the twelve remaining teams continue their race towards the LANXESS arena in Cologne, where on 18/19 June the EHF FINAL4 will decide this season's winner. While four teams are skipping the play-offs, eight will duel for the remaining four quarter-final spots. But before the knock-out stage starts, here are the most important facts and figures of a thrilling group phase.

O Not a single team managed to defend the trophy at Cologne since the implementation of the EHF FINAL4 in 2010 – in twelve editions.



play-offs will be composed by teams from the same country, and even no quarter-final in this constellation is possible.

- teams won all matches and 0 teams lost all matches.
- 1 draw only is needed until the EHF FINAL4 2021/22, the one for the semi-finals.
- 1 time only in 2018 neither a German nor a Spanish team was part of the EHF FINAL4 - this season, it will not happen again, as Barca and Kiel are already qualified for the quarter-finals, Flensburg are part of the play-offs, and will face Barca, if they proceed to the quarter-finals
- 1 previous EHF Champions League is already a pairing in the play-offs: Vardar vs Veszprem, the 2019 final, won by the Macedonians.
- 2 group winners and runners-ups each have qualified from the group phase to the quarterfinals: Aalborg, Kielce, Barca and Kiel
- 3 times only in now twelve years, the defending champions made it to Cologne: Barcelona in 2012, Kiel in 2013 and Vardar in 2018 - and 2021 winners Barca are still in the race for Cologne

- 3 persons won the EHF Champions League as a player and a coach: Talant Dujshebaev, Roberto Parrondo and Filip Jicha. Dujshebaev won the competition in 1994 as a player of Santander (ESP) and 2006, 2008 and 2009 as a coach of Ciudad Real, before steering Kielce to their first trophy in 2016. Parrondo was a player in the successful Ciudad Real squad in 2008 and 2010, then steered Vardar to the trophy in 2019. Filip Jicha won the trophy as a player in 2010 and 2012 and as a coach in 2020 all with THW Kiel.
- 3 nations are still represented by two participants each in the 2021/22 season France, Germany and Hungary.
- 3 former EHF Champions League top scorers are still part of the competition: Alex Dujshebaev (Kielce/2018/19), Mikkel Hansen (Paris/2011/12 and 2015/16) and Nikola Karabatic (PSG/2006/07 89 for Kiel). Filip Jicha (2008/09 and 2009/10) is Kiel's coach, Momir Ilic (2013/14, 2014/15) is Veszprem's coach.
- 3 teams of the 2020/21 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne are still part of the compeition: Barcelona, Aalborg and PSG. Nantes play in the EL Last 16.
- 3 coaches of the 12 teams still in competition have won the CL as coaches: Talant Dujshebaev (Kielce with Ciudad Real and Kielce), Patrice Canayer (Montpellier with Montpellier) and Raul Gonzalez (PSG with Vardar).



of 107 group matches decided on court ended with a gap of ten and more goals - the groups were as equal as never before.

4 coaches of the twelve teams still part of the competition - have won the CL as players: Momir Ilic (coach at Veszprem) and Jicha (coach of THW Kiel) won the trophy together in 2010 and 2012 with Kiel, Börge Lund (Elverum) won the trophy with Kiel in 2007 and Davis Davis (new coach of Vardar) won the trophy as player of Ciudad Real (2006, 2008, 2009)

- 4 former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year are part of the 12 squads still in competition: Nikola Karabatic (PSG/2007, 2014, 2016), Mikkel Hansen (PSG/2011, 2015, 2018 ruled out until the end of the season), Domagoj Duvnjak (Kiel/2013) and Niklas Landin (Kiel/2019). Besides, two coaches had previously been IHF Players of the Year: Talant Dujshebaev (Kielce) and Filip Jicha (Kiel).
- 4 players are still in the race for their individual fourth EHF Champions League title: Aitor Arino, Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (both Barca), Aron Palmarsson (Aalborg) and Nikola Karabatic (PSG).
- 5 matches needed to be assessed by the EHF due to the war in Ukraine, three of Motor and two of Brest. Not a single group match needed to assessed due to Covid reasons.
- 6 former or current EHF Champions League champions representing 18 trophies are still part of the knock-out stage: Barcelona (9), Kiel (3), Montpellier (2), Vardar (2), Flensburg and Kielce.



countries are represented by the previous 26 EHF Champions League champions: Spain (15 titles), Germany (7), France (2) North Macedonia (2), Poland and Slovenia (each 1).

- 7 victories in their last 7 group matches were a new record for Aalborg
- 7 times, the fans in the arenas saw 70 or more goals in those 107 group matches.
- 8 despite losing the last 8 group matches in a row, Elverum qualified for the play-offs
- 9 times (1995-2000, 2011, 2015, 2021) FC Barcelona have won the EHF Champions League to be the record winner. In addition, they won the Champions Cup (forerunner competition of the Champions League) once. Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) have won four trophies, Vardar (2017, 2019) and Montpellier (2003, 2018) two.
- 9 different Spanish coaches steered their teams to an overall of 18 EHF Champions League trophies so far: Valero Rivera (5), Dujshebaev (4), Xavi Pascual (3), Javier Cuesta, Julian Ruiz, Francisco Equisoain, Francesc Espar,

Raul Gonzalez and Roberto Parrondo (each 1). Dujshebaev, Parrondo and Gonzalez (Vardar 2017) were the only ones to win the trophy with Non-Spanish teams.

9 different nations are represented by the 12 teams stilli on competition: Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Hungary, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland and Portugal.



of the 12 teams still in competition have already been part of the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: Barcelona, Aalborg, Paris, Flensburg, Kiel, Montpellier, Vezsprem, Kielce and Vardar.

- 11 of 12 winners of the EHF FINAL4 are still part of the competition only Hamburg (2013) are missing.
- 12 of the 107 group matches, decided on court, ended by a draw.
- 13 goals in the 2021 final Barcelona vs Aalborg (36:23) were the biggest margin in all 24 matches at the EHF FINAL4 at Cologne so far.
- 15 times Spanish teams have won the EHF Champions League Barcelona (9), Ciudad Real (3), Santander, Irun and Portland (each 1).
- **15** goals were the biggest in one group match, when Veszprem beat Bucharest 47:32.
- 19 goals, scored by Zagreb in the 19:20 defeat against Vardar, were the low-score of a single team in a group match.
- 20 victories in 20 matches were taken by FC Barcelona in their perfect season 2020/21 this season, Barca have already lost three times and tied twice in the group stage.
- 20 times, Aron Palmarsson was on court at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne for Kiel, Veszprém and Barcelona to be record holder in terms of matches - and he can hope to make it with his fourth club, Aalborg, now.
- 22 points by Aalborg were the highest number in th3e group phase, ahead of Kiel (21) and 20 (Kielce and Barca).

- 30 away victories were among the 107 group matches decided on court.
- 39 goals were the low-score in a group match, when Vardar beat Zagreb 20:19, the second lowest number (45) funny enough was in the reverse fixture, when Zagreb beat Vardar 23:22 so the fans saw in total only 84 goals in those duels.
- 53 times in 107 matches decided on court, 60 or m, ore goals were scored.
- +56 was the final goal difference of PSG to be ahead of Barca (51) and Aalborg (43).
- 65 times in 107 group matches, the home teams were victorious, 36 times in group B, 29 times in group A.
- 68 goals were scored by Kiril Lazarov in his 14 EHF FINAL4 matches as the all-time top scorer of the event in Cologne.
- 79 goals were twice the high-score of the group phase, in both cases Veszprem were involved and victorious: in the 47:32 against Bucharest and in the 40:39 at Paris.

- 81 goals were scored by Felix Claar (Aalborg) to top the list. The Swedish EHF EURO 2022 champion is ahead of Dika Mem (Barca) and Raul Campos Nantes (Bucharest), both on 78 strikes.
- 141 goals were scored in the two duels of PSG and Bucharest 41:30 (71) and 31:39 (70)
- 263 victories in 346 EHF Champions League matches (besides 22 draws and 61 defeats) were taken by Barcelona so far to top the All-Time Champions League table.
- **453** goals, scored by Aalborg top the attack ranking, only one goal ahead of Paris (452) and for ahead of Veszprem (449).
- 6,408 goals were scored in those 107 group matches decided on court, an average of 59.88, 3,185 in group A, 3,223 in group B.

| TEAMS BY AGE AVERAGE   |  | TEAMS BY HEIGHT AVERAG   | SE .  | TEAMS BY WEIGHT AVERAGE  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti THW Kiel Telekom Veszprém HC HC Motor HC Vardar 1961 Barça CL average HC Meshkov Brest HC PPD Zagreb FC Porto Aalborg Håndbold SG Flensburg-Handewitt Paris Saint-Germain Handball Montpellier HB Pick Szeged Lomza Vive Kielce Elverum Handball | 29.1<br>28.5<br>28.3<br>28.0<br>27.3<br>26.2<br>26.2<br>26.1<br>25.8<br>25.6<br>25.6<br>24.7<br>24.6<br>24.5<br>24.1 | Lomza Vive Kielce SG Flensburg-Handewitt THW Kiel Pick Szeged Telekom Veszprém HC Aalborg Håndbold HC Motor C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti CL average HC Vardar 1961 Montpellier HB Paris Saint-Germain Handball HC PPD Zagreb HC Meshkov Brest Barça FC Porto Elverum Handball | 195.5<br>194.6<br>194.6<br>194.3<br>193.8<br>193.8<br>193.6<br>193.0<br>192.5<br>192.4<br>192.4<br>192.3<br>191.6<br>191.5<br>191.4 | Telekom Veszprém HC THW Kiel SG Flensburg-Handewitt Lomza Vive Kielce C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti HC PPD Zagreb Aalborg Håndbold CL average FC Porto HC Meshkov Brest HC Vardar 1961 Pick Szeged HC Motor Elverum Handball Montpellier HB Paris Saint-Germain Handball Barça | 99.7<br>99.3<br>98.4<br>97.9<br>96.3<br>95.4<br>95.1<br>94.1<br>94.0<br>92.6<br>91.7<br>91.6<br>91.3<br>90.5<br>88.9 |

# I FACTS AND FIGURES - MAX AND MIN

#### YOUNGEST





12/04/2005 Tomas Teixeira

| Tomas Teixeira<br>Nuno Oliveira |     | FC Porto               | 12/04/2005<br>22/09/2004 |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ricardo Brandao                 |     | FC Porto               | 28/04/2004               |
| Diogo Rema Marques              | POR | FC Porto               | 17/03/2004               |
| Kylian Prat                     | FRA | Montpellier HB         | 20/02/2004               |
| Faruk Yusuf                     | NGR | Lomza Vive Kielce      | 19/02/2004               |
| Robin Molnar                    | HUN | Pick Szeged            | 01/02/2004               |
| Nichlas Kristian Ludvigsen      | DEN | Aalborg Håndbold       | 14/10/2003               |
| Mikael Helmersson               | SWE | SG Flensburg-Handewitt | 29/09/2003               |
| Mihaly Varga                    | HUN | Pick Szeged            | 23/09/2003               |
| Noah Juul Lykke                 | DEN | Aalborg Håndbold       | 19/09/2003               |
| Frederik Møller Christoffersen  | DEN | Aalborg Håndbold       | 06/09/2003               |
| Elie Ona                        | FRA | Montpellier HB         | 23/08/2003               |
| Frederik Adam                   | GER | SG Flensburg-Handewitt | 31/07/2003               |
| Lucas Guigon                    | FRA | Montpellier HB         | 18/07/2003               |
| Christian Termansen             | DEN | Aalborg Håndbold       | 17/06/2003               |

#### SHORTES1





HANDBALL

172 cm
Luc Steins
Paris Saint-Germain Handball

| Luc Steins Alex Pascual Ivan Cupic Miha Zarabec Martin Karapalevski Tomas Teixeira Stas Skube Louis Perreux Timur Dibirov | SLO<br>MKD<br>POR<br>SLO<br>FRA<br>RUS | Paris Saint-Germain Handball C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti HC PPD Zagreb THW Kiel HC Vardar 1961 FC Porto HC Meshkov Brest Paris Saint-Germain Handball HC Vardar 1961 | 172<br>175<br>178<br>178<br>178<br>178<br>179 |
|---|--|--|---|
| Gasper Marguc   |  | Telekom Veszprém HC  | 180   |
| Nicusor Andrei Negru  | ROU                                    | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti  | 180   |
| Filip Peric<br>Valiantsin Silko   | CRO<br>BLR                             | HC PPD Zagreb<br>HC Meshkov Brest  | 180<br>180                                    |
| Erlend Stafset  |  | Elverum Handballl  | 180   |
| Noah Juul Lykke   | DEN                                    | Aalborg Håndbold   | 180   |
| Nuno Oliveira   | POR                                    | FC Porto   | 180   |

#### LIGHTEST





63 kg Valentin Bzdynga

Paris Saint-Germain Handball

| Valentin Bzdynga    |
|---------------------|
| Artem Kozakevych    |
| Filip Peric         |
| Benjamin Szilagyi   |
| Aleix Gómez Abelló  |
| Adrien Dubois       |
| Louis Perreux       |
| Dániel Kecskés      |
| Juan Palomino Moron |
| Eduard Kravchenko   |
| Timur Dibirov       |
| Karpo Sirotic       |
| Erlend Stafset      |
| Artur Parera Ibanez |
| Alen Kjosevski      |
| Péter Lukács        |
|                     |

| FRA<br>UKR | Paris Saint-Germain Handball<br>HC Motor | 63<br>68 |
|------------|--|----------|
| CRO        | HC PPD Zagreb                            | 70       |
| HUN        | Pick Szeged                              | 70       |
| ESP        | Barça                                    | 71       |
| FRA        | Montpellier HB                           | 71       |
| FRA        | Paris Saint-Germain Handball             | 72       |
| HUN        | Pick Szeged                              | 72       |
| ESP        | Barca                                    | 72       |
| UKR        | HC Motor                                 | 73       |
| RUS        | HC Vardar 1961                           | 74       |
| CRO        | HC PPD Zagreb                            | 74       |
| NOR        | Elverum Handball                         | 75       |
| ESP        | Barca                                    | 75       |
| MKD        | HC Vardar 1961                           | 75       |
| HUN        | Telekom Veszprém HC                      | 75       |

