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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2019/20

MATCH ***OF THE*** ***WEEK***

Group A, Round 3

Elverum Handball (NOR)

VS

Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)

Håkons Hall (Lillehammer, NOR)

Saturday 28 September, 17:30 hrs



Elverum Handball (NOR) vs Paris Saint-Germain HB (FRA)

Group A



Saturday 28 September 2019, 17:30 hrs



Playing hall

Håkons Hall
Nordsetervegen 45
2618 Lillehammer
Norway
Capacity: 12,000

Round 3



Elverum top scorers in VELUX EHF Champions League 2019/20:

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson	12
Lukas Sandell	8
Magnus Fredriksen	5
Sebastian Henneberg	5
Jonas Burud	3
Alexander Blonz	2
Endre Langaas	2
Thomas Solstad	2
Alexander Westby	2

Domestic league

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Last 3 games:

22/09 @ Fold-St. Hallvard	W23:32
08/09 vs Runar Håndball	W33:25
04/09 @ Halden Topp	W27:28

Next game:

02/10 @ Naerbø Idrettslag

Standings as of 27/09:

1. Drammen	3	101:70	6
2. Kolstad	3	95:71	6
3. Elverum	3	93:75	6
4. Baekkelaget	3	88:77	5
5. Haslum	3	92:88	3
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12. St. Hallvard	3	77:107	0

- PSG are playing their 117th CL match (79 wins, 7 draws, 30 defeats), Elverum their 43rd (17 wins, 4 draws, 21 defeats).
- While Elverum started their first ever season in the groups A/B part of the CL with two defeats (against Aalborg and Flensburg), PSG won twice (against Zagreb and Szeged).
- Both sides never faced in any official match before.
- Elverum played a French team in the CL once before: against Montpellier HB in the group phase of 2016/17. Elverum won 32:31 at home but lost 31:24 in France.
- PSG have not faced a Norwegian opponent before in the CL - only in the Cup Winners' Cup, defeating Fyllingen in 2008/09.
- The MOTW was moved from Elverum's own arena to the Håkons Hall in Lillehammer to meet the huge demand of tickets. Until Wednesday, a total of 12,000 tickets had been sold, making it the handball match with the biggest attendance ever in Norway.
- The 20-year-old previous record was set in 1999, when 11,200 fans attended the Women's World Championship final in the same arena and saw how Norway beat France in extra time.
- Norwegian PSG star Sander Sagosen will attend the match but cannot play due to injury. He last played against Elverum in a domestic league match for Haslum in 2013/14. He moved to Aalborg in 2014, to PSG in 2017, and will join THW Kiel in 2020.
- Five current PSG players appeared in the WCh 2017 final for France against Norway: Vincent Gerard, Luc Abalo, Nedim Remili and Nikola Karabatic. One PSG player appeared for Norway: Sander Sagosen. No Elverum player was part of that final.
- One current Elverum player appeared in the WCh 2019 final: Alexander Blonz played for Norway against hosts (and winners) Denmark, with PSG stars Mikkel Hansen and Henrik Toft Hansen.
- Both teams have one Icelandic (Gudjonsson/Elverum and Sigurdsson/PSG) and one Swedish player (Sandell/Elverum and Ekdahl du Rietz/PSG). Elverum have three Danish players (Boysen, Fries, Henneberg); PSG have two (Hansen, Toft Hansen).
- PSG qualified for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 three times but are yet to win the trophy. In 2017 they lost the final to HC Vardar, in 2016 and 2018 they finished third.
- The PSG squad includes six players who won the CL: Nikola Karabatic (Montpellier, Kiel, Barcelona), Viran Morros (Ciudad Real, Barcelona), Luc Abalo (Ciudad Real), Vincent Gerard (Montpellier), Rodrigo Corrales (Barcelona) and Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (Barcelona). Also, coach Raul Gonzalez has won the CL with another club - with Vardar in 2017, beating PSG in the final.
- PSG boast eight world champions (Abalo, Gerard, Hansen, Luka and Nikola Karabatic, Morros, Remili, Toft Hansen), seven European champions (Abalo, Corrales, Hansen, Luka and Nikola Karabatic, Morros, Toft Hansen) and four Olympic champions (Abalo, Hansen, Nikola Karabatic, Toft Hansen).

PSG top scorers in VELUX EHF Champions League 2019/20:

Nikola Karabatic	11
Nedim Remili	10
Sander Sagosen	9
Kim Ekdahl du Rietz	8
Kamil Syprzak	8
Benoit Kounkoud	7
Dylan Nahi	6
Luc Abalo	4
Luka Karabatic	2

Domestic league

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Last 3 games:

25/09 vs Fenix Toulouse	W34:28
18/09 @ C'Chartres Métropole	W30:36
11/09 vs HBC Nantes	W32:29

Next game:

03/10 @ USAM Nîmes

Standings as of 27/09:

1. PSG Handball	4	137:112	8
2. Pays d'Aix	4	112:99	7
3. Nantes	4	124:106	6
4. Montpellier	4	114:102	6
5. Nîmes	4	114:113	5
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14. St.-Raphaël	4	111:125	0

