

# MEDIA GUIDE

# EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2023/24 Quarter-Finals

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# I WELCOME TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

# THE LAST STOP ON THE ROAD TO HAMBURG

With the quarter-finals coming up, the EHF European League Men is only one step away from the final destination of its 2023/24 season. Eight teams are still on board, but only four of them will be able to complete their journey at the EHF Finals Men 2024 at the Barclays Arena in Hamburg on 25/26 May.

The current season saw a significant change in the playing format, as the number of participants (after qualification) was raised from 24 to 32. Following the group matches, the main round, and the playoffs, the competition is now down to the quarter-finals – just like in previous seasons. With four spots at the EHF Finals at stake, the quarter-finals on 23 and 30 April will provide handball fans across the globe with two more Tuesday nights full of thrilling action. Who will book their ticket to Hamburg?

# EIGHT TEAMS PLAY FOR FOUR EHF FINALS BERTHS

Germany, the host nation of the EHF Finals, lost one contender in the play-offs but is still represented by no less than three teams – and they are avoiding each other in the quarter-finals.

Defending champions Füchse Berlin were forced to go through the play-off round and now have a mouth-watering matchup in prospect against French side HBC Nantes, who advanced directly from the main round. Former EHF Champions League winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt take on IK Sävehof, the team from Sweden that eliminated TSV Hannover-Burgdorf in the previous phase. And Rhein-Neckar Löwen, who hosted the inaugural EHF Finals three years ago, hope to return to the season-ending highlight as they face strong opposition from Portuguese side Sporting CP.

The only quarter-final with no German participation features two recent EHF Champions League contenders, as Dinamo Bucuresti from Romania aim for their first EHF Finals berth when they cross swords with the last team standing from Denmark, Skjern Håndbold.

This staggering lineup guarantees handball fans in the arenas and across the globe of two more exciting Tuesday nights with four tightly contested pairings as the EHF European League will once again live up to its billing: *ALL IN – Greatness is earned*.

Enjoy the quarter-finals!

EHF Media & Communications Team



# | ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED

# 2023/24 SEASONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

In the build-up to 2023/24, a new seasonal campaign for the EHF European League was launched. The campaign's pay-off 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' underlines that success in the EHF European League can only come through hard work, dedication, and relentless effort.

The central idea behind the campaign is that there are no givens in the EHF European League. Only the players and teams who are willing to go *all in* will be able to *earn greatness*. 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' highlights the work ethic of the players, who are pushing themselves to the limit each week in pursuit of glory. It inspires players and fans alike to embrace the journey that comes with striving for greatness. It also showcases the league as one of Europe's top-level competitions.

A <u>promo video</u> produced by Infront and the media team of EHF Marketing GmbH features the dynamic brushstroke element first introduced for the EHF Finals 2023 and emphasises the hard work a player has to deliver – on and off the court – in order to succeed.

The campaign also includes key visuals with the same brushstroke and the 'ALL IN' design element. The official hashtag of the campaign is #Allin.



# I STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

### BE PART OF THE #EHFEL COMMUNITY

Social media, app, newsletter – fans have the opportunity to follow the EHF European League Men and their favourite teams in the play-offs on multiple digital channels.

# FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Join the conversation and engage with the EHFEL family on social media. The EHF European League accounts give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news.

In addition to dedicated EHF European League channels on Facebook (<u>EHF European League</u>), X (formerly known as Twitter, <u>@ehfel\_official</u>) and Instagram (<u>@ehfel\_official</u>), fans can also check out the Home of Handball channels on YouTube (<u>The Home of Handball</u>), Twitch (<u>HomeofHandball</u>) and TikTok (<u>@homeofhandball</u>).

### DOWNLOAD THE HOME OF HANDBALL APP

In 2021, the EHF launched its very first dedicated mobile app. The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from clubs as well as national teams – under one roof.

The app allows for each user and all fans of the EHF European League to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

Click here to download the Home of Handball App.

# SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Make sure all the latest EHF European League news and more comes right to you by signing up for the Home of Handball newsletter!

The weekly round-up of everything that is happening in Europe's major club and national team competitions will land right in your inbox and will be ready for you at your convenience.

Click here to subscribe to the Home of Handball Newsletter.

# I TUNE IN TO EHFTV - FREE, LIVE AND ON DEMAND

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, <u>EHFTV</u> (ehftv.com) has established itself over the past seasons as the meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF European League and other EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sports market.

# THE BEST HANDBALL CONTENT - FOR FREE

The general approach of EHFTV remains the same; offering the best handball content without charge. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. The registration gives handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal, such as our Handball Originals content, which features our <u>exclusive documentary "Dare to Rise</u>". Since 2020, EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action is accessible any time and from anywhere.

# PERSONALISED CONTENT FOR REGISTERED ACCOUNTS

Once fans enter their EHFTV account, they find an adapted filter menu, with improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise it to their favourite competitions and/or clubs directly on their registered account. These features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball footage in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF European League, wherever and whenever it is played. It's time for more handball – join EHFTV!



# I WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE - WHEREVER YOU ARE

Handball fans across the globe will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Men 2023/24 quarter-finals – no matter where they are. Broadcasters in over 25 countries across the continent have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition approaches its final destination: the EHF Finals Men 2024 at the Barclays Arena in Hamburg on 25/26 May. Europe's broadcasters will be transmitting all the excitement and drama from the EHF European League to the homes of the many fans, backed up by streamed coverage on <u>EHFTV</u>, EHF's on-demand platform.





# COMPETITION

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Playing system diagram

**EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN** Playing system and dates 2023/24 SEASON





# **1 FORMER WINNER, 6 NATIONS, 8 TEAMS, AND 10,017 FANS**

# FACTS & FIGURES: IMPORTANT NUMBERS BEFORE THE QUARTER-FINALS

After the thrilling play-offs, the EHF European League Men is ready for the quarter-finals as the eight remaining teams face the last step on the road to the EHF Finals Men 2024 at the Barclays Arena in Hamburg on 25/26 May.

Here are interesting facts & figures before the quarter-finals throw off:

**0** national derbies take place in the quarter-finals, even though three teams from the same country (Germany) are involved.

**0** play-off matches ended in a draw.

1 quarter-final pairing has also been a knockout tie in a previous EL season: HBC Nantes and Füchse Berlin met in the 2021/22 play-offs, with the French side advancing to the quarter-finals.

former EHF Champions League winner is part of the quarter-finals: SG Flensburg-Handewitt (2014).

**1** of the three German teams in the play-offs failed to make the quarter-finals: TSV Hannover-Burgdorf lost against IK Sävehof.

**1** participant of the EHF Finals 2023 is still part of the competiton this season: defending champions Füchse Berlin; runners-up Fraikin BM. Granollers lost in qualification, Frisch Auf Göppingen are not playing in Europe, and Montpellier HB are back in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League.

**1** quarter-finalist started their EL season in the qualification round: Rhein-Neckar Löwen.

**1** play-off match featured more than 70 goals, when Dinamo Bucuresti defeated Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 37:34.

**2** quarter-finalists played in the CL last season: Dinamo and Nantes. **2** goals was the smallest winning margin in a play-off match, when Löwen beat RK Nexe 31:29.

2 play-off matches were attended by more than 3,000 spectators – both legs of Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Füchse: 3,500 fans were in the BBC Arena; 4,717 in the Max-Schmeling-Halle.

**3** teams won both legs in the play-offs: Dinamo, Füchse, and Löwen.

quarter-finalists also played in the EL quarter-finals last season: Flensburg, Füchse, and Sporting.

4 teams that won their respective group in the main round skipped the play-offs and advanced to the quarter-finals directly: Nantes, Skjern Håndbold, Flensburg, and Sporting.

4 quarter-finalists have played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Nantes, Flensburg, Berlin and Löwen.

4 times in the eight play-off matches, fans saw 60 or more goals; 73 matches since the start of the group matches had 60 or more goals.

**5** goals was the smallest aggregate margin in the play-offs, when Sävehof beat Hannover 64:59.



quarter-finalists have won a European trophy in the past: Skjern, Sävehof, Flensburg, Füchse, Löwen, and Sporting.

6 nations are represented in the quarter-finals: Germany (with three teams), Denmark, France, Portugal, Romania, and Sweden (with one team each); 19 nations were represented by the 32 teams when the competition started with the group matches last October. 9 goals was the biggest winning margin in a playoff match, when Sävehof beat Hannover 34:25.

9 different teams have played at the three EHF Finals events so far since the 2020/21 season.

> goals made Sävehof's Gustaf Wedberg the best scorer in the play-offs.

43 was the lowest number of goals in a play-off match, when Löwen won 24:19 at RK Nexe.

52 goals was the most by a team in an EL match this season, when Dinamo beat Izvidac 52:24.

71 was the highest number of goals in a play-off match, when Dinamo beat Bjerringbro 37:34; the best mark for the EL season so far is 78 goals, when Flensburg beat Schaffhausen 46:32.

77 goals make Dinamo's Andrii Akimenko the EL top scorer since the start of the group matches.

470 goals in total were scored in the four playoffs ties: 123 at Hannover vs Sävehof; 122 at both Dinamo vs Bjerringbro and Kadetten vs Füche; and 103 at Nexe vs Löwen.

10,017 fans in the XXL Arena for Nantes vs Löwen in the group matches is the highest attendance figure for an EL match so far this season.

15/06/2007

**Rafael Vasconcelos** Sporting CP



172 cm

**Philip Jakobsen** Skjern Håndbold

# SHORTEST

YOUNGEST

Philip Jakobsen	DEN	Skjern Håndbold	172
Tim Freihöfer	GER	Füchse Berlin	174
Alex Pascual	ESP	Dinamo Bucuresti	175
Sebastian Spante	SWE	IK Sävehof	176
Morten Troelsen	DEN	Skjern Håndbold	176
Baptiste Damatrin	FRA	HBC Nantes	177
Arvid Uusvoog	SWE	IK Sävehof	178
João Gomes	POR	Sporting CP	178
Gustaf Wedberg	SWE	IK Sävehof	178
René Rasmussen	DEN	Skjern Håndbold	179
Mathias Rasmussen	DEN	Skjern Håndbold	180
Arnór Snær Óskarsson	ISL	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	180
August Pedersen	NOR	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	180
Andrei Negru	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	180
Sebastian Durlanu	SWE	IK Sävehof	181
Natán Suárez	ESP	Sporting CP	181

# OLDEST



FÜCHSE

01/00/1301

Hans Lindberg Füchse Berlin

Hans Lindberg	DEN
Valero Rivera	ESP
Marko Kopljar	CRO
Tim Winkler	DEN
Uwe Gensheimer	GER
Victor Kireev	RUS
Jorge Maqueda	ESP
Lasse Mikkelsen	DEN
Tobias Reichmann	GER
Leonel Maciel	ARG
Ivan Pesic	CRO
Tobias Johansson	SWE
Kevin Møller	DEN
Patrick Groetzki	GER
René Rasmussen	DEN
Mikael Appelgren	SWE

N	Füchse Berlin	01/08/1981
<b>b</b>	HBC Nantes	22/02/1985
C	Füchse Berlin	12/02/1986
۱.	Skjern Håndbold	14/ <b>02/1</b> 986
2	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	26/10/1986
5	Füchse Berlin	05/05/1987
<b>b</b>	HBC Nantes	06/02/1988
۱.	Skjern Håndbold	19/05/1988
2	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	27/05/1988
G	Sporting CP	04/01/1989
C	HBC Nantes	17/03/1989
E	IK Sävehof	08/04/1989
۱.	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	20/06/1989
2	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	04/07/1989
۱.	Skjern Håndbold	29/08/1989
E	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	06/09/1989



210 cm

Alin Cozmaciuc Dinamo Bucuresti

# TALLEST

Alin Cozmaciuc	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	210
Marko Kopljar	CRO	Füchse Berlin	210
Calin Dedu	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	207
Viachaslau Bokhan	BLR	Dinamo Bucuresti	206
Max Beneke	GER	Füchse Berlin	205
Thibaud Briet	FRA	HBC Nantes	205
Philipp Ahouansou	GER	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	204
Viktor Hallgrímsson	ISL	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	203
Miklós Rosta	HUN	Dinamo Bucuresti	203
Dan Racotea	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	203
Ante Kuduz	ROU	Dinamo Bucuresti	203
Blaz Blagotinsek	SLO	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	203
Andreas Holst	DEN	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	202
Mijajlo Marsenic	SRB	Füchse Berlin	202
Marko Milosavljevic	SRB	HBC Nantes	201
Alexandre Cavalcanti	POR	HBC Nantes	201

# AGE AVERAGE

Dinamo Bucuresti	27.5
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	26.3
Skjern Håndbold	25.6
Sporting CP	25.6
EHF European League quarter-final teams	25.3
HBC Nantes	25.2
Füchse Berlin	25.0
Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24.7
IK Sävehof	22.2

# HEIGHT AVERAGE

Dinamo Bucuresti	195.0
Füche Berlin	192.3
Rhein-Neckar Löwen	192.1
HBC Nantes	191.9
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	191.8
EHF European League quarter-final teams	191.3
Skjern Håndbold	190.8
Sporting CP	188.7
IK Sävehof	188.4

# I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BOTH TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches of the EHF European League 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.