#### **OLDEST**



26/12/1981

Paris Saint-Germain Handall

**Yann Genty** 



Yann Genty **Mark Bult** Borko Ristovski **Pavel Horak** Razvan Gavriloaia **Timur Dibirov Lasse Svan** Nikola Karabatic Valentin Ghionea **Pedro Cruz** Cedric Sorhaindo **Roland Mikler** Henrik Møllgaard Mikael Aggefors Marin Sego Mirko Alilovic

| FRA<br>NED<br>MKD | Paris Saint-Germain Handball<br>SG Flensburg-Handewitt<br>HC Vardar 1961 | 26/12/1981<br>07/09/1982<br>02/11/1982 |
|-------------------|--|--|
| CZE               | THW Kiel   | 28/11/1982                             |
| ROU               | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti  | 25/07/1983                             |
| RUS               | HC Vardar 1961   | 30/07/1983                             |
| DEN               | SG Flensburg-Handewitt   | 31/08/1983                             |
| FRA               | Paris Saint-Germain Handball   | 11/04/1984                             |
| ROU               | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti  | 29/04/1984                             |
| POR               | FC Porto   | 06/06/1984                             |
| FRA               | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti  | 07/06/1984                             |
| HUN               | Pick Szeged  | 20/09/1984                             |
| DEN               | Aalborg Håndbold   | 02/01/1985                             |
| SWE               | Aalborg Håndbold   | 20/01/1985                             |
| CRO               | Montpellier HB   | 02/08/1985                             |
| CRO               | Pick Szeged  | 15/09/1985                             |

#### **TALLEST**





HANDBALL

215 cm **Dainis Kristopans** Paris Saint-Germain Handball

| Dainis Kristopans<br>Tomasz Gebala<br>Calin Dedu<br>Stefan Atanasovski<br>Felix Backhaus<br>Kamil Syprzak<br>Uladzislau Kulesh<br>Viachaslau Shumak<br>Magnus Rød | LAT<br>POL<br>ROU<br>MKD<br>GER<br>POL<br>BLR<br>BLR<br>NOR | Paris Saint-Germain Handball<br>Lomza Vive Kielce<br>C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti<br>HC Vardar 1961<br>SG Flensburg-Handewitt<br>Paris Saint-Germain Handball<br>Lomza Vive Kielce<br>HC Meshkov Brest<br>SG Flensburg-Handewitt | 215<br>212<br>208<br>207<br>207<br>206<br>205<br>204<br>204 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jakov Gojun<br>Luka Stepancic   | CRO<br>CRO  | HC PPD Zagreb<br>Pick Szeged  | 203<br>203  |
| Hendrik Pekeler   | GER   | THW Kiel  | 203   |
| Borut Mackovsek   | SLO   | Pick Szeged   | 203   |
| Richard Bodo  | HUN   | Pick Szeged   | 203   |
| Jonas Truchanovicius  | LTU   | HC Motor  | 203   |
| Blaz Blagotinsek  | SLO   | Telekom Veszprém HC   | 203   |





135 kg **Dainis Kristopans** Paris Saint-Germain Handball

| Dainis Kristopans | LAT | Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 135 |
|-------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Andreas Nilsson   | SWE | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 130 |
| Blaz Blagotinsek  | SLO | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 125 |
| Viachaslau Shumak | BLR | HC Meshkov Brest             | 125 |
| Tomasz Gebala     | POL | Lomza Vive Kielce            | 124 |
| Adin Faljic       | BIH | HC PPD Zagreb                | 120 |
| Simon Hald Jensen | DEN | SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 120 |
| Kamil Syprzak     | POL | Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 120 |
| Benjamin Jakobsen | DEN | Aalborg Håndbold             | 116 |
| Vladimir Cupara   | SRB | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 116 |
| Borko Ristovski   | MKD | HC Vardar 1961               | 115 |
| Ivan Pesic        | CRO | HC Meshkov Brest             | 115 |
| Luis Frade        | POR | Barça                        | 115 |
| Patrik Ligetvári  | HUN | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 115 |
| Željko Musa       | CRO | HC PPD Zagreb                | 114 |

## I ROAD TO THE EHF FINAL4 MEN





# **PAIRINGS**

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 PLAY-OFFS

## **ELVERUM HANDBALL VS PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL**



First leg: Thursday 31 March, 20:45 CEST Second leg: Wednesday 6 April, 20:45 CEST



- Elverum qualified for the play-offs by finishing sixth in group A, with eight points
- after a good start, highlighted by a victory in Szeged, the Norwegian side lost its last eight games in the group phase
- with 449 goals taken, Elverum were the second least efficient defence of all group phase sides, behind Dinamo Bucuresti
- Tobias Grøndahl is currently Elverum's best scorer in the Champions League, with 73 goals across 14 games
- The Hungarian right back Dominik Máthé is ruled out due to a knee injury
- Elverum are currently playing their eighth season in the EHF Champions League, their best performance dating back from last season: a play-off participation
- last season, at the same stage of the competition, Elverum were defeated by Barça (25:37, 19:39)

- Flensburg-Handewitt earned their playoffs ticket with a sixth place in group B
- their last win in the EHF Champions
   League dates back to November, while
   they lost five of their last six games in the
   competition
- this season is Flensburg's 17th in the Champions League. The German side won the competition once, in 2014
- in these 17 participations, Flensburg reached the play-offs phase of the EHF Champions League 16 times
- Flensburg reached the quarter-finals last season before being eliminated by Aalborg (21:26, 33:29)
- their Danish superstar Mikkel Hansen is out for the rest of the season
- just like Bence Banhidi, Hampus Wanne netted 61 times in the group phase, finishing best scorer of his team

#### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

#### Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball 0-0-4 (105:135) 0:8

| 28.09.2019 | Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A | 22:25 (9:13)  |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 22.02.2020 | Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A | 31:25 (17:13) |
| 15.10.2020 | Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A | 35:29 (17:13) |
| 02 03 2021 | Flyerum Handhall vs Paris Saint-Germain Handhall FHF Champions League - Group A  | 29.44 (12.19) |

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



#### Playing hall

Terningen Arena Hamarvegen 112 2418 Elverum Norway Capacity: 2,400

# **ELVERUM HANDBALL**



#### **GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS**

| 1. Aalborg Håndbold | 14 11 0 3 | 453:410   | 43 22 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 2. THW Kiel         | 14 10 1 3 | 427:395   | 32 21 |
| 3. Pick Szeged      | 14 8 3 3  | 412:392   | 20 19 |
| 4. Montpellier HB   | 14 7 3 4  | 424:409   | 15 17 |
| 5. HC Vardar 1961   | 14 6 1 7  | 379:368   | 11 13 |
| 6. Elverum Handball | 14 3 2 9  | 417 : 449 | -32 8 |
| 7. HC PPD Zagreb    | 14 3 2 9  | 351:385   | -34 8 |
| 8. HC Meshkov Brest | 14 1 2 11 | 342:397   | -55 4 |

#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### GROUP PHASE

vs HC Vardar 1961 D27:27 (13:13)
@ THW Kiel L 41:36 (20:20)
@ HC PPD Zagreb D27:27 (14:11)
@ Pick Szeged W30:34 (15:19)
vs HC PPD Zagreb W30:25 (15:10)
@ HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB U30:37 (15:20)
@ Montpellier HB U30:37 (15:20)
vs HC Meshkov Brest Vs Aalborg Håndbold vs THW Kiel U30:31 (15:14)
@ Aalborg Håndbold vs Pick Szeged U24:27 (12:13)

#### **TOP SCORERS**

Dominik Máthé (HUN) 55 Eric Johansson (SWE) 53 Sindre Heldal (NOR) 52 Simen Holand Pettersen (NOR) 30 Thomas Alfred Solstad (NOR) 28

#### Past achievements

#### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 8

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Group Phase (5): 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Qualification (1): 2013/14

#### Other

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

Norwegian league: 10 titles (1995, 2008, 2012-21)

Norwegian Cup: 3 titles (2019-21)



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MATCHES Longest

winning run

40

GOALS Most goals

**73** 

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
 39:19 (20:10) v Barca ESP (a), 05.04.2021

 Longest winning run
 4 matches (30.09.2018 – 03.11.2018)

 Longest unbeaten run
 4 matches (30.09.2018 – 03.11.2018)

4 matches (29.09.2021 – 28.10.2021)

Longest losing run 8 matches (17.11.2021 – 09.03.2022)

Longest run without win 10 matches (01.12.2018 – 24.11.2019)

10 matches (04.03.2021 - 24.11.2019)

Most goals 40 v Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 40:32W (h), 08.10.2017

Most goals opponent44 v PSG Handball FRA 29:44L (h), 02.03.2021Most goals both teams77 vs THW Kiel GER 41:36L (a), 22.09.2021

 Fewest goals
 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

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

#### I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

| MP | W  | Т                                  | L  | GF GA  | GD   | PTS  | Stage  |
|----|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 | 3  | 1                                  | 6  | 274:289  | -15  | 7:13   | 5th Gr. D  |
| 10 | 3  | 2                                  | 5  | 257:274  | -17  | 8:12   | 5th Gr. C  |
| 10 | 5  | 0                                  | 5  | 287:304  | -17  | 10:10  | 4th Gr. C  |
| 10 | 6  | 1                                  | 3  | 278:272  | +6   | 13:7   | 3rd Gr. D  |
| 14 | 1  | 1                                  | 12   | 365:419  | -54  | 3:25   | 8th Gr. A  |
| 16 | 2  | 1                                  | 13   | 431:533  | -102   | 5:27   | Play-offs  |
| 14 | 3  | 2                                  | 9  | 417:449  | -32  | 8:20   | Play-offs  |
| 84 | 23   | 8                                  | 53   | 2309:2540  | -231   | 54:114   |  |
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#### Børge Lund Coach



- Norwegian former centre back, who took over from Michael Apelgren as Elverum coach in summer of 2020
- Elverum is his first job as head coach after working for fo vears as an assistant with the Norwegian national team
- spent most of his playing career in Germany, competing for teams like THW Kiel. Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Füchse Berlin
- won Cl with Kiel at inaugural FHF FINAL4 in 2010
- played more than 200 matches and scored 390 goals for Norway between 2000 and 2014

EC trophies: CL 2010 (as player)

#### Arrivals during season

Jacob Moen (youth) Aron Palsson (Alingsas HK)

#### **Departures during season**

none

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

| No   | First name     | Surname       | Nat.  | Position    | Date of hirth  | Place of birth     | Haidh+  | Weight  |
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| 1    | Brede          | Dahl          | NOR   | Goalkeeper  | 20/06/2000     | Elverum, NOR       | 189     | 80      |
| 3    | Josip          | Vidovic       | CRO   | Centre Back | 21/05/1990     | Metcovic, CRO      | 192     | 80      |
| 4    | Christopher    | Hedberg       | SWE   | Right Wing  | 08/08/1992     | Skövde, SWE        | 190     | 88      |
| 5    | Kristian Hübe  | rt Larsen     | NOR   | Line Player | 22/03/2000     | Sandefjord, NOR    | 199     | 103     |
| 6    | Stig-Tore      | Moen Nilsen   | NOR   | Right Back  | 09/08/1994     | Alta, NOR          | 193     | 91      |
| 7    | Kasper Thorse  | en Lien       | NOR   | Right Wing  | 15/04/2001     | Fredrikstad, NOR   | 191     | 84      |
| 9    | Simen Holand   | l Pettersen   | NOR   | Left Back   | 08/04/1998     | Tønsberg, NOR      | 188     | 86      |
| 12   | Emil Kheri     | Imsgard       | NOR   | Goalkeeper  | 06/03/1998     | Hamar, NOR         | 197     | 95      |
| 14   | Niclas         | Fingren       | SWE   | Left Back   | 19/11/1995     | Kungsbacka, SWE    | 197     | 99      |
| 15   | Tobias Schjøll | oerg Grøndahl | NOR   | Centre Back | 22/01/2001     | Bærum, NOR         | 183     | 80      |
| 16   | Thorsten       | Fries         | DEN   | Goalkeeper  | 22/01/1993     | Tønder, DEN        | 196     | 94      |
| 17   | Orri Freyr     | Þorkelsson    | ISL   | Left Wing   | 25/06/1999     | Hafnarfjörður, ISL | 185     | 88      |
| 19   | Aron           | Pálsson       | ISL   | Back        | 18/10/1996     | Grótta, ISL        | 200     | 91      |
| 20   | Endre          | Langaas       | NOR   | Line Player | 05/10/1991     | Trondheim, NOR     | 185     | 100     |
| 23   | Dominik        | Mathe         | HUN   | Right Back  | 01/04/1999     | Nyíregyháza, HUN   | N 199   | 108     |
| 24   | Eric           | Johansson     | SWE   | Left Back   | 28/06/2000     | Eskilstuna, SWE    | 198     | 110     |
| 25   | Erlend         | Stafset       | NOR   | Right Back  | 21/10/2002     | Elverum, NOR       | 180     | 75      |
| 26   | Jacob          | Moen          | NOR   | Back        | 30/05/2003     | Elverum, NOR       | 182     | 80      |
| 33   | Sindre         | Heldal        | NOR   | Left Wing   | 10/02/1999     | Bergen, NOR        | 183     | 77      |
| 44   | Thomas Alfre   | d Solstad     | NOR   | Line Player | 26/02/1997     | Ski, NOR           | 194     | 110     |
|      |                |               |       |             |                |                    |         |         |



