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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2024/25

MOTW round 9: Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti



SPORTING CP (POR) vs DINAMO BUCUREȘTI (ROU)

Group A, round 9 | Thursday 28 November 2024, 20:45 CET

Playing hall:

Pavilhao Joao Rocha

Rua Prof. Fernando da Fonseca

1501-806 Lisbon, Portugal

Capacity: 3,000

Key facts:

- Coming into the Match of the Week of round 9, Sporting CP and Dinamo Bucuresti are ranked third and fourth, respectively, in group A of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League.
- Dinamo won the reverse fixture in Romania 33:29, which marked the first defeat for Sporting this season; both teams had started the group phase with three straight wins.
- Last season, Sporting won both duels when the teams met in the EHF European League Men main round, but Dinamo ultimately advanced to the EHF Finals Men 2024 in Hamburg.
- The teams had contrasting results in last week's round 8: Sporting beat Paris Saint-Germain Handball 39:28 to hand the French side their second-biggest defeat ever in the competition, while Dinamo suffered a 38:29 loss against Füchse Berlin in Germany.
- Sporting have scored the most goals (265) of all 16 teams in the group phase, and only one team has conceded fewer goals than the Portuguese side (226) – Orlen Wisla Plock (214).
- Dinamo are on 255 goals scored and 248 goals conceded after eight rounds.
- Martim Costa is Sporting's best scorer with 47 goals, followed by his brother Francisco Costa and Orri Freyr Þorkelsson both on 39; this trio accounts for 47 per cent of Sporting's goals.
- Martim Costa shared the top scorer title at the Men's EHF EURO 2024 with Denmark's Mathias Gidsel as they both finished on 54 goals.
- Haniel Langaro, who won the EHF Champions League three times with Barça before joining Dinamo in the summer of 2024, leads for the Romanian side with 32 goals.
- Haniel Langaro and his former Barça and current Dinamo teammates Alex Pascual and Ali Zein are the only players involved in this MOTW who won the title in the past; Dinamo head coach David Davis lifted the trophy three times with Ciudad Real – in 2006, 2008 and 2009.
- On eurohandball.com: [MOTW page](#) | [group phase standings](#) | [match schedule](#)



Previous matches in European club competitions

Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti 5-0-6 (317:324) 10:12

05.11.2006	Dinamo Baimit Bucurest vs Sporting CP Lisboa, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3	35:29 (17:10)
12.11.2006	Sporting CP Lisboa vs Dinamo Baimit Bucurest, Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3	27:30 (13:13)
23.02.2019	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches C/D	32:31 (14:14)
28.02.2019	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches C/D	26:27 (15:11)
22.02.2020	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Round C/D	25:26 (9:13)
01.03.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Round C/D	26:24 (14:12)
20.10.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Group B	25:27 (15:16)
26.02.2021	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Group B	31:32 (12:17)
13.02.2024	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV	35:33 (17:18)
05.03.2024	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, EHF European League – Main Round Group IV	27:31 (11:15)
23.10.2024	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A	33:29 (13:15)

Sporting CP vs Romanian clubs 13-2-10

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2001/02	Steaua Bukarest	25:25	33:24	EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2
2005/06	HCM Constanta	30:32	22:28	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3
2006/07	Dinamo Baimit Bucurest	27:30	29:35	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3
2009/10	Stiinta Municipal Dedeman Bacau	30:24	23:28	Challenge Cup – Quarter-final
2011/12	CSU Suceava	30:24	33:24	Challenge Cup – Quarter-final
2016/17	AHC Potaissa Turda	37:28	30:24	Challenge Cup – Final
2018/19	Dinamo Bucuresti	32:31	27:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches
2019/20	CS Dinamo Bucuresti	25:26	24:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches
2020/21	HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	22:21	27:27	EHF European League – Qualification Round 2
2020/21	CS Dinamo Bucuresti	31:32	27:25	EHF European League – Group B
2023/24	CSM Constanta	34:28	28:29	EHF European League – Group H
2023/24	Dinamo Bucuresti	35:33	31:27	EHF European League – Main Round Group IV
2024/25	Dinamo Bucuresti		29:33	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A

Dinamo Bucuresti vs Portuguese clubs 9-0-8

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2006/07	Sporting CP Lisboa	35:29	30:27	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3
2016/17	ABC/UMinho	35:29	32:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2018/19	Sporting CP	26:27	31:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches
2019/20	Sporting CP	26:24	26:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Matches
2020/21	Sporting CP	25:27	32:31	EHF European League – Group B
2021/22	FC Porto	26:27	32:31	EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	FC Porto	32:27	23:32	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A
2023/24	Sporting CP	27:31	33:35	EHF European League – Main Round Group IV
2024/25	Sporting CP	33:29		Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A



