



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN 2021/22

MOTW Play-offs, Leg 1: Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball

# ELVERUM HANDBALL (NOR) VS PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HB (FRA)

## PLAY-OFFS



Wednesday 30 March 2022, 18:45 CEST



### Playing hall

**Terningen Arena**  
Hamarvegen 112  
2418 Elverum  
Norway  
Capacity: 2,500

## LEG 1



HANDBALL

### Most games vs Paris Saint-Germain HB:

Thorsten Fries	4
Tobias Grøndahl	4
Emil Imsgard	4
Endre Langaas	4
Simen Pettersen	4

### Most goals vs Paris Saint-Germain HB:

Simen Pettersen	11
Alexander Blonz	9
Josef Pujol	9
Lukas Sandell	9
Thomas Solstad	8

- The winners of the play-off tie between Elverum Handball and Paris Saint-Germain Handball will meet four-time champions THW Kiel in the quarter-final.

- Elverum ended the group phase with eight straight defeats and finished sixth in group A with eight points; PSG finished third in group B with 18 points.

- Elverum, playing in their eighth CL season, reached the knockout phase for the first time last season, but lost twice in the play-offs against eventual champions Barça.

- PSG are playing in their 10th CL season, reaching the EHF FINAL4 five times in the last six years.

- PSG have won all four previous CL matches against Elverum, including the first one in September 2019, played in the Håkons Hall in Lillehammer with 12,377 fans – a record attendance for a handball match in Norway.

- PSG reached their only CL final in 2017, and lost to Vardar led by current PSG coach Raul Gonzalez.

- Elverum coach Børge Lund has also won the CL in the past – as a player of THW Kiel in 2007.

- Børge Lund and current PSG star Nikola Karabatic were teammates at Kiel in 2007; Karabatic also won the CL with Montpellier (in 2003) and Barça (2015).

- Apart from Karabatic and coach Gonzalez, PSG boast two more CL winners: Vincent Gerrard (with Montpellier in 2018) and Dainis Kristopans (with Vardar in 2019); no Elverum player has won the trophy so far.

- PSG's squad includes five Olympic gold medallists from Tokyo 2020: Vincent Gerrard, Yann Genti, Nikola and Luka Karabatic, and Nedim Remili.

- It was his 10th career gold medal with France for Nikola Karabatic, who has won both the Olympics and the EHF EURO three times, and the WCh four times.

- PSG top scorer Mikkel Hansen (75 goals) is ruled out for the season after knee surgery; Tobias Grøndahl (73) is Elverum's leading scorer so far.

- Elverum's Hungarian right back Dominik Máthé, who is also out after knee surgery, is set to join PSG next season.

- Croatian centre back Josip Vidovic is the only non-Scandinavian player left in Elverum's squad.

- Another Elverum player will make a notable move this summer as left back Eric Johansson, EHF EURO 2022 champion with Sweden, will join THW Kiel.

- Injury report:** *Elverum: Dominik Máthé (left knee) – PSG: Mikkel Hansen (right knee).*

### Most games vs Elverum Handball:

Vincent Gerard	4
Adama Keita	4
Benoit Kounkoud	4
Viran Morros	4
Nedim Remili	4
Kamil Syprzak	4

### Most goals vs Elverum Handball:

Adama Keita	16
Nedim Remili	15
Kamil Syprzak	12
Dylan Nahi	10
Nikola Karabatic	9

### Domestic league

#### REMA 1000-Ligaen

#### Last 3 games:

26/03 @ Arendal	W25:30
13/03 vs Runar	W27:25
05/03 vs Halden	W25:34

#### Next game:

03/04 vs Kristiansand

#### Standings as of 29/03:

<b>1. Elverum</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>844:622</b>	<b>48</b>
2. Drammen	23	766:640	35
3. Kolstad	24	738:678	31
4. Runar	24	724:672	31
5. Nærbø	24	746:733	28
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14. Bergen	24	678:758	9

### Domestic league

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#### Last 3 games:

27/03 @ Nancy	W32:37
13/03 vs Nantes	W34:28
06/03 @ Chambéry	W27:33

#### Next game:

03/04 vs PAUC

#### Standings as of 29/03:

<b>1. PSG</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>770:591</b>	<b>42</b>
2. Nantes	21	675:594	33
3. PAUC	21	616:581	32
4. Montpellier	21	627:574	27
5. Toulouse	20	574:576	24
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16. Nancy	21	569:655	5

## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

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

28.09.2019	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	22:25 (9:13)
22.02.2020	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:25 (17:13)
15.10.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	35:29 (17:13)
02.03.2021	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:44 (12:19)

## ELVERUM HANDBALL VS FRENCH CLUBS 2–0–10

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2008/09	US Creteil Handball	27:26	20:35	EHF Cup – Round 3
2013/14	HBC Nantes	23:24	21:28	EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3
2016/17	Montpellier HB	32:31	24:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB	22:25 <sup>a)</sup>	25:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29:44 <sup>b)</sup>	29:35	EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Montpellier HB	30:37	32:39	EHF Champions League – Group A

a) Match played in Lillehammer, Norway

b) Match played in Paris, France

## PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL VS NORWEGIAN CLUBS 6–0–0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2008/09	Fyllingen Handball	32:21	32:27	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3
2019/20	Elverum Handball	31:25	25:22 <sup>a)</sup>	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Elverum Handball	35:29	44:29 <sup>b)</sup>	EHF Champions League – Group A

a) Match played in Lillehammer, Norway

b) Match played in Paris, France

## DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

### Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball 29:44 (12:19) 02.03.2021 (Paris, FRA)



(EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 – Group A)

Referees: Mads Hansen/Jesper Madsen (Denmark).

Suspensions: 6' – 4' (Fingren 4', Solstad 2' – Grebille 2', Morros 2').

Number of 7m: 4/3 – 3/2.

Attendance: 0.

	<b>Emil Imsgard</b>			<b>Vincent Gerard</b>	
	<b>Thorsten Fries</b>			<b>Yann Genty</b>	
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	<b>Christopher Hedberg</b>	(1)	(3)	<b>Luc Steins</b>	
	<b>Kristian Larsen</b>		(3)	<b>Adama Keita</b>	
	Simen Schønningsen -> Bergischer HC		(4)	<b>Dainis Kristopans</b>	
	<b>Simen Pettersen</b>	(3)	(3)	<b>Benoit Kounkoud</b>	
	<b>Niclas Fingren</b>	(2)	(5)	<b>Ferran Sole</b>	
	<b>Tobias Grøndahl</b>	(2)	(1)	<b>Henrik Toft Hansen</b>	
	Edwin Aspenbäck -> Hammarby	(1)	(6)	<b>Nedim Remili</b>	
	Luc Abalo -> Tokyo	(2)	(2)	<b>Mathieu Grebille</b>	
	<b>Endre Langaas</b>	(5)	(4)	<b>Kamil Syprzak</b>	
	William Nilsen-Nygaard -> retired	(2)	(3)	<b>Luka Karabatic</b>	
	<b>Dominik Mathe</b>	(3)		Viran Morros -> Füchse	
	<b>Thomas Solstad</b>	(3)		<b>Mikkel Hansen</b>	
Josef Pujol -> Dunkerque	(2)	(2)	<b>Elohim Prandi</b>		
Alexander Blonz -> Szeged	(3)	(8)	Dylan Nahi -> Kielce		

## MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR ELVERUM HANDBALL VS PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HB

Josef Pujol	7	15.10.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball	35:29
Magnus Fredriksen	6	22.02.2020	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball	31:25
Lukas Sandell	5	28.09.2019	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	22:25
Endre Langaas	5	02.03.2021	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29:44
Alexander Blonz	4	22.02.2020	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball	31:25
Lukas Sandell	4	22.02.2020	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball	31:25
Luc Abalo	4	15.10.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball	35:29

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

Adama Keita	8	28.09.2019	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain HB	22:25
Sander Sagosen	8	22.02.2020	Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Elverum Handball	31:25
Mikkel Hansen	8	15.10.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball	35:29
Dylan Nahi	8	02.03.2021	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29:44
Elohim Prandi	6	15.10.2020	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Elverum Handball	35:29
Nedim Remili	6	02.03.2021	Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29:44

## PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Luc Abalo                      4 matches, 8 goals                      w/Elverum 2/6 (2020-2021), w/Paris 2/2 (2019-2020)

## LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN



### Elverum Handball: current run – lost eight

09.03.2022	Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar 1961 MKD	L 39:30
02.03.2022	Elverum NOR	vs Pick Szeged HUN	L 24:27
23.02.2022	Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 32:27
17.02.2022	Lillehammer NOR	vs THW Kiel GER	L 30:31
08.12.2021	Elverum NOR	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 28:34
01.12.2021	Elverum NOR	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	L 32:33
24.11.2021	Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	L 39:32
17.11.2021	Elverum NOR	vs Montpellier HB FRA	L 30:37
28.10.2021	Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 27:30
20.10.2021	Elverum NOR	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 30:25