Thorsten Fries

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@ thorstenfries22

#### 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)



#### Sindre Heldal



@sindreheldal

#### Left wing

- young Norwegian player, who arrived from Nærbø Idrettslag in the summer of 2021
- playing his first career CL season, but has European experience in Challenge Cup and EHF Cup with his former club FyllingenBergen
- one of the players, alongside Iceland's Orri Freyr Thorkelsson who joined from Haukar Handball, to replace Alexander Blonz on the left wing



Simen Holand Pettersen



@simenptrsn

#### 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



**Eric Johansson** 



@johanssooneric

#### Left back

- 197 cm-tall left back with wicked shooting arm, but also refined assist giver
- coming from hometown club Eskilstuna Guif, Elverum signed him in summer of 2021
- made immediate impact and became key attacking player in his first season in Norway
- those performances earned him a call up to the Swedish national team, where he won EHF EURO 2022 at the first time of asking

EURO: G 2022



**Tobias Grøndahl** 



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- Centre back
- the Norwegian playmaker is one of the revelations of the 2021/22 season as he shot to the upper echelons of the top scorer ranking
- in his third season in Europe, he claims to have "cracked the code on how to find my teammates in open spaces whilst still being a threat myself"
- became Elverum's first-choice playmaker at the age of 20
- has played at senior level for Norway but yet to be called up for a major championship



**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



**Stig-Tore Moen** 

#### **Right back**



- joined Elverum after leaving his home country in 2016 in his first years abroad, played in Sweden (Kristianstad) and Denmark (GOG)
- made his debut for the Norway national team in 2015, when he was just aged 20
- scored 35 for his Champions League season debut with Kristianstad, while his best record to date is 65 goals in the 2018/19 season



**Christopher Hedberg** 



@christopherhed

- **Right wing**
- Swedish wing who joined Elverum from IFK Skövde in 2020
- scored 21 goals for Elverum in 2020/21, his first ever season in the CL
- Elverum is his first foreign club, after four seasons with Skövde (2016-20) and four with HK Aaranäs (2012-16)

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**PSGHand** 



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



#### **Playing hall**

Stade Pierre de Coubertin 82, Avenue Georges Lafond 75016 Paris France Capacity: 3,500

# PARIS SAINT-GERMAII HANDRAI I



#### GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

| 1. Lomza Vive Kielce            | 14 10 | 0 4  | 449:415   | 34  | 20 |
|---------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|-----|----|
| 2. Barça                        | 14 9  | 2 3  | 420:369   | 51  | 20 |
| 3. Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 14 8  | 2 4  | 452 : 396 | 56  | 18 |
| 4. Telekom Veszprém HC          | 14 8  | 1 5  | 449:423   | 26  | 17 |
| 5. FC Porto                     | 14 4  | 3 7  | 375:408   | -33 | 11 |
| 6. SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 14 4  | 2 8  | 381:401   | -20 | 10 |
| 7. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 14 4  | 0 10 | 415 : 470 | -55 | 8  |
| 8. HC Motor                     | 14 4  | 0 10 | 312:371   | -59 | 8  |

#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

@ Telekom Veszprém HC vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W33:30 (17:13)

#### **TOP SCORERS**

Mikkel Hansen (DEN) 63 Kamil Syprzak (POL) 47 Nedim Remili (FRA) 46 Ferran Sole (ESP) 29 Luc Steins (NED) 28

#### Past achievements

#### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 10

Final (1): 2016/17

Semi-finals (4): 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2020/21 Quarter-finals (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

#### Other

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

French league: 8 titles (2013, 2015-21)

French cup: 5 titles (2007, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2021)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

44

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 losing run
Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent

Most goals both teams

Fewest goals opponent

Fewest goals

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

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

9 matches (08.10.2017 – 17.02.2018) 9 matches (27.05.2018 – 14.11.2018)

10 matches (11.02.2017 – 03.06.2017) 4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)

4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)

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

44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005

79 v Telekom Veszprém HUN 39:40L (h), 10.03.2022 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 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       | 16  | 12  | 0  | 4  | 507:452   | +55  | 24:8   | Third place |
| 2020/21 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA       | 20  | 13  | 1  | 6  | 583:496   | +87  | 27:13  | Third place |
| 2021/22 Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA       | 14  | 8   | 2  | 4  | 452:396   | +56  | 18:10  | Play-offs   |
| Total:                                   | 164 | 110 | 10 | 44 | 4952:4485 | +467 | 230:98 |             |





# Raul Gonzalez Gutierrez Coach

- former stalwart of BM Valladolid and centre back 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 PSG in the summer of 2018
- 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

Arrivals during season

none

**Departures during season** 

none

# **TEAM ROSTER**

| No. | First name  | Surname     | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth        | leight | Weigh  |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| 1   | Vincent     | Gerard      | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 16/12/1986    | Woippy, FRA           | 188    | 86     |
| 3   | Valentin    | Bzdynga     | FRA  | Right Wing  | 19/07/2002    | Lambres lez Doua      | i, FRA | 184 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, FRA            | 215    | 135    |
| 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    | 185 89 |
| 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    | 108    |
| 17  | Noah        | Lenclume    | FRA  | Left Back   | 24/01/2002    | Saint-Pierre, FRA     | 192    | 80     |
| 18  | 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    | 90     |
| 24  | Mikkel      | Hansen      | DEN  | Left Back   | 22/10/1987    | Helsingør, DEN        | 192    | 93     |
| 26  | Louis       | Perreux     | FRA  | Centre Back | 28/04/2002    | Lyon, FRA             | 179    | 72     |
| 33  | Victor      | Crenn       | FRA  | Right Back  | 17/02/2003    | Nogent sur Marne, FRA | 197    | 95     |
| 44  | 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-Konr | ad 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  | Loick       | Spady       | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 24/03/2000    | Pointe à Pitre, FRA   | 187    | 77     |
| 90  | Leo         | Plantin     | FRA  | Left Wing   | 01/05/2003    | Toulouse, FRA         | 180    | 80     |
| 98  | Gautier     | Loredon     | FRA  | Line Player | 15/10/2002    | Le Lamentin, FRA      | 200    | 103    |



#### Vincent Gérard

#### 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

Left wing

OG: G 2020. S 2016: WCh: G 2017. B 2019: EURO: B 2018



#### Mathieu Grébille



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- 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



#### Nikola Karabatic

#### @nikolakarabatic44

#### Left back

- twice EHF EURO MVP (2008, 2014) and top scorer in 2008; also EHF EURO All-star centre back in 2010 and left back in 2004
- three-time World Handball Player of the Year, who won all major prizes in the sport on club level and with the French national team
- won CL with all his previous clubs but not yet with PSG, despite three trips to Cologne
- missed almost entire 2020/21 season following knee surgery in October 2020, but returned to the courts seven months later, just in time for the EHF FINAL4 2021

CL: 2003, 2007, 2015

EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008, 2018; OG: G 2008, 2012, 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2003, 2005, 2019



#### **Luc Steins**

#### Centre back



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- 1.73m-tall Dutch international, who joined PSG in November 2020 to make up for Nikola Karabatic's long-term knee injury
- missed EHF FINAL4 2020 after positive Covid-19 test but did play at 2021 edition
- arrived in France in 2016, first played for Massy in the national second league, before joining Tremblay and, in 2019, Toulouse
- made EHF EURO 2022 Al-star Team after leading Netherlands into main round



#### **Luka Karabatic**

#### Line player

- was a national-level tennis player until the age of 19, before choosing handball
- began in Montpellier, moved to Aix, then joined PSG in summer 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: G 2020, S 2016; EURO: G 2014; WCh: G 2015, 2017, B 2019



#### **Dainis Kristopans**

#### Right back

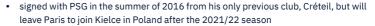
- joined PSG in summer of 2020 after playing for Vardar and Füchse Berlin in 2019/20
- born in small Latvian town, Ludza, he started his career at local club Latgols
- spent nearly six years at Tatran Presoy, winning Slovakian domestic league five time
- won his first CL title in 2019 with Vardar, moved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

EC trophies: CL 2019



#### **Nedim Remili**

#### Right back



- very regular scorer for PSG in the CL, netting 369 times in his five seasons so far
- Kamel, his father, was a professional handball player
- made national team debut in 2016, helped win France world title next year

OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, B 2019



#### Ferran Solé

#### Right wing

- joined PSG in summer of 2020, his third 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

OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; WCh: B 2021



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#### SG FLENSBURG—HANDEWITT VS PICK SZEGED



First leg: Wednesday 30 March, 20:45 CEST Second leg: Thursday 7 April, 18:45 CEST



- Szeged qualified for the play-offs by finishing third of group A, with 19 points. They fell two points short of THW Kiel and three points behind group winner Aalborg
- if the Hungarian took points in prestigious confrontations, they also lost in games where they were favourite, like in Zagreb or at home against Elverum
- this season is the club's 20th in the EHF Champions League. If Szeged never made it to the EHF FINAL4, they qualified five times for the quarter-finals, the last one being in 2018/19
- last season, Szeged made it to the playoffs before being eliminated by THW Kiel (28:33, 28:33)
- Bence Banhidi scored 61 goals in the group phase for Szeged, finishing 15th best scorer overall
- Juan Carlos Pastor is now in his ninth season coaching Szeged

- Flensburg-Handewitt earned their playoffs ticket with a sixth place in group B
- their last win in the EHF Champions
   League dates back to November, while
   they lost five of their last six games in the
   competition
- this season is Flensburg's 17th in the Champions League. The German side won the competition once, in 2014
- in these 17 participations, Flensburg reached the play-offs phase of the EHF Champions League 16 times
- Flensburg reached the quarter-finals last season before being eliminated by Aalborg (21:26, 33:29)
- just like Bence Banhidi, Hampus Wanne netted 61 times in the group phase, finishing best scorer of his team

#### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

#### SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Pick Szeged 5-1-1 (199:175) 11:3

| 26.03.2011       | Pick Szeged vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16     | 26:27 (12:9)  |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| 03.04.2011       | SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16     | 33:20 (18:8)  |
| 14.10.2018       | MOL-Pick Szeged vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B | 30:28 (15:14) |
| 28.11.2018       | SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B | 27:25 (14:14) |
| 28.09.2019       | MOL-Pick Szeged vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League - Group A | 24:24 (12:12) |
| 19.02.2020       | SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League - Group A | 34:26 (17:11) |
| 03.12.2020       | SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs MOL-Pick Szeged, EHF Champions League – Group A       | 26:24 (11:10) |
| 28.02.2021       | MOL-Pick Szeged vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Group A       | 0:10 (0:0)*   |
| * Match not play | red and points allocated. Result not included in overall stat.                  |               |

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



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

# SG FLENSBURG-HANDEWITT



#### GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

| 1. Lomza Vive Kielce            | 14 10 0 4 | 449:415   | 34 20  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 2. Barça                        | 14 9 2 3  | 420:369   | 51 20  |
| 3. Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 14 8 2 4  | 452 : 396 | 56 18  |
| 4. Telekom Veszprém HC          | 14 8 1 5  | 449:423   | 26 17  |
| 5. FC Porto                     | 14 4 3 7  | 375 : 408 | -33 11 |
| 6. SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 14 4 2 8  | 381:401   | -20 10 |
| 7. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 14 4 0 10 | 415 : 470 | -55 8  |
| 8. HC Motor                     | 14 4 0 10 | 312:371   | -59 8  |

#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP PHASE**

Vs Barça L21:25 (10:13)
@ FC Porto W28:27 (13:12
Vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball D27:27 (14:13)
@ Lomza Vive Kielce L37:29 (21:16)
@ Telekom Veszprém HC L28:23 (14:8)
Vs HC Motor W34:27 (13:11
Vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti W37:30 (14:14
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti W20:28 (13:13
@ HC Motor L31:22 (15:14)
Ws Telekom Veszprém HC W30:27 (16:12
Vs Lomza Vive Kielce L25:33 (12:14)
@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball L33:30 (17:13)
Vs FC Porto D26:26 (14:13)

#### **TOP SCORERS**

Hampus Wanne (SWE) 55
Hans Aaron Mensing (DEN) 43
Johannes Golla (GER) 39
Jim Gottfridsson (SWE) 31
Mads Mensah Larsen (DEN) 31

#### Past achievements

#### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 17

Winners (1): 2013/14

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

Semi-finals (1): 2005/2006

Quarter-finals (9): 2004/2005, 2008/2009, 2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2015/16, 2016/17,

2017/18, 2018/19, 2020/21 Last 16 (2): 2014/15, 2019/20\* Main Round (1): 2007/2008

\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

#### Other

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

German league: 3 titles (2004, 2018, 2019) German cup: 4 titles (2003-05, 2015)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

44

GOALS Most goals

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 losing run 6 matches (20. Longest run without win 6 matches (20.

