



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2024/25
MAIN ROUND

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I INTRODUCTION

16 TEAMS REMAIN IN THE RACE AS THE COMPETITION HEADS INTO THE MAIN ROUND

Six rounds of intense action saw half the teams depart the EHF European League Men 2024/25 after the group matches, leaving the 16 strongest sides standing at the start of the main round as the race to the EHF Finals Men 2025 on 24/25 May at Barcalys Arena in Hamburg gathers pace. Packed with some of the most famous handball clubs, exciting talents and star players returning from the 2025 IHF Men's World Championship, it is no wonder the EHF European League Men lives up to its billing as one of the most engaging competitions in handball once more.

Now in its fifth campaign since its inaugural season in 2020/21, passionate fans in the arenas and watching at home have made the EHF European League compulsory viewing, both in person and online through extensive TV coverage and live streaming on EHFTV.

The competition remains the same last season, as the 16 teams advancing from the group matches have been split into four groups of four. The two results against the team that was already an opponent in the group matches are carried over, meaning each team has four matches to play in the main round. The winner of each group will progress to the quarter-finals, while the teams finishing second and third enter the play-off round to battle it out for the remaining four quarter-final spots.

FOUR EXCITING GROUPS SET THE STAGE FOR THE MAIN ROUND

Title holders SG Flensburg-Handewitt won all six of their group matches and take a maximum four points into the main round, while there is work to do in group IV for MOL Tatabánya KC from Hungary, who lost twice to the champions. Flensburg await all-German clashes with VfL Gummersbach, who start the main round on two points, just like French side FENIX Toulouse. Group III also includes two German sides — THW Kiel and MT Melsungen, are tied at the top with four points each. Serbian side Vojvodina and FC Porto of Portugal are in the main round for a reason, though, and will be determined to stay in contention for the quarter-finals.

In group I, former two-time EHF Champions League winners Montpellier Handball lead the way after two wins over EHF Finals Men 2023 runners-up Fraikin BM. Granollers. GOG and HC Kriens-Luzern picked up a win apiece in their group matches clashes, leaving this group still wide open. And Bidasoa Irun are the group II side leaders carrying a maximum of four points into the main round, but points dropped against eliminated sides will give hope to Limoges Handball and Sport Lisboa e Benfica, on two points each, while Ystads IF HF succeeded where Irun failed, thus they cannot be discounted.

More greatness will be earned in the EHF European League Men, so enjoy the main round!

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ALL IN
GREATNESS IS EARNED

I ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED

'ALL IN' CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN 2024/25

A new claim for the EHF European League's seasonal campaign was launched for the season 2023/24. The campaign's slogan 'ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED' underlined that success in the EHF European League can only come through hard work, dedication, and relentless effort. The campaign has been continued with new key visuals for the season 2024/25.

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. This is implemented in a promo video produced by Infront and the media team of EHF Marketing GmbH. It features the dynamic brush stroke element emphasising the energy and intensity of the EHF European League and the hard work players have to deliver – on and off the court – in order to succeed.

The campaign includes key visuals also accentuating the brush stroke as well as the revamped 'ALL IN' design elements. 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 and their favourite teams 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 ([EHF European League](#)), X ([@ehfel_official](#)) and Instagram ([@ehfel_official](#)), fans can also check out the Home of Handball channels on YouTube ([The Home of Handball](#)), and TikTok ([@homeofhandball](#)).

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.](#)

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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.

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WATCH ALL THE GAMES ON EHFTV

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, EHFTV has established itself over the past seasons as the meeting point for all handball fans. Since the relaunch in September 2024, EHFTV subscribers have access to full games, extended highlights, condensed game highlights and top action from the EHF European League and other competitions.

Live viewing is based on geo-locations, and fans have the flexibility of choosing from several subscription types based on their preferences: yearly, monthly or pay-per-view. Game highlights and the 'EHF Originals' are available worldwide and free of charge.

TUNE IN TO YOUR TV BROADCASTER

Handball fans across the globe will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Men 2024/25 main round – no matter where they are. Broadcasters in over 30 territories across the continent have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition unfolds.

WHERE TO WATCH THE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2024/25

LIVE BROADCASTERS



<p> AUT – DAZN</p> <p> AUT – DYN</p> <p> AUT – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> BIH – Arena Sport</p> <p> CRO – Arena Sport</p> <p> CAN – DAZN</p> <p> CZE – AMC</p> <p> DEN – Viaplay</p> <p> ESP – DAZN</p> <p> ESP – TV3 Catalunya</p> <p> ESP – EITB</p> <p> FAR – Viaplay</p> <p> FIN – Viaplay</p> <p> FRA – Eurosport</p> <p> GEO – Silknet</p> <p> GER – DAZN</p> <p> GER – DYN</p> <p> GER – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> HUN – AMC</p> <p> ISL – LiveU</p> <p> ISR – Chariton</p>	<p> ITA – PallamanoTV</p> <p> JPN – DAZN</p> <p> KOS – Arena Sport</p> <p> MKD – Arena Sport</p> <p> MNE – Arena Sport</p> <p> NED – Ziggo</p> <p> NOR – Viaplay</p> <p> NOR – TV2</p> <p> POL – Eurosport</p> <p> POR – BenficaTV</p> <p> POR – Porto Canal</p> <p> ROU – Prima Sport</p> <p> ROU – Digi Sport</p> <p> SRB – Arena Sport</p> <p> SLO – Arena Sport</p> <p> SUI – DAZN</p> <p> SUI – DYN</p> <p> SUI – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> SVK – AMC</p> <p> SWE – Viaplay</p> <p> TUR – TRT (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> WORLD – EHFTV*</p>
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*Geo-restrictions may apply

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2 EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WINNERS, 9 NATIONS, 32 MATCHES

FACTS & FIGURES: IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND STATS BEFORE THE START OF THE MAIN ROUND

Four groups with 16 teams from nine countries are set for the main round of the EHF European League Men 2024/25. The strong field includes three EHF Champions League winners, four German sides, and six teams that started their season in the qualification round.

Here are interesting facts and figures before the main round throws off:

1 team from the EHF Finals 2024 is part of the main round in 2024/25: defending champions SG Flensburg-Handewitt; runners-up Füchse Berlin and Dinamo Bucuresti play in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League this season, Rhein-Neckar Löwen did not qualify for Europe.

1 European debutant has made it to the main round: Limoges Handball.

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previous EHF European League winners are part of the main round: Benfica (2022) and Flensburg (2024).

2 of the 16 main round participants were also part of this stage of the competition last season: Flensburg and Vojvodina.

3 teams won all six group matches: Montpellier Handball, THW Kiel, and Flensburg.

3 EHF Champions League winners are part of the main round: Montpellier (2003, 2018), Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) and Flensburg (2014); a fourth winner, HC Vardar 1961 (2017, 2019), failed to advance from the group matches.

4 teams in the main round played in the EHF Champions League last season: FC Porto, GOG, Montpellier, and Kiel.

4 German teams have made it to the main round, including VfL Gummersbach and MT Melsungen, who both started in the qualification round.

4 group winners in the main round will advance to the quarter-finals directly; eight more teams go into the play-offs to battle it out for the remaining four quarter-final spots.

4 teams that played at the EHF Finals in the past are part of the main round: Benfica, Montpellier, Fraikin BM. Granollers, and Flensburg.

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teams in the main round started their journey in the qualification round: Granollers, Gummersbach, HC Kriens-Luzern, Limoges, Melsungen, and Ystads IF HF.

9 nations are represented by the 16 main round teams, compared to 11 nations last season.

9 of the 96 group matches ended in a draws, compared to five last season.

10 games in the group matches featured 70 or more goals.

11 group matches were attended by 3,000 or more spectators, compared to 12 last season.

17 group matches ended with a margin of 10 or more goals, compared to 20 last season.

19 goals was the biggest winning margin in the group matches, when Gummersbach defeated FH Hafnarfjordur 40:21.

32

main round matches will take place in February and March, followed by eight play-off and eight quarter-final games.

34 of the 96 group matches were won by the away team, compared to 33 last season.

40 was the lowest number of goals in a group match, when Tatran Prešov lost to Benfica 16:24.

44 was the highest number of goals scored by a team in one, when Flensburg defeated MOL Tatabanya KC 44:27.

49

goals make August Pedersen from Flensburg the top scorer of the EHF European League after the group matches.

56 of the 96 group matches featured 60 goals or more, compared to 52 last season.

+61 was the goal difference of Flensburg after their six group matches; Montpellier (+48) and Melsungen (+44) were next in line.

53 of the 96 group matches were won by the home team, compared to 58 last season.

75 was the highest number of goals scored in a group match, when GOG beat Kriens-Luzern 39:36; three matches featured 72 goals each.

145 goals conceded made Montpellier's defence the best of the group matches; next in line were Melsungen (150), Gummersbach (162), Benfica and Porto (163 each).

234 goals were scored in the group phase by Flensburg, more than any other team; fellow German contenders Kiel and Gummersbach both followed with 200 goals.

5,841 goals were scored in the 96 group matches, an average of 60.35 goals per match; the biggest number was scored in group D (759), the lowest in group F (700).

7,571

fans in the Wunderino Arena in Kiel for the match against Vojvodina was the biggest attendance in the group phase; the reverse fixture in Novi Sad was the match with the second biggest attendance: 5,500.

16,239 fans in total have visited the three home games from Kiel in the group matches.

MIN & MAX

AGE AVERAGE

THW Kiel	27.8
MOL Tatabanya KC	27.2
MT Melsungen	27.0
Vojvodina	25.9
FC Porto	25.9
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	25.9
<i>EHF European League main round</i>	25.5
Ystads IF HF	25.3
VfL Gummersbach	25.2
HC Kriens-Luzern	24.7
FENIX Toulouse	24.7
Fraikin BM. Granollers	24.2
Sport Lisboa e Benfica	24.1
Bidasoa Irun	24.1
Montpellier Handball	24.1
Limoges Handball	23.1
GOG	22.6

HEIGHT AVERAGE

THW Kiel	194.8
FC Porto	193.8
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	193.2
VfL Gummersbach	193.2
Ystads IF HF	193.0
MT Melsungen	192.8
GOG	192.1
Sport Lisboa e Benfica	191.3
Fraikin BM. Granollers	191.3
Vojvodina	191.0
<i>EHF European League main round</i>	190.9
MOL Tatabanya KC	190.8
Bidasoa Irun	189.8
Limoges Handball	189.5
Montpellier Handball	189.0
HC Kriens-Luzern	188.0
FENIX Toulouse	187.7

YOUNGEST



17/06/2009

Ben Zimmermann
HC Kriens-Luzern

Ben Zimmermann	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern	17/06/2009
Unai Barreto	ESP	Bidasoa Irun	15/04/2008
Miguel Mendes	POR	Sport Lisboa e Benfica	03/03/2008
Moritz Detlefsen	GER	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	25/01/2008
Márkó Eklemović	HUN	MOL Tatabánya KC	04/10/2007
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Nils Epp	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern	11/07/2007
Oskar Møller Jakobsen	DEN	GOG	07/06/2007
Andrija Stankov	SRB	Vojvodina	16/05/2007
Djordje Drasko	SRB	Vojvodina	05/05/2007

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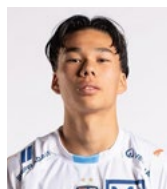


11/07/1977

Gorazd Škof
HC Kriens-Luzern

Gorazd Škof	SLO	HC Kriens-Luzern	11/07/1977
Carsten Lichtlein	GER	MT Melsungen	04/11/1980
Kim Andersson	SWE	Ystads IF HF	21/08/1982
Antonio Robledo	ESP	Fraikin BM. Granollers	06/03/1984
Barys Pukhouski	BLR	Vojvodina	03/01/1987
Daymaro Salina	POR	FC Porto	01/09/1987
Cristian Ugalde	ESP	MOL Tatabánya	19/10/1987
Fábio Magalhães	POR	FC Porto	12/03/1988
Domagoj Duvnjak	CRO	THW Kiel	01/06/1988
Niko Mindeġia	ESP	FENIX Toulouse	19/07/1988

SHORTEST



158 cm

Justin Soutoul
Montpellier Handball

Justin Soutoul	FRA	Montpellier Handball	158
Mytchel Meslien	FRA	FENIX Toulouse	162
Erik Balenciaga	ESP	MT Melsungen	169
Romain Giraudeau	FRA	FENIX Toulouse	170
Laly Ralambofiringa	FRA	FENIX Toulouse	172
Baptiste Dubois	FRA	Montpellier Handball	173
Alexandre Birkner	FRA	Limoges Handball	174
Dimitri Ignatow	GER	MT Melsungen	174
<i>four players</i>			175
<i>two players</i>			176

TALLEST



215 cm

Dainis Kristopans
MT Melsungen

Dainis Kristopans	LAT	MT Melsungen	215
Thilo Knutzen	GER	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	212
Viggo Håkansson	SWE	Ystads IF HF	211
Þorsteinn Leó	ISL	FC Porto	208
Carl Lindström	SWE	Ystads IF HF	205
Rogério Moraes	BRA	MT Melsungen	204
Veron Nacinovic	CRO	Montpellier Handball	204
<i>six players</i>			203
<i>five players</i>			202
<i>eight players</i>			201

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.

GROUP MATCHES AND MAIN ROUND

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

During the group matches:

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

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

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

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

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

If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of a responsible of each club.

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.



CLUBS

GROUP I PREVIEW



THREE TEAMS CHALLENGE DOMINANT LEADERS

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Montpellier Handball	2	2	0	0	62:49	(+13)	4
2. GOG	2	1	0	1	69:68	(+1)	2
3. HC Kriens-Luzern	2	1	0	1	68:69	(-1)	2
4. Fraikin BM. Granollers	2	0	0	2	49:62	(-13)	0

Montpellier Handball are the team to beat in group I after their outstanding performance in the group matches, finishing a tough group with a clean sweep of six wins. Having the best defence of any team in the group matches and beating top clubs such as Granollers and Bjerringbro-Silkeborg clearly, the two-time EHF Champions League winners are the only side in this group with the optimum of four points. In the first season after coach Patrice Canayer's era, Montpellier have proven consistency under new coach Érick Mathé.



GOG and HC Kriens-Luzern each continue with two points to their account, after they finished first and second in group A. The Danish side had four wins (including 39:36 against Kriens-Luzern) and a draw after five rounds, but the Swiss side struck back in the final round, beating GOG 32:30 and securing the top spot.



Despite losing top players like Mathias Gidsel and Simon Pytlick and coach Nicolej Krickau in recent years, GOG keep performing well in Europe. Last season, they were eliminated in the Machineseker EHF Champions League play-offs by Industria Kielce. Now, they want to emulate their 2021/22 season, when they reached the EHF European League quarter-finals.

HC Kriens-Luzern returned to the EHF European League group matches after eliminating their domestic rivals GC Amicitia Zürich in qualification – and have now made it to the main round for the first time, under new coach Željko Musa. Winning 31:30 at Ademar Leon was the key triumph for Kriens-Luzern to make it to this stage of the competition.



The two-time EHF Cup winners Fraikin BM. Granollers finished second in group B, below Montpellier, with three victories and three defeats – and start the main round on zero points. In general, Granollers count on a talented group with only three players over the age of 30. The crucial match to proceed was the 36:27 home win against Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, which was enough after losing 35:32 to the same opponents in Denmark.