Most goals in one game for Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti

Ivan Nikcevic	11	23.02.2019	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti	32:31
Orri Freyr Porkelsson	9	13.02.2024	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti	35:33
Valentin Ghionea	8	22.02.2020	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	25:26
Martim Costa	8	13.02.2024	Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti	35:33
Ricardo Costa	7	05.11.2006	Dinamo Baimit Bucurest vs Sporting CP Lisboa	35:29
Tiago Silva	7	12.11.2006	Sporting CP Lisboa vs Dinamo Baimit Bucurest	27:30
Frankis Carol	7	28.02.2019	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP	26:27
Pedro Veitia	7	26.02.2021	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	31:32

Most goals in one game for Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP

Valentin Ghionea	14	05.11.2006	Dinamo Baimit Bucurest vs Sporting CP Lisboa	35:29
Bogdan Voica	9	12.11.2006	Sporting CP Lisboa vs Dinamo Baimit Bucurest	27:30
Ali Zein	9	05.03.2024	Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP	27:31
Valentin Ghionea	8	20.10.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP	25:27
Ante Kuduk	7	22.02.2020	Sporting CP vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti	25:26
Alexandru Asoltanei	7	01.03.2020	CS Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP	26:24

Players who played for both clubs in direct encounters

Darko Djukic	3 matches, 7 goals	w/Sporting CP 2/6 (2020-2021); w/Dinamo Bucuresti 1/1 (2024)
Valentin Ghionea	8 matches, 48 goals	w/Sporting CP 4/18 (2019-2020); w/Dinamo Bucuresti 4/30 (2006, 2020)

Current players who played in EHF competitions for both clubs

Darko Djukic	Sporting (2020-2021), Dinamo (2024)
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Most games for Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti

Edmilson Araujo	6
Aljosa Cudic	6
Manuel Gaspar	6
Tiago Rocha	6
Carlos Ruesga	6

Most goals for Sporting CP vs Dinamo Bucuresti

Pedro Veitia Valdez	22
Orri Freyr Porkelsson	20
Valentin Ghionea	18
Martim Costa	17
Carlos Ruesga	14



Most games for Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP

Nicusor Andrei Negru	9
Saeid Heidarirad	8
Ante Kuduz	7
Amine Bannour	6
Makrem Missaoui	6
Alireza Mousavi	6
Dan Savenco	6

Most goals for Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP

Valentin Ghionea	30
Amine Bannour	20
Razvan Gavrioloaia	20
Ali Zein	20
Alexandru Asoltanei	19

Details of the most recent direct encounter

23 October 2024 | Bucharest, Romania:

Dinamo Bucuresti vs Sporting CP (Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group A) 33:29 (13:15)

Referees: Lars Jorum/Havard Kleven (Norway).

Suspensions: 4' – 4' (Vujovic 2', Militaru 2' – Gurri 2', Moga 2').

Number of 7m: 3/2 – 5/2.

Attendance: 4,100.

Dinamo Bucuresti: Vladimir Cupara, Ionut Ciprian Iancu; Branko Vujovic (4), Calin Dedu (1), Darko Djukic (1), Frederik Ladefoged (1), Nicusor Andrei Negru (1), Haukur Thrastarson (6), Haniel Langaro (6), André Gomes (1), Alex Pascual (1), Stanislav Kasperek (3), Daniel Stanciuc (1), Andrii Akimenko (1), Ali Zein (6), Robert Mihai Militaru.

Sporting CP: André Bergsholm Kristensen, Mohamed Aly; Edney Silva Oliveira (1), Pedro Portela (1), Francisco Costa (2), Natán Suárez (4), Jan Gurri (2), Pedro Martínez Camí (1), William Höghjelm (1), Salvador Salvador (1), Orri Freyr Þorkelsson (6), Mamadou Gassama (4), Diogo Branquinho (2), Christian Moga, Martim Costa (4), Rafael Vasconcelos.