#### PLAY-OFFS AND QUARTER-FINALS

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs 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) penalty throws

#### RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players 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 perform 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 the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, 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.

- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.

- 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 court

- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



# PARINGS

# DINAMO BUCURESTI VS SKJERN HÅNDBOLD



1st leg: Tuesday 23 April at 18:45 CEST, Bucharest (ROU) 2nd leg: Tuesday 30 April at 18:45 CEST, Skjern (DEN)



- Dinamo Bucuresti face Danish opposition for the second straight time, after they defeated Bjerringbro-Silkeborg twice in the play-offs: 37:34 and 27:24.
- The Romanian side have lost against only two teams this season, but did so both home and away – against Füchse Berlin in the group matchs, and against Sporting CP in the main round.
- Along those four defeats, Dinamo won their other eight matches.
- Dinamo are in their first European quarter-final in 16 years; in 2007/08, they went on to reach the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup.
- Andrii Akimenko scored 12 times for Dinamo in the play-offs as the Ukrainian right wing raised his total for the season to a competition-leading 77.
- With 129 saves, Vladimir Cupara is third in the goalkeeper standings.
- Dinamo hold the record for most goals scored in a match this season: 52 in the group match against Izvidac (52:24).

• Skjern Håndbold finished runners-up to RK Nexe in the group matches before winning their main round group, ahead of IK Sävehof, to skip the play-offs.

- The Danish side have seven wins from their 10 matches so far this season.
- Skjern return to the quarter-finals of a European competition for the first time in six years; in 2017/18, they reached this stage in the EHF Champions League.
- The group phase of that same season marked the last time Skjern and Dinamo met, with the Danish side clearly winning both duels: 39:28 and 36:23.
- Last season, Skjern missed the EL quarter-finals following a Last 16 defeat against Füchse Berlin, who then went on to win the title.
- Contrary to opponents Dinamo, the Danish outfit have won European trophies in the past: Skjern took the Callenge Cup twice more than two decades ago.
- Skjern top scorer Viktor Bergholt has netted 57 times so far.

# HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

#### Dinamo Bucuresti vs Skjern Håndbold 0-0-2 (51:75) 0:4

 17.09.2017
 Skjern Handbold vs Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
 39:

 09.11.2017
 Dinamo Bucuresti vs Skjern Handbold, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
 23:

39:28 (19:11) 23:36 (8:18)

# QUARTER-FINALS



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#### **Kit colours**

#### Light

Player shirt: white or red Player short: red GK shirt: light white/blue

Dark

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



Playing hall Polyvalent Hall - Ioan Kunst Ghermanescu Soseaua Ștefan cel Mare, nr. 7-9, sector 2, Bucharest, Romania Capacity: 2,500

# **DINAMO BUCURESTI**



#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES:	
vs HC Izvidac	W52:24 (27:7)
@ Chambéry Savoie MBH	W21:28 (9:14)
@ Füchse Berlin	L33:30 (16:11)
vs Füchs Berlin	L32:33 (17:16)
@ HC Izvidac	W24:40 (11:17)
vs Chambéry Savoie MBH	W36:33 (23:14)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP G:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Füchse Berlin	6	6	0	0	194:160	(+34)	12
2. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	4	0	2	218:168	(+50)	8
3. Chambéry Savoie MBH	6	2	0	4	181:181	(0)	4
4. HC Izvidac	6	0	0	6	150:234	(-84)	0

MAIN ROUND:	
② Sporting CP	L35:33 (17:18)
vs CSM Constanta	W33:23 (16:10)
@ CSM Constanta	W25:33 (11:16)
vs Sporting CP	L27:31 (11:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP IV:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Sporting CP	6	5	0	1	192:176	(+16)	10
2. Füchse Berlin	6	4	0	2	192:186	(+6)	8
3. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	2	0	4	188:180	(+8)	4
4. CSM Constanta	6	1	0	5	165:195	(-30)	2

#### PLAY-OFFS: vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg

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W37:34 (18:16) W24:27 (8:16)

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Andrii Akimenko (UKR)772. Miklós Rosta (HUN)493. Ali Zein (EGY)444. Lazar Kukic (SRB)425. Stanislav Kasparek (CZE)35

#### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2 Group phase (1): 2020/21

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Last 16 (1): 2019/20 Play-offs (1): 2022/23 Group phase (5): 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2021/22 **EHF Cup** Semi-finals (1): 2003/04 Last 16 (2): 2001/02, 2004/05 **Cup Winners' Cup** Quarter-finals (1): 2002/03 **Challenge Cup** Runners-up (1): 2000/01 Semi-finals (1): 2007/08 **City Cup** Semi-finals (1): 1999/2000

Romanian league: 19 titles (1959-62, 1964-66, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2016-19, 2021-23) Romanian cup: 7 titles (1979, 1982, 1988, 2017, 2020-22)





#### XAVI PASCUAL Coach

- legendary Spanish coach, who joined Dinamo in 2021 after 12 highly successful seasons at the helm of Barça and winning more than 60 trophies, including three CL titles
- led Dinamo to the CL play-offs in his second season in charge
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the Spanish club before taking over as head coach in 2009
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's success (7 out of 7) in 1999/2000
- also led the Romanian national team since 2021 (after earlier stint in 2016-18) but they parted ways after EHF EURO 2024

CL: 2011, 2015, 2021 (as coach)

### **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Cedric Sorhaindo (Besiktas/TUR)

# **TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/02/1994	Belgrade, SRB	199
2	Tudor Bogdan	Bugulet	ROU	Right Wing	02/03/2001	Vaslui, ROU	192
3	Aleksandar	Cenic	ESP	Right Back	11/01/2003	Leskovac, SRB	100
5	Calin	Dedu	ROU	Line Player	21/10/2002	Labruge, POR	207
7	Dan Emil	Racotea	ROU	Left Back	21/07/1995	Ramnicu Sarat, ROU	203
16	Alin	Cozmaciuc	ROU	Goalkeeper	26/09/2004	Hunedoara, ROU	210
18	Ionut Daniel	Alecu	ROU	Right Wing	04/07/2005	Bucharest, ROU	190
23	Saeid	Heidarirad	ROU	Goalkeeper	22/09/1990	Khorramabad, IRI	194
24	Nicusor Andrei	Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24/05/1994	Resita, ROU	180
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05/07/1993	Ogulin, CRO	181
28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13/02/2000	Vigo , ESP	175
34	Lazar	Kukic	SRB	Centre Back	12/12/1995	Belgrade, SRB	188
37	Stanislav	Kasparek	CZE	Right Back	11/06/1996	Prerov, CZE	200
44	Daniel	Stanciuc	ROU	Centre Back	07/03/2004	Suceava, ROU	196
45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/02/1999	Györ, HUN	203
47	Ante	Kuduz	ROU	Left Back	11/04/1995	Osijek, CRO	202
51	Javier	Humet Gaminde	ROU	Right Back	22/01/1990	Zaragoza, ESP	196
55	Andrii	Akimenko	UKR	Right Wing	12/06/1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	190
74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	07/04/1996	Navapolatsk, BLR	206
90	Ali Ismail Mohan	ned Zeinelabedin Ali	EGY	Left Back	14/12/1990	Giza, EGY	199
94	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	04/01/1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196
<del>99</del>	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07/06/1984	La Trinite, FRA	<del>- 192</del>



### **VLADIMIR CUPARA**

#### Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who joined Dinamo in 2023 after four seasons with Veszprém
- started career at Red Star Belgrade in 2012; moved abroad three years later to join Ademar Léon in Spain (2015-18) and later Kielce in Poland (2018/19)
- debuted for Serbia national team in 2016; played his fourth EHF EURO in 2024
- also competed in beach handball in the early days of his career



### LUKA CINDRIC

#### Centre back

- joined Dinamo in the summer of 2023 after four successful years at Barça including two under his current coach at Dinamo, Xavi Pascual; also played one season in Kielce
- won CL with Vardar in 2017 after scoring last-second winner in semi against Barça
- won two more CL trophies with Barça; voted CL All-star centre back in 2020/21
- key member of Croatian national team, scoring over 200 goals for them

CL: 2017, 2021, 2022 EURO: S 2020, B 2016



# **MIKLÓS ROSTA**

#### Line player

- arrived at Dinamo in the summer of 2023 from Szeged in his native Hungary
- born in Györ, he played for Tatabánya (2015-19) before moving to Szeged in 2019
- stems from a true handball family: his father Miklós and uncle Istvan were both national team players for Hungary
- Hungarian Player of the Year in 2022, after Szeged won second league title in a row



# **ANDRII AKIMENKO**

#### **Right wing**

- Ukrainian international, who arrived at Dinamo in 2022 from Polish side Azoty-Pulawy
- scored 73 goals for Dinamo in CL 2022/23, his first season in Europe's top flight
- leading scorer of EL 2023/24 after the play-offs, with 77 goals
- started career at ZRT in his native Zaporozhye; got first European experience there in the Challenge Cup 2013/14



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#### Kit colours

Light Player shirt: green Player short: black GK shirt: light blue

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# **SKJERN HÅNDBOLD**



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#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES:	
@ RK Nexe	L39:25 (20:10)
vs MKS Povazska Bystrica	W42:22 (21:10)
@ ABC de Braga/UMinho	W25:32 (13:16)
vs ABC de Braga/UMinho	W32:25 (15:10)
vs RK Nexe	W33:30 (18:15)
@ MKS Povazska Bystrica	L31:27 (18:16)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP D:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. RK Nexe	6	5	0	1	215:172	(+43)	10
2. Skjern Håndbold	6	4	0	2	191:172	(+19)	8
3. ABC de Braga/UMinho	6	2	0	4	173:188	(-15)	4
4. MKS Povazska Bystrica	6	1	0	5	161:208	(-47)	2

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MAIN ROUND:	
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W45:31 (22:16)
@ IK Sävehof	W27:29 (12:13)
vs IK Sävehof	L33:34 (16:18)
@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W24:29 (14:13)
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP II:	

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Skjern Håndbold	6	4	0	2	194:185	(+9)	8
2. IK Sävehof	6	3	1	2	187:181	(+6)	7
3. RK Nexe	6	3	1	2	187:174	(+13)	7
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	0	2	4	171:199	(-28)	2

#### PLAY-OFFS:

#### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

- 57 1. Viktor Bergholt (DEN) 2. Joaquim Nazaré (POR) 49 3. Alfred Jönsson (SWE) 39 Noah Gaudin (FRA) 39 26 5. Jakob Rasmussen (DEN)

### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3 Last 16 (1): 2022/23 Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