Björn Pazen

GROUP I HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP I

HC Kriens-Luzern vs Montpellier Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Kriens-Luzern vs Fraikin BM. Granollers

No previous encounters in European competitions

GOG vs Montpellier Handball 1-0-1 (57:63) 2:2

18.10.2023	GOG vs Montpellier HB, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	32:27 (16:18)
06.12.2023	Montpellier HB vs GOG, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	36:25 (16:13)

GOG vs Fraikin BM. Granollers 1-0-1 (65:60) 2:2

17.02.2019	GOG vs Fraikin BM. Granollers, EHF Cup – Group D	34:26 (17:13)
31.03.2019	Fraikin BM. Granollers vs GOG, EHF Cup – Group D	34:31 (19:15)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

FDI Stadium
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Capacity: 4,134

MONTPELLIER HANDBALL



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
@ Fraikin BM. Granollers
@ Górnik Zabrze
vs Górnik Zabrze
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
vs Fraikin BM. Granollers

W40:26 (23:13)
W24:28 (11:14)
W23:27 (8:12)
W30:25 (15:9)
W22:34 (12:15)
W34:25 (15:17)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Montpellier Handball	6	6	0	0	193:145	(+48)	12
2. Fraikin BM. Granollers	6	3	0	3	194:186	(+8)	6
3. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	6	2	1	3	165:193	(-28)	5
4. Górnik Zabrze	6	0	1	5	161:189	(-28)	1

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	25
2. Yanis Lenne (FRA)	22
Hugo Bryan (BRA)	22
3. Ahmed Hesham (EGY)	18
4. Diego Simonet (ARG)	17
5. Valentin Porte (FRA)	15

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3

Semi-finals (1): 2022/23

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

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

Semi-finals (1): 2004/05

Quarter-finals (7): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2021/22, 2023/24

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2013/14

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998-2000, 2002-06, 2008-12)

French cup: 13 titles (1999-2003, 2005-06, 2008-10, 2012-13, 2016)





ÉRICK MATHÉ
Coach

- joined Montpellier in July 2024 to replace Patrice Canayer, who had been in charge for the past 30 years
- was previously an assistant in Montpellier from 2015 to 2018, when the club won the EHF Champions League
- also coached Bordeaux (2011-14) and Chambéry (2018-24)
- was part of the coaching staff for the French national team from 2020 to 2024, winning gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the EHF EURO 2024

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Sindre Aho (Esbjerg/DEN)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Sebastian	Karlsson	SWE	Right wing	21/01/1995	Savedalen, SWE	178
4	Diego	Simonet	ARG	Centre back	26/12/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	189
5	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre back	20/05/1998	Lyon, FRA	189
10	Lucas	Pellas	SWE	Left wing	28/08/1995	Farsta, SWE	183
11	Djordje	Cikusa i Jelacic	ESP	Right back	08/12/2005	Bordils, ESP	191
12	Charles	Bolzinger	FRA	Goalkeeper	14/12/2000	Sète, FRA	198
15	Ahmed	Hesham	EGY	Left back	15/05/2000	Le Caire, FRA	194
17	Jaime	Fernandez	ESP	Left wing	27/01/1997	Leon, ESP	176
19	Arthur	Lenne	FRA	Line player	02/05/2001	Colmar, FRA	194
20	Stas	Skube	SLO	Centre back	15/11/1989	Celje, SLO	179
21	Kylian	Prat	FRA	Left back	20/02/2004	Mesnil, FRA	193
22	Karl	Konan	FRA	Left back	03/06/1995	Cocody, CIV	196
23	Léo	Fournié	FRA	Line player	10/04/2004	Rodez, FRA	188
25	Lucas	Guigon	FRA	Right back	18/07/2003	Montpellier, FRA	197
26	Hugo	Bryan	BRA	Left back	06/04/2003	Sao Joao, BRA	193
27	Sindre Andre	Aho	NOR	Centre back	20/07/1997	Sandefjord, NOR	183
C 28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right back	07/09/1990	Versailles, FRA	190
29	Niels	Martin	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/09/2004	Lyon, FRA	196
32	Yanis	Lenne	FRA	Right wing	29/06/1996	Colmar, FRA	187
51	Roland	Terjek	HUN	Right wing	14/08/2004	Salgótarján, HUN	184
52	Justin	Soutoul	FRA	Right wing	27/11/2004	Montpellier, FRA	158
53	Matéo	Caille	FRA	Line player	27/06/2004	Montpellier, FRA	198
54	Baptiste	Dubois	FRA	Left wing	24/06/2005	Montpellier, FRA	173
55	Pierre	Carbillet	FRA	Right back	13/02/2006	Dijon, FRA	192
56	Mathis	Becker Fischer	FRA	Left back	08/03/2005	Sarreguemines, FRA	199
57	Thibault	Dambacher	FRA	Right back	04/03/2005	Saverne, FRA	193
59	Soren	Billy-Legrand	FRA	Goalkeeper	01/02/2005	Montpellier, FRA	198
92	Remi	Desbonnet	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/02/1992	Montpellier, FRA	182
93	Veron	Nacinovic	CRO	Line player	07/03/2000	Rijeka, CRO	204



REMI DESBONNET

 @remi_desbonnet92

Goalkeeper

- French international, who started his professional career at Montpellier before joining Nîmes in 2013 at age 21; he moved back to Montpellier in 2022
- played all major events with France since EHF EURO 2022
- used to play beach handball, where he was a left wing; his brother, Nicolas, is still playing beach handball and is part of the France national team

WCh: S 2023, B 2025; EURO: G 2024



LUCAS PELLAS

 @pellaslucas

Left wing

- arrived at Montpellier in 2020 for the first club outside his native Sweden
- started career at Söder, also played for Hammarby and Lugli before moving to France
- made his national team debut in June 2019; missed most of Sweden's golden EHF EURO 2022 having tested positive for the coronavirus
- contributed 25 goals to Sweden's run to bronze at EHF EURO 2024

EURO: G 2022, B 2024; WCh: S 2021



DIEGO SIMONET

 @chinosimonet

Centre back

- Argentinian international, who arrived in Europe in 2009, joining Torrevieja in Spain
- next played two seasons for Ivry in France before joining Montpellier in 2013
- named MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2018 when Montpellier won the CL title
- both his parents were international handball players, while his brothers Sebastian and Pablo also play the sports professionally

CL: 2018



VALENTIN PORTE

 @valhand28

Right back

- arrived in Montpellier from French league rivals Toulouse in 2016; won the CL in his second year with the club, also played CL quarter-finals twice, in 2017 and 2023
- initially played on the right wing, but former France national team coach Claude Onesta moved him to right back
- scored 16 goals in EHF EURO 2014 semi-final and final to help France win gold; retired from the national team after the Paris 2024 Olympics

CL: 2018
OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017, S 2023,
B 2019; EURO: G 2014, 2024, B 2018

GROUP I



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Phönix Tag Arena
 Staerkaervej 1
 5884 Gudme
 Denmark
 Capacity: 1,756

GOG



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

@ RK Gorenje Velenje	D35:35 (17:17)
vs HC Kriens-Luzern	W39:36 (19:14)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	W36:23 (20:11)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	W21:27 (12:16)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W31:21 (16:11)
@ HC Kriens-Luzern	L32:30 (13:12)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
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2. GOG	6	4	1	1	198:168	(+30)	9
3. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	1	1	4	160:186	(-26)	3
4. Abanca Ademar Leon	6	1	0	5	161:180	(-19)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Alexandre Blonz (NOR)	28
2. Hjalte Lykke (DEN)	26
3. Frederik Tilsted (DEN)	23
4. Tobias Grøndahl (NOR)	22
5. Nicolai Pedersen (DEN)	21

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3

Quarter-finals (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

EHF Champions League

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

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

Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2006/07

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (3): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06

Cup Winners' Cup

Runners-up (1): 1994/95

Quarter-finals (2): 1993/94, 1997/98

Danish league: 9 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2022, 2023)

Danish cup: 12 titles (1990-92, 1995-97, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2019, 2022, 2023)





KASPER CHRISTENSEN

Coach

- Danish coach, who joined GOG before the start of the 2024/25 season
- previously led the women's team of Ikast Håndbold, from 2020 to 2024
- led them to the EHF European League title in 2022/23 and the EHF Champions League play-offs the next season
- started coaching career as an assistant at TM Tønder while still playing for that club in 2013
- was in charge of SønderjyskE in the Danish men's first division from 2017 to 2020

EL: 2023 (as coach)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Frederik	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/04/2006	Svendborg, DEN	196
2	William	Dalby Enoch	DEN	Left wing	01/10/2005	Copenhagen, DEN	186
C 3	Nicolai Nygaard	Pedersen	DEN	Left back	15/02/1994	Hillerød, DEN	198
4	Kasper Teglgaard	Pedersen	DEN	Line player	16/06/2005	Ringsted, DEN	197
5	Jacob	Dalager	DEN	Left back	27/11/2006	Aalborg, DEN	201
7	Lasse Sunesen	Vilhelmsen	DEN	Right back	26/04/2005	Svendborg, DEN	192
8	Frederik	Tilsted	DEN	Centre back	05/07/1999	Thisted, DEN	192
C 9	Henrik	Jakobsen	NOR	Line player	16/12/1992	Lørenskog, NOR	196
10	Frederik Emil	Pedersen	DEN	Centre back	25/08/2005	Rødovre , DEN	185
11	Kasper Dahl	Jacobsen	DEN	Left wing	25/01/2006	Slagelse, DEN	176
12	Peter	Johannesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	12/05/1992	Gunnared, SWE	191
13	Andreas Johann	Nielsen	DEN	Line player	04/11/1997	Frederiksberg, DEN	199
14	Simon	Humlegaard	DEN	Line player	22/05/2005	Svendborg, DEN	198
C 15	Tobias	Grøndahl	NOR	Centre back	22/01/2001	Bærum, NOR	183
16	Oliver	Briese	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/03/2006	Svendborg, DEN	202
19	Oskar Vind	Rasmussen	DEN	Right wing	08/08/2000	Roskilde , DEN	196
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right wing	11/05/1994	Svendborg, DEN	184
22	Hjalte	Langmack	DEN	Centre back	01/03/2006	Vøjens, DEN	190
23	Joachim	Lyng Als	DEN	Left wing	07/04/2003	Copenhagen , DEN	198
27	Oskar Møller	Jakobsen	DEN	Right back	07/06/2007	Aarhus, DEN	197
28	Emil Oxenvad	Tonnesen	DEN	Centre back	25/01/2005	Esbjerg , DEN	189
29	Hjalte	Lykke	DEN	Right back	05/10/2004	Aarhus, DEN	178
37	Linus Niclas	Persson	SWE	Right back	16/04/1993	Fleninge , SWE	191
64	Salah	Boutaf	DEN	Goalkeeper	22/03/1999	Copenhagen, DEN	192
66	Anton	Lindskog	SWE	Line player	07/12/1993	Kristianstad, SWE	198
71	Alexander	Blonz	NOR	Left wing	17/04/2000	Clamart, FRA	189
77	Magnus	Árason	FAR	Right wing	21/08/2007	Torshavn, FAR	187
78	Aksel Kaj	Larsen	DEN	Centre back	21/12/2005	Svendborg, DEN	199



PETER JOHANNESSON

 @petjoh16

Goalkeeper

- joined GOG before the 2024/25 season from Bergischer HC in Germany
- started career at IK Sävehof before moving to Germany and playing in the Bundesliga for nine years
- sensationally won the German cup with TBV Lemgo Lippe in 2020
- Swedish international, who has won two medals with the national team, including the EHF EURO title in 2022

EC: 2014
WCh: S 2021; EURO: G 2022



ALEXANDRE BLONZ

 @alexandreblonz

Left wing

- Norwegian international, who left Szeged and returned to Scandinavia in 2023 to join GOG; previously played two seasons for Elverum
- very fast and technically skilled wing, who made national team debut in January 2019 and became the first handball player born in the 2000s to play a WCh final
- his first name is Alexandre due to his French heritage

WCh: S 2019; EURO: B 2020



TOBIAS GRØNDAHL

 @tobias_grondahl

Centre back

- Norwegian international, who joined GOG for 2024/25 from Elverum
- was one of the revelations of the EHF Champions League 2021/2022 season, scoring 81 goals for Elverum
- Norway's second-best scorer at the 2024 Olympics with 24 goals
- his father, mother and younger brother all play handball – and all have jersey No. 15



HJALTE LYKKE

Right back

- turned only 20 at the start of the 2024/25 season, but is already in his fourth European campaign with GOG
- scored 24 times in his first two seasons in the EHF Champions League
- second-best scorer for GOG in the EL 2024/25 group matches, with 26 goals
- often compared to Danish star Mathias Gidsel, who also had his breakthrough at GOG and went to the same highschool

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: navy blue
Player short: navy blue
GK shirt: orange-bordeaux



Playing hall

Stadthalle Sursee
St. Urban Straße 5
6210 Sursee
Switzerland
Capacity: 1,800

HC KRIENS-LUZERN



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

vs GC Amicitia Zürich
@ GC Amicitia Zürich

W37:31 (19:18)
L38:34 (16:18)

GROUP MATCHES:

vs Abanca Ademar Leon
@ GOG
@ RK Gorenje Velenje
vs RK Gorenje Velenje
@ Abanca Ademar Leon
vs GOG

W34:30 (17:16)
L 39:36 (19:14)
W27:33 (14:19)
W30:25 (15:12)
W30:31 (14:13)
W32:30 (13:12)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

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CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Marin Šipic (CRO)	34
Luca Sigrist (SUI)	34
3. Gino Steenaerts (SUI)	26
4. Radojica Cepic (MNE)	25
5. Milos Orbovic (SRB)	19

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4
Group Matches (1): 2023/24
Qualification (2): 2020/21; 2021/22

Other

EHF Cup

Qualification (2): 2014/15, 2017/18

Challenge Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Swiss league: –

Swiss cup: 1 title (2023)





ZELJKO MUSA

Coach

- former Croatian international, who is in his first season as head coach
- ended his playing career after one season at HC Kriens-Luzern in 2023/24; previously played for clubs like Velenje, Kielce, Magdeburg, and Zagreb
- left Kielce a year before they won the CL in 2016, but he did win the EL with Magdeburg in 2021
- played more than 150 matches for Croatia and won four medals with them, most recently EHF EURO silver in 2020
- loves to explore Switzerland on his bicycle

EL: 2021 (as player)

WCh: B 2013; EURO: S 2010, B 2012, S 2020 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Ben Zimmermann (Pilatus/SUI)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sven	Näf	SUI	Goalkeeper	01/01/2007	Wolhusen, SUI	185
6	Dimitrij	Küttel	SUI	Right back	18/02/1994	Aarau, SUI	191
8	Luca	Sigrist	SUI	Centre back	04/10/2005	Luzern, SUI	186
9	Valentin	Wolfisberg	SUI	Centre back	07/12/2004	Luzern, SUI	195
10	Milos	Orbovic	SRB	Right back	02/11/1993	Vrbas, SRB	193
11	Radojica	Cepic	MNE	Left back	29/07/2002	Pljevlja, MNE	194
12	Gorazd	Škof	SLO	Goalkeeper	11/07/1977	Novo mesto, SLO	188
13	Finley	Röttges	SUI	Line player	23/02/2004	St. Niklausen, SUI	195
14	Gino	Steenarts	SUI	Right wing	05/05/2005	Luzern, SUI	184
15	Moritz	Oertli	SUI	Centre back	29/01/2001	Luzern, SUI	188
16	Kevin	Bonnefoi	FRA	Goalkeeper	03/12/1991	Toulon, FRA	190
C 21	Ramon	Schlumpf	SUI	Left wing	02/11/1998	Zürich, SUI	187
22	Marin	Šipic	CRO	Line player	29/04/1996	Bad Soden, GER	190
23	Gino	Delchiappo	SUI	Line player	07/08/1998	Luzern, SUI	192
25	Jonas	Schelker	SUI	Centre back	09/04/1999	Ravensburg, GER	182
27	On	Langenick	SUI	Right wing	17/09/2001	Luzern, SUI	183
39	Sandro	Obranovic	CRO	Centre back	18/10/1992	CRO	195
43	Nils	Epp	SUI	Right wing	11/07/2007	SUI	175
44	Ben	Zimmermann	SUI	Left wing	17/06/2009	SUI	170
57	Ammar	Idrizi	SUI	Right wing	17/09/2001	Sursee, SUI	183
72	Nils	Flückiger	SUI	Line player	16/10/2005	Luzern, SUI	185
	Wyatt	Aellen	SUI	Right wing	17/07/2005	Lucerne, SUI	187



