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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2017/18

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

Group Phase, Round 10
HBC Nantes (FRA)

VS

FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Hall XXL (Nantes, FRA)

Saturday 2 December, 20:45 hrs



HBC Nantes (FRA) vs FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

GROUP A



Most Games vs Barcelona:

David Balaguer, Senjamin Buric, Cyril Dumoulin, Julian Emonet, Rudolf Faluvegi, Rock Feliho, Eduardo Gurbindo, Kiril Lazarov, Romain Lagarde, Jerko Matulic, Dragan Pechmalbec, James Junior Scott, Arnaud Siffert, Nicolas Tournat - all 1 game

Most Goals vs Barcelona:

Rudolf Faluvegi	5
Romain Lagarde	5
Kiril Lazarov	4
Nicolas Tournat	4
Senjamin Buric	3
Eduardo Gurbindo	3

Saturday 2 December, 20:45 hrs



Playing hall

Hall XXL
Parc des Expositions,
Route de Saint Joseph
de Porterie
44300 Nantes, France
Capacity: 10,750

- Barcelona's 32:24 win in Round 9 at Zagreb was their 200th victory in the CL history (they also have 20 draws and 51 defeats)
- with four wins and a draw against Löwen, Nantes are still unbeaten in their CL home matches of the 2017/18 season
- in total, Nantes only lost one of 12 CL home matches so far, a 32:34 against Zaporozhye last season
- Barcelona on the other hand have an equal away balance so far by two wins, two defeats and a draw at Löwen too
- David Balaguer, Eduardo Gurbindo and Kiril Lazarov have played for Barcelona before and now will face their old club
- on the other hand, Valero Rivera returned to his home club Barcelona one year ago after several years at Nantes
- four players on court on Saturday, were born in Barcelona: Viran Morros, Valero Rivera, Victor Tomas (all Barcelona) and David Balaguer (Nantes)
- Dominik Klein (Nantes) and Aron Palmarsson (Barcelona) won the CL twice with THW Kiel (2010, 2012), besides Klein was winner in 2007. Wael Jallouz (Barcelona) had also worn the THW jersey before
- Gurbindo and Lazarov won the CL with Barcelona in 2015
- besides, Lazarov will face one of his best friends in handball and teammate of the Macedonian national team, Barca goalkeeper Borko Ristovski
- in the Spanish national team, David Balaguer is the successor of Victor Tomas currently on the right wing position
- Morros, Rivera and Tomas were part of the Spanish national team, which became World Champion in 2013.
- on the other hand, Olivier Nyokas was the only Nantes player, who became world champion with France in January 2017; Barcelona have even more French world champions in their squad: Cedric Sorhaindo, Dika Mem and Timothy N'Guessan, one more will join next season: Ludovic Fabregas
- besides Rivera, Sorhaindo, Mem, N'Guessan and the new French arrival Yanis Lenne, the current Barcelona players Ristovski (Creteil), Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Toulouse) and injured Jure Dolenc (Montpellier) had been signed by French clubs before
- both coaches, Xavi Pascual (Barcelona) and Thierry Anti (Nantes) started their jobs at their current clubs in 2009
- currently best scorers of both sides are Dika Mem and Valero Rivera (Barcelona, both on 46 strikes) and Nicolas Tournat (Nantes, 34)
- while Nantes are quite new in the competition, playing their second CL season, Barcelona are part of the CL for the 21st time, winning the trophy eight times

Round 10



Most Games vs Nantes:

Aitor Arino, Jure Dolenc, Raul Entrerrios, Aleix Gomez, Alexis Hernandez Borges, Wael Jallouz, Yanis Lenne, Dika Mem, Viran Morros de Argila, Timothy N'guessan, Gonzalo Perez de Vargas Moreno, Borko Ristovski, Valero Rivera, Cedric Sorhaindo, Kamil Syprzak, Victor Tomas Gonzalez - all 1 game

Most Goals vs Nantes:

Dika Mem	6
Kamil Syprzak	6
Timothy N'guessan	5
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	4
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	4

Domestic league

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Last 4 games

29/11	vs Nimes	W33:25
22/11	@ Tremblay	W33:45
15/11	vs Saran	W31:29
08/11	@ Ivry	L30:29

Next game:

07/12 vs PSG

Standings as of 02/12

1. Montpellier	11	361:265	21
2. Nimes	11	309:282	18
3. PSG	11	336:279	18
4. Nantes	11	336:210	14
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14. Cessone Renn.	11	280:313	3

Domestic league

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Last 4 games

29/11	vs Zamora	W32:20
21/11	@ Granollers	W19:43
15/11	@ Bidasoa Irun	W25:34
07/11	vs Cuenca	W34:27

Next game:

06/12 @ Guadalajara

Standings as of 01/12

1. FC Barcelona	12	398:261	24
2. Anaitasuna	12	332:313	17
3. Guadalajara	11	315:297	17
4. Ademar Leon	12	333:307	17
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16. Morr. Cangas	11	285:324	5

Historic encounters in the EC

HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa 0-0-1 (25:31) 0:2

07.10.2017 FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

31:25 (13:16)

Details of the last FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes match: 07.10.2017 (Barcelona, ESP)

(VELUX EHF Champions League, Group A) 31:25 (13:16)

Referees: Lars Geipel/Marcus Helbig (Germany).

Suspensions: 0 – 4' (Pechmalbec 4').

Number of 7m: 1/0 – 4/2.

Attendance: 2,891.