#### **EHF Champions League** Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19 Last 16 (2): 1999/2000, 2003/04 Group Phase (2): 2015/16, 2018/19

**EHF Cup** Semi-finals (2): 2006/07, 2014/15

**Challenge Cup** Winners (2): 2001/02, 2002/03

Danish league: 2 titles (1999, 2018) Danish cup: 3 titles (1999, 2014, 2016)





# MATHIAS MADSEN

Coach

- initially set to become Skjern head coach from the summer of 2024, but stepped in early after the club and Henrik Kronborg parted ways after four years in October 2023
- has signed a contract with Skjern until 2027
- previously worked as assistant and later head coach of the women's team of Ikast Handbold
- a former left back, who played four seasons in the EHF Champions League with Danish sides GOG and Bjerringbro-Silkeborg

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Nikolai Vinther (Skanderborg/DEN) Morten Kirkeby Nielsen (Rækker Mølle/DEN) Jeppe Kruse Bromerholm (Skjern youth/DEN) Tobias Mygind (Rækker Mølle/DEN, was on loan)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Dan Beck-Hansen (Rækker Mølle/DEN)

# **TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Christoffer Ho	offmann Bonde	DEN	Goalkeeper	05/01/1999	Randers, DEN	193
	4	Tobias	Mygind	DEN	Left Back	24/01/2002	DEN	196
	5	Viktor Siersbæk	Bergholt	DEN	Left Wing	30/05/2001	Ringkøbing, DEN	191
	6	Morten Vium	Troelsen	DEN	Right Wing	21/10/1991	Ringkøbing, DEN	176
	7	Senjamin	Buric	BIH	Line Player	20/11/1990	Doboj, BIH	198
	9	Simen Holand	Pettersen	NOR	Left Back	08/04/1998	Tønsberg, NOR	188
	10	Joaquim Rebel	o Vila Nova Nazaré	POR	Right Back	25/07/2001	São Tomé Príncipe, POR	184
	13	Noah Theo An	thony Gaudin	FRA	Left Back	12/06/19992	Hameln, FRA	197
С	14	Emil Siersbæl	Bergholt	DEN	Line Player	25/08/1997	Ringkøbing, DEN	190
	15	Lasse Reinhold	dMikkelsen	DEN	Centre Back	19/05/1988	Brønderslev, DEN	197
	16	Tim Legaard Duu	sWinkler	DEN	Goalkeeper	14/02/1986	Esbjerg, DEN	189
	<del>17</del>	Dan	Beck-Hansen	DEN	Line Player	02/02/1990	Ringkøbing, DEN	<del>-203</del>
	17	Nikolai	Vinther	DEN	Right Wing	14/05/1998	Syddjurs DEN	193
	18	Alfred Joel	Jönsson	SWE	Centre Back	21/02/1998	Cary, USA	193
	19	Lasse Møller	Uth	DEN	Left Wing	10/09/1990	Slagelse, DEN	193
	20	Morten Kirket	oy Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	28/12/1997	Ringkøbing, DEN	200
	21	René Aas Janse	n Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	29/08/1989	Ringkøbing, DEN	179
	22	Jakob	Rasmussen	DEN	Centre Back	04/12/2002	Fredensborg, DEN	184
	25	Eivind	Tangen	NOR	Right Back	04/05/1993	Bergen, NOR	193
	26	Jonathan Mosl	bæk Tønning Würt	z DEN	Centre Back	29/09/1999	Nyborg, DEN	198
	33	Philip Rosenfeld	tJakobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/05/2005	Ringkøbing, DEN	172
	39	Mathias	Rasmussen	DEN	Goalkeeper	04/07/2004	Faxe, DEN	180
	42	Tobias	Fors	NOR	Right Wing	21/09/2004	NOR	
	44	Jeppe Kruse	Bromerholm	DEN	Left Wing	28/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	195
	51	Andreas Mølle	rAndersen	DEN	Line Player	25/10/2005	Herning, DEN	192
	52	Harald	Pedersen	DEN	Line Player	15/04/2004	Varde, DEN	193
	55	Hans Erik	Larsen	DEN	Right Back	12/07/2004	Nyborg, DEN	195
	63	Mads	Bjergfelt	DEN	Centre Back	06/02/2004	Frederiksberg, DEN	196
	73	Mathias Ledgaard	dTroelsen	DEN	Left Wing	29/01/2005	Ringkøbing, DEN	190



#### **VIKTOR BERGHOLT**

#### Left wing

- returned to his youth club Skjern in 2023 to replace experienced left wing Jørgen Rasmussen, who continued his career at lower-level Rækker Mølle
- was Skjern's best scorer after EL 2023/24 main round with 57 goals, including a 13goal outing in the 42:22 win against MKS Povazska Bystrica
- grew up at Skjern but left as a youth player to join Mors-Thy and later TM Tønder
- younger brother of team captain and line player Emil Bergholt



### SIMEN PETTERSEN

#### Left back

- arrived at Skjern in 2022 from Elverum for his first club outside his native Norway, though he had spent a few months on loan with Ivry in France in 2021
- son of former Norway national team coach Gunnar Pettersen
- one of the team's leaders on court, scored 49 times EL 2022/23 season
- made national team debut in 2019, played for Norway at 2020 Olympics



# ALFRED JÖNSSON

#### Centre back

- Swedish international (since 2020), who joined Skjern in 2021 after two seasons with German club TSV Hannover-Burgdorf
- was Skjern's top scorer in EL 2022/23 season, with 71 goals
- started career in Lund and had his debut in the Swedish league at age 17
- made All-star Team and was top scorer (188 goals) of Swedish league in 2018/19

WCh: S 2021



# EMIL BERGHOLT

#### Line player

- team captain, who was Skjern's third-best scorer in EL 2022/23 season with 48 goals
- made national team debut for Denmark in March 2023, but tore ligaments in his knee that same month and only returned to the courts in January 2024
- came through the youth ranks of Skjern and started his senior career there in 2014; then played four seasons for Tønder and Mors-Thy but returned to Skjern in 2021



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# IK SÄVEHOF VS SG FLENSBURG-HANDEWITT



1st leg: Tuesday 23 April at 18:45 CEST, Partille (SWE) 2nd leg: Tuesday 30 April at 18:45 CEST, Flensburg (GER)



- IK Sävehof were the only team to advance from the play-offs after losing the first leg; they lost 34:30 at TSV Hannover-Burgdorf before beating the German side 34:25 at home.
- The Swedish side were undefeated in the group matches, but nearly went out in the main round as only a second-half comeback at RK Nexe saw them advance.
- Sävehof have not been at this stage of a second-tier European club competition before; their biggest triumph is their Challenge Cup win 10 years ago.
- Gustaf Wedberg scored 12 and seven goals, respectively, in the two play-off legs against Hannover as the right wing raised his tally for the season to 71.
- Sävehof have an all-Nordic squad, and apart from a Faroese, an Icelandic, and a Norwegian player, even an all-Swedish squad.
- With an average age of just 22.2 years, Sävehof have by far the youngest squad of the eight quarter-finalists.

- SG Flensburg-Handewitt eased through the main round, winning all four matches by a margin of 10 or more goals.
- Their only defeat this season remains the 25:24 loss at Kadetten Schaffhausen in the group matches.
- The German side have scored 379 goals in their 10 matches so far; four times, they scored over 40 goals, led by the 45:26 against Bjerringbro-Silkeborg.
- Flensburg are the only club in Europe that have won four different EHF trophies: EHF Cup, City Cup, Cup Winners' Cup, and EHF Champions League.
- Last season, Flensburg hosted the EHF Finals but missed out on their home tournament after a surprise loss to Fraikin BM. Granollers in the quarter-finals.
- Flensburg have one Swedish player in their squad: Jim Gottfridsson; sports director Ljubomir Vranjes, who was Flensburg's coach when they won the EHF Champions League in 2014, was born in Sweden.

# HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

#### IK Sävehof vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 1-0-1 (60:61) 2:2

 05.12.2004
 IK Sävehof vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Champions League – Last 16
 34:30 (17:14)

 11.12.2004
 SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Last 16
 31:26 (16:11)

# QUARTER-FINALS



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#### **Kit colours**

#### Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall Partille Arena Arenatorget 2 43338 Partille Sweden Capacity: 4,000

# IK SÄVEHOF



#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES: @ REBI Balonmano Cuenca vs RK Gorenje Velenje vs Pfadi Winterthur @ Pfadi Winterthur vs REBI Balonmano Cuenca @ RK Gorenje Velenje				W30 W42 W29 W40	2:30 (8:14) 6:34 (18:1 1:20 (21:1 9:32 (14:1 0:27 (21:9) 3:28 (12:15	7) 1) 7)	
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP (		W 5		L 0		GD <b>(+47)</b>	PTS <b>11</b>
2. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	2	1	3	182:170	• •	5
3. REBI Balonmano Cuenca	-	2	-	4		· - /	4
4. Pfadi Winterthur	6	2	0	4	163:194	(-31)	4
MAIN ROUND: @ RK Nexe vs Skjern Håndbold @ Skjern Håndbold vs RK Nexe				L27 W3:	:28 (16:13 :29 (12:13 3:34 (16:1 4:38 (17:1	) 8)	
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP I	I:						
				L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Skjern Håndbold 2. IK Sävehof	6	4		2 <b>2</b>	194:185 <b>187:181</b>		8 <b>7</b>
3. RK Nexe					187:181		7
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	0	2	4			2
PLAY-OFFS:				1.2.4	:30 (18:14		

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Gustaf Wedberg (SWE)712. Óli Mittún (FAR)583. Felix Möller (SWE)504. Sebastian Spante (SWE)485. William Andersson (SWE)40

### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3 Last 16 (1): 2021/22 Qualification (1): 2022/23

#### Other

**EHF Champions League** Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2011/12 Group phase (4): 2005/06, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2019/20

#### EHF Cup

Last 16 (1): 2006/07

Challenge Cup Winners (1): 2013/14 Semi-finals: 2002/03

**Swedish league:** 7 titles (2004, 2005, 2010-12, 2019, 2021) **Swedish cup:** 1 title (2022)





#### MICHAEL APELGREN Coach

- former Sävehof player who returned to the club as head coach in 2020, after six years in charge of Elverum
- set to take over at CL club Szeged in Hungary in 2024/25, his first coaching job outside Scandinavia
- also played for Djurgardens, Hammarby, Granollers, Puerto Sagunto, and Elverum, and appeared in the Swedish national team five times
- his grandfather and father were both football players, while his mother played handball

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Tobias Johansson (Redbergslids IK/SWE) Leon Halén (Sävehof youth/SWE)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Marcus Lennernäs (Eskilstuna/SWE)