RADOJICA CEPIC

 @cepic_11

Centre back

- Montenegrin international, competed at EHF EURO 2022 and 2024 and WCh 2023
- international breakout at EHF EURO 2022, scoring 19 goals and adding 11 assists
- previously played for RK Celje from 2020 to 2022
- joined Kriens-Luzern in 2023 after short spells at HSG Wetzlar and AEK Athens



LUCA SIGRIST


 @luca_sigrist.8

Centre back

- among the biggest talents of Swiss handball, at 19 already a regular international
- one of the revelations of the EL 2024/25 group matches, netting 34 times and getting a lot of playing time since experienced playmaker Jonas Schelker was out injured
- scored a stunning 14 from 14 in the crucial 32:30 win over GOG in the last round
- has a contract with Kriens-Luzern until 2026



MARIN ŠIPIĆ

 @mspic2

Line player

- Croatian international, won silver at EHF EURO 2022 and 2025 World Championship
- Kriens-Luzern is his first club outside of Croatia, joined the Swiss side in 2022
- played three seasons in the EHF Champions League with HC Zagreb
- former teammate Andy Schmid described him as “a stroke of luck for us”

EURO: S 2022; WCh: S 2025



GINO STEENAERTS

 @gino.steenarts

Right wing

- one of the talents coming through Kriens-Luzern’s own youth ranks, has played in the senior team since age 16
- contributed 26 goals in the group matches, where Kriens-Luzern won group A
- in his last year with the club, will join Rhein-Neckar Löwen for the 2025/26 season
- made national team debut for Switzerland at age 18 in May 2024

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: pink



Playing hall

Palau d'Esports de Granollers

Adva. Francesc Macia s/num.
08400 Granollers
Spain
Capacity: 5,260

FRAIKIN BM. GRANOLLERS



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

@ IFK Kristianstad
vs IFK Kristianstad

W29:32 (13:15)
W30:28 (15:15)

GROUP MATCHES:

@ Górnik Zabrze
vs Montpellier Handball
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
vs Górnik Zabrze
@ Montpellier Handball

W32:36 (15:21)
L24:28 (11:14)
W36:27 (16:19)
L35:32 (20:15)
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4. Górnik Zabrze	6	0	1	5	161:189	(-28)	1

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Antonio Garcia (ESP)	31
2. Victor Romero (ESP)	29
3. Pablo Urdangarin (ESP)	21
4. Ivan Montoya (ESP)	20
Ferran Castillo (ESP)	20

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4

Runners-up (1): 2022/23

Qualification (2): 2021/22, 2023/24

Other

EHF Cup

Winners (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2015/16

Quarter-finals (2): 2004/05, 2017/18

Champions Trophy

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Cup Winners' Cup

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Spanish league: 10 titles (1959-1961, 1966-1968, 1970-1972, 1974)

Spanish cup: 3 titles (1958, 1970, 1974)





ANTONIO RAMA GARCIA

Coach

- a true club icon at Granollers, has never played or coached elsewhere
- made his debut in the senior team in 1994; got his first coaching license at age 17
- became assistant to then head coach Carlos Viver in 2013; took over as head coach five years later
- led Granollers to the EHF Finals 2023, where they lost to Füchse Berlin in Granollers' first European final in 13 years
- was chosen best coach of the Spanish league three times — in 2017/18, 2022/23, and 2023/24, when Granollers finished in third position

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Roberto	Rodríguez Lario	ESP	Goalkeeper	19/07/2000	Sevilla, ESP	186
2	Ivan	Montoya	ESP	Line player	31/10/1998	Alicante, ESP	184
3	Andrés Gabriel	Moyano	ARG	Right back	28/07/1996	Mendoza, ARG	192
4	Marc	Vega Velilla	ESP	Left wing	10/07/2001	Barcelona, ESP	179
6	Biel	Valera Rovira	ESP	Centre back	28/11/2002	La Garriga, ESP	178
7	Victor	Romero Holguin	ESP	Line player	09/03/2004	Mataró, ESP	192
8	Tarcisio	Freitas Oliveira	BRA	Left back	25/01/2000	Cariacia, BRA	193
9	Jordi	Deumal Torroella	ESP	Left wing	14/01/1994	Sant Pere, ESP	190
10	Oriol	Rey Morales	ESP	Line player	31/03/1994	Santa Maria, ESP	190
12	Lluc	Borrell Nadal	ESP	Goalkeeper	04/08/2004	Granollers, ESP	194
14	Leonardo	Abrahão	BRA	Centre back	09/09/1996	Sao Paulo, BRA	180
21	Gerard	Domingo Calzada	ESP	Centre back	19/06/2003	Les Franqueses, ESP	188
32	Pablo	Guijarro Moreno	ESP	Left wing	03/11/2004	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	198
33	Ferran	Castillo Oliveras	ESP	Centre back	03/03/2004	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	188
34	Sergi	Franco i Miro	ESP	Right wing	10/05/1999	Barcelona, ESP	189
39	Pol	Chaves Valera	ESP	Right wing	13/02/2006	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	188
51	Pau	Panitti Martinez	ESP	Goalkeeper	18/07/2004	Mataró, ESP	194
71	Guillem	Vega Velilla	ESP	Right wing	26/11/2003	Canovelles, ESP	181
77	Pablo Urdangarin de Borbón		ESP	Right back	06/12/2000	Barcelona, ESP	190
C 99	Antonio Jesus Garcia	Robledo	ESP	Left back	06/03/1984	La Llagosta, ESP	191



ROBERTO RODRÍGUEZ LARIO

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Goalkeeper

- Spanish international, who arrived at Granollers from Benidorm in 2023; will move to Chambéry in France after the 2024/25 season
- goalkeeper with the most saves in the EL 2024/25 season so far: 87 in eight matches (including Granollers' qualification round against Kristianstad)
- represented various YAC national teams before making his A team debut for Spain in June 2022



ANTONIO GARCÍA

 @agrobledo9

Left back

- team captain and most experienced player in the squad, retires after 2024/25 season
- decorated Spanish international who has won multiple titles with the national team
- in his third spell with Granollers, spent eight years with the team between 2003 and 2011, then came back in 2018 for a single season and returned again in 2020
- played for PSG, Nantes, Szeged and Barça among other clubs in his illustrious career

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

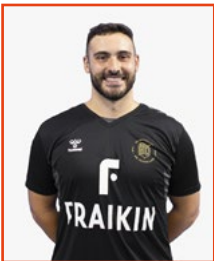


FERRAN CASTILLO

 @fcastillo_33

Centre back

- represented the Spanish national team at various younger age categories
- already played with Granollers in EHF club competitions in previous years
- was Granollers' second-best scorer in 2024/25 qualification with 11 goals
- scored 11 goals from 11 attempts in M20 EHF EURO 2024 final against Portugal to lift the trophy with Spain



IVAN MONTOYA

 @ivanmontoyamartinez

Line player

- joined Granollers in the summer of 2023 after four seasons with fellow Spanish side Bada Huesca
- started career Puerto Sagunto before moving to Bada Huesca in 2019
- helped Granollers beat Kristianstad in qualification for the EL 2024/25, scoring nine times over the two legs
- represented the Spanish national team at youth level

GROUP II PREVIEW



FOUR AMBITIOUS TEAMS READY TO PLAY FOR THE KNOCK-OUT PHASE

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Bidasoa Irun	2	2	0	0	64:55	(+9)	4
2. Limoges Handball	2	1	0	1	67:65	(+2)	2
3. Sport Lisboa e Benfica	2	1	0	1	65:67	(-2)	2
4. Ystads IF HF	2	0	0	2	55:64	(-9)	0

The final round of matches in groups C and D decided the ranking for the starting grid for main round group II. Bidasoa Irun managed to beat Ystads IF HF in a real thriller for the second time (35:32) in group D and took the maximum of four points to the main round, despite one draw (against KGHM Chrobry Glogow) and one defeat (at CSM Constanta). And Sport Lisboa e Benfica surprisingly lost 36:28 at Limoges Handball after winning the first five matches.



Benfica are one of the teams with a rich history in EHF competitions, including winning the EHF European League title in 2021/22. Benfica didn't advance from the group matches last season and finished third in the Portuguese league. However, they have the roster to go deeper this year.



Limoges, who finished fifth in the French Starligue last season, are debutants in Europe, having eliminated RK Trimo Trebnje thanks to an impressive comeback in the return leg of the qualification round. Limoges' young squad is full of exciting players like Faruk Yusuf, Maxime Ogando and Ihor Turchenko, who all played key roles in the qualification. Only three of their players are over the age of 30, which speaks a lot about their potential. Thanks to the experience of their coach Alberto Entrerrios, Limoges hit back after a 31:27 home defeat against Kadetten Schaffhausen by beating them 39:29 in the away match the following week and leave the Swiss side behind in the final group standings.

Bidasoa Irun, one of the two Spanish clubs in the main round, were runners-up in the Liga ASOBAL 2023/24 season, behind Machineseeker EHF Champions League winners Barça. The Basque club is back in the EHF second-tier club competition after a one-year absence, having reached the Last 16 in 2022/23. Alex Mozas' squad is a mixture of quality and youth, and the veteran goalkeeper Leo Maciel joined from Sporting CP.



Ystad are back in the EHF European League after a one-year absence and the Swedish club looks as determined as ever. The EHF European Cup runners-up from 2020/21 started the group matches with one point from two games, before winning the next three led by veteran stars Kim Andersson and Niclas Ekberg, who won the EHF Champions League with THW Kiel, and top scorer Oskar Joelsson.

Björn Pazen

I GROUP II HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP II

Sport Lisboa e Benfica vs Bidasoa Irun

No previous encounters in European competitions

Sport Lisboa e Benfica vs Ystads IF HF

No previous encounters in European competitions

Limoges Handball vs Bidasoa Irun

No previous encounters in European competitions

Limoges Handball vs Ystads IF HF

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP II



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
 Player short: blue
 GK shirt: green/purple

Dark

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



Playing hall

Polideportivo Municipal Artaleku

C/Artaleku s/n
 20304 Irun
 Spain
 Capacity: 2,800

BIDASOA IRUN



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow
 @ Ystads IF HF
 @ CSM Constanta
 vs CSM Constanta
 @ KGHM Chrobry Glogow
 vs Ystads IF HF

D33:33 (15:17)
 W23:29 (14:13)
 L35:30 (17:15)
 W37:25 (20:13)
 W28:35 (10:17)
 W35:32 (17:16)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Bidasoa Irun	6	4	1	1	199:176	(+23)	9
2. Ystads IF HF	6	3	1	2	196:179	(+17)	7
3. KGHM Chrobry Glogow	6	2	1	3	187:201	(-14)	5
4. CSM Constanta	6	1	1	4	177:203	(-26)	3

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Asier Nieto Marcos (ESP)	32
2. Dariel García (CUB)	27
3. Gorka Nieto Marcos (ESP)	23
4. Iñaki Cavero (ESP)	21
5. Theodoros Boskos (GRE)	18

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4

Last 16 (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 1994/95

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Champions Trophy

Runners-up: 1996/97

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (2): 1993/94, 2000/01

Quarter-finals (2): 2005/06, 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (1): 1996/97

Spanish league: 2 titles (1987, 1994)

Spanish cup: 2 titles (1991, 1996)





ALEJANDRO MOZAS

Coach

- named as Bidasoa's coach last December, but actually started to work at the club at the beginning of the 2024/25 season
- has coached at Alcobendas and Bathco BM Torrelavega, who he took charge of in 2018, helping them promote in 2021
- named the best coach in the Spanish league in 2021/22
- also worked for the Spanish federation as the assistant coach of the Spain junior national team

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Unai Barreto (Bidasoa Irun youth/ESP)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON


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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	David	Failde Fuentes	ESP	Goalkeeper	07/09/2006	Lalín, ESP	196
2	Iñaki	Cavero Echepeare	ESP	Right wing	27/04/1996	Irun, ESP	183
4	Marko	Jevtic	SRB	Line player	17/10/2001	Banja Luka, BIH	196
6	Endika	Wamba	ESP	Left wing	30/04/2005	Irun, ESP	190
7	Javier	Gastaminza	ESP	Right wing	07/09/2005	Irun, SP	182
8	Mikel	Zabala Ugarteburu	ESP	Left wing	23/04/1998	Eibar, ESP	180
9	Tao	Gey Empanan	FRA	Right wing	25/11/2003	Urrugne, FRA	175
10	Eneko	Furundarena Maiz	ESP	Left back	30/04/2003	Usurbil, ESP	195
11	Esteban Joaquin	Salinas	ESP	Line player	18/01/1992	Vina del Mar, CHI	180
17	Rodrigo Alonso	Salinas Muñoz	CHI	Right back	25/02/1989	Vina del Mar, CHI	185
18	Andoni	Beraza Figueroa	ESP	Left back	08/05/2005	Orio, ESP	190
19	Julen	Múgica Santiago	ESP	Right back	03/09/2003	Renteria, ESP	190
20	Theodoros	Boskos	GRE	Left back	07/04/2001	Panorama, GRE	191
21	Unai Barreto	Usabarrena	ESP	Left wing	15/04/2008	Irun, ESP	182
22	Alexandre Mihai	Raix	FRA	Left back	03/02/2007	Bayonne, FRA	199
23	Asier	Iribar Carceller	ESP	Centre back	02/04/2003	Zumaia, ESP	191
28	Matheus Francisco	Da Silva	BRA	Line player	07/02/1998	Nova Iguacu, BRA	199
C 31	Gorka	Nieto Marcos	ESP	Centre back	31/01/2002	Etxebarri, ESP	185
32	Dariel	García Rivera	CUB	Left wing	31/12/1996	La Habana, CUB	196
33	Jakub	Skrzyniarz	POL	Goalkeeper	06/06/1996	Lubin, POL	189
35	Pedro	Souza Pacheco	BRA	Centre back	04/04/1998	Sao Paulo, BRA	188
37	Jon Ander	Iribar Carceller	ESP	Left back	09/08/2005	Zumaia, ESP	197
39	Asier	Nieto Marcos	ESP	Left back	21/11/1997	Etxebarri, ESP	190
40	Leonel Carlos	Maciel	ARG	Goalkeeper	04/01/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	193
97	Alberto	Díaz Hernández	ESP	Left back	06/09/2000	Alcalade Henares, ESP	195



LEONEL MACIEL

 @40leomaciel

Goalkeeper

- Argentinian international; joined the club in 2024 after two seasons with Sporting CP, also played for CL winners Barça in the 2021/22 season
- previously played for three other Spanish sides: Cuenca, Zamora and Octavio; gained his first European cup experience with Cuenca in 2018/19
- won the South and Central American Championship with Argentina in January 2020, has also represented his national team at the Olympics

CL: 2022



DARIEL GARCÍA RIVERA

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Left wing

- Cuban international, who played in Spain for La Rioja and Guadalajara before arriving at Bidasoa Irun in 2021
- consistent scorer for the club in the EHF European League: scored 19 and 32 times in previous seasons, and 27 times in the 2024/25 group matches
- long-term national team player; competed with Cuba at 2025 World Championship



ASIER NIETO MARCOS

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Left back

- experienced left back, who arrived at Bidasoa Irun in the summer of 2022 after four seasons with Huesca
- will join Cesson Rennes in France after the 2024/25 season for his first club abroad
- best scorer for Bidasoa Irun in the EL 2024/25 group matches, with 32 goals
- his younger brother Gorka Nieto also plays for Bidasoa Irun



GORKA NIETO MARCOS

 @nietogorka31

Centre back

- born in Etxebarri, he made his debut for Bidasoa Irun in the 2019/20 season and has not played for another club since
- M20 EHF EURO 2022 champion with Spain, yet to make his debut for the senior side
- his older brother, Asier, is Gorka's teammate at Bidasoa Irun
- named captain of Bidasoa in August 2023 before the start of the 2023/24 season, when he was the team's top scorer in the Spanish league

