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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2017/18

MATCH **WEEK** *OF THE*

Group Phase, Round 12
HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)

VS

HBC Nantes (FRA)

Arena Zagreb (Zagreb, CRO)
Saturday, 17 February at 20:00



HC PPD Zagreb (CRO) vs HBC Nantes (FRA)

GROUP A



Most Games vs HBC Nantes:

D. Bicanic, J.B. Pavletic, Z. Horvat, M. Hrstic, U. Kastelic, T. Kontrec, S. Mandalinic, D. Markovic, Zarko Markovic, Z. Mrakovcic, M. Skok, L. Susnja, J. Valcic, T. Valcic, I. Vori, M. Vuglac. **All 1 game**

Most Goals vs HBC Nantes:

Damir Bicanic	6
Stipe Mandalinic	5
Zarko Markovic	3
Tin Kontrec	2
Luka Mrakovcic	2
Josip Valcic	2
Igor Vori	2
Mario Vuglac	2

Saturday, 17 February 20:00 hrs



Playing hall
Arena Zagreb
 Laniste 30
 10000 Zagreb
 Croatia
 Capacity: 15,200

- Nantes have won the last seven VELUX EHF Champions League matches - the longest series of international success in the club's history

- Only their French rivals Paris Saint-Germain have a longer series of success in the 2017/18 season, winning their last eight matches after the defeat at Flensburg

- While Nantes are already qualified for the knock-out stage, Zagreb are on the bottom of the group with only four points

- While Zagreb play their 24th EHF Champions League season, it is only number two for Nantes

- While Thierry Anti is coach of HBC Nantes since 2009, his Zagreb counterpart Zlatko Saracevic was appointed at the end of November 2017

- Zagreb have only taken three points on home court so far, by beating Löwen and the draw against Plock

- Nantes won (the last) three away matches

- Nantes' 28:27 victory in the first leg was the first ever encounter of both clubs

- Before, Nantes had eliminated two Croatian clubs in the EHF Cup qualification: Varazdin in the 2014/15 season and Nexe Nasice in the 2015/16 season

- Nantes' new arrival, Macedonian right back Kiril Lazarov played four seasons in Zagreb (2000/01 and from 2007 to 2010)

- Nantes Croatian left wing Jerko Matulic played for Zagreb until 2014

- Four former and current World Champions are on court on Saturday: Olivier Nyokas (France, 2017), Dominik Klein (Germany 2007) both for Nantes, and the Croatian 2003 World Champions Igor Vori and Tonci Valcic

- Nantes' Spaniards David Balaguer and Eduardo Gurbindo have just become EHF EURO 2018 champions, while their teammates Nicolas Tournat, Cyril Dumoulin and Romain Lagarde took the 2018 bronze medal with France

- Zagreb lost three top players in the winter break: the back-court stars Stipe Mandalinic, Zarko Markovic and goalkeeper Matevz Skok

- Both sides bolstered their squad in the winter break: Nantes signed Norwegian national team player Espen Lie Hansen, while Zagreb announced Ivan Vekic as new goalkeeper

- MOTW will see a duel of two Bosnians: Senjamin Buric (Nantes) and Josip Eres (Zagreb)

Round 12



Most Games vs HC PPD Zagreb:

D. Balaguer Romeu, S. Buric, N. Claire, C. Dumoulin, R. Faluvegi, R. Feliho, E. Gurbindo Martinez, D. Klein, R. Lagarde, K. Lazarov, M.M -Tuzolana, J. Matulic, D. Pechmalbec, G. Saurina, A. Siffert, N. Tournat: **All 1 game**

Most Goals vs HC PPD Zagreb:

Benjamin Buric	6
Kiril Lazarov	5
Romain Lagarde	4
Nicolas Claire	3
Dominik Klein	3

Domestic league

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Last 4 games

13/02	vs Metalurg	W30:28
04/02	@ Celje	W23:30
16/12	vs Vojvodina	W35:25
13/12	vs Tatran Presov	W32:26

Next game:

27/02 vs Vardar

Standings as of 15/02

1. Vardar	14	448:341	40
2. HC PPD Zagreb	14	409:361	31
3. Meshkov Brest	14	411:375	28
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10. Vojvodina	14	112:157	6