# **TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Oscar	Sävinger	SWE	Goalkeeper	13/06/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	197
	2	Emil	Johannisson	SWE	Line Player	01/06/2004	Partille, SWE	192
	3	Emil	Berlin	SWE	Right Back	24/02/2001	Göteborg, SWE	188
	5	Olle	Ek	SWE	Centre Back	01/11/1997	Sofia, SWE	186
	6	Adam	Blanche	SWE	Line Player	18/10/2000	Stockholm, SWE	193
	7	Felix	Möller	SWE	Line Player	04/09/2002	Henstedt-Ulzburg, GER	194
	8	Kelvin	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	17/01/2003	Partille, SWE	192
	10	Alexander Ørjevil	Westby	NOR	Left Wing	26/03/1993	Lørenskog, NOR	185
	11	Gustaf	Wedberg	SWE	<b>Right Wing</b>	18/04/1999	Partille, SWE	178
С	12	Simon	Möller	SWE	Goalkeeper	02/07/2000	Eutin, GER	190
	13	Tobias	Johansson	SWE	Right Back	08/04/1989	Partille, SWE	192
	14	Tobias	Trommler	SWE	Line Player	06/07/2004	Partille, SWE	190
	15	Sebastian	Durlanu	SWE	Centre Back	24/05/2004	Göteborg, SWE	181
	16	Arvid	Norén	SWE	Goalkeeper	21702/2004	Göteborg, SWE	195
	17	Sebastian	Spante	SWE	Left Wing	26/07/2000	Haga, SWE	176
	18	Pontus	Brolin	SWE	Left Back	25/12/2000	Kloster, SWE	193
	19	Tryggvi	Þórisson	ISL	Line Player	18/06/2002	Sellfoss, ISL	200
	21	David	Sandberg	SWE	Left Back	10/05/1998	Säve, SWE	197
	<del>22</del>	Alexander	Hambalek	SWE	Centre Back	07/05/2004	Styrstad, SWE	<del>- 182</del>
	23	Leon	Halén	SWE	Left Wing	25/07/2006	Partille, SWE	184
	24	Fabian	Blomberg	SWE	Centre Back	24/10/2006	Barcelona, ESP	184
	25	Malte	Celander	SWE	Right Wing	18/03/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	190
	26	Lowe	Knutsson	SWE	Right Back	26/11/2005	Sävedalen, SWE	184
	27	Johan	Rahm	SWE	Left Wing	25/07/2004	Sävedalen, SWE	182
	<del>28</del>	Marcus	Lennernäs	SWE	Right Back	24/04/2002	Gottsunda, SWE	<del>- 195</del>
	30	Melwin	Kolmskog	SWE	Goalkeeper	09/05/2005	Bromma, SWE	183
	31	William	Andersson Moberg	g SWE	Centre Back	25/03/2000	Partille, SWE	183
	34	Arvid	Uusvoog	SWE	Right Wing	02/08/2005	Partille, SWE	178
	45	Neo	Kollryd	SWE	Left Back	02/10/2004	Åldihem, SWE	195
	78	Óli	Mittún	FAR	Centre Back	10/06/2005	Torshavn, FAR	186



### **SEBASTIAN SPANTE**

#### Left wing

- talented left wing, who joined Sävehof in 2018 from his youth club Stenungsund
- Sävehof's third-best scorer after EL 2023/24 main round with 42 goals, by far his
  personal best for a European season
- playing in the EL for the third straight season, made his international debut with Sävehof in the CL 2019/20 season
- became Swedish champion with Sävehof in 2019 and 2021



# ÓLI MITTÚN

Centre back

- one of Faroe Islands' biggest talents; cousin of fellow internationals and brothers Elias and Rói Ellefsen á Skipagøtu
- his brother Pauli is also an international; sister Jana features in the Danish league
- initially also played football, but ultimately choose handball as his sport
- top scorer of M18 EHF EURO 2022 with 80 goals, and 2023 Youth WCh with 87 goals; part of senior Faroe Islands national team that made EHF EURO debut in 2024



# FELIX MÖLLER

#### Line player

- Swedish international, who came through the youth ranks of Sävehof and had his senior debut for the club in 2019; was included in Sävehof's CL 2019/20 squad
- his breakthrough season was 2020/21, when Sävehof won the Swedish league title
- made national team debut in November 2021 and won EHF EURO two months later, but was not part of the Swedish team that won bronze at EHF EURO 2024
- was born in Germany, where his father Peter played for Hamburg at that time

EURO: G 2022



# **GUSTAF WEDBERG**

#### **Right wing**

- grew up at S\u00e4vehof and returned to his youth club in the summer of 2023 after right wing Sebastian Karlsson left S\u00e4vehof to join Montpellier HB
- also played for IFK Skövde and, from 2021 until 2023, IF Hallby
- scored 19 goals in the two EL 2023/24 play-off matches against TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, making him Sävehof's best scorer going into the quarter-finals with 71 goals





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



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# SG FLENSBURG-F



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#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES:	
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W46:32 (25:11)
@ HC Lovcen-Cetinje	W19:35 (12:15)
@ Elverum Handball	W32:33 (13:13)
vs Elverum Handball	W38:35 (19:15)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	L25:24 (15:16)
vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje	W42:19 (24:8)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP E

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. SG Flensburg-Handwitt	6	5	0	1	218:162	(+56)	10
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	4	0	2	181:183	(-2)	8
3. Elverum Handball	6	3	0	3	192:181	(+11)	6
4. HC Lovcen-Cetinje	6	0	0	6	141:206	(-65)	0

	MAIN ROUND: vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg @ Vojvodina vs Vojvodina @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg					W38:28 (21:11) W26:36 (13:14) W42:30 (20:16) W26:45 (17:19)				
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP III:										
		MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS		
	<b>1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt</b>	6	5	0	1	231:267	(+64)	10		
	2. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	6	3	0	3	178:197	(-19)	6		
	3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	2	0	4	168:188	(-20)	4		
	4. Vojvodina	6	2	0	4	155:180	(-25)	4		

#### PLAY-OFFS:

#### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

- 1. Lasse Møller (DEN) 51 2. August Pedersen (NOR) 46 2. Lukas Jørgensen (DEN) 43 4. Johannes Golla (GER) 38 35
- 5. Emil Jakobsen (DEN)
# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

**EHF European League** Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League Winners (1): 2013/14 Runners-up (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

#### **EHF Cup** Winners (1): 1996/97

Cup Winners' Cup Winners (2): 2000/01, 2011/12

**City Cup** Winners (1): 1998/1999

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





## NICOLEJ KRICKAU Coach

- Danish coach, who arrived in Flensburg in the summer of 2023 from GOG, taking with him Simon Pytlick - the MVP of the EHF Excellence Awards 2022/23 - and Lukas Jørgensen
- former centre back, who ended his playing career in 2007 due • to injury after just three seasons with Skanderborg Håndbold
- started working as a youth coach at Skanderborg, took over the senior team in 2013, before joining GOG four years later
- known for his ability to develop young players

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Rune Magnus Hauenstein (Flensburg youth/GER) Oskar Czertowicz (Flensburg youth/GER) Arv Jendre Kinsky (Flensburg youth/GER) Frederik Adam (Flensburg youth/GER) Philipp Sekowski (Flensburg youth/GER) Adrian Westphalen (Flensburg youth/GER) Boris Zivkovic (Azotv-Pulawv/POL)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No. First name Sur		Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Benjamin	Buric	BIH	Goalkeeper	20/11/1990	Doboj, BIH	196
	2	Simon Bogetoft	Pytlick	DEN	Left Back	11/12/2000	Svendborg, DEN	193
С	4	Johannes	Golla	GER	Line Player	05/11/1997	Wiesbaden, GER	195
	14	Teitur Örn	Einarsson	ISL	Right Back	23/09/1998	Selfoss, ISL	190
	16	Rune Magnus	Hauenstein	GER	Goalkeeper	17/04/2005	Flensburg, GER	193
	19	Oskar	Czertowicz	POL	Centre Back	09/02/2006	Kwidzyn, POL	191
	20	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	29/06/1989	Tondern, DEN	200
	22	Mads	Mensah Larsen	DEN	Centre Back	12/08/1991	Holbaek, DEN	188
	24	Jim	Gottfridsson	SWE	Centre Back	02/09/1992	Ystad, SWE	192
	25	Lukas Lindhard	Jørgensen	DEN	Line Player	31/03/1999	Lejre, DEN	194
	26	Johan a Plogv	Hansen	DEN	Right Wing	01/05/1994	Tórshavn, FAR	190
	27	Aksel	Horgen	NOR	Right Wing	29/05/1996	Lørenskog, NOR	185
	28	Arv Jendre	Kinsky	GER	Right Wing	13/11/2005	Husum, GER	186
	29	August Baska	rPedersen	NOR	Left Wing	24/06/1994	Notodden, NOR	180
	30	Boris	Zivkovic	AUT	Right Back	02/05/1992	Bregenz, AUT	195
	31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left Wing	24/01/1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190
	33	Kay	Smits	NED	Right Back	31/03/1997	Geleen, NED	186
	35	Frederik Kim	Adam	GER	Left Wing	31/07/2003	Langenfeld, GER	186
	43	Blaz	Blagotinsek	SLO	Line Player	17/01/1994	Celje, SLO	203
	52	Philipp	Sekowski	GER	Right Back	19/05/2000	Husum, GER	199
	55	Adrian Levy	Westphalen	GER	Line Player	28/01/2005	Freienwill, GER	189
	64	Lasse Kjær	Møller	DEN	Left Back	11/06/1996	Gudme, DEN	199



# **BENJAMIN BURIC**

## Goalkeeper

- joined Flensburg in 2018 arriving from Wetzlar; won Bundesliga in his first season
- played for four clubs alongside his twin brother Senjamin: Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac, and Velenje; both are Bosnian national team players

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- 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



# SIMON PYTLICK

#### Left back

- Danish international since 2021, who arrived at Flensburg in the summer of 2023 from his only previous club, GOG
- was injured and missed most of the first part of the EL 2023/24 season
- son of former handball coach and Olympic champion Jan Pytlick
- awarded MVP of the 2022/23 season at the inaugural EHF Excellence Awards

WCh: G 2023; EURO: S 2024



# BLAZ BLAGOTINSEK

#### Line player

- experienced Slovenian international, who played for Veszprém from 2016 until 2022
- joined Flensburg in 2023, after a one-year stint at Frisch Auf Göppingen
- made CL All-star Team as best defender in 2018/19 and 2019/20
- previously played four seasons for Celje in his native Slovenia
- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012

WCh: B 2017



# JOHANNES GOLLA

## Line player

- German international, who arrived in Flensburg in 2018 from MT Melsungen
- key defender for Flensburg and national team since his first major event, the 2021 WCh; was named in the EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team
- played first match for national team in 2018/19, his first season in Flensburg
- is team captain in Flensburg and the German national team

# FÜCHSE BERLIN VS HBC NANTES



# 1st leg: Tuesday 23 April at 20:45 CEST, Berlin (GER) 2nd leg: Tuesday 30 April at 20:45 CEST, Nantes (FRA)



• Füchse Berlin advanced from the play-offs with two wins against Kadetten Schaffhausen: 32:28 and 34:28.

- The titleholders had missed out on direct qualification for the quarter-finals after two defeats against Sporting CP in the main round.
- Earlier, Füchse had a perfect start to their title defence as the only team that won win all six group matches.
- The German side aim for their eighth appearance at the final tournament of Europe's second-tier club competition; they won the EHF Cup Finals in 2015 and 2018, and the EHF Finals in 2023.
- Mathias Gidsel was named IHF Player of the Year 2023 in March; the Füchse right back was the top scorer of the Men's EHF EURO 2024 in January, and the top scorer and MVP of the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship.
- Hans Lindberg could lift his fourth trophy in 11 seasons, having won the EHF Champions League (2013) with HSV, and the EHF Cup (2018) and EHF European League (2023) with Füchse.

• HBC Nantes eased through the main round with four clear victories to win group I ahead of Rhein-Neckar Löwen, earning them a direct quarter-final spot.

- Nantes also played Füchse in the 2021/22 knockout phase: they won that Last 16 pairing before losing in the quarter-finals to another opponent from Germany: SC Magdeburg.
- Füchse are already the third German opponents for Nantes this season, after the French side met Löwen in the group matches and TSV Hannover-Burgdorf in the main round.
- Nantes are one of just two quarterfinalists who have not won a European trophy yet (Dinamo Bucuresti are the others); however, they played the final of the EHF Cup in 2013 and 2016, and of the EHF Champions League in 2018.
- Last season, Nantes reached the knockout phase of the EHF Champions League, where they lost to Orlen Wisla Plock after a shoot-out in the play-offs.
- Nantes' best scorer so far is Valero Rivera with 53 goals.

# HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

# Füchse Berlin vs HBC Nantes 1-0-3 (100:104) 2:6

23.11.2014	Füchse Berlin vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	23:18 (10:8)
29.11.2014	HBC Nantes vs Füchse Berlin, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	28:23 (13:11)
29.03.2022	HBC Nantes vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Last 16	25:24 (10:12)
05.04.2022	Füchse Berlin vs HBC Nantes, EHF European League – Last 16	30:33 (15:14)

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#### **Kit colours**

#### Light

Player shirt: light green Player short: white GK shirt: light blue

**Dark** Player shirt: blue Player short: blue GK shirt: yellow



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# FÜCHSE BERLIN



# **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES: vs Chambéry Savoie MBH @ HC Izvidac vs Dinamo Bucuresti @ Dinamo Bucuresti @ Chambéry Savoie MBH vs HC Izvidac				W2 W3 W3 W3	4:22 (13:1 2:34 (13:1 3:30 (16:1 2:33 (17:1) 1:36 (14:1 4:23 (16:1	3) 1) 6) 7)	
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP			_				
<b>1. Füchse Berlin</b> 2. Dinamo Bucuresti 3. Chambéry Savoie MBH 4. HC Izvidac	<b>6</b> 6	<b>6</b> 4	<b>0</b> 0	4	<b>194:160</b> 218:168 181:181	(+50) (0)	8 4
MAIN ROUND: @ CSM Constanta vs Sporting CP @ Sporting CP vs CSM Constanta				L31 L32	9:32 (15:1 .32 (19:13 .28 (17:17 5:31 (16:1	)	
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP 1. Sporting CP <b>2. Füchse Berlin</b> 3. Dinamo Bucuresti 4. CSM Constanta	MP	5 4	0 0 0	1 2	<i>GF:GA</i> 192:176 <b>192:186</b> 188:180 165:195	(+16) <b>(+6)</b> (+8)	<i>PTS</i> 10 <b>8</b> 4 2
PLAY-OFFS: @ Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Kadetten Schaffhausen					8:32 (15:1 4:28 (18:1		
CURRENT TOP SCORERS	5					_	
1. Mathias Gidsel (DEN) 2. Lasse Andersson (DEN)				56 50			

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4 Winners (1): 2022/23 Runners-up (1): 2020/21 Last 16 (1): 2021/22

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Semi-finals (1): 2011/12 Last 16 (1): 2012/13

#### **EHF Cup:**

Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18 Runners-up (2): 2016/17, 2018/19 Semi-finals (1): 2013/14

#### German league: – German cup: 1 title (2014)





# JARON SIEWERT

Coach

- had been playing for Füchse since his childhood when he ended his career at age 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach of Germany's national U18 team
- became head coach at second-division side TUSEM Essen in 2017/18, and led them to the Bundesliga two years later
- took over at Füchse from Michael Roth in 2020, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic
- suffered a stroke before the start of the 2022/23 season, but came back after just a few matches

EL: 2023 (as coach)

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Felix Mart (Füchse youth/GER) Marcel Nowak (Potsdam/GER) Lucas Mohr (Füchse youth/GER) William Reichardt (Füchse youth/GER) Sören Fuhrmann (Füchse youth/GER) Florian Budde (Füchse youth/GER) Ron Dieffenbacher (Füchse youth/GER)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Silas Overby (Mors-Thy/DEN) Michl Reichardt (Rostock/GER)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29/09/2002	Achern, GER	194
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08/02/1994	Belzig, GER	194
5	Max	Darj	SWE	Line Player	27/08/1991	Masthuggs, SWE	191
9	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13/09/1995	Rimbo, SWE	182
11	Lasse Bredekjaer	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11/03/1994	Copenhagen, DEN	196
13	Felix	Mart	GER	Centre Back	12/07/2004	Brandenburg, GER	185
15	Marcel	Nowak	POL	Right Back	07/02/2002	Berlin, GER	194
16	Maximilian	Grundmann	GER	Goalkeeper	27/05/2005	Lübben, GER	191
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31/07/2002	Regensburg, GER	183
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01/08/1981	Hoje-Taastrup, DEN	188
19	Mathias	Gidsel	DEN	Right Back	08/02/1999	Herning, DEN	190
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21/08/2002	Reutlingen, GER	174
21	Lucas	Mohr	GER	Left Back	24/12/2002	Potsdam, GER	192
22	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left Back	01/03/2002	Kreuztal, GER	195
23	William	Reichardt	GER	Left Back	23/04/2006	Güstrow, GER	194
24	Sören	Fuhrmann	GER	Right Back	06/09/2002	Bremen, GER	198
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30/03/2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192
<del>26</del>	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26/04/2000	Ahus, SWE	-184
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27/05/2003	Greifswald, GER	205
<del>28</del>	Marvin	Siemer	GER	Left Wing	22/09/2004	Esslingen, GER	<del>-191</del>
30	Ron	Dieffenbacher	GER	Line Player	16/12/2003	Neustrelitz, GER	195
31	Florian	Budde	GER	Right Back	15/03/2005	Salzburg, AUT	185
32	Marvin	Kix	GER	Centre Back	27/07/2002	Hamburg, GER	186
33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03/01/2003	Augsburg, GER	194
34	Hákun West	Av Teigum	FAR	Right Wing	19/02/2002	Thorshavn, FAR	188
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12/02/1986	Pozega, CRO	210
<del>36</del>	Silas	Overby	DEN	Left Back	14/03/2005	Thisted, DEN	<del>- 199</del>
43	Jann Keno	Jacobs	GER	Line Player	27/03/2002	Jever, GER	192
47-	Michl	Reichardt	GER	Left Back	17/03/2004	Rostock, GER	<del>-194</del>
87	Victor	Kireev	RUS	Goalkeeper	05/05/1987	Oblast Pensa, RUS	190
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09/03/1993	Berane, SCG	202
95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07/02/1995	Gummersbach, GER	192
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96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16/03/1996	Pancevo, SRB	196



# **DEJAN MILOSAVLJEV**

#### Goalkeeper

- Serbian international who arrived at Füchse in the summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning the CL with the Macedonian side
- CL All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19; also crucial for Füchse in their run to the title in the EL 2022/23 season
- made senior debut at age 16, played for Red Star and Partizan in Belgrade before going abroad and joining Vardar in 2018

CL: 2019; EL 2023



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# LASSE ANDERSSON

#### Left back

- Danish international, who joined Füchse in 2020 after four years with Barça
- played for Ringsted and Kolding in Denmark before moving abroad in 2016
- had national team debut in 2015; has won three medals with Denmark so far
- powerful back court shooter; his shots have been measured at 140 km/h

EL: 2023 WCh: G 2021; OG: S 2020; EURO: B 2022



# MATHIAS GIDSEL

## **Right back**

- one of the leading players of a young generation of Danish internationals
- started professional career at GOG at age 18; joined Füchse in summer of 2022
- was top scorer, MVP, and gold medallist with Denmark at the 2023 WCh in Poland-Sweden; helped Füchse win the EL 2022/23 four months later
- tore knee ligaments at EHF EURO 2022 but was back on court after four months

EL: 2023 WCh: G 2021, 2023; OG: S 2020; EURO: S 2024, B 2022



# HANS LINDBERG

# **Right wing**

- Danish veteran, who has won a string of trophies with his clubs and the national team; playing in Germany since 2007: for Hamburg (2007-16) and Füchse (since 2016)
- initially set to leave Füchse in 2023, but added one more season to his stay in Berlin; will be 43 when he returns to Denmark and joins HØJ Elite for the 2024/25 season
- has scored more than 1,000 goals in total in European club competitions; is the alltime Bundesliga top scorer, broke Kyung-shin Yoon's record of 2,905 goals in 2023

CL: 2013; EL: 2023; EC: 2018 EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014, 2024, B 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013, B 2007

# QUARTER-FINALS



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#### **Kit colours**

#### Light

Player shirt: light grey Player short: light grey GK shirt: yellow or blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: black/purple Player short: black GK shirt: purple



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# **HBC NANTES**



#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES:	
vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica	W37:28 (19:15)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L36:32 (19:17)
@ IFK Kristianstad	W27:31 (17:19)
vs IFK Kristianstad	W31:27 (16:16)
@ Sport Lisboa e Benfica	W34:38 (16:18)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	W32:25 (14:11)

# FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A:

	MF	' VV	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PIS
1. HBC Nantes	6	5	0	1	201:177	(+24)	10
2. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	6	5	0	1	198:177	(+21)	10
3. Sport Lisboa e Benfica	6	2	0	4	194:210	(-16)	4
4. IFK Kristianstad	6	0	0	6	162:191	(-29)	0

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MAIN ROUND: @ TSV Hannover-Burgdorf W32:38 (17:18) vs Górnik Zabrze W31:23 (17:11) @ Górnik Zabrze W22:31 (12:16) vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf W33:26 (13:15)									
FINAL STANDINGS GROUP I	: мр	147	~		05.04	<u></u>	DTC		
			D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS		
1. HBC Nantes	6	5			197:164	(+33)	10		
2. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	6	4	0	2	173:166	(+7)	8		
3. TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	6	2	0	4	174:187	(-13)	4		
4. Górnik Zabrze	6	1	0	5	154:181	(-27)	2		

#### **PLAY-OFFS:**

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Valero Rivera (ESP)532. Aymeric Minne (FRA)473. Théo Monar (FRA)324. Thibaud Briet (FRA)305. Julien Bos (FRA)28

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2 Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

#### Other

## **EHF Champions League**

Runners-up (1): 2017/18 Semi-finals (1): 2020/21 Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19 Play-offs (1): 2022/23 Last 16 (1): 2016/17

# **EHF** Cup

Runners-up (2): 2012/13, 2015/16 Quarter-finals (1): 2013/14

French league: – French cup: 2 titles (2017, 2023)





# GRÉGORY COJEAN

Coach

- joined Nantes as a coach in 2005, when he was only 27
- after coaching the B team, he was on the bench of the A team for the first time in 2009
- was assistant coach under Thierry Anti and Alberto Entrerrios before taking over as head coach in 2022
- won the French cup in his first season in charge
- helped several young players emerge from the club's youth division, including Dragan Pechmalbec, Thibaud Briet, and Théo Monar

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Marko Milosavljevic (León/ESP) Ignacio Bosca García (Veszprém/HUN)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Rok Ovnicek (injured)

# **TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Ivan	Pesic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/03/1989	Rijeka, CRO	194
	2	Marko	Milosavljevic	SRB	Left Back	13/09/1998	Belgrade, SRB	201
	3	Thibaud	Briet	FRA	Left Back	14/12/1999	Rouen, FRA	205
	4	Aymeric	Minne	FRA	Centre Back	20/04/1997	Melun, FRA	186
	5	Jorge	Maqueda Peno	ESP	Right Back	06/02/1988	Toledo, ESP	197
	6	Baptiste	Bonnefond	FRA	Left Back	22/01/1993	Lyon, FRA	193
С	7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22/02/1985	Barcelona, ESP	185
	8	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left Back	27/12/1996	Almada, POR	201
	9	Théo	Avelange Demouge	əFRA	Right Wing	11/03/1996	Besançon, FRA	183
	<del>10</del> -	Rok	Ovnicek	SLO	Centre Back	29/01/1995	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	<del>- 185</del>
	11	Baptiste	Damatrin	FRA	Left Wing	29/04/2000	Saint Maurice, FRA	177
	12	Sirius	Rambaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	18/01/2006	Nogent sur Marne, FRA	
	13	Julien	Bos	FRA	Right Back	18/08/1998	Pessac, FRA	188
	14	Lucas	De la Breteche	FRA	Centre Back	19/11/2001	Saint-Nazaire, FRA	193
	15	William	Höghielm	SWE	Line Player	30/11/1999	Torslanda, SWE	186
	16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24/07/2000	Reykjavik, ISL	115
	17	Jérémy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15/08/1992	Courbevoie, FRA	197
	18	Théo	Monar	FRA	Line Player	06/06/2001	Fort-de-France, FRA	200
	19	Kauldi	Odriozola Yeregu	iESP	Right Wing	07/01/1997	Zumaia, ESP	183
	20	Salomon	Nassequela	COD	Right Back	15/01/2004	Kinshasa, COD	183
	21	Mathys	Lobgeois	FRA	Line Player	11/03/2005	Compiègne, FRA	195
	22	Alban	Simonnet	FRA	Centre Back	04/01/2004	Orléans, FRA	191
	23	Edgar	Gohier	FRA	Right Wing	29/06/2005	Tours, FRA	183
	24	Ernest	Pineau	FRA	Right Back	30/01/2003	Rochefort, FRA	198
	25	Jules	Berriau	FRA	Right Back	21/04/2005	Saint Herblain, FRA	188
	26	Pierre-Alexis	Favril	FRA	Left Wing	15/10/2004	Dreux, FRA	186
	27	Eloi	Gnanhouan	FRA	Left Back	25/03/2003	Montbéliard, FRA	194
	28	André Wenkeghe	eu Tchambou Mouko	FRA	Line Player	10/05/2004	Paris, FRA	197
	30	Ignacio	Bosca García	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/07/1995	Barcelona ESP	200