GROUP II



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: dark
Player short: dark
GK shirt: gold



Playing hall

Palais des Sport de Beaublanc

Boulevard de Beaublanc
87100 Limoges
France
Capacity: 4,798

LIMOGES HANDBALL



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

@ RK Trimo Trebnje
vs Trimo Trebnje

L32:28 (16:10)
W35:24 (17:11)

GROUP MATCHES:

vs Tatran Prešov
@ Sport Lisboa e Benfica
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen
@ Tatran Prešov
vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica

W31:24 (15:12)
L37:31 (20:16)
L27:31 (16:13)
W29:39 (14:18)
W21:34 (10:17)
W36:28 (17:11)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Sport Lisboa e Benfica	6	5	0	1	190:163	(+27)	10
2. Limoges Handball	6	4	0	2	198:170	(+28)	8
3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	3	0	3	195:187	(+8)	6
4. Tatran Prešov	6	0	0	6	140:203	(-63)	0

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Ihor Turchenko (UKR)	37
2. Tomislav Kusan (CRO)	29
3. Seif el Deraa (EGY)	25
4. Faruk Yusuf (NGR)	16
5. Matej Hrstic (CRO)	14

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

French league: –

French cup: –





ALBERTO ENTRERRIOS

Coach

- former Spanish international, who took over as head coach in Limoges in 2022
- previously worked at HBC Nantes, where he started his coaching career after retiring as a player in 2016
- played as centre and left back for Asturias, Naranco Oviedo, Ademar León, Barça, Ciudad Real, Atlético Madrid and Nantes
- won three EHF Champions League titles with Ciudad Real, in 2005/06, 2007/08 and 2008/09
- is older brother of former centre back Raul Entrerrios

CL: 2006, 2008, 2009 (as a player)

WCh: G 2005, 2013, B 2011; EURO: B 2000, S 2006; OG: B 2008

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Sime Ivic (PAUC/FRA, on loan)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Mattis	Rey	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/02/2003	Voiron, FRA	198
2	Faruk	Yusuf	NGR	Right back	19/02/2004	Sokoto, NGR	185
3	Andréa	Guillaume	FRA	Right wing	03/05/1998	Chartres, FRA	186
4	Ronan	Hassler	FRA	Right wing	14/05/2004	Mulhouse, FRA	185
5	Ewan	Kervadec	FRA	Right back	15/07/1998	Magdeburg, GER	194
7	Sime	Ivic	CRO	Right back	21/01/1993	Split, CRO	196
8	Maxime	Ogando	FRA	Left Wwing	02/04/1999	Metz, FRA	183
9	Tomislav	Kusan	CRO	Line player	16/12/1994	Zagreb, CRO	200
10	Romain	Hernandez	FRA	Right wing	09/01/2003	Bordeaux, FRA	180
12	Dino	Slavic	CRO	Goalkeeper	04/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	185
13	Berislav Antonio	Tokic	CRO	Centre back	05/01/2006	Split, CRO	195
15	Yaël Delalcon-	Longeaux	FRA	Line player	26/06/2006	Nantes, FRA	200
17	Ihor	Turchenko	UKR	Left back	04/12/2000	Kyiv, UKR	193
19	Alexandre	Birkner	FRA	Left wing	19/02/2004	Limoges, FRA	174
24	Léni	Serre	FRA	Right back	08/09/2005	Guilherand, FRA	185
25	Jon	Azkue Saizar	ESP	Centre back	03/07/1994	Orio, ESP	184
26	Gauthier	Ivah	FRA	Goalkeeper	06/01/1999	St.-Denis, FRA	191
28	Nicolas	Nieto	FRA	Line player	06/04/1994	Vernon, FRA	195
30	Mathias	Comte	FRA	Left back	19/06/2005	Besançon, FRA	197
42	Noé	Thuillier	FRA	Left wing	18/05/2006	Roanne, FRA	188
C 44	Matej	Hrstic	CRO	Left back	11/08/1996	Ljubuški, BIH	198
45	Seif	Yehia el Deraa	EGY	Centre back	19/09/1998	Cairo, EGY	187
51	Jenilson	Varela Monteiro	POR	Right wing	05/01/1998	Assomada, CPV	183
55	Axel	Boiste	FRA	Line player	09/08/2003	La Rochelle, FRA	190
65	Théo	Vellenoweth	FRA	Centre back	27/03/2005	Pembury-Kent, GBR	188
72	Noé	Simon	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/09/2006	Niort, FRA	184
91	Lucien	Roulet	FRA	Centre back	14/05/2004	Corbeille-Essonne, FRA	193
97	Timmy	Petit	FRA	Line player	16/10/2000	Baie Mahault, FRA	195



DINO SLAVIC

 @dinoslavic

Goalkeeper

- Croatian international, joined Limoges Handball from Zagreb in 2023
- started playing handball in Zamet, also played for Umag and Ademar León
- played at 2023 WCh, but not at 2025 WCh where Croatia reached final
- had his European debut in the 2012/13 season playing the EHF Cup with Zamet
- was named the best goalkeeper of the Spanish cup in 2021



IHOR TURCHENKO

 @turchenko_17

Left back

- Ukrainian international, joined Limoges in 2023 from Motor Zaporozhye
- started career in Motor's academy; had a short stint in Wybrzeże Gdańsk on loan
- scored 97 goals for Motor in EL 2022/23 season; is Limoges' best scorer in 2024/25
- had his CL debut in the 2019/20 season at the age of 19



SEIF ELDERAA

 @seifelderaa

Centre back

- born in Cairo, played for Heliopolis SC and Zamalek SC
- came to France for his first European challenge in the summer of 2022
- part of the Egyptian national team, also competed in several major competitions of the younger age categories
- he is the younger brother of Yehia El Deraa, Veszprém HC's centre back



TOMISLAV KUSAN

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Line player

- experienced line player from Croatia, who has been with Limoges since 2022
- second-best scorer for Limoges in EL 2024/25 group matches, with 29 goals
- set to join Győr in the summer of 2025; Hungary will be the seventh country he plays in, after previous stints in Croatia, Spain, North Macedonia, Germany, and Qatar
- played a handful of matches for the Croatian national team but didn't become a regular

GROUP II



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: red or grey



Playing hall

Pav. Luz No. 2
Av. General Norton Matos
1500-313 Lisbon
Portugal
Capacity: 1,540

SPORT LISBOA E BENFICA



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

@ Kadetten Schaffhausen

vs Limoges Handball

@ Tatran Prešov

vs Tatran Prešov

vs Kadetten Schaffhausen

@ Limoges Handball

W25:26 (12:15)

W37:31 (20:16)

W16:24 (6:9)

W36:23 (22:12)

W39:32 (20:14)

L36:28 (17:11)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Sport Lisboa e Benfica	6	5	0	1	190:163	(+27)	10
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3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	3	0	3	195:187	(+8)	6
4. Tatran Prešov	6	0	0	6	140:203	(-63)	0

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Alexis Borges (POR)	25
2. Bélonge Ferreira (POR)	23
3. Egon Hanusz (HUN)	21
4. Demis Grigoras (ROU)	20
5. Ander Izquierdo (ESP)	17

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 5

Winners (1): 2021/22

Last 16 (1): 2022/23

Group matches (1) 2023/24

Qualification (1): 2020/21.

Other

EHF Champions League

Qualification (1): 2008/09

EHF Cup

Group phase (2): 2016/17, 2019/20 (*season cancelled due to pandemic*)

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Challenge Cup

Runners-up (2): 2010/11, 2015/16

Semi-finals (2): 2007/08, 2014/15

Portuguese league: 7 titles (1962, 1975, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 2008)

Portuguese cup: 6 titles (1985-87, 2011, 2016, 2018)





JESÚS JAVIER GONZÁLEZ

Coach

- arrived at Benfica in summer of 2023 after five seasons with PSG in France as assistant coach under Raul Gonzalez
- reached EHF FINAL4 three times with PSG but never won it
- started coaching career at La Rioja in his native Spain and led that club for 11 years (2007-18)
- finished runner-up in the Spanish league three times and reached the final of the Spanish cup, the league cup, as well as the Super Cup, but failed to win a title with La Rioja
- named best coach of the ASOBAL league in 2011 and 2013

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Miguel	Sanchez-Migallon	ESP	Left wing	08/02/1995	Ciudad Real, ESP	200
4	Christopher	Hedberg	SWE	Right wing	08/08/1992	Karlstad, SWE	193
5	Gabriel	Cavalcanti	POR	Left back	30/05/2004	Lisboa, POR	197
7	Stiven Tobar	Valencia	ISL	Left wing	27/10/2000	Cali, COL	184
C 11	Bélone	Moreira	POR	Centre back	01/06/1990	Lisboa, POR	180
12	Bernardo	Almeida	POR	Goalkeeper	14/06/2005	VilaFrancadeXira, POR	188
17	Gabriel da Costa	Sequeira	POR	Centre back	12/07/2006	Leiria, POR	188
20	Fábio	França Silva	POR	Field player	29/01/2001	Rio Meão, POR	189
21	Aldo Pagliotta	de Andrés	ESP	Field player	02/09/2006	Barcelona, ESP	191
22	Alexis	Borges	POR	Field player	06/10/1991	Cuba, CUB	198
23	Ole	Rahmel	GER	Right wing	19/11/1989	Achim, GER	193
24	Ander	Izquierdo	ESP	Centre back	01/05/2000	Pamplona, ESP	193
27	Rui Miguel	Pereira Baptista	POR	Centre back	15/10/2001	Guimarães, POR	180
28	Filip	Taleski	MKD	Left back	28/03/1996	Krusevo, MKD	200
30	Demis Cosmin	Grigoras	ROU	Right back	30/06/1993	Vaslui, ROU	196
32	Kristóf Laszlo	Palasics	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/04/2002	Kistarcsa, HUN	199
41	Gustavo	Capdeville	POR	Goalkeeper	31/08/1997	Lisboa, POR	190
53	João Bandeira	Lourenço	POR	Left back	10/05/2006	Lisboa, POR	195
77	Egon	Hanusz	HUN	Centre back	25/09/1997	Nagyatád, HUN	177
99	Guilherme	de Carvalho	BRA	Field player	18/02/2003	Rio Verde, BRA	201
	Antonio	Ivo Liques	POR	Right wing	03/07/2002		186
	Edijeso	Freitas Quaresma	POR		26/05/2006		
	Gustavo	De Almeida e Sousa	POR		02/02/2006		
	Miguel	Freire Mendes	POR		03/03/2008		
	Tiago	Ribeiro Alves	POR		30/12/2001		



MIGUEL SANCHEZ-MIGALLON

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Left wing

- arrived at Benfica in 2023; quickly became one of the main assets in the roster
- played for three clubs in his native Spain before moving to Kielce for two seasons
- came close to winning the CL trophy with Kielce twice, but lost both finals
- part of the Spanish national team, won bronze at 2020 and 2024 Olympics

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



ALEXIS BORGES

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Line player

- Cuban-born Portuguese international, who joined Benfica from Montpellier HB in 2021 and won the EL in his first season with the club
- leading scorer for Benfica in the EL 2024/25 group matches, with 25 goals
- previously played six seasons for Benfica's domestic rivals FC Porto, interrupted by one year on loan with Barça in 2017/18
- with his mentality, he is one of the most important players in both attack and defence

EL: 2022



DEMIS GRIGORAS

@demisgrigoras

Right back

- Romanian international, who joined Benfica in 2021
- has vast experience, played for Politehnica Timisoara in his home country, Tatabánya in Hungary, and Chambéry in France before moving to Portugal
- was part of Benfica's roster when they won the EL in 2022, having scored 52 times
- has been a key player for the Romanian national team since 2014

EL: 2022



OLE RAHMEL

@rahmelole

Right wing

- German international, who arrived at Benfica from THW Kiel for the 2020/21 season
- decisive player in Benfica's run to the EL 2021/22 trophy, scoring 11 goals in the final against a club from his native Germany, SC Magdeburg
- earlier won the EHF Cup with Gummersbach in 2009 and again 10 years later with Kiel, and the Cup Winners' Cup twice with Gummersbach

EL: 2022; EHF Cup: 2009, 2019; CWC: 2010, 2011

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Ystad Arena
Industrigatan 10
27180 Ystad
Sweden
Capacity: 2,369

YSTADS IF HF



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

vs Maritimo da Madeira Andebol/SAD W39:31 (16:15)
@ Maritimo da Madeira Andebol/SAD L35:33 (15:16)

GROUP MATCHES:

@ CSM Constanta D29:29 (13:16)
vs Bidasoa Irun L23:29 (14:13)
vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow W36:30 (18:15)
@ KGHM Chrobry Glogow W27:38 (12:18)
vs CSM Constanta W38:29 (20:18)
@ Bidasoa Irun L35:32 (17:16)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Bidasoa Irun	6	4	1	1	199:176	(+23)	9
2. Ystads IF HF	6	3	1	2	196:179	(+17)	7
3. KGHM Chrobry Glogow	6	2	1	3	187:201	(-14)	5
4. CSM Constanta	6	1	1	4	177:203	(-26)	3

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Oskar Joelsson (SWE) 38
2. Niclas Ekberg (SWE) 28
3. Kristian Olsen (DEN) 26
Julius Lindskog Andersson (SWE) 26
5. Jakob Nygren (SWE) 17

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4

Last 16 (1): 2022/23

Qualification (2): 2021/22, 2023/24

Other

EHF Cup

Group phase (1): 2015/16

EHF European Cup

Runners-up (1): 2020/21

EHF Challenge Cup

Last 16 (1): 2003/04

Swedish league: 3 titles (1976, 1992, 2022)

Swedish cup: 4 titles (1978, 1981, 1984, 1992)





OSCAR CARLÉN

Coach

- former Swedish international, who retired at age 25 after suffering from multiple knee injuries
- has only played for three clubs in his career — Ystads IF HF, and SG Flensburg-Handewitt and HSV Hamburg in Germany
- was also part of the Swedish national team and played at the EHF EURO 2008 and 2009 WCh
- returned to Ystad as an assistant coach in 2017 and became head coach three years later
- one of his former teammates is currently playing for Ystad: 42-year-old right back Kim Andersson

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Oskar Andersson (Lödde Vikings/SWE)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Alexander	Lindén	SWE	Goalkeeper	29/07/2003	Kungsbacka, SWE	195
2	Anton	Månsson	SWE	Line player	09/01/1989	Kävlinge, SWE	196
3	Oskar	Joelsson	SWE	Left back	12/02/2000	Helsingborg, SWE	197
4	Philip	Stenmalm	SWE	Left back	03/03/1992	Vaxjo, SWE	200
5	Kim	Andersson	SWE	Right back	21/08/1982	Malmø, SWE	200
C 6	Jakob	Nygren	SWE	Right back	14/01/1992	Simrishamn, SWE	188
7	Carl Colin	Tönnesen	NOR	Right back	26/10/2006	Lübecke, GER	190
9	Linus	Fernebrand	SWE	Left wing	16/09/1994	Söndrum, SWE	191
10	Kristian	Olsen	DEN	Right back	21/03/2000	Faaborg-Midtfyn, DEN	198
11	Lowe	Nilsson	SWE	Line player	28/05/2006	Ystad, SWE	189
12	Viggo	Håkansson	SWE	Goalkeeper	04/04/2006	Ljunghusen, SWE	211
14	Jonathan	Wilthorn	SWE	Line player	14/03/1994	Lund, SWE	196
16	Erik	Hvenfelt	SWE	Goalkeeper	16/09/1999	Nödinge, SWE	197
17	Holger	Mårtensson	SWE	Centre back	01/04/2006	Ystad, SWE	183
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right wing	23/12/1988	Ystad, SWE	191
19	Oskar	Andersson	SWE	Right wing	13/10/2003	Ystad, SWE	185
19	Alfred	Landin	SWE	Right wing	23/03/2005	Ystad, SWE	185
20	Nils	Persson	SWE	Left wing	20/02/2002	Ystad, SWE	177
22	Carl	Lindström	SWE	Line player	22/07/2005	Linköping, SWE	205
29	Liam	Hultberg	SWE	Left back	04/04/2006	Ystad, SWE	191
32	Julius Lindskog	Andersson	SWE	Centre back	21/07/1994	Ystad, SWE	183
51	Melvin	Seifert	SWE	Centre back	07/03/2006	Ystad, SWE	191