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) 6 matches (20.10.2019 – 01.12.2019)

9 matches (11.10.2015 - 20.02.2016)

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*      |
| 2020/21 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER | 18  | 13  | 1  | 4  | 415:391   | +24  | 27:9    | Quarter-final |
| 2021/22 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER | 14  | 4   | 2  | 8  | 381:401   | -20  | 10:14   | Play-offs     |
| Total:                             | 248 | 145 | 21 | 82 | 7137:6711 | +426 | 311:185 |               |

<sup>\*</sup> 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

SCHÖNOX

- 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

#### Arrivals during the season

Teitur Örn Einarsson (ISL/Kristianstad) Julius Meyer-Siebert Michael Müller

#### Departures during the season

Oscar von Oettingen (Mors-Thy/DEN)

# **TEAM ROSTER**

|   | No.           | First name   | Surname       | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth    | Height | Weight         |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
|   | 1             | Benjamin     | Buric         | він  | Goalkeeper  | 20/11/1990    | Maglaj, BIH       | 196    | 102            |
|   | 2             | Mikael       | Helmersson    | SWE  | Left Back   | 29/09/2003    | Brixen, ITA       | 198    | 89             |
|   | 4             | Johannes     | Golla         | GER  | Line Player | 05/11/1997    | Wiesbaden, GER    | 195    | 112            |
|   | 5             | Simon        | Hald Jensen   | DEN  | Line Player | 28/09/1994    | Aalborg, DEN      | 203    | 120            |
|   | 6             | Mark         | Bult          | NED  | Right Back  | 07/09/1982    | Emmen, NED        | 200    | 101            |
| С | 11            | Lasse        | Svan          | DEN  | Right Wing  | 31/08/1983    | Stevns, DEN       | 185    | 85             |
|   | <del>13</del> | Oscar        | van Oettingen | GER  | Right Back  | 05/02/2003    | Husum, GER        | 190    | <del>-97</del> |
|   | 14            | Hampus       | Wanne         | SWE  | Left Wing   | 10/12/1993    | Lundby, SWE       | 185    | 87             |
|   | 16            | Felix        | Backhaus      | GER  | Goalkeeper  | 23/01/2002    | Hamburg, GER      | 207    | 113            |
|   | 17            | Julius       | Meyer-Siebert | GER  | Left Back   | 06/07/2000    | Bayreuth, GER     | 206    | 104            |
|   | 19            | Marius       | Steinhauser   | GER  | Right Wing  | 06/02/1993    | Karlsruhe, GER    | 187    | 85             |
|   | 22            | Hans Aaron   | Mensing       | DEN  | Left Back   | 11/11/1997    | Gråsten, DEN      | 198    | 100            |
|   | 22            | Mads         | Mensah Larsen | DEN  | Centre Back | 12/08/1991    | Holbæk, DEN       | 188    | 105            |
|   | 23            | Gøran Søgard | Johannessen   | NOR  | Left Back   | 26/04/1994    | Stavanger, NOR    | 193    | 96             |
|   | 24            | Jim          | Gottfridsson  | SWE  | Centre Back | 02/09/1992    | Ystad, SWE        | 191    | 93             |
|   | 27            | Edward       | Hammarberg    | FIN  | Centre Back | 20/01/2002    | Esbo, FIN         | 193    | 88             |
|   | 31            | Emil         | Jakobsen      | DEN  | Left Wing   | 24/01/1998    | Kerteminde, DEN   | 190    | 86             |
|   | 32            | Franz        | Semper        | GER  | Right Back  | 05/07/1997    | Leipzig, GER      | 191    | 102            |
|   | 34            | Teitur Örn   | Einarsson     | ISL  | Right Back  | 23/09/1998    | Selfoss, ISL      | 190    | 90             |
|   | 35            | Frederik     | Adam          | GER  | Left Wing   | 31/07/2003    | Langenfeld, GER   | 188    | 77             |
|   | 36            | Kevin        | Møller        | DEN  | Goalkeeper  | 20/06/1989    | Tondern, DEN      | 200    | 103            |
|   | 47            | Torben       | Hübke         | GER  | Line Player | 16/05/2002    | Berlin, GER       | 199    | 105            |
|   | 64            | Lasse Kjaer  | Møller        | DEN  | Left Back   | 11/06/1996    | Gudme, DEN        | 199    | 104            |
|   | 66            | Anton        | Lindskog      | SWE  | Line Player | 07/12/1993    | Kristianstad, SWE | 198    | 110            |
|   | 77            | Magnus Abelv | ik Rød        | NOR  | Right Back  | 07/07/1997    | Oslo, NOR         | 204    | 108            |
|   | 99            | Leon         | Kirschberger  | GER  | Right Wing  | 01/12/2000    | Berlin, GER       | 193    | 93             |



#### **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



#### Kevin Møller



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#### Goalkeeper

- returned to Flensburg after three seasons with Barça, replacing Torbjörn Bergerud who moved to Møller's former club in Denmark: GOG
- · ended his stint at the Spanish club with winning the CL final against Aalborg
- previously played for Flensburg in 2014-18, winning several domestic trophies
- is No. 2 in the Danish national team, behind Niklas Landin

EC trophies: CL 2021

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021; EURO: B 2022



#### **Emil Jakobsen**



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#### Left wing

- one of the best upcoming wing talents from Europe; arrived at Flensburg in summer of 2021 from GOG in his native Denmark, his only previous club
- was top scorer of EHF European League 2020/21, with 96 goals, and set a record for most domestic league goals in a single season in Denmark, with 244 goals
- debuted for Denmark in April 2019 and was part of team that won WCh 2021 in Egypt

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021; EURO: B 2022



#### Jim Gottfridsson



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#### Centre back

- comes from Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars
- played for Ystads IF 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 events in 2018 and 2022, Allstar centre back at WCh 2021

EC trophies: CL 2014

EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021



#### Mads Mensah Larsen



#### @madsmensah

#### Centre back

- arrived in Flensburg in 2020 from Bundesliga rivals Rhein-Neckar Löwen, replacing Michal Jurecki who returned to his native Poland
- will return to Aalborg after the 2021/22 season; played for Aalborg before joining his former coach Nikolaj Jacobsen at Löwen in 2014
- started his career at AG Kobenhavn, and made it to the EHF FINAL4 in 2012
- · son of a Danish mother and a Ghanaian father

WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2013; OG: G 2016, S 2020; EURO: S 2014, B 2022



#### **Johannes Golla**





#### Line player

- one of Germany's biggest talents, arrived in Flensburg 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 and made EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team
- defence boss for the German national team at his WCh premiere in 2021



#### Magnus Rød



@magnusrod

#### **Right back**

- plays his fifth season at Flensburg, missed most of 2020/21 due to injuries
- 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**

#### **Right wing**



@lassesvan

- 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, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2014, B 2022

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: light blues/ white stripes

Player short: light blue GK shirt: white or yellow

#### Dark

Player shirt: dark blue with stripes or gold blue Player short: dark blue GK shirt: blue



#### Playing hall Pick Aréna Városi stadion Felsö Tisza-Part 1-3

6723 Szeged Hungary Capacity: 8,143

# **PICK SZEGED**



#### GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

| 1. Aalborg Håndbold | 14 11 0 3 | 453:410   | 43 22 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 2. THW Kiel         | 14 10 1 3 | 427 : 395 | 32 21 |
|                     |           |           |       |
| 3. Pick Szeged      | 14 8 3 3  | 412:392   | 20 19 |
| 4. Montpellier HB   | 14 7 3 4  | 424:409   | 15 17 |
| 5. HC Vardar 1961   | 14 6 1 7  | 379:368   | 11 13 |
| 6. Elverum Handball | 14 3 2 9  | 417:449   | -32 8 |
| 7. HC PPD Zagreb    | 14 3 2 9  | 351:385   | -34 8 |
| 8. HC Meshkov Brest | 14 1 2 11 | 342:397   | -55 4 |

#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP PHASE**

vs HC PPD Zagreb
@ HC Meshkov Brest
vs Elverum Handball
@ THW Kiel
vs Aalborg Håndbold
vs HC Vardar 1961

W30:21 (10:7)
W25:28 (12:16)
L30:34 (15:19)
D32:32 (17:14)
W31:28 (17:13)
W34:31 (17:15)

@ HC Vardar 1961 W27:30 (9:16 @ Aalborg Håndbold L34:30 (16:14

HC PPD Zagreb L26:24 (14:10) HC Meshkov Brest W28:26 (16:14

Montpellier HB D29:29 (1

#### **TOP SCORERS**

Bence Bánhidi (HUN) 56
Mario Sostaric (CRO) 50
Sebastian Frimmel (AUT) 41
Imanol Garciandia Alustiza (ESP) 38
Miguel Martins Soares (POR) 30

#### Past achievements

#### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 20

Quarter-finals (5): 1996/1997, 2003/2004, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2018/19

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Last 16 (8): 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2010/2011, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20\*

Main Round (1): 2007/2008

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

Qualification (1): 2013/14

\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

#### Other

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: 4 titles (1996, 2007, 2018, 2021)

Hungarian cup: 7 titles (1977, 1982-83, 1993, 2006, 2008, 2019)



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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

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

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*      |
| 2020/21 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN | 16  | 6   | 0  | 10 | 374:395   | -21 | 12:20   | Play-offs     |
| 2021/22 Pick Szeged HUN     | 14  | 8   | 3  | 3  | 412:392   | +20 | 19:9    | Play-offs     |
| Total:                      | 230 | 111 | 20 | 99 | 6353:6290 | +63 | 242:218 |               |

<sup>\*</sup> 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 and again in 2021
- 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, EHE FLIRO silver and Olympic bronze.

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014; CWC 2009 WCh: G 2005, EURO: S 2006, OG: B 2008

Arrivals during the season

Departures during the season

none

none

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

|    | First name    | Surname        | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth H    | leight | Weight |
|----|---------------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 3  | Marcell       | Lörincz        | HUN  | Line Player | 18/10/2001    | Gyöngyös, HUN       | 188    | 86     |
| 4  | Barnabas      | Rea            | HUN  | Centre Back | 15/11/2002    | Szeged, HUN         | 182    | 85     |
| 5  | Kent Robin    | Tönnesen       | NOR  | Right Back  | 05/06/1991    | Partille, SWE       | 194    | 90     |
| 7  | Luka          | Stepancic      | CRO  | Right Back  | 20/11/1990    | Pula, CRO           | 203    | 105    |
| 9  | Richard       | Bodo           | HUN  | Left Back   | 13/03/1993    | Mateszalka, HUN     | 203    | 110    |
| 10 | Miguel        | Martins Soares | POR  | Centre Back | 04/11/1997    | Porto, POR          | 192    | 83     |
| 13 | Dániel        | Kecskés        | HUN  | Right Wing  | 01/12/2001    | Nyíregyháza, HUN    | 187    | 72     |
| 15 | Nik           | Henigman       | SLO  | Left Back   | 04/12/1995    | Ljubljana, SLO      | 199    | 95     |
| 16 | Roland        | Mikler         | HUN  | Goalkeeper  | 20/09/1984    | Dunaujvaros, HUN    | 190    | 100    |
| 17 | Bogdan        | Radivojevic    | SRB  | Right Wing  | 02/03/1993    | Belgrade, SRB       | 192    | 80     |
| 22 | Matej         | Gaber          | SLO  | Line Player | 22/07/1991    | Kranj, SLO          | 198    | 110    |
| 24 | Mario         | Sostaric       | SLO  | Right Wing  | 25/11/1992    | Slovenj Gradec, SLO | 193    | 87     |
| 25 | Sebastian     | Frimmel        | AUT  | Left Wing   | 18/12/1995    | Perchtoldsdorf, AU  | Γ190   | 89     |
| 27 | Bence         | Banhidi        | HUN  | Line Player | 09/02/1995    | Györ, HUN           | 195    | 96     |
| 29 | Marcell Csaba | Ludman         | HUN  | Left Back   | 29/11/2002    | Budapest, HUN       | 197    | 95     |
| 32 | Mirko         | Alilovic       | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 15/09/1985    | Ljubuski, CRO       | 200    | 110    |
| 34 | Mihaly        | Varga          | HUN  | Centre Back | 23/09/2003    | Bekescsaba, HUN     | 193    | 85     |
| 41 | Imanol Garcia | ındia Alustiza | ESP  | Right Back  | 30/04/1995    | Urretxu, ESP        | 203    | 105    |
| 44 | Dean          | Bombac         | SLO  | Centre Back | 04/04/1989    | Koper, SLO          | 188    | 92     |
| 45 | Miklós        | Rosta          | HUN  | Line Player | 14/02/1999    | Györ, HUN           | 203    | 110    |
| 46 | Tibor         | Nagy           | HUN  | Goalkeeper  | 13/01/2001    | Budapest, HUN       | 195    | 85     |
| 51 | Borut         | Mackovsek      | SLO  | Left Back   | 11/09/1992    | Koper, SLO          | 203    | 95     |
| 56 | Zalan         | Francia        | HUN  | Right Wing  | 31/10/2002    | Szeged, HUN         | 178    | 78     |
| 71 | Alexander     | Blonz          | NOR  | Left Wing   | 17/04/2000    | Clamart, FRA        | 187    | 82     |
| 77 | Luka          | Krivokapic     | SRB  | Goalkeeper  | 07/02/2002    | Funchal, POR        | 195    | 85     |
| 91 | Patrik        | Hegedüs        | HUN  | Left Back   | 02/03/2003    | Kiskunhalas, HUN    | 196    | 93     |
| 93 | Benjamin      | Szilagyi       | HUN  | Right Wing  | 18/05/2003    | Szeged, HUN         | 187    | 70     |
|    | Robin         | Molnar         | HUN  |             | 01/02/2004    |                     |        |        |



**Roland Mikler** 

### Goalkeeper



- 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



### Sebastian Frimmel

### Left wing



- started professional career at Westwien in Vienna before joining Kadetten in 2018
- won bronze at School WCh in 2013 and made debut for senior national team the following year at age 18
- awarded 'best young player' of Austrian league in 2014/15 season



### **Borut Mackovsek**

### Left back

- started playing handball after he went to his brother's practice and later joined the team
- came to Szeged in the summer 2020 from their rival Veszprem
- also played for Celje Pivovarna Lasko, Maribor, Al Sadd, ThSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Dinamo Minsk, TSV Eisenach and Montpellier
- had his first CL appereance in 2009/10 season with Celje, now enters his 11th
- part of Slovenia national team, won bronze medal at the WCh 2017 in France

WCh: B 2017



### **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



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### Bence Bánhidi

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### Line plyer

- 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



### Kent Robin Tønnesen



@kente15

### Right back

- Norwegian international, who joined Szeged in the summer of 2021 after four seasons with Hungarian league rivals Veszprém
- left his native Norway in 2012 to play in Sweden for one year (IK Sävehof) and in Germany for four years (HSG Wetzlar, Füchse Berlin)
- played at four straight EHF EURO events for Norway before missing the 2020 edition due to a torn Achilles tendon; returned to the team for the Tokyo Olympics