# **VIKTOR HALLGRÍMSSON**

#### Goalkeeper

- Icelandic international, who joined Nantes from Danish side GOG in 2022
- played for Fram Reykjavik until leaving Iceland in 2019 and moving to GOG
- debuted in Icelandic national team at age 19; excelled at 2019 Junior (U21) WCh
- impressed at EHF EURO 2024 with 62 saves (30.69%) in Iceland's seven matches
- a fast and very talented goalkeeper with fine reactions



# **VALERO RIVERA**



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#### Left wing

- experienced left wing, a CL winner with Barça and world champion with Spain
- returned to Nantes from Barça in 2018 after earlier spell with Nantes in 2010-16
- All-star left wing of CL 2020/21 and 2015 WCh; top scorer EHF EURO 2016 (48 goals)
- son of Valero Rivera sr., former Barça and Spain coach, and married to former handball player Marion Anti, daughter of previous Nantes coach Thierry Anti

CL: 2005; EHF Cup: 2003 EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013; OG: B 2020



# AYMERIC MINNE

#### **Centre back**

- talented back, who signed for Nantes in summer of 2019 after four seasons with PAUC
- initially an offensive player, has made huge progress as a defender as well
- scored a personal best 58 goals in the CL 2022/23, including nine in the decisive leg of the play-offs against Plock, which Nantes lost in a shoot-out
- made national team debut in 2021; was part of France's provisional squad for EHF EURO 2024 but ultimately left off the team by head coach Guillaume Gille



# JORGE MAQUEDA

## **Right back**

- world-class defender, who returned to Nantes in 2022 after earlier spell in 2012-15
- in the meantime, played for Vardar (and won CL in 2017), Szeged, and Veszprém
- started senior career at Barça in 2005; Nantes became his first foreign club in 2012
- Spanish international, who has won nine medals with the national team, including WCh and EHF EURO gold

CL: 2017 EURO: G 2020, S 2016, 2022, B 2014; OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2013, B 2011, 2021, 2023

# RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN VS SPORTING CP



1st leg: Tuesday 23 April at 20:45 CEST, Heidelberg (GER) 2nd leg: Tuesday 30 April at 20:45 CEST, Lisbon (POR)



• Rhein-Neckar Löwen are the only quarter-finalists who started their season in the qualification round.

• In the play-offs, the German side defeated RK Nexe twice; earlier, they finished second in the group matches and second in the main round, with their only two defeats coming against HBC Nantes and Górnik Zabrze.

• Löwen are the only club with two players in the top six of the top scorers list: Niclas Kirkeløkke and Juri Knorr.

• David Späth, junior world champion with Germany in 2023, is among the best goalkeepers of the season regarding the save rate, with a percentage of 37.55.

• Löwen hosted the inaugural EHF Finals in 2021, but were kept out of the final by current titleholders Füchse Berlin and finished the event in third place.

• In 2021/22, Löwen lost to Sporting's domestic rivals Sport Lisboa e Benfica in qualification, but they have not met Sporting in an official match before.

• Sporting CP impressed in the main round with two wins over defending champions Füchse Berlin within eight days on their way to winning group IV.

• The Portuguese side's only defeats this season happened in the group matches – against CSM Constanta and MOL Tatabánya KC.

• Just like quarter-final opponents Löwen, Sporting have not dropped a point yet in their home matches this season.

• Sporting play for their first EHF Finals berth, after they lost in the knockout phase by a single goal on aggregate in each of the last three seasons: in the 2020/21 Last 16 against Orlen Wisla Plock, in the 2021/22 Last 16 against SC Magdeburg, and in the 2022/23 quarterfinals against Montpellier HB.

- Sporting's biggest European success so far is winning the Challenge Cup twice.
- Costa brothers Francisco (53) and Martim (52) are the two leading scorers for Sporting this season.

# HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

# Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Sporting CP 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions.

# QUARTER-FINALS



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Light Player shirt: orange Player short: blue GK shirt: purple

**Dark** Player shirt: blue Player short: blue GK shirt: dark green



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# RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN

## **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

QUALIFICATION ROUND: @ HC Vardar 1961 vs HC Vardar 1961					5:34 (14:1 7:33 (17:1	,	
GROUP MATCHES: @ IFK Kristianstad vs HBC Nantes @ Sport Lisboa e Benfica vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica vs IFK Kristianstad @ HBC Nantes	W20:26 (10:13) W36:32 (19:17) W35:36 (15:19) W39:30 (20:17) W36:28 (17:14) L32:25 (14:11)						
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MAIN ROUND: @ Górnik Zabrze vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf @ TSV Hannover-Burgdorf vs Górnik Zabrze				W2 W2	9:26 (12:14 7:26 (11:1 4:32 (13.1 7:23 (10:8	3) 5)	
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 1. Niclas Kirkeløkke (DEN)
 65

 2. Juri Knorr (GER)
 62

 3. Jannik Kohlbacher (GER)
 50

 4. Jon Andersen (DEN)
 33

 Tobias Reichmann (GER)
 30

 \* from the start of the group matches

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3 Semi-finals (1): 2020/21 Qualification (1): 2021/22

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League** Semi-finals (2): 2008/09; 2010/11 Quarter-finals (2): 2009/10, 2013/14

#### **EHF Cup:**

Winners (1): 2012/13 Semi-finals (1): 2011/12

#### Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up (1): 2007/08

**German league:** 2 titles (2016, 2017) **German cup:** 2 titles (2018, 2023)





# SEBASTIAN HINZE

Coach

- former line player, who arrived as head coach at Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2022 to replace Ljubomir Vranjes
- won the German cup with Löwen in his first season in charge, beating CL winners SC Magdeburg in a shoot-out in the final
- previously worked 10 seasons at Bergischer HC, the club where he had finished his playing career in 2011
- never played in the Bundesliga, but helped BHC promote to Germany's top flight in 2011 before retiring as a player

# ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Tobias Reichmann (was without club)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Theo Straub (Ludwigshafen/GER)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Mikael	Appelgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	06/09/1989	Uddevalla, SWE	192
3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26/10/1986	Mannheim, GER	188
6	Niclas Vest	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right Back	26/03/1994	Ringe, DEN	195
8	Magnus	Grupe	GER	Centre Back	12/11/2004	Weinheim, GER	190
9	Steven Plucnar	Jacobsen	DEN	Line Player	22/10/2000	Solrod, DEN	200
10	Juri	Knorr	GER	Centre Back	09/05/2000	Flensburg, GER	192
11	Arnór Snær	Óskarsson	ISL	Right Back	22/02/2000	Rejkavik, ISL	180
15	David	Móré	GER	Left Wing	13/06/2004	Memmingen, GER	185
19	Philipp	Ahouansou	GER	Left Back	02/05/2001	Hanau, GER	204
20	Andreas Holst	Jensen	DEN	Left Back	01/12/1994	Lemvig, DEN	202
22	Gustav	Davidsson	SWE	Left Back	29/11/1999	Stockholm, SWE	193
24	Patrick	Groetzki	GER	Right Wing	04/071989	Pforzheim, GER	188
25	Olle Forsell	Schefvert	SWE	Centre Back	13/08/1993	Halmstad, SWE	196
26	Niklas	Michalski	GER	Right Wing	20/02/2003	Mannheim, GER	184
27	Tobias	Reichmann	GER	Right Wing	27/05/1988	Berlin, GER	188
29	David	Späth	GER	Goalkeeper	29/04/2002	Kaiserslautern, GER	200
33	Ýmir	Gíslason	ISL	Line Player	01/07/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	196
34	Valentin	Willner	GER	Line Player	16/01/2005	München, GER	194
35	Joel	Birlehm	GER	Goalkeeper	25/04/1997	Herford, GER	195
38	Dave	Hörnig	GER	Goalkeeper	16/11/2005	Offenburg, GER	190
42	Jon Lindenchrone	Andersen	DEN	Right Back	02/01/1997	Nørre Snede, DEN	194
45	Halil	Jaganjac	CRO	Left Back	22/06/1998	Rijeka, CRO	200
46	Theo	Straub	GER	Right Wing	07/11/2004	Gelnhausen, GER	<del>-191</del>
50	Lion	Zacharias	GER	Left Wing	20/06/2003	Mannheim, GER	184
78	Fabian	Schwarzer	GER	Right Wing	03/07/2004	Wittlich, GER	184
80	Jannik	Kohlbacher	GER	Line Player	19/07/1995	Bensheim, GER	190



# **MIKAEL APPELGREN**

#### Goalkeeper

- Swedish international, who arrived at Löwen from Melsungen in 2015 and won the Bundesliga title in the first two seasons with his new club
- named best goalkeeper of the Bundesliga in 2017/18 and again in 2018/19
- was out for almost two years following surgery on knee, shoulder and finger in 2020, but quickly got back to his old level and helped Löwen win the German cup in 2023

#### EURO: S 2018



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# JURI KNORR

#### Centre back

- one of Germany's biggest talents, was 21 when he joined Löwen from Minden in 2021
- in 2022/23, scored 213 goals in the Bundesliga and won the German cup with Löwen
- made debut in the German national team in October 2020 and quickly developed into a key player
- made the All-star Team of the 2023 WCh as best young player, and of the EHF EURO 2024 as the centre back after leading Germany to the semi-finals



# **JANNIK KOHLBACHER**

#### Line player

- German international, who arrived at Löwen from Wetzlar in summer of 2018
- signed a new contract in July 2023 that keeps him in Mannheim until at least 2026
- played his first major event with the German national team at the Men's EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, and won gold right away
- contributed 29 goals to Germany's run to fifth place at the 2023 WCh, and scored 14 times at their home EHF EURO 2024 where Germany reached the semi-finals

EURO: G 2016



# NICLAS KIRKELØKKE

#### Right back

- Danish back who can also play on the wing; arrived at Löwen from GOG in 2019 but joins Bundesliga rivals and fellow EL contenders Flensburg in the summer of 2024
- · Löwen's best scorer in EL 2023/24 after the main round, with 60 goals
- came to GOG at age 12 in 2006 and played for the Danish club for 13 years, including the last seven in the senior team
- made national team debut for Denmark in November 2016

WCh: G 2023; EURO: S 2024, B 2022

# QUARTER-FINALS



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#### **Kit colours**

#### Light

Player shirt: white Player short: white GK shirt: black/orange/yellow

Dark

Player shirt: green/white Player short: black GK shirt: black/orange/yellow



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# **SPORTING CP**



#### **ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS**

GROUP MATCHES:	
vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow	W37:20 (20:7)
@ CSM Constanta	L29:28 (15:16)
@ MOL Tatabanya KC	L31:29 (13:12)
vs MOL Tatabanya KC	W36:28 (17:14)
@ KGHM Chrobry Glogow	W22:35 (9:17)
vs CSM Constanta	W34:28 (21:16)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP H:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS	
1. CSM Constanta	6	4	1	1	172:158	(+14)	9	
2. Sporting CP	6	4	0	2	199:158	(+41)	8	
3. MOL Tatabanya KC	6	3	0	3	175:171	(+4)	6	
4. KGHM Chrobry Glogow	6	0	1	5	138:197	(-59)	1	

