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VELUX EHF Champions League  
Season 2016/17

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

Last 16 (Leg 2)

**Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER) vs THW Kiel (GER)**

SAP Arena, Mannheim

Thursday 30 March, 19:00 hrs



# Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER) vs THW Kiel (GER)



Thursday, 30 March 2017, 19:00 hrs



Playing hall:  
SAP Arena  
An der Arena 1  
68163 Mannheim  
Germany

Capacity: 13,200



### Most Games vs THW Kiel:

Patrick Groetzki	7
Karol Bielecki	6
Henning Fritz	6
Uwe Gensheimer	6
Oliver Roggisch	6
Slawomir Szmal	6

### Most Goals vs THW Kiel:

Uwe Gensheimer	27
Karol Bielecki	25
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	23
Mariusz Jurasik	17
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	17

### Domestic leagues

#### Bundesliga

#### Last 4 games

15.02. @Hannover-Burgdorf	W26:30
05.03. @Füchse Berlin	D30:30
11.03 vs GWD Minden	W26:20
25.03. @TBV Lemgo	W28:33

#### Next game:

01.04. vs SC DHfK Leipzig

#### Standings

1. Flensburg	23	707:544	42
2. Kiel	24	692:581	40
3. RNL	22	653:557	39
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18. Coburg	24	599:695	9

- The 25:24 defeat on home court in the first leg was Kiel's first home defeat in a knock-out stage match since the 36:33 loss to Barcelona in the 2010/11 quarter-finals (when they were eliminated).

- Overall, both sides have clashed 38 times in different competitions so far, with 25 Kiel wins, two draws and eleven Löwen victories.

- THW are part of the EHF Champions League for the 20th time, 17 times they at least made it to the quarter-finals; they were never eliminated in the Last 16. Since the implementation of quarter-finals in the 1996/97 season, Kiel have never missed out on this stage.

- THW Kiel have only once been eliminated in a knock-out stage (except VELUX EHF FINAL4) by a German team - by Flensburg in the 2005/06 quarter-final. Besides that they lost the 2014 final against Flensburg and the 2013 semi against Hamburg. In 2012 they won the semi against Füchse and eliminated Löwen twice.

- The last time, Löwen eliminated Kiel in any competition was in the Last 16 of the German Cup in the 2015/16 season.

- In the last two seasons, Rhein-Neckar Löwen were eliminated in the Last 16 of the VELUX EHF Champions League - and lost both home matches against Szeged (2015) and Zagreb (2016).

- Both sides have won the EHF Cup: Kiel three times (1998, 2002, 2004) the old format, Löwen (2013) the current format.

- Five German EHF EURO 2016 champions will be on court on Thursday: Henrik Pekeler for Löwen, Rune Dahmke, Christian Dissinger, Steffen Weinhold (in question) and Andreas Wolff for Kiel.

- Three more Danish Olympic gold medallist will duel: Rene Toft Hansen (in question), Niklas Landin (both Kiel) and Mads Mensah Larsen (Denmark).

- In terms of results, the current season is the weakest one in the long Champions League history of THW Kiel. The team of coach Alfred Gislason has already lost eight of 15 matches, and won only five (three of them away).

- To prove the state of transition in the THW squad, only two players are still contracted in the club from last Champions League trophy in 2012: Christian Zeitz (triple winner 2007, 2010, 2012) and Christian Sprenger (2010, 2012). Besides Domagoj Duvnjak and Blazenko Lackovic (both with Hamburg in 2013) and Steffen Weinhold (2014 with Flensburg) have won this competition before.

- The only former Champions League winners in the Löwen squad are Palicka (Kiel 2010, 2012) and Sigurdsson (Barcelona 2015).

- On both sides, the playmakers are injured: while Domagoj Duvnjak (Kiel) definitely will miss the match due knee problems, Andy Schmid (Löwen) is in question after a hip bruise.