OSKAR JOELSSON

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Left back

- talented Swedish left back, who has been with Ystad since 2023
- top goal scorer for Ystad in 2024/25 season, both in the Swedish league and in the EHF European League
- set to join Eisenach in Germany in the summer of 2025
- follows in the footsteps of Swedish stars like Niclas Ekberg, Jim Gottfridsson, and Lukas Nilsson, who all went from Ystad to the Bundesliga in their careers



JULIUS LINDSKOG ANDERSSON

 @juliuslindskogandersson

Centre back

- joined Ystad in 2021, has extended his contract until 2027
- scored the winning penalty which brought Ystad the Swedish domestic championship in 2022, ending a 30-year title drought for the club
- was named MVP of the second German division in 2019/20 when playing for Ferndorf
- son of former Swedish international Robert Andersson



KRISTIAN OLSEN

Right back

- arrived at Ystad in the summer of 2024 from Nordsjälland Handboll to replace injured club legend Kim Andersson
- made an immediate impact, scoring 26 goals in the EL 2024/25 group matches
- strong defender who is known for his excellent shooting
- considered quitting the sport and took a year-long break from handball after suffering from various injuries as a teenager



NICLAS EKBERG

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Right wing

- Ystad-born player, who returned to his home team in 2024 after 12 years in Kiel; had immediate impact for the club with 19 goals in their EL 2024/25 qualification
- became Kiel's all-time top scorer during the 2021/22 season, passing Filip Jicha
- CL top scorer with 85 goals and All-star right wing in Kiel's golden 2019/20 season
- Swedish international, scored winning penalty in final of EHF EURO 2022

CL: 2020; EC: 2019
OG: S 2012; EURO: G 2022

GROUP III PREVIEW



TWO GERMAN TEAMS START AS FRONTRUNNERS

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. MT Melsungen	2	2	0	0	61:51	(+10)	4
2. THW Kiel	2	2	0	0	69:63	(+6)	4
3. Vojvodina	2	0	0	2	63:69	(-6)	0
4. FC Porto	2	0	0	2	51:61	(-10)	0

Can Vojvodina and FC Porto challenge THW Kiel and MT Melsungen? It is the main question in group III. Four-time EHF Champions League winners Kiel won all six group matches in their first EHF European League season, as they appear in the second-tier competition for the first time since winning the EHF Cup in 2018/19. Bad news for all competitors: THW won the EHF Cup all four times they played in it. Thanks to their experienced squad and despite injuries to many key players, the German side came easily through the group matches, with only the two duels with runners-up Vojvodina posing a challenge for Filip Jicha's team.

Like Kiel, their domestic rivals Melsungen carry four points to the main round, though they lost once in the group matches — in the final round against HC Vardar 1961, when Melsungen had already locked up the top spot in group F. Melsungen reached the German cup final last season and started the club's fifth European season by eliminating former EHF Champions League regulars Elverum Håndball in the qualification round. They even start the main round as the leaders of the German Bundesliga. The squad includes international stars like EHF Champions League winners Rogerio Moraes and Dainis Kristopans, and is led by Spanish coach Roberto Garcia Parrondo, who led Vardar to the title in Europe's top flight in 2019.

Serbian champions Vojvodina made history by winning the EHF European Cup in 2022/23. They continued to impress the following season by reaching the main round of the EHF European League, an achievement they want to emulate in 2024/25 by trying to reach the play-offs. On domestic level, Vojvodina won their fourth straight league title in 2024 — their 11th in total — but lost a thrilling cup final against RK Partizan.

After five consecutive seasons in the EHF Champions League, Porto have lost their place in Europe's top flight to Sporting CP, the new Portuguese league and cup champions. Several key players left the club, but Swedish former head coach Magnus Andersson returned to Porto's bench this season. Porto advanced to the main round in their first EHF European League season, leaving Vardar behind them. However, the two five-goal defeats against Melsungen see them start on zero points.

Björn Pazen



I GROUP III HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP III

THW Kiel vs MT Melsungen

No previous encounters in European competitions

THW Kiel vs FC Porto 4-0-2 (174:163) 8:4

05.10.1997	THW Kiel vs Futebol Clube do Porto, EHF Cup – Round 2	35:23 (18:12)
12.10.1997	Futebol Clube do Porto vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Round 2	31:21 (15:14)
12.10.2013	FC Porto Vitalis vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:31 (17:16)
19.02.2014	THW Kiel vs FC Porto Vitalis, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:25 (17:11)
10.11.2019	THW Kiel vs FC Porto Sofarma, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:28 (14:13)
13.11.2019	FC Porto Sofarma vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:30 (16:14)

Vojvodina vs MT Melsungen

No previous encounters in European competitions

Vojvodina vs FC Porto 0-0-4 (88:122) 0:8

01.03.2015	HC Vojvodina vs Futebol Clube do Porto, EHF Cup – Group C	27:29 (13:15)
07.03.2015	Futebol Clube do Porto vs HC Vojvodina, EHF Cup – Group C	29:23 (13:12)
01.10.2015	Vojvodina vs Futebol Clube do Porto, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	23:27 (8:14)
05.12.2015	Futebol Clube do Porto vs Vojvodina, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	37:15 (16:7)

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 Player short: white
 GK shirt: blue

Dark

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



Playing hall

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 34121 Kassel
 Germany
 Capacity: 4,300

MT MELSUNGEN



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

vs Elverum Håndball W28:23 (13:12)
 @ Elverum Håndball W31:36 (16:17)

GROUP MATCHES:

@ FC Porto W24:29 (10:16)
 vs HC Vardar 1961 W34:18 (17:10)
 vs Valur W36:21 (17:10)
 @ Valur W28:33 (15:16)
 vs FC Porto W32:27 (15:13)
 @ HC Vardar 1961 L32:30 (17:17)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP F

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. MT Melsungen	6	5	0	1	194:150	(+44)	10
2. FC Porto	6	3	1	2	178:163	(+15)	7
3. HC Vardar 1961	6	2	1	3	163:187	(-24)	5
4. Valur	6	0	2	4	165:200	(-35)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Ian Barrufet (ESP)	36
2. Nikolaj Enderleit (DEN)	22
3. Elvar Jónsson (ISL)	21
4. Alexandre Cavalcanti (POR)	17
5. Dimitri Ignatow (GER)	12

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 2
Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2014/15, 2016/17

German league: –

German cup: –





ROBERTO GARCIA PARRONDO

Coach

- former Spanish international, who won the EHF Champions League both as player and as coach
- started his coaching career as an assistant at Vardar's women's team in 2017
- took over Vardar's men's team in 2018 and won the CL in his first season; arrived at Melsungen in 2021
- coached Egypt in 2019-23, leading them to two African championships and the Olympic semi-finals
- played for various Spanish clubs and was part of the golden generation at Ciudad Real until his move to Szeged in 2013

CL: 2008, 2009 (as player), 2019 (as coach);
CWC: 2005; EHF Cup: 2014 (as player)
WCh: B 2011 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Pawel Krawczyk (Zabrze/POL)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Adam	Morawski	POL	Goalkeeper	17/10/1994	Ciechanow, POL	190
2	Leon	Stehl	GER	Right wing	29/08/2006	Kassel, GER	181
4	Nikolaj	Enderleit	DEN	Right back	21/06/1997	Kolding, DEN	197
6	Erik	Balenciaga	ESP	Centre back	10/05/1993	Zarautz, ESP	169
7	David	Mandic	CRO	Left wing	14/09/1997	Ljubuski, BIH	187
8	Adrián	Sipos	HUN	Line player	08/03/1990	Szombathely, HUN	198
10	Dainis	Kristopans	LAT	Right back	27/09/1990	Ludza, LAT	215
11	Dimitri	Ignatow	GER	Right wing	30/11/1998	Kijewka, KAZ	174
12	Carsten	Lichtlein	GER	Goalkeeper	04/11/1980	Würzburg, GER	202
13	Rogério	Moraes	BRA	Line player	11/01/1994	Abaetetuba, BRA	204
16	Nebojsa	Simic	MNE	Goalkeeper	19/01/1993	Bar, MNE	192
18	Florian	Drosten	GER	Left wing	18/06/2004	Wermelskirchen, GER	187
19	Elvar Örn	Jónsson	ISL	Left back	31/08/1997	Selfoss, ISL	188
21	Arnar Freyr	Arnarsson	ISL	Line player	14/03/1996	Rykjavic, ISL	201
24	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left back	27/12/1996	Almada, POR	201
26	Tom	Wolf	GER	Left back	02/06/2006	Marburg, GER	196
33	Hans Aaron	Mensing	DEN	Left back	11/11/1997	Gråsten, DEN	201
35	Pawel	Krawczyk	POL	Goalkeeper	07/07/2005	Warsaw, POL	190
44	Jonas	Riecke	GER	Right back	11/01/2005	Groß-Umstadt, GER	196
53	Bruno	Eickhoff	GER	Line player	30/12/2003	Hamburg, GER	200
71	Mohamed Amine	Darmoul	TUN	Centre back	04/02/1998	Sousse, TUN	183
c 73	Timo	Kastening	GER	Right wing	25/06/1995	Stadthagen, GER	180
83	Ian	Barrufet	ESP	Left wing	19/05/2004	Barcelona, ESP	198



NEBOJSA SIMIC

 @simica16

Goalkeeper

- Montenegrin international, who arrived at Melsungen in 2017
- left his home country at age 19 and played for Swedish clubs Lund, Malmö, and Kristianstad before moving to Germany
- has played five EHF EUROs, was among the top three goalkeepers at the 2022 edition
- his brother Bozidar is also a Montenegrin national team member



ROGERIO MORAES

 @rogeriomoraes11

Line player

- Brazilian international and two-time CL winner, who joined Melsungen in 2022
- arrived in Europe in 2015, first played for Kiel before joining Vardar the next year
- later joined Veszprém and Benfica; won the EL with the Portuguese side in 2022
- in the past, he also competed in wrestling and did modelling work

CL: 2017, 2019; EL: 2022



DAINIS KRISTOPANS

 @dainiskristopans

Right back

- Latvian international; at 2.15m, the tallest player in the EL 2024/25
- played for seven clubs in six different countries since 2009; arrived at Melsungen in 2023 from Paris Saint-Germain HB
- had his international breakthrough at Meshkov Brest, then joined CL winners Vardar in 2017 and helped them win the CL title again two years later
- has won 13 domestic championships in total in four different countries

CL: 2019



TIMO KASTENING

 @timokastening

Right wing

- German international, who was M18 and M20 EHF EURO champion in 2012 and 2014
- made his Bundesliga debut with Hannover at age 18; moved to Melsungen in 2020 after playing a successful EHF EURO 2020, when he was Germany's best scorer
- was awarded German Handball Player of the Year in 2019
- international since 2019, but was not nominated for the Paris 2024 Olympics

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: peppermint

Dark

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



Playing hall

Wunderino-Arena-Kiel
Europaplatz 1
24103 Kiel
Germany
Capacity: 10,285

THW KIEL



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	W32:27 (18:14)
@ Vojvodina	W28:32 (15:18)
@ RK Nexe	W26:35 (14:17)
vs RK Nexe	W31:28 (15:12)
@ Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	W30:33 (15:19)
vs Vojvodina	W37:35 (21:15)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP E

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. THW Kiel	6	6	0	0	200:174	(+26)	12
2. Vojvodina	6	4	0	2	194:186	(+8)	8
3. Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	6	0	2	4	172:188	(-16)	2
4. RK Nexe	6	0	2	4	174:192	(-18)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Bence Imre (HUN)	28
2. Nikola Bilyk (AUT)	24
Emil Madsen (DEN)	24
4. Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)	14
5. Eric Johansson (SWE)	13
Magnus Landin (DEN)	13
Patrick Wiencek (GER)	13

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20

Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14

Semi-finals (7): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2021/22, 2023/24

EHF Cup

Winners (4): 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2018/19

Champions Trophy

Winners (1): 2006/07

German league: 23 titles (1957, 1962-63, 1994-96, 1998-2000, 2002, 2005-10, 2012-15, 2020-21, 2023)

German cup: 12 titles (1998-2000, 2007-09, 2011-13, 2017, 2019, 2022)





FILIP JICHA

Coach

- former Czech international, took over as head coach at THW Kiel in 2019 after one season as an assistant
- became only the third THW head coach since 1993 – after Noka Serdarusic (1993-2008) and Alfred Gislason (2008-19)
- led Kiel to domestic and EHF Champions League titles in his first season in charge
- was awarded best Bundesliga coach of 2019/20
- twice CL top scorer, ended his career in Barcelona in 2017
- first in handball to win the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne as a player (2010, 2012) and as a coach (2020)

CL: 2010, 2012 (as player), 2020 (as coach); EC: 2006 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Samir Bellahcene (Stuttgart/GER)
Karl Wallinius (Ribe-Esbjerg/DEN)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre back	01/06/1988	Dakovo, CRO	198
6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right back	17/08/1992	Tonsberg, NOR	197
7	Magnus	Landin	DEN	Left wing	20/08/1995	Helsingor, DEN	197
11	Petter	Øverby	NOR	Line player	26/03/1992	Kongsvinger, NOR	200
12	Leon	Nowotny	GER	Goalkeeper	09/08/2005	Hamburg, GER	200
16	Tomas	Mrkva	CZE	Goalkeeper	20/01/1989	Havirov, CZE	201
C 17	Patrick	Wiencek	GER	Line player	22/03/1989	Duisburg, GER	200
19	Henri	Pabst	GER	Right back	09/02/2004	Hamburg, GER	190
21	Eric	Johansson	SWE	Left back	28/06/2000	Eskilstuna, SWE	197
23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left wing	10/04/1993	Kiel, GER	189
24	Lukas	Zerbe	GER	Right wing	17/01/1996	Lemgo, GER	184
25	Linus	Kutz	GER	Centre back	28/02/2005	Hamburg, GER	187
33	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	03/03/1991	Euskirchen, GER	198
34	Samir	Bellahcene	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/02/1995	Montpellier, FRA	191
45	Emil	Madsen	DEN	Right back	01/01/2001	Svendborg, DEN	194
49	Karl	Wallinius	SWE	Left back	14/01/1999	Lund, SWE	199
C 53	Mykola	Bilyk	AUT	Left back	28/11/1996	Tunis, TUN	198
61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line player	02/07/1991	Itzehoe, GER	203
71	Elias Ellefsen á	Skipagøtu	FAR	Centre back	19/05/2002	Torshavn, FAR	187
91	Bence	Imre	HUN	Right wing	15/10/2002	Budapest, HUN	185



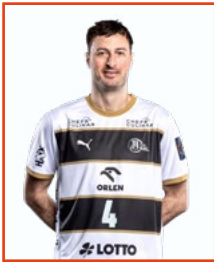
ANDREAS WOLFF

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Goalkeeper

- German international, who after five years in Kielce, including two CL finals, returned in 2024 to Kiel, the club he already played for until 2019
- Kielce were his first and only foreign club; also played for Wetzlar until 2016
- named German Handball Player of the Year in 2015 and 2016
- All-star goalkeeper of EHF EURO in 2016, when he led Germany to gold, and in 2024

EC: 2019
EURO: G 2016; OG: S 2024, B 2016



DOMAGOJ DUVNJAK

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Centre back

- former Croatian international, joined Kiel in 2014 after five seasons in Hamburg
- two-time CL winner, IHF World Player of the Year 2013, and MVP of EHF EURO 2020, All-star Team member at EHF EURO 2014 and 2013 and 2017 WCh
- retired from national team after Croatia reached 2025 WCh final; holds record for most matches played (272) and most goals scored (796) for Croatia