Previous matches in European Cup competitions

Elverum Handball vs Paris Saint-Germain HB

No previous encounters in European competitions

Elverum Handball vs French clubs 2-0-4

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

Paris Saint-Germain HB vs Norwegian clubs 2-0-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2008/09	Fyllingen Handball	32:21	32:27	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3

Last 10 games in the VELUX EHF Champions League:



Elverum Handball: current run – winless three

18.09.2019	Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 26:19
15.09.2019	Elverum NOR	vs Aalborg Handbold DEN	L 24:34
01.12.2018	León ESP	@ Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	D 24:24
25.11.2018	Elverum NOR	vs Wacker Thun SUI	W 29:28
18.11.2018	Elverum NOR	vs Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	W 29:28
10.11.2018	Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	L 30:28
03.11.2018	Vantaa – Vanda FIN	@ Riihimäen Cocks FIN	W 25:28
14.10.2018	Elverum NOR	vs Riihimäen Cocks FIN	W 28:27
06.10.2018	Gümligen SUI	@ Wacker Thun SUI	W 29:30
30.09.2018	Elverum NOR	vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	W 30:25



Paris Saint-Germain HB: current run – won three

22.09.2019	Paris FRA	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 30:25
14.09.2019	Zagreb CRO	@ HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 29:37
05.05.2019	Paris FRA	vs PGE Vive Kielce POL	W 35:26
27.04.2019	Kielce POL	@ PGE Vive Kielce POL	L 34:24
03.03.2019	Paris FRA	vs HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	W 31:25
24.02.2019	Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 32:36
17.02.2019	Paris FRA	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 33:28
07.02.2019	Nantes FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	W 31:35
01.12.2018	Paris FRA	vs Skjern Handbold DEN	W 38:28
24.11.2018	Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 33:32

Elverum all set for record-breaking occasion against PSG

In their first season in group A of the VELUX EHF Champions League, Elverum Handball are going all out. The Norwegian champions' first big-name visitor is Paris Saint-Germain HB in the ehfTV.com Match of the Week in Round 3 and to celebrate the occasion, the match will be played at the 12,000-capacity Håkons Hall in Lillehammer on Saturday, 28 September at 17:30 hrs.

When deciding the move to Lillehammer a few weeks ago, Elverum hoped to smash their previous record attendance of 6,042, and dreamed to beat the record for highest attendance at any handball match ever played in Norway – 11,200 at the 1999 Women's World Championship Final...

...and they have fully succeeded: a few days before Saturday's match, the club proudly announced that ticket sales had already passed the 12,000 mark.



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Passed 12.000 and still counting! #MOTW
#Elverum #PSG #Håkonshall



12:18 PM - 25 Sep 2019

"This season we get the ultimate test for how good we can be, both on and off the court. We will meet big teams during the whole season, and the home-game against PSG will be the biggest club-game in Norway in the last 22 years, maybe ever," said Elverum managing director, Mads Fredriksen.

PSG's star-studded squad will arrive in Lillehammer with its Norwegian standout Sander Sagosen, but the left back will not play. He has been ruled out for four weeks after picking up an injury in PSG's domestic league match against Toulouse on Wednesday. Before the season, Sagosen said that "it is a dream for me to play in the Champions League in Norway. Let us make this match to the biggest club match in Norway ever."

'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 being awarded at all MOTWs in the VELUX EHF Champions League 2019/20 season.

The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match by alternating sponsors throughout the season. In Round 3 the trophy will be presented by SELECT and handed over by Steinar Felde, Country Sales Manager Norway.

Awarded players in the 2019/20 season:

Round 1: Nikola Bilyk (THW Kiel)

Round 2: Harald Reinkind (THW Kiel)



Elverum Handball players' career statistics against Paris Saint-Germain HB



Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Thorsten Fries	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jesper Gulliksen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Emil Kheri Imsgard	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Alexandre Christoffersen Blonz	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rasmus Hjørnø Boysen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jonas Burud	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jonas Myreng Elverhøy	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Magnus Fredriksen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Tobias Grøndahl	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sigvaldi Björn Gudjonsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sebastian Henneberg	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Endre Langaas	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Didrik Wennberg Linderud	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sander Wennberg Linderud	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kristian Krag Ørsted	DEN	2	0	0	2	1	0,50	1	0
Simen Holand Pettersen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lukas Sandell	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thomas Alfred Solstad	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexander Ørjevik Westby	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Kristian Krag Ørsted (Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 2016/17)

Paris Saint-Germain HB players' career statistics against Elverum Handball



Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Rodrigo Corrales Rodal	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vincent Gerard	FRA	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Gauthier Ivah	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Loick Spady	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Luc Abalo	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adrien Charlette	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adrien Chaudanson	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Louis Despreaux	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kim Ekdahl du Rietz	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Andry Goujon Bellevue	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mikkel Hansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Karabatic	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nikola Karabatic	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adama Keita	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Edouard Kempf	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Benoit Kounkoud	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gautier Loredon	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Viran Morros de Argila	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dylan Nahi	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sadou Ntanzi	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nedim Remili	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sander Sagosen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adrien Schaff	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	2	2	0	0	8	4,00	8	0
Henrik Toft Hansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Vincent Gerard (Montpellier HB 2016/17); Kamil Syprzak (Orlen Wisla Plock 2012/13)