### Most Games vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Marcus Ahlm	6
Filip Jicha	6
Dominik Klein	6
Henrik Lundström	6
Thierry Omeyer	6
Christian Zeitz	6

### Most Goals vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Marcus Ahlm	6
Filip Jicha	6
Dominik Klein	6
Henrik Lundström	6
Thierry Omeyer	6
Christian Zeitz	6

### Domestic league

#### Bundesliga

#### Last 4 games

22.02. vs MT Melsungen	W30:28
01.03. @SC Magdeburg	L27:26
08.03. vs Gummersbach	W34:21
26.03. @Hannover-Burgdorf	W26:27

#### Next game

02.04. vs TVB 1898 Stuttgart

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## MATCH OF THE WEEK

### Historic encounters in the EC

#### Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs THW Kiel 2-1-4 (194:211) 5:9

26.04.2009	THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	37:23 (20:8)
30.04.2009	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	31:30 (16:18)
25.04.2010	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (13:15)
02.05.2010	THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:30 (12:13)
21.11.2010	THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:27 (17:9)
26.11.2010	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:30 (17:14)
22.03.2017	THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	24:25 (10:12)

### Matchdetails of last match - 22.03.2017 (Kiel, Germany)

#### THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen (VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16) 24:25 (10:12)

Referees: Andreu Marin/Ignacio Garcia Serradilla (Spain).

Suspensions: 6' – 2' (Wiencek 4', Dahmke 2' – Pekeler 2').

Number of 7m: 1/1 – 2/1.

Attendance: 9,986.



Niklas Landin Jacobsen  
Andreas Wolff

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Sebastian Firnhaber  
Blazenko Lackovic  
Christian Sprenger  
Steffen Weinhold (5)  
Christian Dissinger (2)  
Patrick Wiencek  
Niclas Ekberg (4)  
Christian Zeitz (1) (4)  
Rune Dahmke (1) (1)  
Ilija Brozovic  
Marko Vujin (2) (2)  
Nikola Bilyk (7) (4)  
Lukas Nilsson (2) (6)  
Raul Santos

Mikael Appelgren  
Andreas Palicka

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Andre Schmid  
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson  
Dejan Manaskov  
Rafael Baena Gonzalez  
Marius Steinhauser  
Maximilian Trost  
Mads Mensah Larsen  
Hendrik Pekeler  
Patrick Groetzki  
Harald Reinkind  
Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana  
Alexander Petersson  
Kim Ekdahl du Rietz  
Rico Keller



## MATCH OF THE WEEK

### Most Goals in one game Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs THW Kiel:

Karol Bielecki	10	25.04.2010	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-THW Kiel	28:29
Mariusz Jurasik	9	30.04.2009	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-THW Kiel	31:30
Mariusz Jurasik	8	26.04.2009	THW Kiel-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	37:23
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	8	30.04.2009	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-THW Kiel	31:30
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	8	02.05.2010	THW Kiel-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:30

### Most goals in one game THW Kiel vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Filip Jicha	12	26.04.2009	THW Kiel-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	37:23
Filip Jicha	9	02.05.2010	THW Kiel-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:30
Filip Jicha	9	21.11.2010	THW Kiel-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:27
Filip Jicha	9	26.11.2010	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-THW Kiel	30:30
Filip Jicha	8	25.04.2010	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-THW Kiel	28:29

### Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



#### Rhein-Neckar Löwen: current run – won one

10.11.2016 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W 25:24
17.11.2016 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs HC Vardar MKD	L 27:33
26.11.2016 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	W 26:29
01.12.2016 Zagreb CRO	@ HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	L 25:21
09.02.2017 Mannheim GER	vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	W 28:25
18.02.2017 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 29:31
22.02.2017 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 25:24
02.03.2017 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	L 37:31
08.03.2017 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 24:30
22.03.2017 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	W 24:25



#### THW Kiel: current run – lost two

09.11.2016 Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	L 24:22
20.11.2016 Kiel GER	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 22:30
23.11.2016 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 25:26
03.12.2016 Kiel GER	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 24:24
11.02.2017 Schaffhausen SUI @ Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI		W 25:30
15.02.2017 Kiel GER	vs Telekom Veszprém HUN	L 25:27
25.02.2017 Kiel GER	vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	L 21:24
05.03.2017 Kiel GER	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	D 27:27
12.03.2017 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 42:24
22.03.2017 Kiel GER	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	L 24:25