CL: 2013, 2020; EC 2019
OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, 2025, B 2013;
EURO: S 2008, 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016



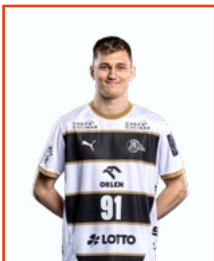
EMIL MADSEN

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Right back

- Danish international, who joined Kiel from his youth club GOG in 2024
- was top scorer of the Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2022/23 with 107 goals, even though GOG were eliminated in the quarter-finals
- top scorer of the Danish league in his last two seasons there, with 252 and 231 goals
- made national team debut in April 2023; part of the team that won world title in 2025

EURO: S 2024; WCh: G 2025



BENCE IMRE

 @imreb19

Right wing

- Hungarian international, who moved from FTC to Kiel in the summer of 2024
- made his debut for FTC in the Hungarian league at age 16 in the 2018/19 season, was named player of the year in Hungary in 2024
- won silver at the 2023 Junior WCh; made national A team debut in the same year
- both his parents have won multiple Olympic medals — his father, Géza Imre, in fencing and his mother, Beatrix Kökény, in handball

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Kit colours

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Player shirt: red-white
Player short: red
GK shirt: grey

Dark

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



Playing hall

Sportska hala Slana Bara
Sentandrejski put 106
Novi Sad
Serbia
Capacity: 1,950

VOJVODINA



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

@ RK Nexe	W35:36 (19:19)
vs THW Kiel	L28:32 (15:18)
vs Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	W31:30 (14:10)
@ Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	W26:33 (8:16)
vs RK Nexe	W31:26 (18:11)
@ THW Kiel	L 37:35 (21:15)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP E

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. THW Kiel	6	6	0	0	200:174	(+26)	12
2. Vojvodina	6	4	0	2	194:186	(+8)	8
3. Bathco Bm. Torrelavega	6	0	2	4	172:188	(-16)	2
4. RK Nexe	6	0	2	4	174:192	(-18)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Vukasin Vorkapic (SRB)	35
2. Milan Jovanovic (SRB)	29
3. Jovica Nikolic (SRB)	28
4. Ahmed Hussein Nafea (EGY)	22
5. Joao Pedro da Silva (BRA)	18

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3

Main round (1): 2023/24

Qualification (1): 2021/22

Other

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 2015/16

EHF Cup

Group phase (1): 2014/15

EHF European Cup

Winners (1): 2022/23

Serbian league: 12 titles (2005, 2013-19, 2021-24)

Serbian cup: 8 titles (2005, 2006, 2011, 2015, 2019-21, 2023)





BORIS ROJEVIC

Coach

- former player and long-term head coach of Vojvodina, who previously worked with the club's youth teams
- also became national team coach of Serbia in February 2024, taking over from Toni Gerona, after he had been part of Gerona's staff as an assistant coach
- led Vojvodina to their first European trophy in 2022/23 by winning the EHF European Cup Men
- as a player, Rojevic spent time in Vrbas, Kolubara, Vojvodina, Proleter, and Spartak; gained his first European cup experience with Proleter in the Challenge Cup 2008/09

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

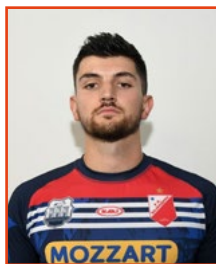
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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Petar Djordjic (Partizan/SRB)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Fran	Lucin	CRO	Goalkeeper	16/11/2000	Rijeka, CRO	190
2	Simo	Sijan	SRB	Centre back	31/08/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	186
3	Vukasin	Vorkapic	SRB	Right wing	01/10/1997	Beograd, SRB	188
6	Milan	Milic	SRB	Right back	14/05/1998	Aleksandrovac, SCG	197
7	Fran	Mileta	CRO	Right wing	14/08/2000	Rijeka, CRO	182
C 10	Miljan	Vukovljak	SRB	Left back	18/04/1990	Beograd, SRB	196
12	Marko	Drasko	SRB	Goalkeeper	21/03/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	189
13	Andrija	Stankov	SRB	Line player	16/05/2007	Beograd, SRB	193
14	Joao	Da Silva	BRA	Centre back	29/01/1994	Nova Iguacu, BRA	190
16	Andrej	Trnavac	SRB	Goalkeeper	13/12/1998	Beograd, SRB	187
17	Djordje	Drasko	SRB	Centre back	05/05/2007	Novi Sad, SRB	187
18	Stefan	Sunajko	HUN	Left wing	10/04/1998	Sombor, SCG	193
19	Miljan	Pušica	SRB	Left back	30/06/1991	Prijepolje, SRB	202
24	Bojan	Radjenovic	SRB	Left wing	04/09/1994	Knin, CRO	193
33	Jovica	Nikolic	SRB	Right back	18/11/2001	Novi Sad, SRB	192
34	Stefan	Dodic	SRB	Centre back	13/03/2003	Vranje, SRB	194
35	Branko	Predovic	SRB	Line player	28/08/2002	Novi Sad, SRB	191
44	Petar	Djordjic	SRB	Left back	17/09/1990	Sabac, SRB	196
45	Miha	Kavcic	SLO	Line player	19/06/1998	Ptuj, SLO	192
79	Ahmed	Hesham	EGY	Left wing	01/09/1997	Giza, EGY	182
87	Barys	Pukhouski	BLR	Centre back	03/01/1987	Malorita, BLR	187
98	Milan	Jovanovic	SRB	Left back	24/01/1998	Vrbas, SRB	195



MILAN JOVANOVIĆ

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Left back

- Serbian international, returned to Vojvodina in 2024 after a year with Metaloplastika
- previously played for Vojvodina until joining FENIX Toulouse in 2018
- suffered a complicated knee injury in his first season in France and hardly played for Toulouse; was then a year without a club before joining Metaloplastika in 2023
- played at EHF EURO 2018, shortly after making his national team debut for Serbia

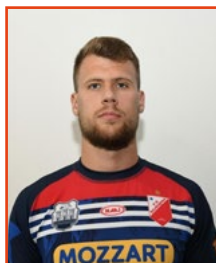


BARYS PUKHOUSKI

Centre back

- all-time top scorer of Belarusian national team; has played in European competitions for more than two decades, including 10 seasons in the EHF Champions League
- joined Vojvodina in 2022 and added 64 goals to club's run to European Cup title
- previously played for SKA Minsk, Motor, Csurgó, and Dinamo Minsk; helped SKA win Challenge Cup in 2013 by scoring 20 times in two-legged final against Esch

EC: 2023; CC 2013

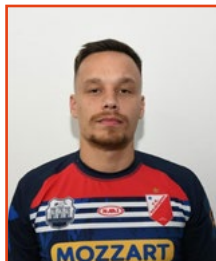


MIHA KAVCIC

 @mihakavcic4

Line player

- joined Vojvodina at the start of the 2024/25 season from Olympiakos SFP
- Slovenian international, started playing handball in Jeruzalem Ormoz
- also played for Velenje and Nexe, and had his first EHF European League group phase experience with the Croatian side
- won gold at the M18 EHF EURO in 2018 with Slovenia's youth national team



VUKASIN VORKAPIC

 @vuleeee3

Right wing

- Serbian international, who started his senior career in Šabac; returned to Serbia and joined Vojvodina in 2023 after playing two years for Ivry in France
- was Vojvodina's best scorer in the EL 2024/25 group matches, with 35 goals
- played at three EHF EURO events and two WCh's, but 2024/25 marks only his second season in a European club competition

GROUP III



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue and white

Player short: blue or white

GK shirt: pink

Dark

Player shirt: orange

Player short: orange

GK shirt: grey



Playing hall

Pavilhão Dragão Arena
Via Futebol Clube do Porto
4350419 Porto
Portugal
Capacity: 2,225

FC PORTO



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs MT Melsungen

@ Valur

@ HC Vardar 1961

vs HC Vardar 1961

@ MT Melsungen

vs Valur

L24:29 (10:16)

D27:27 (9:16)

W22:26 (12:10)

W37:24 (17:10)

L32:27 (15:13)

W37:29 (17:18)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP F

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. MT Melsungen	6	5	0	1	194:150	(+44)	10
2. FC Porto	6	3	1	2	178:163	(+15)	7
3. HC Vardar 1961	6	2	1	3	163:187	(-24)	5
4. Valur	6	0	2	4	165:200	(-35)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Mamadou Diocou (ESP)	26
2. Daymaro Salina (POR)	22
3. Pedro Veitia Valdés (CUB)	21
4. Diogo Oliveira (POR)	19
5. Þorsteinn Leó Gunnarsson (ISL)	18

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2018/19

Group Phase (2): 2014/15, 2016/17

Last 16 (3): 1998/99, 2010/11, 2011/12

Cup Winner's Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2000/01, 2001/02

Portuguese league: 24 titles (1954, 1957-60, 1963-65, 1968, 1999, 2002-04, 2009-15, 2019, 2021-23)

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





MAGNUS ANDERSSON

Coach

- Swedish coach, who returned to FC Porto for 2024/25, having previously led the team between 2018 and 2023
- former centre back, who won three Olympic silver medals as part of the legendary Swedish 'Bengan Boys'
- his achievements as player also include four EHF EURO trophies and two gold medals at the World Championship
- coached German side Göppingen for three years and won the EHF Cup twice in that spell

EC: 2016, 2017 (as coach)

WCh: G 1990, 1999, S 1997, 2001, B 1993, 1995; EURO: G 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002; OG: S 1992, 1996, 2000 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Joao Magalhães (Porto youth/POR)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Pedro	Veitia Valdés	CUB	Left back	07/08/1994	Villa Clara, CUB	190
4	Victor Manuel	Iturriza Alvarez	POR	Line player	22/05/1990	Havana, CUB	193
5	Porsteinn Leó	Gunnarsson	ISL	Left back	13/11/2002	Iceland, ISL	208
7	Jakob	Mikkelsen	DEN	Right back	05/02/1997	Horsens, DEN	200
8	David	Fernández Alonso	ESP	Right back	14/04/1996	Valladolid, ESP	196
9	Miguel	Oliveira	POR	Left back	13/01/2004	Valongo, POR	200
10	Diogo	Oliveira	POR	Centre back	07/05/1997	Matosinhos, POR	193
11	Joao	Magalhães	POR	Left wing	12/09/2006	Vila Nova de Gaia	193
14	Rui	Silva	POR	Centre back	28/04/1993	Guimarães, POR	185
C 15	Daymaro	Salina	POR	Line player	01/09/1987	Artemisa, CUB	200
17	Sebastian	Abrahamsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	13/05/1990	Säve, SWE	195
18	Vasco	Costa	POR	Left back	02/12/2005	Matosinhos, POR	196
19	Mamadou	Diocou	ESP	Right wing	10/02/2000	Fassada, SEN	182
21	Leonel	Fernandes	POR	Left wing	12/03/1998	Vila Real, POR	191
23	Bernardo	Sousa	POR	Goalkeeper	23/02/2006	Valongo, POR	201
24	Antonio	Martínez Llamazares	ESP	Right wing	17/05/2003	León, ESP	180
33	Diogo	Rêma Marques	POR	Goalkeeper	17/03/2004	Espinho, POR	189
40	Dairon Daniel	Giron Suarez	CUB	Goalkeeper	12/05/2002	Granma, CUB	200
71	Pedro	Oliveira	POR	Left wing	04/07/2002	Porto, POR	188
86	Ricardo	Brandão	POR	Line player	28/04/2004	Aveiro, POR	195
88	Fábio	Magalhães	POR	Left back	12/03/1988	Lisbon, POR	194



DIOGO RÉMA MARQUES

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Goalkeeper

- young and talented goalkeeper, became an asset to Portugal’s national team at a young age and starred at the EHF EURO 2024 and the 2025 IHF World Championship
- has been a part of Porto’s squad since the start of his professional career in 2020
- was part of the All-star Team at the M18 EHF EURO 2022
- known for his strong reflexes and ability to save penalties



RUI SILVA

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Centre back

- Portuguese international, who has spent his entire career so far with domestic clubs
- previously played for Xico and five years for Porto’s rivals Sporting, before ultimately joining Porto in 2015
- intelligent athlete and excellent playmaker, valuable asset for club and national team
- scored crucial goal for Portugal to help them qualify for Tokyo 2020 Olympics; part of the team that finished fourth at 2025 WCh, Portugal’s best result so far



VICTOR ITURRIZA

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Line player

- Cuban-born defender, a crucial player for both Porto and the Portugal national team
- was nominated as CL All-star line player in the 2020/21 season
- wears an Alfredo Quintana shirt under his own during games, in tribute to his lost friend and former teammate, who passed away in 2021
- arrived in Portugal in 2014, made his debut in the national team in 2020 and has since played at all major events — EURO, WCh, and Olympics



MAMADOU DIOCOU

 @diocou

Right wing

- Senegal-born Spanish wing, who has been on loan with Porto since January 2023
- moved from Senegal to Spain at age nine, learned to play handball at Iplacea, and worked his way up through the youth ranks of Barça
- played for Barça in their title-winning EHF Champions League 2020/21 season
- joined Rhein-Neckar Löwen on loan in 2021, and Logroño La Rioja the following year

CL: 2021

GROUP IV PREVIEW



THREE TEAMS HUNTING THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	2	2	0	0	83:56	(+27)	4
2. VfL Gummersbach	2	1	0	1	63:57	(+6)	2
3. FENIX Toulouse	2	1	0	1	57:63	(-6)	2
4. MOL Tatabánya KC	2	0	0	2	56:83	(-27)	0

Defending EHF European League champions SG Flensburg-Handewitt stormed through the group matches, not only winning all six duels, but also showing impressive attacking performances. Scoring 40 or more goals on three occasions and netting an impressive 234 goals in total, they were far ahead of all 32 participants and underlined their ambitions to defend the trophy. Therefore, it is no surprise that a Flensburg player – August Pedersen – tops the top scorer list with 49 goals. Still, the club parted ways with head coach Nicolej Krickau in December after some disappointing domestic results. With four Danish 2024 Olympic and 2025 world champions in their ranks – Simon Pytlick, Emil Jakobsen, Lukas Jørgensen, and Niclas Kirkeløkke – Flensburg are strong contenders to defend their title at the EHF Finals in Hamburg in May.



Two teams advancing from group H start the main round on two points each: FENIX Toulouse and VfL Gummersbach, who won their respective home match: 31:30 in Toulouse, 33:26 in Gummersbach. While the German side won the other four matches, Toulouse stumbled at IK Sävehof, but that defeat did not affect their points total for the main round. The French side reached the Last 16 three seasons ago, losing against eventual champions Benfica. Led by head coach Danijel Anđjelkovic, Toulouse finished the French league in fourth place last season.



Gummersbach have returned to Europe this season after a 12-year absence since playing the Cup Winners' Cup final against... Flensburg. Head coach Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson, who steered the team from the second division to the EHF European League, has several big names in his squad, including new arrivals Kentin Mahé and Dominik Kuzmanovic.

Like Flensburg and Gummersbach, MOL Tatabánya KC are a well-known face in European club competitions. The 2024/25 campaign marks Tatabánya's 16th international season, mainly in the EHF Cup from 2004-19. The team of Spanish head coach Cristian Ugalde has now finally made it out of the group matches on their fourth attempt. Strengthened by several big-name signing like Ignacio Plaza Jimenez from Porto, Tatabánya start the main round bottom of group IV but will still eye a play-off spot.