WCh: S 2017



### **Miguel Martins**



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### **Centre back**

- joined Szeged in summer of 2021 after seven seasons with FC Porto
- was superb for Porto, scoring at least 43 goals in three consecutive European seasons, one in the Men's EHF Cup and two in the CL
- scored 19 times for Portugal at EHF EURO 2020 and 17 at EHF EURO 2022
- made his debut in the Portuguese national league at 15 years and 11 months, becoming the second-youngest ever player to take the court in the competition



**Bogdan Radivojevic** 



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### **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 and 57 goals respectively in his first two CL seasons with Szeged
- previously also 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

# FC PORTO VS MONTPELLIER HB



First leg: Wednesday 30 March, 20:45 CEST Second leg: Thursday 7 April, 18:45 CEST



- Montpellier have not won the last five group matches (two draws and three defeats)
   and gave the position in group A from their hands to finish fourth on 17 points
- intermediately, Montpellier had won seven matches in a row and were close to level their longest ever winning run in the competition (eight matches)
- Montpellier play their 23rd EHF Champions League season, all under of the same coach, Patrice Canayer, who is at the helm since 1994 and steered MHB to two Champions League trophies (2003, 2018)
- for the 15th time, Montpellier are part of the group phase of the EHF Champions League, they made it to Cologne (victoriously) in 2018 last season, they played European League and failed in the quarter-finals against Berlin
- Montpellier's Portuguese left back
   Gilberto Duarte had played for FC Porto until
   2016
- Montpellier's best scorers are young back court talent Julien Bos (58) and Tokyo Olympic champions and Olympic All-star team left wing Hugo Descat

- For the third straight times after 2020 and 2021, Porto qualified for the knock-out stage of the EHF Champions League, last season, they were eliminated in the play-offs by later-on finalists Aalborg only by the away goal rule
- the Portuguese record champions (22 titles) play their 12th Champions League season, but their biggest international success was making it to the final tournament of the EHF Cup season 2018/19, finishing third
- Porto had started the group phase with four points from the first three matches, but then did not win six matches in a row
- the team of Swedish born head coach Magnus Andersson surprised by draws against Barca and Veszprem and even bet group winners Kielce to finally finish fifth in group B, ahead of former CL winners Flensburg
- there is no Porto player among the overall best 35 scorers of the EHF Champions League, by 47 goals powerful line player Victor Iturriza is on position 37 after the group phase
- only Zagreb, Brest and Motor scored less goals than Porto (375) in the group phase - one reason for the weakest goal difference of all participants in the knock-out stage (-33)

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

FC Porto vs Montpellier HB 1-1-0 (50:45) 3:1

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### Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white and blue Shorts: blue or white Goalkeeper shirt: grey

### Dark

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



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# **FC PORTO**



### **GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS**

| 1. Lomza Vive Kielce            | 14 10 0 4 | 449 : 415 | 34 20  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 2. Barça                        | 14 9 2 3  | 420:369   | 51 20  |
| 3. Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 14 8 2 4  | 452 : 396 | 56 18  |
| 4. Telekom Veszprém HC          | 14 8 1 5  | 449 : 423 | 26 17  |
| 5. FC Porto                     | 14 4 3 7  | 375 : 408 | -33 11 |
| 6. SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 14 4 2 8  | 381:401   | -20 10 |
| 7. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 14 4 0 10 | 415 : 470 | -55 8  |
| 8. HC Motor                     | 14 4 0 10 | 312:371   | -59 8  |

### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

### **GROUP PHASE**

\( \text{W28:27 (13:12)} \)
\( \text{Q. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti} \)
\( \text{W28:27 (13:12)} \)
\( \text{Q. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti} \)
\( \text{W26:27 (14:14)} \)
\( \text{V23:30 (10:16)} \)
\( \text{Q. Lomza Vive Kielce} \)
\( \text{V39:33 (21:17)} \)
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# TOP SCORERS

 Victor Iturriza (POR)
 42

 Pedro Cruz (POR)
 37

 Daymaro Salina (POR)
 36

 Rui Silva (POR)
 34

 Ivan Sliskovic (CRO)
 32

### Past achievements

### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 12

Play-offs (1): 2020/21 Last 16 (1): 2019/20\*

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

Qualification (7): 1999/00, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15

\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

### 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: 22 titles (1954, 1957-60, 1963-65, 1968, 1999, 2002-04, 2009-15, 2019, 2021)

Portuguese cup: 9 titles (1976-77, 1979-80, 1994, 2006-07, 2019, 2021)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

38

GOALS Most goals

**72** 

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** 33:19 (18:4) v Paris Saint-Germain FRA (a), 18.11.2021

 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) 3 matches (18.11.2021 - 02.12.2021)

**Longest run without win** 6 matches (14.10.2021 – 02.12.2021)

 Most goals
 38 v Elverum Handball NOR 30:39L (h), 04.03.2021

 Most goals opponent
 39 v Lomza Vive Kielce POL 39:33L (a), 20.10.2021

39 v Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA 30:39L (h), 25.11.2021

Most goals both teams 72 v Lomza Vive Kielce POL 39:33L (a), 20.10.2021

Fewest goals 19 v Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA 33:19L (a), 18.11.2021

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*  |
| 2020/21 FC Porto POR               | 16 | 6  | 2 | 8  | 417:408   | +9  | 14:18 | Play-offs |
| 2021/22 FC Porto POR               | 14 | 4  | 3 | 7  | 375:408   | -33 | 11:17 | Play-offs |
| Total:                             | 64 | 25 | 8 | 31 | 1729:1779 | -50 | 58:70 |           |

<sup>\*</sup> Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic





### Magnus Andersson Coach

- Swedish former centre back, going into his 11th season as a coach, and fourth 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
- in his playing days, he was a centre back who competed at three Olympics as 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)

### Arrivals during the season

Diogo Oliveira (HSC Suhr-Aarau/SUI) Goncalo Morgado

### Departures during the season

none

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

|   | No. | First name    | Surname          | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth   | Height | Weight |
|---|-----|---------------|------------------|------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------|--------|
|   | 9   | Pedro         | Cruz             | POR  | Left Back   | 06/06/1984    | Gaia, POR        | 190    | 92     |
|   | 16  | Nikola        | Mitrevski        | MKD  | Goalkeeper  | 03/10/1985    | Bitola, MKD      | 188    | 84     |
|   | 88  | Fabio Ramos   | Magalhães        | POR  | Left Back   | 12/03/1988    | Lisboa, POR      | 193    | 90     |
|   | 25  | Antonio       | Areia Rodrigues  | POR  | Right Wing  | 21/06/1990    | Lisboa, POR      | 189    | 91     |
|   | 19  | Ivan          | Sliskovic        | CRO  | Left Back   | 23/10/1991    | Split, CRO       | 197    | 98     |
|   | 14  | Rui           | Silva            | POR  | Centre Back | 28/04/1993    | Guimaraes, POR   | 186    | 80     |
|   | 30  | Sebastian Let | h Frandsen       | DEN  | Goalkeeper  | 27/05/1994    | Aarhus, DEN      | 201    | 103    |
| С | 15  | Daymaro       | Salina Amador    | POR  | Line Player | 01/09/1987    | Havana, CUB      | 200    | 101    |
|   | 23  | Diogo         | Branquinho       | POR  | Left Wing   | 25/07/1994    | Aveiro, POR      | 185    | 94     |
|   | 24  | Diogo         | Silva da Borges  | POR  | Right Back  | 02/07/1998    | Porto, POR       | 198    | 99     |
|   | 29  | Miguel        | Alves            | POR  | Right Wing  | 22/07/1996    | Porto, POR       | 189    | 89     |
|   | 10  | Diogo         | De Abreu Oliveir | aPOR | Centre Back | 07/05/1997    | Matosinhos, POR  | 193    | 97     |
|   | 4   | Victor Manuel | Iturriza Alvarez | POR  | Line Player | 22/05/1990    | Havana, CUB      | 193    | 117    |
|   | 21  | Leonel        | Fernandes        | POR  | Left Wing   | 12/03/1998    | Porto, POR       | 186    | 80     |
|   | 2   | Pedro         | Veitia Valdez    | CUB  | Left Back   | 17/08/1994    | Havana, CUB      | 190    | 101    |
|   | 33  | Diogo         | Rema Marques     | POR  | Goalkeeper  | 17/03/2004    | Porto, POR       | 190    | 88     |
|   | 99  | Goncalo       | Oliveira         | POR  | Goalkeeper  | 16/04/2002    | SJ Madeira, POR  | 192    | 100    |
|   | 11  | Djibril Omar  | Mbengue          | GER  | Right Back  | 13/05/1992    | Stuttgart, GER   | 195    | 107    |
|   | 44  | Jesus         | Hurtado Vergara  | COL  | Line Player | 16/05/2002    | Buenaventura, CO | L 203  | 94     |
|   | 69  | Ricardo       | Brandao          | POR  | Line Player | 28/04/2004    | Aveiro, POR      | 195    | 105    |
|   | 60  | Nuno          | Oliveira         | POR  | Left Wing   | 22/09/2004    | Ermesinde, POR   | 180    | 80     |
|   | 80  | Tomas         | Teixeira         | POR  | Right Wing  | 12/04/2005    | Porto, POR       | 178    | 80     |
|   | 99  | Goncalo       | Morgado          | POR  | Goalkeeper  | 20/04/2004    | Braga, POR       | 188    | 86     |



### Nikola Mitrevski

### Goalkeeper

- joined Porto in summer of 2020 from Eurofarm Rabotnik after playing in many clubs across Europe, including Vardar and Metalurg
- previously played in Portugal for Benfica, from 2015 to 2017
- · won domestic league titles in Portugal and North Macedonia
- · formed strong tandem with 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



### Ivan Slišković

### Left back

- Croatian international, who joined Porto in 2020 from German side Göppingen
- started career at RK Nexe but has been playing outside Croatia since 2013, when he
  joined Celje in Slovenia; also had two-year stint at Veszprém in Hungary
- was part of the Croatian team that won bronze at the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland

EURO: B 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



### **Daymaro Salina**

@daymarosalina

### 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



### Diogo Silva

### **Right back**

- Portuguese international, who has been at Porto since 2016
- played the 2019/20 season on loan at Celje, and scored 28 goals for the Slovenian club in his first career CL season
- was MVP of the M18 EHF EURO 2018, and top scorer and member of the All-star Team at the M19 World Championship the following year



Djibril M'Bengue



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### Right back

- German player who joined Porto in summer of 2018 after five years in Stuttgart
- right back with Senegalese roots, who has a great mentality on court
- · physically strong player with an excellent shot



### **Antonio Areia**

### Right wing



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- 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: white GK shirt: green/orange

### Dark

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



Playing hall Palais des Sports René Bougnol 1000 Avenue du Val de Montferrand 34090 Montpellier France

Capacity: 3,000

# **MONTPELLIER HB**



### **GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS**

| 1. Aalborg Håndbold | 14 11 0 3 | 453 : 410 | 43 22 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 2. THW Kiel         | 14 10 1 3 | 427:395   | 32 21 |
| 3. Pick Szeged      | 14 8 3 3  | 412 : 392 | 20 19 |
| 4. Montpellier HB   | 14 7 3 4  | 424 : 409 | 15 17 |
| 5. HC Vardar 1961   | 14 6 1 7  | 379:368   | 11 13 |
| 6. Elverum Handball | 14 3 2 9  | 417:449   | -32 8 |
| 7. HC PPD Zagreb    | 14 3 2 9  | 351:385   | -34 8 |
| 8. HC Meshkov Brest | 14 1 2 11 | 342:397   | -55 4 |

### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

# GROUP PHASE vs Pick Szeged @ Aalborg Håndbold vs THW Kiel @ HC Vardar 1961 vs HC Meshkov Brest @ Elverum Handball vs Elverum Handball vs HC PPD Zagreb @ HC PPD Zagreb @ HC PPD Zagreb W32:26 (14:12) ws Elverum Handball vs HC PPD Zagreb W39:32 (19:16) vs HC PPD Zagreb W42:23 (14:12) W39:32 (19:16) W39:32 (19:16)

### **TOP SCORERS**

| Julien Bos (FRA)         | 53 |
|--------------------------|----|
| Hugo Descat (FRA)        | 48 |
| Kyllian Villeminot (FRA) | 43 |
| Karl Wallinius (SWE)     | 34 |
| Lucas Pellas (SWE)       | 34 |

### **Past achievements**

### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 23

Winners (2): 2002/03, 2017/18

Semi-final (1): 2004/05

Quarter-final (5): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17

Last 16 (6): 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2019/20\*

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

Group Phase (4): 1998/99, 1999/00, 2012/13, 2018/19

Qualification (1): 2013/14

\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

### Other

EHF European League: Quarter-final: 2020/21

EHF Cup: Final 2013/14; Quarter-final: 1996/97; Last 16: 1993/94, 1994/95; Last 32:

1997/98

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2001/02

French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998-2000, 2002-06, 2008-12) French cup: 13 titles (1999-2003, 2005-06, 2008-10, 2012-13, 2016)

# **I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS**



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MATCHES Longest winning run

46

GOALS Most goals

**78** 

GOALS Most goals both teams **Biggest win** 46:20 (26:9) v AC PAOK GRE (h), 04.10.2009

Biggest defeat 37:20 (16:10) v Prosesa Ademar Leon ESP (a), 06.11.1999

**Longest winning run** 8 matches (15.10.2016 – 04.03.2017)

8 matches (16.09.2017 – 19.11.2017)