## Rhein-Neckar Löwen players' career statistics against Kiel

Goalkeeper	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mikael Appelgren	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lukas Bauer	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Andreas Palicka	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Michel Abt	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rafael Baena Gonzalez	3	2	0	1	7	2,33	4	2'
Leon Bolius	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kim Ekdahl du Rietz	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Marvin Gerdon	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Patrick Groetzki	7	2	1	4	12	1,71	4 (2)	4'
Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana	1	1	0	0	2	2,00	2	0
Max Haider	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rico Keller	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mads Mensah Larsen	3	1	1	1	0	0,00	0	0
Dejan Manaskov	4	1	0	3	9	2,25	6	0
Hendrik Pekeler	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	2'
Alexander Petersson	2	1	0	1	11	5,50	7	2'
Harald Reinkind	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maximilian Rolka	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Andre Schmid	3	1	1	1	7	2,33	4	0
Max Schwarz	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	7	3	1	3	35	5,00	8 (2)	2'
Marius Steinhauser	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maximilian Trost	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Rafael Baena Gonzalez (Reale Ademar Leon 2011/12); Mads Mensah Larsen (AG Kobenhavn 2011/12); Dejan Manaskov (HC Metalurg 2013/14, 2014/15); Alexander Petersson (Füchse Berlin 2011/12); Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (AG Kobenhavn 2011/12, FC Barcelona Lassa 2015/16)

## THW Kiel players' career statistics against Rhein-Neckar Löwen

Goalkeeper	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Tom Landgraf	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Niklas Landin Jacobsen	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Andreas Wolff	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Player	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Nikola Bilyk	1	0	0	1	7	7,00	7	0
Ilija Brozovic	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Rune Dahmke	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	2'
Christian Dissinger	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Domagoj Duvnjak	3	1	2	0	12	4,00	6	4'
Niclas Ekberg	1	0	0	1	4	4,00	4	0
Lucas Firnhaber	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sebastian Firnhaber	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Blazenko Lackovic	3	2	0	1	2	0,67	2	0
Lukas Nilsson	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Raul Santos	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Christian Sprenger	8	4	1	3	21	2,63	6	8'
Rene Toft Hansen	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marko Vujin	4	1	1	2	23	5,75	9	0
Steffen Weinhold	1	0	0	1	5	5,00	5	0
Patrick Wiencek	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	4'
Alexander Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Christian Zeitz	8	4	1	3	23	2,88	6	2'

Domagoj Duvnjak (HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb 2008/09, HSV Hamburg 2010/11); Blazenko Lackovic (HC Vardar 2014/15, 2015/16); Niklas Landin Jacobsen (Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 2010/11); Christian Sprenger (SC Magdeburg 2007/08); Marko Vujin (MKB Veszprém KC 2007/08, 2009/10); Christian Zeitz (MKB-MVM Veszprém 2014/15)

## MATCH WEEK OF THE

### Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs German clubs 8-1-8

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2006/07	SC Magdeburg	38:34	26:39	EHF Cup – Last 16
2007/08	SC Magdeburg	28:26	31:29	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2008/09	THW Kiel	31:30	23:37	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2009/10	THW Kiel	28:29	30:31	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2010/11	THW Kiel	30:30	27:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	HSV Hamburg		31:33	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4
2011/12	Frisch Auf Göppingen	33:32	29:33	EHF Cup – Semi-final
2012/13	SC Magdeburg	27:20	28:31	EHF Cup – Quarter-final
2012/13	Frisch Auf Göppingen	28:22		EHF Cup FINAL4 – Semi-final
2016/17	THW Kiel	25:24		VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16

### THW Kiel vs German clubs 18-2-9

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1997/98	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	26:21	23:25	EHF Cup – Final
2000/01	SG Flensburg-Handewitt		33:31	ECh for Club Teams – Place 3/4
2001/02	TBV Lemgo	33:23	29:26	EHF Cup – Quarter-final
2001/02	SG Wallau-Massenheim	32:27	31:32	EHF Cup – Semi-final
2005/06	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	28:32	34:32	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2006/07	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	29:27	28:28	EHF Champions League – Final
2006/07	HSV Hamburg		31:30	EHF Champions Trophy – Semi-final
2007/08	HSG Nordhorn		36:31	EHF Champions Trophy – Place 3/4
2008/09	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	37:23	30:31	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2009/10	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:30	29:28	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:27	30:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Füchse Berlin		25:24	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2012/13	HSV Hamburg		33:39	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2013/14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt		28:30	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2014/15	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	33:28	30:21	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2015/16	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	27:23	27:37	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	22:30	26:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2016/17	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:25		VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16

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