Björn Pazen

I GROUP IV HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP IV

SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs VfL Gummersbach 2-0-0 (66:61) 4:0

20.05.2012	VfL Gummersbach vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	33:34 (17:16)
25.05.2012	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs VfL Gummersbach, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	32:28 (16:11)

SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FENIX Toulouse

No previous encounters in European competitions

MOL Tatabanya KC vs VfL Gummersbach 0-1-1 (31:39) 1:3

1978/79	VfL Gummersbach vs Tatabanyai Banyasz, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	18:10 (7:6)
1978/79	Tatabanyai Banyasz vs VfL Gummersbach, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	21:21 (8:12)

MOL Tatabanya KC vs FENIX Toulouse

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP IV



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Kit colours

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GK shirt: red

Dark

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GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

Campushalle
Campusallee 2
24941 Flensburg
Germany
Capacity: 4,600

SG FLENSBURG- HANDEWITT



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs MRK Sesvete	W42:25 (21:17)
@ HCB Karvina	W31:41 (11:24)
vs MOL Tatabanya KC	W44:27 (22:13)
@ MOL Tatabanya KC	W29:39 (15:21)
@ MRK Sesvete	W28:32 (14:15)
vs HCB Karvina	W36:33 (20:15)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP G

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	6	6	0	0	234:173	(+61)	12
2. MOL Tatabanya KC	6	3	1	2	174:193	(+19)	7
3. HCB Karvina	6	1	1	4	177:203	(-26)	3
4. MRK Sesvete	6	1	0	5	172:188	(-16)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. August Pedersen (NOR)	49
2. Aksel Hørgen (NOR)	37
3. Lasse Møller (DEN)	25
4. Jim Gottfridsson (SWE)	21
5. Kay Smits (NED)	18
Lukas Jørgensen (DEN)	18

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3

Winners (1): 2023/24

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2013/14

Runners-up (2): 2003/04, 2006/07

Semi-finals (1): 2005/06

Quarter-finals (9): 2004/05, 2008/09, 2010/11, 2012/13, 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): 1998/99

German league: 3 titles (2004, 2018, 2019)

German cup: 4 titles (2003-05, 2015)





ALEŠ PAJOVIČ

Coach

- former Slovenian international, who took over in January 2025 after Flensburg had parted ways with Nicolej Krickau
- Austria national team coach since 2019; combines both jobs until the end of the 2024/25 season but will then fully focus on his club duties in Flensburg
- a three-time EHF Champions League winner, who played as left back for clubs like Celje, Ciudad Real, Kiel, and Magdeburg
- scored nearly 700 goals in 181 matches for the national team
- retired as a player at HSG Graz in 2018 and started his coaching career at the Austrian club

CL: 2006, 2008, 2009
EURO: S 2004 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Benjamin	Buric	BIH	Goalkeeper	20/11/1990	Doboј, BIH	196
2	Simon	Pytlick	DEN	Left back	11/12/2000	Svendborg, DEN	193
C 4	Johannes	Golla	GER	Line player	05/11/1997	Wiesbaden, GER	195
5	Niclas	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right back	26/03/1994	Ringe, DEN	195
17	Ben Kjell	Schmitt	GER	Goalkeeper	31/01/2004	Buxtehude, GER	197
18	Moritz Frederik	Detlefsen	GER	Line player	25/01/2008	Flensburg, GER	202
19	Oskar	Czertowicz	POL	Centre back	09/02/2006	Kwidzyn, POL	191
20	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/06/1989	Tøndern, DEN	200
21	Jonas	Rithaphorn	DEN	Left wing	18/09/2006	Haderslev, DEN	182
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 Baskar	Pedersen	NOR	Left wing	24/06/1994	Notodden, NOR	180
31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left wing	24/01/1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190
33	Kay	Smits	NED	Right back	31/03/1997	Geleen, NED	186
34	Thilo	Knutzen	GER	Centre back	19/12/2004	Flensburg, GER	208
43	Blaz	Blagotinsek	SLO	Line player	17/01/1994	Celje, SLO	203
52	Philipp Maximilian	Sekowski	GER	Right back	19/05/2005	Husum, GER	199
64	Lasse Kjær	Møller	DEN	Left back	11/06/1996	Gudme, DEN	199



BENJAMIN BURIC

 @benjaminburic12

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
- made his name domestically with Borac, before joining Velenje in Slovenia in 2013
- played EHF Cup Finals 2015 with Velenje, won the EHF Finals nine years later

EL: 2024



AUGUST PEDERSEN

 @augustbp

Left wing

- arrived at Flensburg from Drammen in his native Norway in 2022 to replace Swedish left wing Hampus Wanne, who had joined Barça
- top scorer of EHF European League 2024/25 group matches with 49 goals
- made European debut with his youth club Haslum in 2014; played EHF Champions League in 2018/19 with Danish side Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- made national team debut for Norway in April 2023

EL: 2024



SIMON PYTLICK

 @simonpytlickk

Left back

- Danish international since 2021, who arrived at Flensburg in 2023 from his only previous club, GOG; missed the first months of the 2023/24 season due to injury
- son of former handball coach Jan Pytlick; both are Olympic champions with Denmark
- MVP of 2022/23 at EHF Excellence Awards; All-star left back at 2024 Olympics
- at 24, already an Olympic and two-time world champion

EL: 2024

OG: G 2024; WCh: G 2023, 2025; EURO: S 2024



JOHANNES GOLLA

 @johgolla

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 same year that he joined Flensburg: 2018
- is team captain in Flensburg and the German national team

EL: 2024

GROUP IV




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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: mint-green
Player short: mint-green
GK shirt: dark green

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
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Playing hall

Schwalbe Arena
Heiner-Brand-Platz 1
51643 Gummersbach
Germany
Capacity: 4,141

VFL GUMMERSBACH



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

@ Mors-Thy Håndbold W22:35 (10:17)
vs Mors-Thy Håndbold W39:30 (20:16)

GROUP MATCHES:

vs IK Sävehof W37:35 (18:16)
@ FH Hafnafjordur W21:40 (12:19)
vs FENIX Toulouse W33:26 (16:15)
@ FENIX Toulouse L31:30 (14:15)
vs FH Hafnafjordur W32:24 (16:10)
@ IK Sävehof W25:28 (10:14)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP H

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. VfL Gummersbach	6	5	0	1	200:162	(+38)	10
2. FENIX Toulouse	6	4	0	2	190:182	(+8)	8
3. IK Sävehof	6	2	0	4	184:192	(-8)	4
4. FH Hafnafjordur	6	1	0	5	160:198	(-38)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*:

1. Miro Schluroff (GER)	31
2. Kristjan Horzen (SLO)	28
3. Milos Vujovic (MNE)	21
Giorgi Tskhovrebadze (GEO)	21
5. Lukas Blohme (GER)	16
Kentin Mahé (FRA)	16

* from the start of the group matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Quarter-finals (1): 2006/07

Main round (1): 2007/08

EHF Cup

Winners (1): 2008/09

Semi-finals (1): 2004/05, 2005/06

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (2): 2009/10, 2010/11

Runners-up (1): 2011/12

German league: 12 titles (1966, 1967, 1969, 1973-76, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1991)

German cup: 5 titles (1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1985)





GUDJON VALUR SIGURDSSON

Coach

- former Iceland international and Gummersbach player, who arrived back at the club as head coach in 2020
- played for Gummersbach in 2005-08 before joining a string of European top clubs, like Kiel, København, Löwen, Barça, and PSG, where he ended his career aged 41 in 2020
- played seven EHF FINAL4 events with five different clubs, and won the trophy once – with Barça in 2015
- is the all-time top scorer for Iceland with 1,875 goals from 364 matches; was the all-time Men's EHF EURO top scorer but Mikkel Hansen and Nikola Karabatic overtook him in 2024
- was inducted in EHF's Hall of Fame in 2023

CL: 2015; EHF Cup: 2005 (as player)

OG: S 2008; EHF EURO: B 2010 (as player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Tom Koschek (Gummersbach youth/GER)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Dominik	Kuzmanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15/08/2002	Zagreb, CRO	191
4	Elliði	Viðarsson	ISL	Line player	15/11/1998	Vestmannaeyjar, ISL	194
5	Tilen	Kodrin	SLO	Left wing	14/05/1994	Celje, SLO	192
6	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left wing	05/09/1993	Cetinje, MNE	181
C 7	Julian	Köster	GER	Left back	16/03/2000	Bielefeld, GER	203
8	Lukas	Blohme	GER	Right wing	07/11/1994	Flensburg, GER	193
11	Mathis	Häseler	GER	Right wing	25/06/2002	Lünen, GER	190
14	Teitur Örn	Einarsson	ISL	Right back	23/09/1998	Stavanger, NOR	190
15	Miro	Schluroff	GER	Left back	25/04/2000	Bregenz, AUT	198
16	Bertram	Obling	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/09/1995	Aarhus, DEN	193
19	Giorgi	Tskhovrebadze	GEO	Right back	19/02/2001	Tbilisi, GEO	194
22	Kentin	Mahé	FRA	Centre back	22/05/1991	Paris, FRA	186
23	Ole	Pregler	GER	Centre back	26/05/2002	Kassel, GER	192
27	Kristjan	Horzen	SLO	Line player	08/12/1999	Novo Mesto, SLO	192
30	Tom	Kiesler	GER	Left back	24/04/2001	Bad Soden, GER	193
32	Mykola	Protsiuk	UKR	Left back	23/09/2005	Khmelnytskyi, UKR	200
37	Tom	Koschek	GER	Left wing	25/07/2006	München, GER	182
66	Štěpán	Zeman	CZE	Centre back	09/05/1997	Valašské Meziříčí, CZE	203
77	Anel	Durmic	GER	Goalkeeper	11/09/2006	Hanau, GER	192



DOMINIK KUZMANOVIC

 @dominik_kuzmanovic

Goalkeeper

- talented Croatian international, who always played for his youth club Nexe until signing with Gummersbach in 2024
- has played three seasons in the EL with Nexe and reached the EHF Finals 2022
- turned only 22 in 2024, but is already the No. 1 in the national team; starred at EHF EURO 2024 and 2025 WCh, where Croatia reached the final

WCh: S 2025



MILOS VUJOVIC

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Left wing

- Montenegrin international, who arrived at Gummersbach from Fūchse in 2023 and became the team's leading goal scorer in his first season with the club
- first moved abroad in 2015 when he joined Tatabanya in Hungary for five seasons
- won the EL 2023 with Fūchse and was the team's best scorer that season
- missed most of 2020/21 after he was hit by a truck during a bike ride in Berlin

EL: 2023



JULIAN KōSTER

 @julian_kstr

Left back

- became Gummersbach team captain in 2022, when he was still only 20
- a tall shooter, started his career at Dormagen before joining Gummersbach in 2020
- his star rose at EHF EURO 2022, when he was among Germany's top scorers and was awarded Player of the Match twice
- part of the team that won silver at the Paris 2024 Olympics

OG: S 2024



KENTIN MAHÉ

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Right back

- French international, who has never played for a club in France
- started his career in Germany, where his father Pascal – world champion in 1995 – was player and coach at several clubs
- played for Hamburg and Flensburg early in his career before joining Veszprém for six seasons in 2018; played CL final in 2019, which Veszprém lost against Vardar
- has scored more than 500 goals in total in EHF club competitions

OG: G 2021, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017, S 2023, B 2019; EHF EURO: G 2024

GROUP IV




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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: pink



Playing hall

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France
Capacity: 4,226

FENIX TOULOUSE



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs FH Hafnafjordur

@ IK Sävehof

@ VfL Gummersbach

vs VfL Gummersbach

vs IK Sävehof

@ FH Hafnafjordur

W37:30 (18:16)

W31:37 (11:18)

L33:26 (16:15)

W31:30 (14:15)

L30:33 (15:13)

W25:29 (7:14)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP H

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. VfL Gummersbach	6	5	0	1	200:162	(+38)	10
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CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Nemanja Ilic (SRB)	27
2. Erwin Feuchtmann (CHI)	21
3. Gonçalo Vieira (POR)	20
4. Casper Käll (SWE)	18
5. Téo Jarry (FRA)	17

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3

Last 16 (1): 2021/22

Group phase (1): 2020/21

Other

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 1998/99

French league: –

French cup: 1 title (1998)





DANIJEL ANDJELKOVIC

Coach

- former Serbian international, who took over as head coach of Toulouse in 2021 after six years as assistant at the club
- says he has been hugely influenced by Philippe Gardent, the previous head coach whom he had assisted since 2015
- was a centre back, who ended his playing career in 2016 after six years at Toulouse; also played six years for Szeged
- named best coach of the French league in two consecutive years – 2022 and 2023

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jef	Lettens	BEL	Goalkeeper	12/08/1990	Hasselt, BEL	194
2	Romain	Girardeau	FRA	Right wing	02/03/2000	La Tronche, FRA	170
4	Erwin	Feuchtmann Perez	GER	Left back	02/05/1990	Punta arenas, CHI	190
5	Gabriel	Nyembo	CGO	Line player	16/06/1997	Strasbourg, FRA	190
6	Antoni	Doniecki	POL	Line player	19/11/2001	Lodz, POL	192
7	Téo	Jarry	FRA	Left wing	03/03/2000	Toulouse, FRA	183
8	Matthieu	Marmier	FRA	Right back	08/06/2000	Montauban, FRA	186
9	Jérémy	Robert	FRA	Line player	08/03/2004	Saint Benoit, FRA	193
C 10	Maxime	Gilbert	FRA	Centre back	22/05/1991	Talence, FRA	187
11	Edouard	Kempf	FRA	Right wing	20/03/1998	Mulhouse, FRA	178
12	Gabriel-Rares	Marchis	ROU	Goalkeeper	28/05/2005	Oradea, ROU	190
13	Bakary	Diallo	FRA	Field player	03/12/1994	créteil, FRA	188
14	Casper Emil	Käll	SWE	Centre back	26/11/2000	Lund, SWE	186
15	Uros	Mitrovic	SRB	Right back	13/09/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	199
16	Ialy	Ralambofiringa	FRA	Right wing	15/12/2005	Toulouse, FRA	172
17	Uros	Kojadinovic	SRB	Right back	26/09/2000	Subotica, SRB	187
19	Nemanja	Ilic	SRB	Left wing	11/05/1990	Belgrad, SRB	177
20	Timéo	Albouy	FRA	Left wing	01/11/2003	Rodez, FRA	184
21	Idris	Firmesse	FRA	Line player	15/09/2002	ChatenayMalabry, FRA	190
23	Gonçalo	Vieira	POR	Left back	27/04/1999	Maia Porto, POR	190
24	Vojin	Cabrilo	SRB	Left back	24/08/2004	Sombor, SRB	191
25	Martin	Guibert	FRA	Right back	09/01/2005	St. Jean d'Angely, FRA	190
26	Yoran	Calmes	FRA	Line player	14/05/2003	Rodez, FRA	190
55	Niko	Mindegia Elizaga	ESP	Centre back	19/07/1988	SantEsteban, ESP	184
61	Yassine	Belkaied	TUN	Goalkeeper	19/10/2000	Hammamet, TUN	197
89	Maxime	Discamps	FRA	Left back	03/07/2003	Le Chesnay, FRA	203
97	Mytchel	Meslien	FRA	Centre back	10/01/2006	Schoelcher, FRA	



JEF LETTENS

 @jeflettens1

Goalkeeper

- former Belgian international, who has been playing for Toulouse since 2019
- originally set to join Nantes in 2019, but that club ultimately decided to sign Danish goalkeeper Emil Nielsen instead
- left Belgium in 2015 to play for Saran, and later Cesson-Rennes, in France
- played at the 2023 WCh for Belgium but has meanwhile retired from the national team



NEMANJA ILIC

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Left wing

- experienced Serbian left wing who has been with Toulouse since 2013, except for four months on loan at Barça in 2018/19 to replace injured Casper Mortensen
- was top scorer (202 goals) and All-star left wing of the French league in 2022/23
- his younger brother Vanja is also a left wing playing in France, for Chartres; both are internationals for Serbia



NIKO MINDEGIA

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Centre back

- former Spanish international, who returned to France in the summer of 2024 after five seasons with Plock in Poland
- previously played two seasons in France for Chambéry; also had stints in Hungary (Szeged) and Denmark (Kolding) after leaving La Rioja in his native Spain in 2013
- won the EHF Cup in 2014 with Szeged; and played twice at the EHF Finals, in 2021 and 2022, with Plock