### Paris Saint-Germain Handball: current run – lost one

10.03.2022	Paris FRA	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 39:40
03.03.2022	Bucharest RO	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 31:39
24.02.2022	Paris FRA	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 33:30
09.12.2021	Paris FRA	vs Barça ESP	D 28:28
02.12.2021	Paris FRA	vs Lomza Vive Kielce POL	W 32:27
25.11.2021	Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	W 30:39
18.11.2021	Paris FRA	vs FC Porto POR	W 33:19
27.10.2021	Kielce POL	@ Lomza Vive Kielce POL	L 38:33
21.10.2021	Barcelona ES	@ Barça ESP	L 30:27
14.10.2021	Paris FRA	vs HC Motor UKR	W 40:32

## ELVERUM HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HB

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Brede Dahl	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thorsten Fries	DEN	4	0	0	4	0	0,00	0	0
Emil Imsgard	NOR	4	0	0	4	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Niclas Fingren	SWE	2	0	0	2	2	1,00	2	2'
Tobias Grøndahl	NOR	4	0	0	4	3	0,75	2	0
Christopher Hedberg	SWE	2	0	0	2	2	1,00	1 (2)	2'
Sindre Heldal	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Eric Johansson	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Endre Langaas	NOR	4	0	0	4	6	1,50	5	4'
Kristian Larsen	NOR	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Kasper Lien	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dominik Mathe	HUN	2	0	0	2	6	3,00	3 (2)	2'
Jacob Moen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Stig-Tore Moen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aron Pálsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Simen Pettersen	NOR	4	0	0	4	11	2,75	3 (3)	0
Thomas Solstad	NOR	3	0	0	3	8	2,67	3 (2)	6'
Erlend Stafset	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Orri Freyr Thorkelsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Josip Vidovic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

## 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Men 2021/22 season.

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

### Awarded players in the 2021/22 season:

- Round 1: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 2: Alex Dujšebaev (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 3: Kyllian Villeminot (Montpellier HB)
- Round 4: Rodrigo Corrales (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 5: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 6: Roland Mikler (Pick Szeged)
- Round 7: Gilberto Duarte (Montpellier HB)
- Round 8: Nikolaj Læsø (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 9: Vincent Gerard (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 10: Bence Bánhidi (Pick Szeged)
- Round 11: Andreas Wolff (Lomza Vive Kielce)
- Round 12: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 13: Felix Claar (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 14: Rasmus Lauge (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Play-offs, leg 1:



## PARIS SAINT–GERMAIN HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST ELVERUM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Yann Genty	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vincent Gerard	FRA	6	5	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Loick Spady	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leo Villain	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Valentin Bzdynga	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Baptiste Clay	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Victor Crenn	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mathieu Grebille	FRA	4	3	0	1	9	2,25	4	2'
Mikkel Hansen	DEN	3	3	0	0	8	2,67	8	0
Luka Karabatic	FRA	3	3	0	0	8	2,67	5	0
Nikola Karabatic	FRA	3	3	0	0	9	3,00	4	2'
Adama Keita	FRA	4	4	0	0	16	4,00	8	0
Benoit Kounkoud	FRA	4	4	0	0	6	1,50	3	2'
Dainis Kristopans	LAT	2	2	0	0	5	2,50	4	0
Noah Lenclume	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thomas Loppy	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gautier Loredon	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sadou N'Tanzi	FRA	2	2	0	0	1	0,50	1	0
Wallem-Konrad Peleka	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Louis Perreux	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Léo Plantin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Elohim Prandi	FRA	2	2	0	0	8	4,00	6	0
Nedim Remili	FRA	4	4	0	0	15	3,75	6	4'
Ferran Sole	ESP	2	2	0	0	6	3,00	5	0
Luc Steins	NED	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	6	6	0	0	20	3,33	8	2'
Henrik Toft Hansen	DEN	3	3	0	0	5	1,67	3	0

Vincent Gerard (Montpellier HB 2016/17); Mathieu Grebille (Montpellier HB 2016/17);  
Luc Steins (OCI-LIONS 2015/16 – DNP); Kamil Syprzak (Orlen Wisla Plock 2012/13)

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