MAIN ROUND:	
vs Dinamo Bucuresti	W35:33 (17:18)
@ Füchse Berlin	W31:32 (19:13)
vs Füchse Berlin	W32:28 (17:17)
@ Dinamo Bucuresti	W27:31 (11:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP IV:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Sporting CP	6	5	0	1	192:176	(+16)	10
2. Füchse Berlin	6	4	0	2	192:186	(+6)	8
3. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	2	0	4	188:180	(+8)	4
4. CSM Constanta	6	1	0	5	165:195	(-30)	2

#### **PLAY-OFFS:**

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Francisco Costa (POR)532. Martim Costa (POR)523. Orri Freyr Thorkelsson (ISL)514. Edney Silva Oliveira (BRA)325. Jan Gurri (ESP)28

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4 Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23 Last 16 (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Last 16 (1) : 2018/19 Group phase (3): 2001/02, 2017/18, 2019/20 **EHF Cup** Quarter-finals (2): 2000/01, 2013/14 **Cup Winners' Cup** Quarter-finals (1): 2003/04 **Challenge Cup** Winners (2): 2009/10, 2016/17 Semi-finals (1): 2011/12

Portuguese league: 21 titles (1952, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1969-73, 1978-81, 1984, 1986, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2017, 2018) Portuguese cup: 17 titles (1972, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1998, 2001, 2003-05, 2012-14, 2022, 2023)





# **RICARDO COSTA**

Coach

- former Portuguese international, who joined Sporting CP as a • coach in the summer of 2021
- led Sporting to the Portuguese cup title in his first season
- previously worked as head coach of domestic rivals FC Porto had two stints as a player at FC Porto and ended his playing
- career at that club in 2012
- also played for Léon in Spain and Águas Santas in Portugal
- his two sons Martim and Francisco are leading players in Sporting's squad

# **ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON**

Christian Yahoza Moga (Póvoa/POR)

# DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

# **TEAM ROSTER**

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34 Étienne Mocquais FRA Left Wing 29/02/1996 Lagny-Sur-Marne, FRA	178
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40 Leonel Carlos Maciel ARG Goalkeeper 04/01/1989 Buenos Aires, ARG	193
44 Christian Yahoza Moga CGO Line Player 25/05/1998 Minaffet, COD	197
75 Eduardo Almeida POR Line Player 24/02/2003 Portimão, POR	405
79 Martim Costa POR Left Back 27/09/2002 Sermonde, POR	195
97 Rafael Vasconcelos POR Right Back 15/06/2007 Porto, POR	195 188



# LEONEL MACIEL

#### Goalkeeper

Argentinian international; joined club in 2022 after one season with CL winners Barça

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- previously played for three other Spanish sides: Cuenca, Zamora, and Octavio; gained his first European cup experience with Cuenca in 2018/19
- won South and Central American Championship with Argentina in January 2020
- likes to read about philosophy and Buddhism

Trophies: CL 2022



# MARTIM COSTA

## Left back

- among the rising stars of Portuguese handball with his younger brother Francisco
- turned just 21 a month before the start of the EL 2023/24 group phase
- was joined top scorer of EHF EURO 2024 with Denmark's Mathias Gidsel after netting 54 times in seven matches for Portugal; made the All-star Team as left back
- also starred at home M20 EHF EURO 2022 with his brother, leading Portugal to silver



# NATÁN SUÁREZ

#### **Centre back**

- arrived at Sporting before the 2021/22 season from Léon in his native Spain
- scored 65 goals in total for Sporting in his first two EL seasons with the club
- playmaker with great eye for the game and a strong shot from nine metres
- played for national U-18 and U-21 teams but not yet for Spain's senior national team



# FRANCISCO COSTA

#### **Right back**

- generally regarded a future star of European handball, arrived at Sporting in 2021 from league rivals Porto at age 16
- has scored a stunning total of 146 goals in his first two EL seasons for the club
- plays alongside his older brother, left back Martim; their father and former Portugal international Ricardo Costa is the team's head coach
- had huge contribution to Portugal's run to silver at their home M20 EHF EURO 2022

# **I TOP SCORERS 2023/24\***

# 77 goals



Andrii Akimenko Dinamo Bucuresti

#### Player

	Flayer
1	Andrii Akimenko (UKR)
2	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)
	Gustaf Wedberg (DEN)
4	Niclas Kirkeløkke (DEN)
5	Taras Minotskyi (UKR)
6	Juri Knorr (GER)
7	Andre Schmid (SUI)
8	Tilen Sokolic (SLO)
9	Óli Mittún (FAR)
10	Viktor Bergholt (DEN)
11	Mathias Gidsel (DEN)
12	Francisco Costa (POR)
	Valero Rivera (ESP)
14	Martim Costa (POR)
15	William Bogojevic (SWE)
	Lasse Møller (DEN)
	Luka Moslavac (CRO)
	Manuel Štrlek (CRO)
	Orri Freyr Thorkelsson (ISL)
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	Tim Freihöfer (GER)
	Jannik Kohlbacher (GER)
	Felix Möller (SWE)
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Club	Goals
Dinamo Bucuresti	77
Kadetten Schaffhausen	71
IK Sävehof	71
Rhein-Neckar Löwen	65
Górnik Zabrze	63
Rhein-Neckar Löwen	62
HC Kriens-Luzern	60
RK Gorenje Velenje	59
IK Sävehof	58
Skjern Handbold	57
Füchse Berlin	56
Sporting CP	53
HBC Nantes	53
Sporting CP	52
Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	51
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	51
RK Nexe	51
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Sporting CP	51
Füchse Berlin	<b>50</b>
Füchse Berlin	50
Rhein-Neckar Löwen	50
IK Sävehof	50

Goals

Club

\* from start of group matches; qualification round not included **bold** = still in competition



# HISTORY

# I PAST CHAMPIONS 1994–2023

# **EHF European League Men**

- 2023 Füchse Berlin (GER)
- 2022 SL Benfica (POR)
- 2021 SC Magdeburg (GER)

# Men's EHF Cup

- 2020 no title awarded due to coronavirus pandemic
- 2019 THW Kiel (GER)
- 2018 Füchse Berlin (GER)
- 2017 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
- 2016 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
- 2015 Füchse Berlin (GER)
- 2014 Pick Szeged (HUN)

# Men's EHF Cup

- 2012 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
- 2011 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER) 2010 TBV Lemgo (GER)
- 2009 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
- 2009 HSG Nordhorn (GER)
- 2007 SC Magdeburg (GER)
- 2006 TBV Lemgo (GER)
- 2005 Tusem Essen (GER)
- 2004 THW Kiel (GER)
- 2003 FC Barcelona (ESP)
- 2002 THW Kiel (GER)
- 2001 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
- 2000 Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)
- 1999 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
- 1998 THW Kiel (GER)
- 1997 SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
- 1996 BM Granollers (ESP)
- 1995 BM Granollers (ESP)
- 1994 Aliza Avidesa (ESP)

# Men's Cup Winners' Cup

2012 SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER) 2011 VfL Gummersbach (GER) 2010 VfL Gummersbach (GER) Pevafersa Valladolid (ESP) 2009 2008 MKB Veszprém KC (HUN) 2007 HSV Hamburg (GER) 2006 Chekhovskie Medvedi (RUS) 2005 C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP) 2004 Portland San Antonio (ESP) A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP) 2003 2002 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP) SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER) 2001 Portland San Antonio (ESP) 2000 Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP) 1999 Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP) 1998 1997 Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP) 1996 TBV Lemgo (GER) FC Barcelona (ESP) 1995 1994 FC Barcelona (ESP)

# I ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020-24

1	Füchse Berlin GER	56	43	2	11	1,709:1,474	+235	88:24 (4) 78,57%
2	RK Nexe CRO	54	29		22	1,583:1,549	+34	61:47 (4) 56,48%
3	SC Magdeburg GER	32	28	-	2	1,032:844	+188	58:6 (2) 90.63%
4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI		26		20	1,501:1,501	0	58:46 (4) 55,77%
5	Sporting CP POR	48	27	-	18	1415:1331	+84	<b>57:39 (4) 59,38%</b>
6	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	32	23	-	8	949:828	+121	47:17 (2) 73,44%
7	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER		21		5	848:757	+91	44:12 (2) 78,57%
8	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	-	20	_	3	836:671	+165	41:7 (2) 85,42%
9	Montpellier HB FRA	30	19	2	9	875:793	+82	40:20 (2) 66,67%
	GOG DEN	28	18	_	8	897:849	+48	38:18 (2) 67,86%
	Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR	-	17		15	1,080:1,064	+16	36:32 (3) 52,94%
	HBC Nantes FRA	24	16	3	5	749:658	+91	35:13 (2) 72,92%
13	IK Sävehof SWE	24	15		8	767:695	+72	31:17 (2) 64,58%
14	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	34	12	5	17	881:906	-25	29:39 (3) 42,65%
15	USAM Nimes Gard FRA	24	11	5	8	675:650	+25	27:21 (2) 56,25%
16	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	16	13	0	3	517:444	+73	26:6 (1) 81,25%
	Skjern Håndbold DEN	22	12	0	10	676:638	+38	24:20 (2) 54,55%
18	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	22	11	1	10	687:638	+49	23:21 (2) 52,27%
19	Fenix Toulouse HB FRA	22	9	3	10	587:585	+2	21:23 (2) 47,73%
20	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	524	10	1	13	654:660	-6	21:27 (2) 43,75%
21	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESF	°16	9	1	6	504:483	+21	19:13 (1) 59,38%
	Bidasoa Irun ESP	24	8	2	14	698:706	-8	18:30 (2) 37,50%
23	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	24	7	4	13	690:731	-41	18:30 (2) 37,50%
24	Skanderborg-Aarhus DEN	12	8	0	4	366:338	+28	16:8 (1) 66,67%
25	IFK Kristianstad SWE	20	7	1	12	562:598	-36	15:25 (2) 37,50%
28	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	12	7	0	5	365:368	-3	14:10 (1) 58,33%
31	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf GER	12	6	1	5	359:358	+1	13:11 (1) 54,17%
32	MOL Tatabánya KC HUN	26	6	0	20	692:769	-77	12:40 (3) 23,08%
	Vojvodina SRB	10	5	0	5	276:289	-13	10:10 (1) 50,00%
37	BM Logroño La Rioja ESP	16	4	2	10	470:493	-23	10:22 (2) 31,25%
	AEK Athens HC GRE	16	5	0	11	432:476	-44	10:22 (2) 31,25%
39	Górnik Zabrze POL	10	4	1	5	276:286	-10	9:11 (1) 45,00%
	CSM Constanta ROU	10	4	1	5	280:291	-11	9:11 (1) 45,00%
	Elverum Handball NOR	6	3	0	3	192:181	+11	<b>6:6</b> (1) 50,00%
	Pfadi Winterthur SUI	16	3	0	13	434:522	-88	6:26 (2) 18,75%
	Chambery Savoie MB HB FRA	6	2	0	4	181:181	0	4:8 (1) 33,33%
49	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI	6	1	2	3	179:180	-1	4:8 (1) 33,33%
50	ABC de Braga/UMinho POR	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8 (1) 33,33%
	REBI Balonmano Cuenca ESF	P6	2	0	4	153:181	-28	4:8 (1) 33,33%
	HC Alkaloid MKD	6	1	1	4	166:187	-21	3:9 (1) 25,00%
	MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK		1	0	5	161:208	-47	2:10 (1) 16,67%
	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	6	0	1	5	138:197	-59	1:11 (1) 8,33%
	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	6	0	0	6	141:206	-65	0:12 (1) 0,00%
63	HC Izvidac BIH	6	0	0	6	150:234	-84	0:12 (1) 0,00%

- **bold** = quarter-finalists in 2023/24

- (x) = number of seasons played, including 2023/24

- x% = winning percentage

- last updated: 2 April 2024 (after play-offs); qualification matches not included for any season