EC: 2014
EURO: S 2016



EDOUARD KEMPF

 @edouardkempf11

Right wing

- started playing handball aged four before joining Paris Saint-Germain HB at 18
- made the headlines as a 19-year-old when he scored six times each in two matches against Veszprém within one week in the CL 2017/18 group phase
- joined Toulouse in 2020 – first on loan, but signed with them permanently in 2022
- named best right wing of the 2017 Youth WCh

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GK shirt: yellow

Dark

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Player short: blue
GK shirt: red



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Capacity: 6,200

MOL TATABÁNYA KC



ROAD TO THE MAIN ROUND

GROUP MATCHES:

vs HCB Karvína	W28:27 (16:10)
@ MRK Sesvete	W27:31 (14:17)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L44:27 (22:13)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L29:39 (15:21)
@ HCB Karvína	D31:31 (17:18)
vs MRK Sesvete	W28:25 (16:10)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP G

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	6	6	0	0	234:173	(+61)	12
2. MOL Tatabánya KC	6	3	1	2	174:193	(+19)	7
3. HCB Karvína	6	1	1	4	177:203	(-26)	3
4. MRK Sesvete	6	1	0	5	172:188	(-16)	2

CURRENT TOP SCORERS:

1. Mateo Maraš (CRO)	25
2. Sadou Ntanzí (FRA)	22
Ignacio Plaza (ESP)	22
4. Pedro Rodríguez (HUN)	18
5. Christian Dissinger (GER)	17

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4

Group matches (1): 2023/24

Group phase (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Other

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2016/17, 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2010/11

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Hungarian league: 4 titles (1974, 1978, 1979, 1984)

Hungarian cup: 2 titles (1969, 1978)





CRISTIAN UGALDE

Coach

- two-time EHF Champions League winner who retired as player at the end of the 2023/24 season, and was then announced as the new head coach of Tatabánya
- the Spanish former left wing had joined the club in 2022
- he previously played for Barça, Veszprém, Hannover, and Athens, winning three European club trophies in total
- played over 130 matches for the Spanish national team
- graduated in Science of Physical Activity and Sport at a private university near Madrid

CL 2005, 2011; EC 2021 (player)

WCh: B 2011; EURO: S 2016, B 2014 (player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Attila	Radvánszki	HUN	Goalkeeper	31/12/2004	Kisvárdá, HUN	193
2	Mateo	Maraš	CRO	Right back	17/12/2000	Split, CRO	203
7	Sadou	Ntanzi	FRA	Centre back	07/01/2000	Longjumeau, FRA	183
10	Patrick	Lemos	BRA	Centre back	23/05/1996	Sorriso, BRA	190
11	Baptiste	Damatin	FRA	Left wing	29/04/2000	Saint Maurice, FRA	177
C 12	Márton	Székely	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/01/1990	Budapest, HUN	194
14	Márkó	Eklemovic	HUN	Centre back	04/10/2007	Telki, HUN	182
15	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left back	15/11/1991	Ludwigshafen, GER	202
16	László	Bartucz	HUN	Goalkeeper	05/11/1991	Orosháza, HUN	194
17	Ignacio	Plaza Jimenez	ESP	Line player	10/01/1994	Ciudad Real, ESP	195
22	Petar	Topic	HUN	Line player	30/12/1991	Split, CRO	201
23	Cristian	Ugalde Garcia	ESP	Left wing	19/10/1987	Barcelona, ESP	186
26	Pedro Rodríguez	Alvarez	HUN	Right wing	22/08/1990	Vigo, ESP	193
30	Yuga	Enomoto	JPN	Right wing	20/12/2000	Tokyo, JPN	175
37	Damian	Przytula	POL	Left back	27/11/1998	Olsztyn, POL	200
54	Matej	Havran	CZE	Left back	22/01/2002	Vsetín, CZE	190
61	Milan	Golubovic	SRB	Right back	21/09/2000	Belgrade, SRB	190
88	Bence	Krakovszki	HUN	Right wing	09/07/2002	Győr, HUN	187



MÁRTON SZÉKELY

 @martonszekely

Goalkeeper

- Tatabánya team captain, who returned to the club in 2022 after an earlier three-year stint in 2016-19
- played for five clubs in Hungary, including two seasons at Veszprém, before spending nearly two years abroad at Porto (POR) and Pelister (MKD)
- had national team debut in 2013; has played at various major events for Hungary since 2019, including their home EHF EURO in 2022



IGNACIO PLAZA JIMENEZ

 @nacheto_plaza

Line player

- Spanish pivot, who played for his youth club Ciudad Real and Puerto Sagunta before moving abroad in 2015
- after stints in Germany (Füchse, Magdeburg), Greece (Athens), and Portugal (Porto), he arrived at Tatabánya in the summer of 2024
- won EC in 2020/21 with AEK together with his current coach, Cristian Ugalde
- was the All-star line player of the M20 EHF EURO 2014, where Spain took bronze

EHF Cup: 2018; EC: 2021



MATEO MARAS

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Right back

- Croatian international, who signed for Tatabánya in 2022 after two years with Pelister; is set to join Paris Saint-Germain Handball in the summer of 2025
- was Tatabánya's leading scorer in the EL 2024/25 group matches, with 25 goals
- regular in national team since April 2021; part of squad that reached 2025 WC final
- his father, Ivica, was also a Croatian handball international

WCh: S 2025



PEDRO RODRÍGUEZ

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Right wing

- Spanish-born Hungarian international, who arrived at Tatabánya in 2022
- started senior career in his native Spain and played for La Rioja until his move to Hungary in 2016, when he joined Szeged
- spent three seasons each with Szeged and Balatonfüred before joining Tatabánya
- played three games for Spain in 2015/16 but later gained Hungarian citizenship; part of Hungary national team since January 2021, competed at 2024 Olympics



HISTORY

I CHAMPIONS 1994–2024

EHF European League Men

2024	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
2023	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2022	SL Benfica (POR)
2021	SC Magdeburg (GER)

Men's EHF Cup

2020	<i>no title awarded due to coronavirus pandemic</i>
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)
2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)

Men's EHF Cup

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

TOP SCORERS 2024/25*

49 goals



August Pedersen
SG Flensburg-Handewitt

#	Player	Club	Goals
1	August Pedersen (NOR)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	49
2	Dominik Solak (CZE)	HC B Karvina	45
3	Ian Barrufet (ESP)	MT Melsungen	39
4	Oskar Joelsson (SWE)	Ystads IF HF	38
5	Aksel Horgen (NOR)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	37
	Ihor Turchenko (UKR)	Limoges Handball	37
7	Vukasin Vorkapic (SRB)	Vojvodina	35
	Mikalai Aliokhin (BLR)	CSM Constanta	35
	Illia Blyniuk (UKR)	HC B Karvina	35
	Davor Gavric (CRO)	MKS Sesvete	35
	Pawel Paterek (POL)	KGHM Chrobry Glogow	35
	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	35

* after group matches, qualification not included; **bold** = still in competition

TOP SCORERS 2020–24*

Season	Player	Club	Goals
EHF European League 2023/24	Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	Dinamo Bucuresti	95
EHF European League 2022/23	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	110
EHF European League 2021/22	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	109
	Petar Djordjic (SRB)	SL Benfica	109
EHF European League 2020/21	Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG	96

* starting from group phase/group matches; qualification not included

ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020–24*

1	Füchse Berlin GER	60	45	3	12	1843:1597	+246	93:27	(4)	77,50%
2	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	58	29	6	23	1696:1688	+8	64:52	(5)	55,17%
3	RK Nexe CRO	60	29	5	26	1757:1741	+16	63:57	(5)	52,50%
4	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	34	29	1	4	1213:966	+247	59:9	(3)	86,76%
5	Sporting CP POR	50	28	3	19	1473:1391	+82	59:41	(4)	59,00%
6	SC Magdeburg GER	32	28	2	2	1032:844	+188	58:6	(2)	69,23%
7	Montpellier Handball FRA	36	25	2	9	1068:938	+130	52:20	(3)	72,22%
8	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	32	23	2	7	964:879	+85	48:16	(2)	75,00%
9	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	32	23	1	8	949:828	+121	47:17	(2)	73,44%
10	GOG DEN	34	22	3	9	1095:1017	+78	47:21	(3)	69,12%
11	Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR	40	22	2	16	1270:1227	+43	46:34	(4)	57,50%
12	IK Sävehof SWE	32	18	1	13	1010:956	+54	37:27	(3)	57,81%
13	HBC Nantes FRA	26	16	4	6	812:728	+84	36:16	(2)	69,23%
14	FENIX Toulouse FRA	28	13	3	12	777:767	+10	29:27	(3)	51,79%
15	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	34	12	5	17	881:906	-25	29:39	(3)	42,65%
16	USAM Nimes Gard FRA	24	11	5	8	675:650	+25	27:21	(2)	56,25%
17	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	26	13	1	12	816:769	+47	27:25	(2)	51,92%
18	Bidasoa Irun ESP	30	12	3	15	897:882	+15	27:33	(3)	45,00%
19	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	16	13	0	3	517:444	+73	26:6	(1)	81,25%
20	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP	22	12	1	9	698:669	+29	25:19	(2)	56,82%
21	Skjern Handbold DEN	24	12	0	12	737:704	+33	24:24	(2)	50,00%
22	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	24	10	1	13	654:660	-6	21:27	(2)	43,75%
23	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	30	8	5	17	850:917	-67	21:39	(3)	35,00%
24	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	18	9	1	8	530:561	-31	19:17	(2)	52,78%
25	MOL Tatabanya KC HUN	32	9	1	22	866:962	-96	19:45	(4)	29,69%
26	Vojvodina SRB	16	9	0	7	470:475	-5	18:14	(2)	56,25%
27	Ystads IF HF SWE	18	8	2	8	570:560	+10	18:18	(2)	50,00%
29	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	18	6	4	8	526:544	-18	16:20	(2)	44,44%
32	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI	12	6	2	4	375:361	+14	14:10	(2)	58,33%
33	Tatran Prešov SVK SVK	36	7	0	29	892:1084	-192	14:58	(4)	19,44%
36	Valur ISL	18	5	3	10	563:597	-34	13:23	(2)	36,11%
37	THW Kiel GER	6	6	0	0	200:174	+26	12:0	(1)	100,00%
38	CSM Constanta ROU	16	5	2	9	457:494	-37	12:20	(2)	37,50%
40	MT Melsungen GER	6	5	0	1	194:150	+44	10:2	(1)	83,33%
41	VfL Gummersbach GER	6	5	0	1	200:162	+38	10:2	(1)	83,33%
43	Górník Zabrze POL	16	4	2	10	437:475	-38	10:22	(2)	31,25%
47	Limosges Handball FRA	6	4	0	2	198:170	+28	8:4	(1)	66,67%
48	FC Porto POR	6	3	1	2	178:163	+15	7:5	(1)	58,33%
53	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	12	2	2	8	325:398	-73	6:18	(2)	25,00%
55	HC Vardar 1961 MKD	6	2	1	3	163:187	-24	5:7	(1)	41,67%
64	HCB Karvina CZE	6	1	1	4	177:203	-26	3:9	(1)	25,00%
67	MRK Sesvete CRO	6	1	0	5	172:188	-16	2:10	(1)	16,67%
67	Bathco Bm. Torrelavega ESP	6	0	2	4	172:188	-16	2:10	(1)	16,67%
69	FH Hafnarfjörður ISL	6	1	0	5	160:198	-38	2:10	(1)	16,67%

- **bold** = 2024/25 main round participants

- (x) = number of seasons played, including 2024/25

- x% = winning percentage

* last updated after 2024/25 group matches; qualification rounds not included for any season

ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020–24*

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
19	VfL Gummersbach GER @ FH Hafnarfjordur ISL	21:40 (12:19), 15.10.2024
18	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020

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
13	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ HCB Karvina CZE	31:41 (11:24), 15.10.2024
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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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
44	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs MOL Tatabanya KC HUN	44:27 (22:13), 22.10.2024
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

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



FEWEST GOALS

15	Tatran Prešov 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 Prešov 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

FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

40	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
40	Tatran Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
42	Tatran Prešov 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 Prešov 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 Prešov 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 Prešov 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

BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO WIN A MATCH

-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 Prešov 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 Prešov 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
-3	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	36:27 (16:19), 22.10.2024
-3	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Limoges Handball FRA	27:31 (16:13), 22.10.2024
-3	FH Hafnarfjordur ISL vs IK Sävehof SWE	34:30 (15:18), 22.10.2024

BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO DRAW A MATCH

-7	Valur ISL vs FC Porto POR	27:27 (9:16), 15.10.2024
-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

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 Chambéry Savoie Mont Blanc Handball FRA – 1st half	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
23	Montpellier Handball FRA vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN – 1st half	40:26 (23:13), 08.10.2024
23	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Tatran Prešov SVK – 1st half	30:39 (15:23), 15.10.2024

MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

45	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN – 2nd half	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
42	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 2nd half	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
42	GOG DEN vs RK Nexe CRO – 1st half	37:37 (22:20), 03.05.2022
42	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 2nd half	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
42	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
42	GOG DEN vs HC Kriens-Luzern SUI – 2nd half	39:36 (19:14), 15.10.2024
41	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 1st half	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
41	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER – 2nd half	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
41	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	31:39 (16:25), 29.11.2022
41	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Dinamo Bucuresti ROU – 2nd half	38:32 (18:11), 25.05.2024

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
6	Tatran Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR – 1st half	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
7	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
7	Tatran Prešov SVK vs FENIX Toulouse Handball – 2nd half	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
7	Tatran Prešov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 2nd half	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
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	FH Hafnarfjordur ISL vs FENIX Toulouse Handball FRA – 1st half	25:29 (7:14), 26.11.2024

FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

15	Tatran Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR – 1st half	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
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 Prešov 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

LONGEST WINNING RUN

SC Magdeburg GER	14 matches (01.12.2020 – 26.10.2021)
Füchse Berlin GER	12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)
Füchse Berlin GER	10 matches (18.04.2023 – 13.02.2024)
Frisch Auf Göppingen	9 matches (13.12.2022 - 18.04.2023)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	8 matches (20.10.2020 – 20.02.2021)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	8 matches (23.11.2021 - 29.03.2022)
HBC Nantes FRA	8 matches (14.11.2023 – 05.03.2024)
SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	8 matches (25.05.2024 – 26.11.2024)

LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

SC Magdeburg GER	27 matches (01.12.2020 – 28.05.2022)
Füchse Berlin GER	12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)
Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	11 matches (17.11.2020 – 30.03.2021)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	11 matches (23.11.2021 – 03.05.2022)
Füchse Berlin GER	10 matches (18.04.2023 – 13.02.2024)

LONGEST LOSING RUN

Grundfos Tatabánya KC HUN	12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021)
Besiktas Aygaz TUR	10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
Cocks FIN	8 matches (19.10.2021 - 22.02.2022)
Tatran Prešov SVK	8 matches (26.10.2021 – 01.03.2022)
Pfadi Winterthur SUI	8 matches (30.11.2021 - 17.10.2023)
IFK Kristianstad SWE	8 matches (13.04.2021 - 05.12.2023)
Górnik Zabrze POL	8 matches (20.02.2024 – 19.11.2024)
Tatran Prešov SVK	8 matches (21.02.2023 – 26.11.2024)

LONGEST RUN WITHOUT WIN

Grundfos Tatabánya KC HUN	12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021)
RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	12 matches (21.11.2023 – 19.11.2024)
Besiktas Aygaz TUR	10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
HC Metalurg MKD	9 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
Cocks FIN	9 matches (19.10.2021 - 01.03.2022)
PAUC Handball FRA	9 matches (19.10.2021 – 01.03.2022)
Górnik Zabrze POL	9 matches (20.02.2024 – 26.11.2024)
RK Nexe CRO	9 matches (05.03.2024 - 26.11.2024)

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