16 v HC Portovik Yuzhny UKR 26:16W (h), 07.10.2006

**Longest unbeaten run** 11 matches (15.10.2016 – 02.04.2017) **Longest losing run** 6 matches (14.02.2016 – 27.03.2016)

Longest run without win 7 matches (15.09.2018 – 07.11.2018)

**Most goals** 46 v AC PAOK GRE 46:20W (h), 04.10.2009

Most goals opponent 38 v Kolding KIF DEN 38:29L (a), 05.12.2004 38 v Pick Szeged HUN 38:35L (a), 19.11.2011

Most goals both teams 78 v VfL Gummersbach GER 41:37W (h), 09.02.2008

Fewest goals 17 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 26:17L (a), 03.01.1999

17 v FC Barcelona ESP 24:17L (a), 10.12.2000

Fewest goals both teams 38 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 21:17W (h), 08.11.1998

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Fewest goals opponent

|                                    | MP  | w   | Т  | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS     | Stage        |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----------|------|---------|--------------|
| 1998/99 Montpellier HB FRA         | 6   | 3   | 0  | 3  | 134:134   | 0    | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. A    |
| 1999/00 Montpellier HB FRA         | 6   | 3   | 0  | 3  | 139:148   | -9   | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. A    |
| 2000/01 Montpellier HB FRA         | 8   | 4   | 1  | 3  | 193:193   | 0    | 9:7     | 1/4-finals   |
| 2002/03 Montpellier HB FRA         | 12  | 8   | 1  | 3  | 334:311   | +23  | 17:7    | Winner       |
| 2003/04 Montpellier HB FRA         | 8   | 6   | 0  | 2  | 216:199   | +17  | 12:4    | Last 16      |
| 2004/05 Montpellier HB FRA         | 12  | 9   | 0  | 3  | 375:328   | +47  | 18:6    | 1/2-finals   |
| 2005/06 Montpellier HB FRA         | 10  | 6   | 0  | 4  | 282:272   | +10  | 12:8    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2006/07 Montpellier HB FRA         | 8   | 5   | 1  | 2  | 224:198   | +26  | 11:5    | Last 16      |
| 2007/08 Montpellier HB FRA         | 12  | 7   | 0  | 5  | 358:348   | +10  | 14:10   | 3rd MR Gr. 2 |
| 2008/09 Montpellier HB FRA         | 10  | 6   | 1  | 3  | 295:275   | +20  | 13:7    | 4th MR Gr. 3 |
| 2009/10 Montpellier HB FRA         | 14  | 10  | 2  | 2  | 447:372   | +75  | 22:6    | 1/4-finals   |
| 010/11 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA  | 14  | 10  | 0  | 4  | 442:379   | +63  | 20:8    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2011/12 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA | 12  | 6   | 0  | 6  | 357:357   | 0    | 12:12   | Last 16      |
| 2012/13 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA | 10  | 2   | 2  | 6  | 301:311   | -10  | 6:14    | 5th Gr. A    |
| 2014/15 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA | 12  | 4   | 2  | 6  | 351:377   | -26  | 10:14   | Last 16      |
| 2015/16 Montpellier HB FRA         | 16  | 3   | 1  | 12 | 429:472   | -43  | 7:25    | Last 16      |
| 2016/17 Montpellier HB FRA         | 16  | 11  | 1  | 4  | 476:425   | +51  | 23:9    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2017/18 Montpellier HB FRA         | 18  | 14  | 1  | 3  | 530:464   | +66  | 29:7    | Winner       |
| 2018/19 Montpellier HB FRA         | 14  | 3   | 1  | 10 | 377:414   | -37  | 7:21    | 7th Gr. A    |
| 2019/20 Montpellier HB FRA         | 14  | 8   | 1  | 5  | 386:375   | +11  | 17:11   | Last 16*     |
| 2021/22 Montpellier HB FRA         | 14  | 7   | 3  | 4  | 424:409   | +15  | 17:11   | Play-offs    |
| Total                              | 246 | 135 | 18 | 93 | 7070:6761 | +309 | 288:204 |              |

<sup>\*</sup> Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic





# Patrice Canayer Coach

- In charge of Montpellier since 1994, he is among the longes: serving coaches at a single club in professional handball
- has meanwhile won more than 40 trophies with Montpellier most notably the two CL titles in 2003 and 2018
- still the only French coach to win the CL
- was voted CL All-star Team coach after the club won their second CL title in 2017/18
- played for Stade Pessacais UC, Bordeaux and Racing Paris in his active years

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018

### **Arrivals during season**

none

### **Departures during season**

none

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

| No. | First name    | Surname      | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth        | Height | Weigh |
|-----|---------------|--------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1   | Marin         | Sego         | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 02/08/1985    | Mostar, BIH           | 194    | 98    |
| 3   | Alexis        | Berthier     | FRA  | Right Back  | 12/03/2002    | Tournus, FRA          | 193    | 84    |
| 4   | Diego         | Simonet      | ARG  | Centre Back | 26/12/1989    | Buenos Aires, AR      | G 189  | 88    |
| 5   | Kyllian       | Villeminot   | FRA  | Centre Back | 20/05/1998    | Lyon, FRA             | 189    | 85    |
| 6   | Olafur Andres | Gudmundsson  | ISL  | Left Back   | 13/05/1990    | Hafnarfjarðar, ISI    | 194    | 92    |
| 7   | Lucas         | Guigon       | FRA  | Right Back  | 18/07/2003    | Versailles, FRA       | 197    | 83    |
| 9   | Hugo          | Descat       | FRA  | Left Wing   | 16/08/1992    | Paris, FRA            | 183    | 92    |
| 10  | Lucas         | Pellas       | SWE  | Left Wing   | 28/08/1995    | Stockholm, SWE        | 184    | 80    |
| 12  | Charles       | Bolzinger    | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 14/12/2000    | Sete, FRA             | 198    | 96    |
| 13  | Julien        | Bos          | FRA  | Right Back  | 18/08/1998    | Pessac, FRA           | 188    | 82    |
| 15  | Mathis        | Mougin       | FRA  | Left Back   | 07/07/2002    | Montpellier, FRA      | 200    | 95    |
| 16  | Kevin         | Bonnefoi     | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 03/12/1991    | Toulon, FRA           | 190    | 103   |
| 17  | Benjamin      | Bataille     | FRA  | Left Back   | 25/07/1992    | Paris, FRA            | 197    | 96    |
| 18  | Marko         | Panic        | BIH  | Right Back  | 10/03/1991    | Jajce, BIH            | 197    | 101   |
| 19  | Arthur        | Lenne        | FRA  | Line Player | 02/05/2001    | Selestat, FRA         | 194    | 96    |
| 20  | Robin         | Puigsegur    | FRA  | Line Player | 18/12/2002    | Montpellier, FRA      | 194    | 100   |
| 21  | Kylian        | Prat         | FRA  | Left Back   | 20/02/2004    | Tremblayen France, FF | RA191  | 78    |
| 22  | Lucas Dario   | Moscariello  | ARG  | Line Player | 19/02/1992    | Buenos Aires, AR      | G 190  | 103   |
| 24  | Adrien        | Dubois       | FRA  | Left Wing   | 21/03/2001    | Montpellier, FRA      | 182    | 71    |
| 25  | Mathieu       | Cornette     | FRA  | Centre Back | 30/03/2003    | Montpellier, FRA      | 188    | 80    |
| 28  | Valentin      | Porte        | FRA  | Right Back  | 07/09/1990    | Versailles, FRA       | 190    | 96    |
| 32  | Yanis         | Lenne        | FRA  | Right Wing  | 29/06/1996    | Colmar, FRA           | 187    | 88    |
| 49  | Karl          | Wallinius    | SWE  | Left Back   | 14/01/1999    | Lund, SWE             | 199    | 93    |
| 90  | Gilberto      | Duarte Brito | POR  | Left Back   | 06/07/1990    | Lagoa, POR            | 196    | 102   |
| 93  | Veron         | Nacinovic    | CRO  | Line Player | 07/03/2000    | Rijeka, CRO           | 203    | 103   |
| 98  | Elie          | Ona          | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 23/08/2003    | Toulouse, FRA         | 196    | 88    |



### Kevin Bonnefoi

@ bonnefoikevin

### Goalkeeper

- joined Montpellier in 2019 arriving from domestic league rivals HBC Nantes
- previously with Toulouse and Saint-Raphaël, where he gained EHF Cup experience
- has extended his contract with Montpellier until the end of the 2023/24 season
- made debut in French national team in April 2021



### **Hugo Descat**



@hdescat

### Left wing

- returned to France in 2019 after two years in Romania with Dinamo Bucuresti
- earlier played six seasons for another French club, US Créteil
- was second-best goal scorer of (shortened) CL 2019/20 season with 75 goals; netted 71 times in European League 2020/21 season
- won gold with France at 2020 Tokyo Olympics and made All-star Team as left wing

OG: G 2020



### Gilberto Duarte



@gilbs5

### Left back

- complete player with great attitude who joined Montpellier in summer of 2019
- won seven Portuguese championship titles with FC Porto
- moved to Polish side Orlen Wisla Plock in 2017, and to Barça in 2018
- key player for Portuguese national team, made debut in 2011 against Austria



**Diego Simonet** 



@chinosimonet

### Centre back

- Argentinian international, born into a handball family, with two brothers Sebastian and Pablo – also playing the sports professionally
- going into his eighth CL campaign with Montpellier in 2021; also played EHF Cup (2013/14) and European League (2020/21) with the club
- has suffered from several injuries in recent seasons; missed most of the 2018/19 campaign due to persistent thigh problem
- elected MVP of Montpellier's golden EHF FINAL4 in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2018



### **Valentin Porte**

### @valhand28

### **Right back**

- arrived in Montpellier in 2016, reached CL guarter-final in his debut season and won the CL in his second year with the club, in 2018
- played on right wing until 2014, France coach Claude Onesta placed him on back court
- rose to prominence during EHF EURO 2014, scoring 16 goals in semi-final and final
- known as a true golf aficionado

EC trophies: CL 2018

OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017; EURO: G 2014, B 2018



### **Marko Panic**





### Right back

- Bosnian back, joined Montpellier in 2021 after two seasons with Meshkov Brest
- played for another French club, Chambéry (2012-13), 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 of shooting almost equally well with both hands



### **Yanis Lenne**



### @lenne vanis

### **Right wing**

- returned to France in 2019 after two seasons with Barça though he spent one of those years on loan at PAUC Handball
- scored more than 30 goals in each of Montpellier's last two European seasons: 37 in CL 2019/20, and 35 in European League 2020/21
- has been part of French national team for a while but will get more time to shine since Luc Abalo has retired



### Lucas Moscariello





### Line player

- Argentinian international, who joined Montpellier in summer of 2021
- spent previous five seasons in Spain and played two seasons in EHF Cup with Cuenca
- was playing in French third division in 2014; 2021/22 will be his first in the CL
  - useful addition to Montpellier's squad, with strengths at both sides of the court

# HC VARDAR 1961 VS TELEKOM VESZPRÉM HC



First leg: Thursday 31 March, 18:45 CEST Second leg: Wednesday 6 April, 18:45 CEST



- Vardar took the optimum of eight points in their last four group matches, including the assessed match against Meshkov Brest to finish fifth in group A
- the turning point was the change of coaches: when former assistant coach David Davis took over from Veselin Vujovic, Vardar won right the first match at Montpellier 28:25, and then marched to the fifth position
- David Davis had been Veszprém's coach until June 2021, after he had left Vardar and the Egyptian national team
- by 68 strikes, left wing Timur Dibirov is currently best Vardar scorer on the eighth position of the overall scorer list
- the two French brothers Olivier and Alix Nyokas, who arrived for the start of the season, underlined their value for the team, combining 80 goals for Vardar
- Vardar are part of the EHF Champions League knock-out stage for the ninth straight times, winning the trophy in 2017 and 2019 (then beating Veszprém in the final)

- with 17 points on their account (eight victories, one draw, five defeats), Veszprém finished fourth ranked in group B and rank second (below Barça) in the All-time Champions League table
- Veszprém beat Paris, Barça and Kielce on home ground and even took the points at PSG, but gave matches at Zaporozhye, Bucharest and Flensburg from their hands in the group phase
- coach Momir Ilic former Veszprém player and twice CL winner with THW Kiel - started his mission last summer, and had to integrate many youngsters
- in their 27th Champions League appearance, Veszprém are part of the knockout stage for the 24th time - but never won the trophy despite four final participations
- Petar Nenadic (68) and Gasper Marguc (63) are Veszprém's top scorers after the group phase, left wing Dejan Manaskov will face many Macedonian countrymen
- Veszprém can count on the third best attack of the group phase by 449 goals, just topped by Aalborg (453) and PSG (452)

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### HC Vardar 1961 vs Telekom Veszprém HC 2-1-10 (346:404) 5:21

| 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) |
| 01.04.2021 | HC Vardar 1961 vs Telekom Veszprém HC, EHF Champions League – Play-offs          | 27:41 (11:21) |
| 08.04.2021 | Telekom Veszprém HC vs HC Vardar 1961, EHF Champions League – Play-offs          | 39:30 (20:15) |

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### Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white Player short:red GK shirt: yellow

### Dark

Player shirt: black/red Player short: black GK shirt: black



### Playing hall

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

# **HC VARDAR 1961**



### GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

| UNOUF AT INAL STANDINGS |      |      |    |           |     |    |
|-------------------------|------|------|----|-----------|-----|----|
| 1. Aalborg Håndbold     | 14   | 11 0 | 3  | 453:410   | 43  | 22 |
| 2. THW Kiel             | 14   | 10 1 | 3  | 427:395   | 32  | 21 |
| 3. Pick Szeged          | 14 8 | 8 3  | 3  | 412 : 392 | 20  | 19 |
| 4. Montpellier HB       | 14   | 7 3  | 4  | 424:409   | 15  | 17 |
| 5. HC Vardar 1961       | 14 ( | 6 1  | 7  | 379:368   | 11  | 13 |
| 6. Elverum Handball     | 14 3 | 3 2  | 9  | 417 : 449 | -32 | 8  |
| 7. HC PPD Zagreb        | 14 3 | 3 2  | 9  | 351:385   | -34 | 8  |
| 8. HC Meshkov Brest     | 14   | 1 2  | 11 | 342:397   | -55 | 4  |

### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

### **GROUP PHASE**

 @ Elverum Handball vs HC Meshkov Brest vs Aalborg Håndbold vs Montpellier HB
 W35:27 (19:13)

 W30:28 (16:16)
 L25:31 (11:15)

 Wandborg Håndbold vs THW Kiel
 L26:29 (13:10)

 W Pick Szeged
 L33:29 (16:13)

 Ws Pick Szeged
 L34:31 (17:15)

 Ws Pick Szeged
 L27:30 (9:16)

 WTHW Kiel
 L32:30 (18:16)

 W HC PPD Zagreb
 W25:28 (10:14)

 W Montpellier HB
 W25:28 (10:14)

 W HC Meshkov Brest
 W0:10

### **TOP SCORERS**

Timur Dibirov (RUS) 61
Jeremy Toto (FRA) 38
Guy Olivier Nyokas (FRA) 35
Alix Kevynn Nyokas (FRA) 34
Ante Gadža (CRO) 28

### **Past achievements**

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 16

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

Semi-finals (1): 2017/18

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

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

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

\* 2019/20 Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

### Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 1998/99, 2004/05, 2010/11, Quarter-finals 2006/07 SEHA league: 4 titles (2012, 2014, 2017, 2018)

Macedonian league: 14 titles (1999, 2001-04, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015-19, 2021) Macedonian cup: 14 titles (1997, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2007-08, 2012, 2014-18, 2021)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

40

GOALS Most goals

74

GOALS Most goals both teams

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**Biggest win** 31:15 (14:8) v IFK Kristianstad SWE (h), 02.12.2017

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

 Longest winning run
 8 matches (12.03.2017 - 01.10.2017)

 Longest unbeaten run
 15 matches (12.03.2017 - 02.12.2017)

**Longest losing run** 7 matches (12.10.2003 – 09.10.2004) 7 matches (13.10.2021 – 08.12.2021)

Longest run without win 8 matches (12.10.2003 – 16.10.2004)

8 matches (03.10.2009 - 20.02.2010)

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

Most goals opponent41 v FC Barcelona ESP 41:19L (a), 18.10.2003Most goals both teams74 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 38:36W (h), 20.02.2016

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

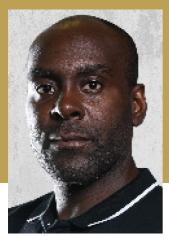
Fewest goals12 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004Fewest goals opponent15 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 31:15W (h), 02.12.2017Fewest goals both teams38 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004

# 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*      |
| 2020/21 HC Vardar 1961 MKD         | 16  | 3  | 3  | 10 | 392:430   | -38 | 9:23    | Play-offs     |
| 2021/22 HC Vardar 1961 MKD         | 14  | 6  | 1  | 7  | 379:368   | +11 | 13:15   | Play-offs     |
| Total:                             | 186 | 83 | 20 | 83 | 5091:5180 | -89 | 186:186 |               |

<sup>\*</sup> Last 16 and Quarter-finals cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic





# David Davis Coach

- joined Vardar in December 2021 to replace Veselin Vujovic
- coached Veszprém from October 2018 until the end of the 2020/21 season; led the Hungarian team to the CL final in his first season and 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: led Vardar's women's team to FHF FINAL4 in 2017
- guided Fgynt to eighth place at WCh 2019

Arrivals during season

Olivier Nyokas (Metalurg Skopje) Kévynn Nyokas (Metalurg Skopje) Stefan Dodic (Metalurg Skopje) Kostadin Petrov (Metalurg Skopje) EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009; EHF Cup 1995 WCh: G 2005; EURO: S 2006; OG: B 2008 (all as player)

### **Departures during season**

Eduardo Gurbindo (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti/ROU) Tomislav Jagurinovski (Thór Akureyri/ICE) Ante Kuduz (C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti/ROU) Stefan Atanasovski (Al Arabi/OAT)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

|   | No. | First name Surname Nat. Position |              | Position | Date of birth | Place of birth | Height           | Weight |                |
|---|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------|----------------|
|   | 1   | Borko                            | Ristovski    | MKD      | Goalkeeper    | 02/11/1982     | Skopje, MKD      | 190    | 115            |
|   | 3   | Kostadin                         | Petrov       | MKD      | Line Player   | 30/03/1992     | Veles, MKD       | 190    | 105            |
|   | 4   | Tomislav                         | Jagurinovski | MKD      | Right Back    | 19/08/1998     | Skopje, MKD      | 188    | <del>-81</del> |
| С | 5   | Stojanche                        | Stoilov      | MKD      | Line Player   | 30/04/1987     | Skopje, MKD      | 191    | 110            |
|   | 6   | Olivier                          | Nyokas       | FRA      | Left Back     | 28/06/1986     | Montfermeil, FRA | 187    | 86             |
|   | 7   | Patryk                           | Walczak      | POL      | Line Player   | 29/07/1992     | Szczecin, POL    | 198    | 102            |
|   | 8   | Yoel                             | Cuni Morales | CUB      | Right Back    | 15/02/1987     | Havana, CUB      | 190    | 105            |
|   | 9   | Goce                             | Georgievski  | MKD      | Right Wing    | 12/02/1987     | Skopje, MKD      | 185    | 83             |
|   | 10  | Kevynn                           | Nyokas       | FRA      | Right Back    | 28/06/1986     | Montfermeil, FRA | 188    | 88             |
|   | 11  | Martin                           | Karapalevski | MKD      | Centre Back   | 11/03/2000     | Bitola, MKD      | 178    | 82             |
|   | 12  | Martin                           | Tomovski     | MKD      | Goalkeeper    | 10/07/1997     | Skopje, MKD      | 194    | 94             |
|   | 13  | Bakary                           | Diallo       | FRA      | Left Back     | 03/12/1994     | Creteil, FRA     | 192    | 84             |
|   | 14  | Jan                              | Czuwara      | POL      | Left Wing     | 18/10/1995     | Swidnica, POL    | 184    | 85             |
|   | 18  | Eduardo                          | Gurbindo     | ESP      | Right Back    | 08/11/1987     | Pamplona, ESP    | 196    | <del>-90</del> |
|   | 21  | David                            | Savrevski    | MKD      | Right Back    | 16/06/2002     | Skopje, MKD      | 199    | 103            |
|   | 22  | Jeremy                           | Toto         | FRA      | Line Player   | 15/05/1992     | Courbevoie, FRA  | 197    | 106            |
|   | 24  | Ante                             | Gadža        | CRO      | Centre Back   | 26/08/1992     | Zagreb, CRO      | 195    | 95             |
|   | 28  | Filip                            | Taleski      | MKD      | Left Back     | 28/03/1996     | Krusevo, MKD     | 200    | 86             |
|   | 31  | Timur                            | Dibirov      | RUS      | Left Wing     | 30/07/1983     | Petrozavodsk, RU | S180   | 74             |
|   | 33  | Stefan                           | Krstevski    | MKD      | Left Back     | 16/01/1999     | Bitola, MKD      | 189    | 86             |
|   | 44  | Stefab                           | Dodic        | SRB      | Centre Back   | 13/03/2003     | Vranje, SRB      | 197    | 90             |
|   | 45  | Darko                            | Djukic       | SRB      | Right Wing    | 11/12/1994     | Nis, SRB         | 191    | 78             |
|   | 47  | Ante                             | Kuduz        | CRO      | Left Back     | 11/04/1995     | Osijek, CRO      | 202    | 104            |
|   | 55  | Stefan                           | Atanasovski  | MKD      | Line Player   | 08/09/1999     | Skopje, MKD      | 207    | <del>113</del> |
|   | 77  | Alen                             | Kjosevski    | MKD      | Right Wing    | 07/06/2001     | Bitola, MKD      | 187    | 75             |
|   | 94  | Ali W S A                        | Safar        | KUW      | Goalkeeper    | 02/06/1994     | Kuwait, KUW      | 199    | 109            |
|   | 97  | Marko                            | Mishevski    | MKD      | Left Back     | 23/08/1999     | Skopje, MKD      | 199    | 96             |
|   | 99  | Vasil                            | Gogov        | MKD      | Goalkeeper    | 03/11/2000     | Strumica, MKD    | 190    | 100            |
|   |     |                                  |              |          |               |                |                  |        |                |



### Borko Ristovski

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### 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



### **Olivier Nyokas**



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### Left back

- began 2021/22 season with Metalurg but suddenly moved to cross-town rivals Vardar
- the offensive specialist previously had spells with Nantes, PSG, Alcobendas, Créteil and Balingen
- at 28, made late debut for France in 2015, then won WCh 2017
- his left-handed twin brother, Kévynn, plays with him at Vardar

WCh: G 2017



### 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

EURO: S 2020



### **Jeremy Toto**

### Line player



- arrived at Vardar in summer of 2021 from Orlen Wisla Plock; scored 25 times in the European League 2020/21 for the Polish side, which reached the EHF Finals
- previously gained EHF Cup experience with French sides Saint-Raphaël and Créteil
- played for various French junior national teams



### **Stojanche Stoilov**

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@jayt\_4real

### 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



### Kévynn Nyokas



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### **Right back**

- former French international, who moved to Skopje in the summer of 2021 from Benfica
- began the season with Metalurg but suddenly moved to cross-town rivals Vardar
- retired in 2017 at the age of 31 after playing for clubs like PSG, Göppingen and Gummersbach, but returned to action a year later when he joined Benfica
- · his right-handed twin brother, Olivier, plays with him at Vardar

EURO: G 2014; WCh: G 2015



### Darko Djukić



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### **Right wing**

- Serbian international, who arrived at Vardar in summer of 2021 from Sporting CP
- Vardar will be his fifth club in the CL after earlier stints at Metalurg, Besiktas, Kielce, and Meshkov Brest
- scored 87 goals for Besiktas in CL 2015/16 season and was Brest's top scorer in group phase of CL 2018/19 season with 51 goals
- started his career at Železničar before joining Metalurg in 2014



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### Kit colours

### Light

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

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



### **GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS**

| 1. Lomza Vive Kielce            | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4  | 449 : 415 | 34  | 20 |
|---------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----------|-----|----|
| 2. Barça                        | 14 | 9  | 2 | 3  | 420:369   | 51  | 20 |
| 3. Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 14 | 8  | 2 | 4  | 452 : 396 | 56  | 18 |
| 4. Telekom Veszprém HC          | 14 | 8  | 1 | 5  | 449 : 423 | 26  | 17 |
| 5. FC Porto                     | 14 | 4  | 3 | 7  | 375 : 408 | -33 | 11 |
| 6. SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 14 | 4  | 2 | 8  | 381:401   | -20 | 10 |
| 7. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 14 | 4  | 0 | 10 | 415 : 470 | -55 | 8  |
| 8. HC Motor                     | 14 | 4  | 0 | 10 | 312:371   | -59 | 8  |

### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

@ Barça

@ Paris Saint-Germain HandballW39:40 (19:20)

### TOP SCORERS

Gasper Marguc (SLO) Petar Nenadic (SRB) 53 Yahia Fathy Omar (EGY) 49 Manuel Strlek (CRO) 45 Kentin Mahe (FRA)

### Past achievements

### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 27 Final (4): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19

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

Ouarter-finals (10): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07,

2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2020/21

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

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2008, Finalists 1997 SEHA-league: 2 titles (2015, 2016)

Hungarian league: 26 titles (1985-86, 1992-1995, 1997-99, 2001-06, 2008-17, 2019) Hungarian Cup: 28 titles (1984, 1988-1992, 1994-1996, 1998-2000, 2002-05, 2007, 2009-18, 2021)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

47

GOALS Most goals

both teams

GOALS
Most goals

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

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

 Longest winning run
 12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)

 Longest unbeaten run
 12 matches (17.11.2018 – 01.06.2019)

 Longest losing run
 4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)

**Longest run without win** 4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999) 4 matches (28.12.2020 – 09.02.2021)

**Most goals** 47 v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021

**Most goals opponent** 39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007

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

Most goals both teams79 v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021Fewest goals15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995

Fewest goals opponent 13 v SO Chambery FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001 13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

Fewest goals both teams 32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

# I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

|                                 | MP  | W   | T  | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS     | Stage         |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----------|------|---------|---------------|
| 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 | 16  | 10  | 0  | 6  | 509:453   | +56  | 20:12   | Fourth Place  |
| 2020/21 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN | 18  | 12  | 2  | 4  | 583:511   | +72  | 26:10   | Quarter-final |
| 2021/22 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN | 14  | 8   | 1  | 5  | 449:423   | +26  | 17:11   | Play-offs     |
| Total:                          | 326 | 218 | 17 | 91 | 9589:8650 | +939 | 453:199 |               |





# Momir Ilic

- former Serbian international, who took over from David Davis at the helm of Veszprém in summer of 2021
- ended playing career in 2019 after spending the last six seasons at Veszprém; previously played for Kiel and Gummersbach in Germany, and Velenje in Slovenia
- won CL two times with Kiel, in 2010 and 2012
- played 11 years for the national team and helped Serbia win silver at their home EHF EURO in 2012
- joined the management of Veszprém after his retirement as a player, now getting his first opportunity as head coach

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012 EURO: S 2012 (all as player)

### Arrivals during the season

Krisztian Istvan Mikler (HUN) Andrej Pergel (youth)