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# **TOP 10 BIGGEST WIN**

28	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
24	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
23	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
21	IK Sävehof SWE vs Pfadi Winterthur SUI	41:20 (21:11), 14.11.2023
20	Skjern Handbold DEN vs MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	42:22 (21:10), 24.10.2023
19	SC Magdeburg GER vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	41:22 (21:11), 09.02.2021
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL @ HC Metalurg MKD	19:38 (9:16), 14.02.2021
19	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
18	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020
17	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER @ Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	23:40 (11:20), 07.02.2023
17	Sporting CP POR vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023

# TOP 10 BIGGEST HALF-TIME LEAD

20	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
16	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
16	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
13	Sporting CP POR vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023
12	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020
12	HC CSKA RUS vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	32:24 (21:9), 01.12.2020
12	Montpellier HB FRA vs FTC HUN	43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023
12	IK Sävehof SWE vs REBI Balonmano Cuenca ESP	40:27 (21:9), 28.11.2023
12	MOL Tatabanya KC HUN vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:24 (20:8), 05.12.2023

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# **TOP 10 MOST GOALS**

52	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
46	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
46	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
46	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
45	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD	45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021
45	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	45:31 (22:16), 13.02.2024
45	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
43	IK Sävehof SWE vs BM Logroño	43:31 (23:16), 19.10.2021
43	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
43	Füchse Berlin GER @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
43	Montpellier HB FRA vs FTC HUN	43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023

# **TOP 10 MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

82	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
79	SL Benfica POR vs SC Magdeburg GER	40:39 (15:14, 32:32), 29.05.2022
78	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
77	GOG DEN vs SL Benfica POR	39:38 (20:18), 01.03.2022
77	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
76	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
76	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
76	Montpellier HB FRA vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	40:36 (22:18), 07.02.2023
76	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
76	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	45:31 (22:16), 13.02.2024

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# **TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS**

15	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
16	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
18	RK Nexe CRO @ HC CSKA RUS	29:18 (15:8), 24.11.2020
18	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ CSM Constanta ROU	29:18 (15:8), 14.11.2023
19	Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN @ HC Eurofarm Pelister	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
19	HC Metalurg MKD vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	19:38 (9:16), 14.02.2021
19	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Fenix Toulouse Handball FRA	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
19	AEK Athens HC GRE @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	30:19 (10:8), 08.03.2022
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica POR	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
19	HV Lovcen-Cetinje MNE vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	19:35 (12:15), 24.10.2023
19	HV Lovcen-Cetinje MNE @ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
19	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024

# **TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

40	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
42	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	22:20 (12:11), 13.12.2022
43	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs RK Nexe CRO	21:22 (11:11), 05.04.2022
43	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024
44	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
45	RK Nexe CRO vs Montpellier HB FRA	22:23 (8:10), 17.11.2020
45	USAM Nimes Gard FRA vs TATRAN Presov SVK	25:20 (12:11), 09.02.2021
45	Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	21:24 (11:9), 11.02.2021
45	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Sporting CPO POR	24:21 (12:13), 16.02.2021
45	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs RK Trimo Trebnje SLO	24:21 (10:12), 16.02.2021
45	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica POR	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
45	Vojvodina SRB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	24:21 (11:8), 05.03.2024

# TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO WIN A GAME

-6	Sporting CP POR @ Füchse Berlin GER	31:32 (19:13), 20.02.2024
-5	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf GER @ Górnik Zabrze POL	29:32 (19:14), 05.12.2023
-4	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	33:32 (15:19), 13.04.2021
-4	Pfadi Winterthur SUI @ TATRAN Presov SVK	29:33 (16:12), 16.11.2021
-4	Kadetten Schaffhausewn SUI @ Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	24:25 (14:10), 06.12.2022
-3	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	30:32 (18:15), 23.02.2021
-3	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP @ Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	34:35 (20:17), 27.02.2021
-3	Alingsas HK SWE vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	30:29 (14:17), 02.03.2021
-3	Sporting CP POR vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	29:28 (9:12), 19.10.2021
-3	SL Benfica POR @ Cocks FIN	32:37 (18:15), 16.11.2021
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO @ IK Sävehof SWE	27:28 (14:11), 08.03.2022
-3	Fenix Toulouse Handball FRA vs SL Benfica POR	38:34 (17:20), 29.03.2022
-3	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs TM Benidorm ESP	35:30 (16:19), 25.10.2022
-3	PAUC Handball FRA vs FTC HUN	33:30 (14:17), 22.11.2022
-3	Bidasoa Irun ESP vs HC Motor	26:22 (9:12), 22.11.2022
-3	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs TATRAN Presov SVK	30:28 (13:16), 06.12.2022
-3	Ystads IF HF SWE @ PAUC Handball FRA	34:36 (18:15), 06.12.2022
-3	Sporting CP POR @ Skjern Handbold DEN	28:30 (15:12), 06.12.2022
-3	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs SL Benfica POR	31:29 (15:18), 14.02.2023
-3	Füchse Berlin GER vs CSM Constanta ROU	35:31 (16:19), 05.03.2024

# TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO DRAW A GAME

-6	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	25:25 (16:10), 17.11.2020
-5	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD @ Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	28:28 (16:11), 26.10.2021
-5	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL vs CSM Constanta ROU	29:29 (14:19), 21.11.2023
-4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	30:30 (17:13), 02.02.2021
-4	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs SL Benfica POR	27:27 (11:15), 03:05.2022
-4	FTC HUN vs Valur ISL	33:33 (14:18), 06.12.2022
-3	Fenix Toulouse Handball FRA vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	28:28 (14:17), 24.11.2020
-3	HC Metalurg MKD vs Fivers AUT	33:33 (16:19), 22.12.2020
-3	BM Logroño La Rioja ESP vs SC Magdeburg GER	29:29 (13:16), 16.11.2021
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO @ PAUC Handball FRA	<b>26:26 (17:1</b> 4), 23.11.2021
-3	TBV Lemgo Lippe GER vs HBC Nantes FRA	37:37 (17:20), 22.02.2022
-3	Cocks FIN vs TBV Lemgo Lippe GER	<b>29</b> :29 (12:15), 01.03.2022
-3	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP @ HC Metalurg MKD	27:27 (16:13), 02.03.2021
-3	SC Magdeburg GER @ Sporting CP POR	29:29 (16:13), 29.03.2022
-3	HC Alkaloid MKD @ BM Logroño La Rioja	29:29 (18:15), 24.10.2023
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs IK Sävehof SWE	28:28 (12:15), 05.12.2023

# **TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF**

27	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 1st half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
26	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN – 2nd half	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
25	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
25	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
24	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 1st half	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
24	FTC HUN @ Valur ISL – 2nd half	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
24	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE – 1st half	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
23	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz - 1st half	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
23	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD – 2nd half	45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021
23	SC Magdeburg GER vs IFK Kristianstad SWE – 1st half	39:31 (23:12), 20.04.2021
23	IK Sävehof SWE vs BM Logroño La Rioja ESP – 1st half	43:31 (23:16), 19.10.2021
23	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 1st half	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
23	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 2nd half	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
23	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs FTC HUN – 1st half	42:30 (23:15), 13.12.2022
23	Sporting CP POR vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP – 2nd half	38:31 (15:14), 14.02.2023
23	Füchse Berlin GER @ Bidasoa Irun ESP – 1st half	32:40 (17:23), 14.02.2023
23	Montpellier HB FRA vs FTC HUN – 1st half	43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023
23	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU @ HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	24:40 (11:17), 28.11.2023
23	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs Chambery Savoie Mont Blanc Handball FRA – 1st hal	f 36:33 (13:14), 05.12.2023
23	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO – 2nd half	45:31 (22:16), 13.03.2024

# TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

45	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN – 2nd half	43:39
42	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 2nd half	46:30
42	GOG DEN vs RK Nexe CRO – 1st half	37:37
42	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 2nd half	46:32
42	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24
41	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 1st half	46:30
41	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER – 2nd half	34:43
41	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	31:39
40	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP vs HC Metalurg MKD – 2nd half	41:32
40	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD – 2nd half	45:30
40	SC Magdeburg GER vs Sporting CP POR – 1st half	36:35
40	RK Nexe CRO vs Fraikin BM: Granollers ESP -2nd half	39:36
40	Montpellier HB FRA vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	40:36
40	Sporting CP POR vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP – 2nd half	38:31
40	Bidasoa Irun ESP vs Füchse Berlin GER – 1st half	32:40

43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022 46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021 37:37 (22:20), 03.05.2022 46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023 52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023 46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022 31:39 (16:25), 29.11.2022 41:32 (20:13), 17.11.2020 45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021 36:35 (21:19), 05.04.2022 39:36 (19:16), 06.12.2022 40:36 (22:18), 07.02.2023 38:31 (15:14), 14.02.2023 32:40 (17:23), 14.02.2023

# **TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF**

5	Alingsas HK SWE vs HC CSKA RUS – 1st half	23:31 (5:16), 16.02.2021
6	Alingsas HK SWE @ SC Magdeburg GER – 2nd half	36:21 (18:15), 23.02.2021
6	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs USAM Nimes Gard FRA – 1st half	21:26 (6:15), 19.10.2021
7	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
7	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Fenix Toulouse Handball – 2nd half	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
7	HC Izvidac BIH @ Dinamo Bucuresti ROU – 1st half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
7	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ Sporting CP POR – 1st half	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023
7	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 2nd half	19:35 (12:15), 24.10.2023
7	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 2nd half	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022

# TOP 10 FEW/EST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

18	RK Nexe CRO vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	22:23 (8:10), 17.11.2020
18	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs AEK Athens HC GRE – 1st half	30:19 (10:8), 08.03.2022
18	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica PORF – 1st half	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
18	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 2nd half	25:24 (15:16), 28.11.2023
18	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER vs Górnik Zabrze POL – 1st half	27:23 (10:8), 05.03.2024
19	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN – 2nd half	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
19	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 2nd half	22:20 (12:11), 13.12.2022
19	Vojvodina SRB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	24:21 (11:8), 05.03.2024
19	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER – 2nd half	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024
20	Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD – 1st half	21:24 (11:9), 11.02.2021
20	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Sporting CP POR – 2nd half	24:21 (12:13), 16.02.2021
20	USAM Nimes Gard FRA vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN – 1st half	24:22 (11:9), 30.11.2021
20	Bidasoa Irun ESP vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD – 2nd half	32:20 (20:12), 06.12.2022



# LONGEST WINNING RUN

SC Magdeburg GER Füchse Berlin GER Füchse Berlin GER Frisch Auf Göppingen Orlen Wisla Plock POL Orlen Wisla Plock POL HBC Nantes FRA

## LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

27 matches (01.12.2020 - 28.05.2022)
12 matches (25.10.2022 - 28.03.2023)
11 matches (17.11.2020 – 30.03.2021)
11 matches (23.11.2021 - 03.05.2022)
10 matches (18.04.2023 - 13.02.2024)

# LONGEST LOSING RUN

Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN
Besiktas Aygaz TUR
Cocks FIN
TATRAN Presov SVK
Pfadi Winterthur SUI
IFK Kristianstad SWE

## LONGEST RUN WITHOUT WIN

Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN Besiktas Aygaz TUR HC Metalurg MKD Cocks FIN PAUC Handball FRA 12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021) 10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021) 8 matches (19.10.2021 - 22.02.2022) 8 matches (26.10.2021 – 01.03.2022) 8 matches (30.11.2021 - 17.10.2023) 8 matches (13.04.2021 - 05.12.2023)

14 matches (01.12.2020 - 26.10.2021)

12 matches (25.10.2022 - 28.03.2023)

10 matches (18.04.2023 - 13.02.2024)

9 matches (13.12.2022 - 18.04.2023)

8 matches (20.10.2020 - 20.02.2021)

8 matches (23.11.2021 - 29.03.2022)

8 matches (14.11.2023 - 05.03.2024)

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