Domestic league

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Last 4 games

14/02	vs Dunkerque	W31:15
20/12	@ Toulouse	W28:34
07/12	vs PSG	D27:27
29/11	vs Nimes	W33:25

Next game:

21/02 @ Saran

Standings as of 15/02

1. Montpellier	14	404:338	27
2. PSG Handball	14	433:370	21
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5. Nantes	14	428:380	19
...			
14. Massy	13	290:347	4

Historic encounters in the EC

HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HBC Nantes 0-0-1 (27:28) 0:2

19.11.2017 HBC Nantes vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

28:27 (13:12)

Details of last HBC Nantes vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb match: 19.11.2017 (Rezé, France)

(VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A) 28:27 (13:12)

Referees: Oscar Raluy Lopez/Angel Sabroso Ramirez (Spain).

Suspensions: 8' – 6' (Lagarde 2', Tournat 4', Gurbindo Martinez 2' – Bozic Pavletic 2', Horvat 2', Tonci Valcic 2').

Number of 7m: 0 – 1/1.

Attendance: 4,319.



Cyril Dumoulin
Arnaud Siffert

Romain Lagarde	(4)	(3)
Guillaume Saurina	(1)	(2)
Rudolf Faluvegi	(1)	
Nicolas Claire	(3)	(2)
Senjamin Buric	(6)	(2)
Dominik Klein	(3)	(1)
D. Pechmalbec		(1)
Nicolas Tournat	(1)	(1)
Rock Feliho		(2)
Jerko Matulic	(2)	
Kiril Lazarov	(5)	(5)
E. Gurbindo	(1)	
David Balaguer	(1)	(2)
Matiaba-Tuzolana		(6)

Matevz Skok (Sporting CP)
Urh Kastelic

Zarko Markovic (Al-Duhail)
Luka Mrakovcic
Josip Bozic Pavletic
Tin Kontrec
Igor Vori
Dobrivoje Markovic
Zlatko Horvat
Leon Susnja
Josip Valcic
Tonci Valcic
Stipe Mandalinic (Füchse Berlin)
Matej Hrstic
Mario Vuglac
Damir Bicanic



Most Goals in one game HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs HBC Nantes:

Damir Bicanic	6	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Stipe Mandalinic	5	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Zarko Markovic	3	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Tin Kontrec	2	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Luka Mrakovcic	2	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Josip Valcic	2	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Igor Vori	2	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Mario Vuglac	2	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27

Most Goals in one game HBC Nantes vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb:

Benjamin Buric	6	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Kiril Lazarov	5	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Romain Lagarde	4	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Nicolas Claire	3	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27
Dominik Klein	3	19.11.2017	HBC Nantes-HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb – lost one

23.09.2017 Zagreb CRO	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 23:28
01.10.2017 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	L 28:21
08.10.2017 Zagreb CRO	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 28:28
12.10.2017 Mannheim GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	L 31:24
04.11.2017 Barcelona ESP	@ FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 32:22
11.11.2017 Zagreb CRO	vs HC Vardar MKD	L 23:29
19.11.2017 Rezé FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	L 28:27
23.11.2017 Zagreb CRO	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 24:32
29.11.2017 Zagreb CRO	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	W 30:26
10.02.2018 PlockPOL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	L 27:24

HBC Nantes: current run – won seven

23.09.2017 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	L 27:23
27.09.2017 Rezé FRA	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	D 26:26
07.10.2017 Barcelona ESP	@ FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 31:25
14.10.2017 Rezé FRA	vs IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 34:25
05.11.2017 Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 30:32
11.11.2017 Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 30:33
19.11.2017 Rezé FRA	vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W 28:27
25.11.2017 Rezé FRA	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 32:30
02.12.2017 Nantes FRA	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	W 29:25
10.02.2018 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 26:31



HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs French clubs 10-3-10

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1965/66	SMUC Marseille	30:16	17:15	Champions Cup – Last 16
1992/93	HB Venissieux	27:18	23:19	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1993/94	USAM Nîmes	23:23	22:25	EHF Champions League – Group A
1998/99	Montpellier HB	25:24	23:21	EHF Champions League – Group A
2002/03	Montpellier HB	28:28	25:34	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2004/05	Montpellier HB	27:30	29:34	EHF Champions League – Group B
2008/09	Chambery Savoie HB	30:32	30:26	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2011/12	Chambery Savoie HB	28:20	28:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2014/15	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	25:24	22:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	23:25	23:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	20:28	32:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2017/18	HBC Nantes		27:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