### Departures during the season

Mark Daniel Bodor

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

| No.         | First name     | Surname        | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth  | Height | Weight         |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| 2           | Dejan          | Manaskov       | MKD  | Left Wing   | 26/08/1992    | Veles, MKD      | 182    | 86             |
| 5           | Yahia Khaled   | Fathy Omar     | EGY  | Right Back  | 09/09/1997    | Giza, EGY       | 197    | 97             |
| 12          | Rodrigo        | Corrales Rodal | ESP  | Goalkeeper  | 24/01/1991    | Cangas, ESP     | 200    | 104            |
| 13          | Petar          | Nenadic        | SRB  | Left Back   | 28/06/1986    | Beograd, SRB    | 198    | 97             |
| 15          | Jorge          | Maqueda Peno   | ESP  | Right Back  | 06/02/1988    | Toledo, ESP     | 197    | 102            |
| 16          | Vladimir       | Cupara         | SRB  | Goalkeeper  | 19/02/1994    | Belgrade, SRB   | 199    | 116            |
| 17          | Andrej         | Pergel         | HUN  | Left Back   | 18/06/2003    | Zenta, SRB      | 197    | 84             |
| 18          | Andreas        | Nilsson        | SWE  | Line Player | 12/04/1990    | Trelleborg, SWE | 198    | 130            |
| 23          | Patrik         | Ligetvári      | HUN  | Left Back   | 13/02/1996    | Várpalota, HUN  | 203    | 115            |
| <b>C</b> 24 | Gasper         | Marguc         | SLO  | Right Wing  | 20/08/1990    | Celje, SLO      | 180    | 89             |
| 25          | Rasmus         | Lauge Schmidt  | DEN  | Left Back   | 20/06/1991    | Randers, DEN    | 195    | 102            |
| 26          | Manuel         | Strlek         | CRO  | Left Wing   | 01/12/1988    | Zagrzeb, CRO    | 185    | 86             |
| 27          | Péter          | Lukács         | HUN  | Centre Back | 30/07/2002    | Budapest, HUN   | 190    | 75             |
| 31          | Blaz           | Blagotinsek    | SLO  | Line Player | 17/01/1994    | Celje, SLO      | 203    | 125            |
| 35          | Kentin         | Mahe           | FRA  | Centre Back | 22/05/1991    | Paris, FRA      | 186    | 90             |
| 43          | Zoran          | Ilic           | HUN  | Right Back  | 02/01/2002    | Zenta, SRB      | 197    | 96             |
| 48          | Borisz         | Dörnyei        | HUN  | Right Wing  | 23/07/1999    | Veszprém, HUN   | 184    | 81             |
| 61          | Kristian Istva | n Mikler       | HUN  | Goalkeeper  | 05/01/2002    | Budapest, HUN   | 192    | 80             |
| 66          | Mate           | Lekai          | HUN  | Centre Back | 16/06/1988    | Budapest, HUN   | 190    | 92             |
| 77          | Márk           | Bodor          | ROU  | Left Back   | 23/02/2000    | Sighisoara, ROU | 201    | <del>106</del> |
| 88          | Adrián         | Sipos          | HUN  | Line Player | 08/03/1990    | Szombathely, HU | IN 198 | 106            |



### **Rodrigo Corrales**

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### Goalkeeper

- joined Veszprém in 2020 after three season with PSG in France
- came through youth ranks of Barça and first joined the A team in 2009, gaining his first Champions League experience in November 2011
- in 2014, he moved to Wisla Plock, which was coached by then Spanish national team coach Manolo Cadenas and he made his debut for Spain the same year

OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; WCh: B 2021



### **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 Veszprém in 2019
- won the SEHA-League in his first season at the club and made it to the EHF FINAL4
- scored 56 goals in his second CL season, in 2020/21
- was top scorer for Egypt with 11 goals in historic WCh 2021 quarter-final against Denmark, which the eventual world champions won in a 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 saw 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**





### 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 Celje in his native Slovenia
- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012

WCh: B 2017



### Jorge Maqueda



### @maqueda15

### 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, 2022, B 2014



### **Gasper Marguc**



### @gaspermarguc

- Right wing
- came to Veszprém in 2014 from Celje, where he had played since 2009
- scored 60 goals in CL 2020/21 season; his best season was 2015/16, with 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 IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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

All matches of the EHF Champions League Men 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 points won.

### **GROUP PHASE**

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved:
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match of the two teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved; b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in the group phase matches
- g) greater number of points in the group phase
- \* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.
- \* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

### **QUARTER-FINALS**

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.



# HISTORY

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 PLAY-OFFS

# **I CURRENT TOP SCORERS**



74 goals Dika Mem Barça

| Rank | Player                           | Club                         | Goals |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1    | Dika Mem (FRA)                   | Barça                        | 74    |
| 2    | Tobias Schjølberg Grøndahl (NOR) | Elverum Handball             | 67    |
|      | Raul Nantes (BRA)                | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 67    |
| 4    | Aleix Gómez (ESP)                | Barça                        | 66    |
| 5    | Felix Claar (SWE)                | Aalborg Håndbold             | 65    |
| 6    | Mikkel Hansen (DEN)              | Paris Saint-Germain Handball | 63    |
| 7    | Niclas Ekberg (SWE)              | THW Kiel                     | 63    |
| 8    | Timur Dibirov (RUS)              | HC Vardar 1961               | 61    |
|      | Mikita Vailupau (BLR)            | HC Meshkov Brest             | 60    |
| 10   | Ivan Cupic (CRO)                 | HC PPD Zagreb                | 59    |
| 11   | Lukas Sandell (SWE)              | Aalborg Håndbold             | 56    |
| 12   | Bence Bánhidi (HUN)              | Pick Szeged                  | 56    |
| 13   | Gasper Marguc (SLO)              | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 56    |
| 14   | Hampus Wanne (SWE)               | SG Flensburg-Handewitt       | 55    |
|      | Dominik Mathe (HUN)              | Elverum Handball             | 55    |
| 16   | Julien Bos (FRA)                 | Montpellier HB               | 53    |
| 17   | Petar Nenadic (SRB)              | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 53    |
|      | Eric Johansson (SWE)             | Elverum Handball             | 53    |
| 19   | Sindre Heldal (NOR)              | Elverum Handball             | 52    |
| 20   | Dylan Nahi (FRA)                 | Lomza Vive Kielce            | 52    |
|      | Kristian Björnsen (NOR)          | Aalborg Håndbold             | 51    |
| 22   | Alex Dujshebaev (ESP)            | Lomza Vive Kielce            | 51    |
| 23   | Valentin Ghionea (ROU)           | C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti        | 51    |
|      | Aidenas Malasinskas (LTU)        | HC Motor                     | 51    |
| 25   | Mario Sostaric (SLO)             | Pick Szeged                  | 50    |
| 26   | Yahia Fathy Omar (EGY)           | Telekom Veszprém HC          | 49    |

# | PAST WINNERS

| Year | Club                     | Nation |
|------|--------------------------|--------|
| 2021 | Barça                    | ESP    |
| 2020 | THW Kiel                 | GER    |
| 2019 | HC Vardar                | MKD    |
| 2018 | Montpellier HB           | FRA    |
| 2017 | HC Vardar                | MKD    |
| 2016 | Vive Tauron Kielce       | POL    |
| 2015 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 2014 | SG Flensburg-Handewitt   | GER    |
| 2013 | HSV Hamburg              | GER    |
| 2012 | THW Kiel                 | GER    |
| 2011 | FC Barcelona Borges      | ESP    |
| 2010 | THW Kiel                 | GER    |
| 2009 | BM Ciudad Real           | ESP    |
| 2008 | BM Ciudad Real           | ESP    |
| 2007 | THW Kiel                 | GER    |
| 2006 | BM Ciudad Real           | ESP    |
| 2005 | FC Barcelona-Cifec       | ESP    |
| 2004 | RK Celje Pivovarna Laško | SLO    |
| 2003 | Montpellier HB           | FRA    |
| 2002 | SC Magdeburg             | GER    |
| 2001 | Portland San Antonio     | ESP    |
| 2000 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 1999 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 1998 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 1997 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 1996 | FC Barcelona             | ESP    |
| 1995 | Elgorriaga Bidasoa       | ESP    |
| 1994 | TEKA Santander           | ESP    |

# | ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993-2022

| TR | Name of the club                 | MP  | w   | D  | L   | GF:FA      | GD    | P       | NP   | %      |
|----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-------|---------|------|--------|
| 1  | Barça ESP                        | 346 | 263 | 22 | 61  | 10818:9036 | +1782 | 548:144 | (25) | 79,19% |
| 2  | THW Kiel GER                     | 324 | 215 | 23 | 86  | 9827:8770  | +1057 | 453:195 | (24) | 69,91% |
| 3  | Telekom Veszprém HC HUN          | 326 | 218 | 17 | 91  | 9589:8650  | +939  | 453:199 | (26) | 69,48% |
| 4  | SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER       | 248 | 145 | 21 | 82  | 7137:6711  | +426  | 311:185 | (17) | 62,70% |
| 5  | Montpellier HB FRA               | 246 | 135 | 18 | 93  | 7070:6761  | +309  | 288:204 | (21) | 58,54% |
| 6  | HC PPD Zagreb CRO                | 316 | 124 | 33 | 159 | 8154:8361  | -207  | 281:351 | (28) | 44,20% |
| 7  | Lomza Vive Kielce POL            | 208 | 120 | 17 | 71  | 6249:5965  | +284  | 257:159 | (15) | 61,78% |
| 8  | RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO     | 260 | 117 | 15 | 128 | 7325:7253  | +72   | 249:271 | (23) | 47,88% |
| 9  | Pick Szeged HUN                  | 230 | 111 | 20 | 99  | 6353:6290  | +63   | 242:218 | (19) | 52,61% |
| 10 | Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA | 164 | 110 | 10 | 44  | 4952:4485  | +467  | 230:98  | (11) | 70,12% |
| 11 | BM Atletico Madrid ESP           | 144 | 111 | 5  | 28  | 4502:3803  | +699  | 227:61  | (10) | 78,82% |
| 12 | HC Vardar 1961 MKD               | 186 | 83  | 20 | 83  | 5091:5180  | -89   | 186:186 | (15) | 50,00% |
| 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 | HC Motor UKR                     | 120 | 48  | 11 | 61  | 3394:3511  | -117  | 107:133 | (9)  | 44,58% |
| 20 | Orlen Wisla Plock POL            | 136 | 44  | 11 | 81  | 3594:3833  | -239  | 99:173  | (13) | 36,40% |
| 21 | HC Meshkov Brest BLR             | 142 | 40  | 14 | 88  | 3842:4134  | -292  | 94:190  | (12) | 33,10% |
| 22 | Aalborg Håndbold DEN             | 96  | 38  | 7  | 51  | 2716:2818  | -102  | 83:109  | (7)  | 43,23% |
| 23 | HBC Nantes FRA                   | 72  | 35  | 12 | 25  | 2110:2021  | +89   | 82:62   | (4)  | 56,94% |
| 24 | HC Metalurg MKD                  | 102 | 35  | 6  | 61  | 2516:2718  | -202  | 76:128  | (10) | 37,26% |
| 25 | Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI        | 106 | 31  | 9  | 66  | 2966:3133  | -167  | 71:141  | (11) | 33,49% |
| 29 | FC Porto POR                     | 64  | 25  | 8  | 31  | 1729:1779  | -50   | 58:70   | (5)  | 45,31% |
| 30 | CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU          | 64  | 25  | 5  | 34  | 1835:1930  | -95   | 55:73   | (6)  | 42,97% |
| 31 | Elverum Handball NOR             | 84  | 23  | 8  | 53  | 2309:2540  | -231  | 54:114  | (7)  | 32,14% |

### 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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RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005

### 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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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
- 47 Telekom Veszprém HC HUN v C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti ROU 47:32W (h), 02.12.2021

82

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)

### 11

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

### 32

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

Kolding KIF DEN vs RK Partizan Belgrad

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

PGE Vive Kielce POL vs Barca Lassa ESP

- 2nd half 36:42 (15:18), 24.11.2018

HC Metalurg MKD @ THW Kiel GER - 1st

half 35:16 (17:3), 15.02.2015

### 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

 ${\bf 26}\,$  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

### 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 Kolding IF DEN @ TEKA Santander ESP 1st half 28:16 (16:4), 25.01.1995
- 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
- 4 FC Porto POR @ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA 1st half 33:19 (18:4), 18.11.2021

### 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

### 22

Barça (21.09.2019 - 28.12.2020)

### Longest winning run

- 20 BM Ciudad Real (23.10.2005 24.02.2007)
- 13 BM Ciudad Real (31.05.2009 03.04.2010)
- **12** FC Barcelona Intersport (24.04.2011 12.02.2012)
- 12 Telekom Veszprém HC (17.11.2018 01.06.2019)

### 22

Barça (21.09.2019 – 28.12.2020)

### Longest unbeaten run

- 20 BM Ciudad Real (23.10.2005 24.02.2007)
- **18** KS Vive Tauron Kielce (15.11.2015 15.10.2016)
- **17** THW Kiel (22.10.2011 11.10.2012)
- 16 FC Barcelona (24.01.1996 16.03.1997)

### 15

HC PPD Zagreb (01.03.2020 - 04.03.2021)

### Longest losing run

- **12** AS Conversano 2003 (11.10.2003 13.11.2004)
- 12 MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica (12.10.2003 11.11.2006)
- **12** HC 'Granitas-Karys' (01.10.2005 22.11.2008)
- 12 RK Partizan (01.10.2011 07.10.2012)

### Longest run without a win

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Wacker Thun (21.09.2013 - 29.11.2018)

- 16 TATRAN Presov (16.11.2008 10.10.2015)
- **15** HC PPD Zagreb (01.03.2020 04.03.2021)
- 13 Orlen Wisla Plock (25.11.2015 19.10.2016)
- **12** HC Motor (03.03.2019 20.11.2019)

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