Last 10 matches in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League

Sporting CP: current run – won one

20.11.2024	Lisbon POR	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	W 39:28
30.10.2024	Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 30:28
23.10.2024	Bucharest ROU	@ Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 33:29
17.10.2024	Lisbon POR	vs Fühse Berlin GER	W 35:33
09.10.2024	Bitola MKD	@ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	D 24:24
25.09.2024	Lisbon POR	vs Veszprém HC HUN	W 39:30
19.09.2024	Odense DEN	@ Fredericia Håndbold Klub DEN	W 19:37
11.09.2024	Lisbon POR	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 34:29
01.03.2020	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 26:24
22.02.2020	Lisbon POR	vs CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 25:26

Dinamo Bucuresti: current run – lost one

21.11.2024	Berlin GER	@ Fühse Berlin GER	L 38:29
31.10.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs Fühse Berlin GER	W 38:31
23.10.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs Sporting CP POR	W 33:29
17.10.2024	Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 35:32
10.10.2024	Veszprém HUN	@ Veszprém HC HUN	L 36:24
26.09.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	W 34:25
18.09.2024	Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 26:28
12.09.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs Fredericia Håndbold Klub DEN	W 37:28
29.03.2023	Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	W 31:32
22.03.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs THW Kiel GER	L 28:41

Player of the Match trophy awarded after each MOTW

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 Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2024/25 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2024/25 season:

- Round 1: Thomas Arnoldsen (Aalborg Håndbold)
- Round 2: Ignacio Biosca (HBC Nantes)
- Round 3: Andreas Palicka (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 4: Emil Nielsen (Barça)
- Round 5: Petar Cikusa (Barça)
- Round 6: Yahia Omar (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 7: Magnus Søndenå (Kolstad Håndball)
- Round 8: Aron Pálmarrsson (Veszprém HC)
- Round 9: ...



Sporting CP players' career statistics against Dinamo Bucuresti

Goalkeepers	NOC	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mohamed Aly	EGY	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Andrè Bergsholm Kristensen	NOR	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Santiago Póvoas	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Players	NOC	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Diogo Branquinho	POR	7	3	0	4	14	2,00	3(3)	2'
Francisco Costa	POR	3	2	0	1	12	4,00	6	2'
Martim Costa	POR	3	2	0	1	17	5,67	8	0
Mamadou Gassama	ESP	3	2	0	1	9	3,00	4	0
João Silva	POR	2	2	0	0	3	1,50	2	0
Jan Gurri	ESP	3	2	0	1	5	1,67	2 (2)	2'
William Höghielm	SWE	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Francisco Loureiro	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pedro Martinez Cami	ARG	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Christian Moga	CGO	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	6' (D)
Francisco Peralta	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pedro Portela	POR	3	2	0	1	1	0,33	1	2'
Salvador Salvador	POR	5	3	0	2	12	2,40	4	6'
Edney Silva Oliveira	BRA	3	2	0	1	7	2,33	5	2'
Natán Suárez	ESP	2	1	0	1	7	3,50	4	0
Orri Freyr Þorkelsson	ISL	3	2	0	1	20	6,67	9	0
Rafael Vasconcelos	POR	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Maiko Vazquez	CUB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

*Diogo Branquinho (ABC/UMinho 2016/17, FC Porto 2021/22, FC Porto 2022/23);
Mamadou Gassama (Fraikin BM. Granollers 2015/16 – DNP).*

Dinamo Bucuresti players' career statistics against Sporting CP

Goalkeepers	NOC	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Alin Cozmaciuc	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vladimir Cupara	SRB	3	1	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Ionut Ciprian Iancu	ROU	3	1	1	1	0	0,00	0	0
Dragos Catalin	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Players	NOC	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Andrii Akimenko	UKR	3	1	0	2	9	3,00	6	0
Tudor Bogdan Bugulet	ROU	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Calin Dedu	ROU	3	1	0	2	5	1,67	4	0
Darko Djukic	SRB	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
André Gomes	POR	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Haniel Langaro	BRA	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Stanislav Kasperek	CZE	3	1	0	2	9	3,00	5	2'
Ante Kuduz	ROU	7	3	0	4	13	1,86	7	8' (D)
Frederik Ladefoged	DEN	3	2	0	1	1	0,33	1	0
Yoav Lumbroso	ISR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Robert Mihai Militaru	ROU	3	1	0	2	0	0,00	0	2'
Nicusor Andrei Negru	ROU	9	3	0	6	13	1,44	4	4'
Alex Pascual	ESP	3	1	0	2	1	0,33	1	0
Miklós Rosta	HUN	2	0	0	2	5	2,50	3	0
Ramon Alin Somlea	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Daniel Stanciuc	ROU	2	1	0	1	3	1,50	2	0
Haukur Thrastarson	ISL	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Branko Vujovic	MNE	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	2'
Ali Zein	EGY	3	1	0	2	20	6,67	9	0

Ionut Ciprian Iancu (HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta 2020/21); Frederik Ladefoged (Team Tvis Holstebro 2015/16).

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