HBC Nantes vs Croatian clubs 4-1-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2014/15	GRK Varazdin 1930	42:27	30:26	EHF Cup – Qualification Round 2
2015/16	RK Nexe	22:18	26:26	EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3
2017/18	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb	28:27		VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A



HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb players' career statistics against HBC Nantes

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Goalkeeper	NOC	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Arijan Jovic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Urh Kastelic	SLO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Ivan Panjan	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ivan Vekic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Vito Bahtijarevic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Damir Bicanic	CRO	1	0	0	1	6	6,00	6	0
Josip Bozic Pavletic	CRO	3	0	1	2	3	1,00	2	4'
Josip Eres	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Zlatko Horvat	CRO	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	2'
Matej Hrstic	CRO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Tin Kontrec	CRO	3	0	0	3	3	1,00	2	2'
Tin Lucin	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dobrivoje Markovic	SRB	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
David Miklavcic	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Mrakovcic	CRO	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Domagoj Pavlovic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marko Racic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valentino Ravnic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leon Strbad	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Leon Susnja	CRO	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Filip Turcic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Josip Valcic	CRO	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Tonci Valcic	CRO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	2'
Josip Vekic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Igor Vori	CRO	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Mario Vuglac	CRO	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Danijel Vusic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Josip Bozic Pavletic (RK Nexe 2015/16); Tin Kontrec (GRK Varazdin 1930 2014/15)

New trophy for the Matches of the Week: "Player of the Match"

From the first round of the VELUX EHF Champions League 2017/18 Group Phase a new player's award have been introduced for the Matches of the Week. EHF Marketing have prepared a trophy called 'Player of the Match' which will be presented and handed over by different sponsors throughout the season.

Awardees:

- Round 1: Hendrik Pekeler (Rhein-Neckar Löwen)
- Round 2: Slawomir Szmal (PGE VIVE Kielce)
- Round 3: Mattias Andersson (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 4: Roland Mikler (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 5: Buster Juul-Lassen Engelbrecht (Aalborg Handbold)
- Round 6: Niklas Landin (THW Kiel)
- Round 7: Nikola Karabatic (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 8: Vuko Borozan (HC Vardar)
- Round 9: Thierry Omeyer (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 10: Cyril Dumoulin (HBC Nantes)
- Round 11: Viran Morros de Argila (FC Barcelona Lassa)



HBC Nantes players' career statistics against HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb



Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Valentin Bachele	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cyril Dumoulin	FRA	5	2	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandre Moali	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Arnaud Siffert	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lucien Auffret	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
David Balaguer Romeu	ESP	3	2	0	1	4	1,33	2	0
Senjamin Buric	BIH	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Nicolas Claire	FRA	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	0
Julian Emonet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rudolf Faluvegi	HUN	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Leo Fauvet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rock Feliho	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Romarc Guillo	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	ESP	5	5	0	0	6	1,20	2 (2)	2'
Espen Lie Hansen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Edson Imare	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dominik Klein	GER	8	5	2	1	23	2,88	7	0
Romain Lagarde	FRA	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	2'
Arthur Laugier	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kiril Lazarov	MKD	4	3	1	0	23	5,75	9	0
Michel Junior Matiaba-Tuzolana	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jerko Matulic	CRO	1	1	0	0	2	2,00	2	0
Guy Olivier Nyokas	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dragan Pechmalbec	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lucas Petraud	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Guillaume Saurina	FRA	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
James Junior Scott	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nicolas Tournat	FRA	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	4'
Lucas Weiss	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

David Balaguer Romeu (FC Barcelona Intersport 2011/12, FC Barcelona Intersport 2012/13 – DNP); Cyril Dumoulin (Chambery Savoie HB 2008/09, Chambery Savoie HB 2011/12); Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez (Portland San Antonio 2005/06 – DNP, FC Barcelona Intersport 2012/13, FC Barcelona 2014/15); Dominik Klein (THW Kiel 2008/09, THW Kiel 2011/12, THW Kiel 2014/15, THW Kiel 2015/16); Kiril Lazarov (Renovalia Ciudad Real 2010/11, FC Barcelona 2014/15)