Gonzalo Perez de Vargas
Borko Ristovski

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Victor Tomas	(4)	(5)
Raul Entrerrios	(4)	(5)
Cedric Sorhaindo		(3)
Aitor Arino	(1)	
Valero Rivera	(3)	(4)
Timothey N'guessan	(5)	
Kamil Syprzak	(6)	
Alexis Hernandez Borges		
Jure Dolenc	(1)	(4)
Dika Mem	(6)	(3)
Viran Morros de Argila		
Yanis Lenne		(1)
Aleix Gomez Abello		
Wael Jallouz	(1)	

Cyril Dumoulin
Arnaud Siffert

Romain Lagarde
Rudolf Faluvegi
Senjamin Buric
Dragan Pechmalbec
Nicolas Tournat
Rock Feliho
Julian Emonet
Jerko Matulic
Kiril Lazarov
Eduardo Gurbindo
David Balaguer
James Junior Scott



Most Goals in one game HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa:

Rudolf Faluvegi	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Romain Lagarde	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Kiril Lazarov	4	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Nicolas Tournat	4	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Senjamin Buric	3	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	3	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25

Most Goals in one game FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes:

Dika Mem	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Kamil Syprzak	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Timothey N'guessan	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	4	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	4	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa-HBC Nantes	31:25

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



HBC Nantes: current run – won five

01.04.2017 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 35:27
17.09.2017 Rezé FRA	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 30:26
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 Płock 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



FC Barcelona Lassa: current run – won one

04.06.2017 Köln GER	@ Telekom Veszprém HUN	L 34:30
17.09.2017 Mannheim GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	D 31:31
23.09.2017 Barcelona ESP	vs IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 31:29
01.10.2017 Płock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 30:37
07.10.2017 Barcelona ESP	vs HBC Nantes FRA	W 31:25
14.10.2017 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	L 27:24
04.11.2017 Barcelona ESP	vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W 32:22
12.11.2017 Barcelona ESP	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	D 26:26
19.11.2017 Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 31:28
23.11.2017 Zagreb CRO	@ HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W 24:32

HBC Nantes vs Spanish clubs 1-0-1

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2015/16	Fraikin BM. Granollers	27:26		EHF Cup – Final Tournament – Semi-final
2017/18	FC Barcelona Lassa		25:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

FC Barcelona Lassa vs French clubs 20-2-5

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1984/85	USM Gagny	25:17	15:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	US Créteil	23:18	20:19	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1990/91	US Nîmes	23:16	18:16	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
1993/94	OM Vitrolles	26:14	20:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
2000/01	Montpellier HB	24:17	25:25	EHF Champions League – Group B
2006/07	Montpellier HB	29:23	25:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2007/08	US Ivry handball	34:26	29:27	EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	Chambéry Savoie HB	38:23	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Chambéry Savoie HB	28:25	30:19	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomération HB	36:20	28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	PSG Handball	38:28	33:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	Montpellier HB	37:27	31:23	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	35:32	26:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	HBC Nantes	31:25		VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A



HBC Nantes players' career statistics against FC Barcelona Lassa

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	1	0	4	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandre Moali	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Arnaud Siffert	FRA	3	0	0	3	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	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Senjamin Buric	BIH	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Nicolas Claire	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Julian Emonet	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Rudolf Faluvegi	HUN	1	0	0	1	5	5,00	5	0
Leo Fauvet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rock Feliho	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	ESP	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Edson Imare	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dominik Klein	GER	13	6	1	6	42	3,23	9	0
Romain Lagarde	FRA	1	0	0	1	5	5,00	5	0
Arthur Laugier	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kiril Lazarov	MKD	10	2	0	8	52	5,20	7 (2)	0
Michel Junior Matiaba-Tuzolana	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jerko Matulic	CRO	5	1	0	4	4	0,80	4	0
Guy Olivier Nyokas	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dragan Pechmalbec	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	4'
Lucas Petraud	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Guillaume Saurina	FRA	2	1	0	1	8	4,00	8	0
James Junior Scott	FRA	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Nicolas Tournat	FRA	1	0	0	1	4	4,00	4	0
Lucas Weiss	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Cyril Dumoulin (Chambery Savoie HB 2010/11, Chambery Savoie HB 2011/12); Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez (Portland San Antonio 2004/05 – DNP), Portland San Antonio 2005/06 – DNP); Dominik Klein (THW Kiel 2007/08, THW Kiel 2008/09, THW Kiel 2009/10, THW Kiel 2010/11, THW Kiel 2015/16); Kiril Lazarov (Badel 1862 Zagreb 2000/01, Fotex KC Veszprém 2003/04, HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb 2009/10, Renovalia Ciudad Real 2010/11, BM Atletico Madrid 2012/13); Jerko Matulic (Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb 2011/12, HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb 2012/13); Guillaume Saurina (Chambery Savoie HB 2010/11); Arnaud Siffert (Montpellier HB 2015/16)

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)





FC Barcelona Lassa players' career statistics against HBC Nantes

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Galve Gerard Fornis	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas Moreno	ESP	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Perez Molina	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Borko Ristovski	MKD	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lasse Bredekjaer Andersson	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aitor Arino Bengoechea	ESP	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Iosif Andrei Buzle	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jure Dolenc	SLO	3	3	0	0	5	1,67	4	0
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	ESP	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Aleix Gomez Abello	ESP	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexis Hernandez Borges	POR	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Wael Jallouz	TUN	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Yanis Lenne	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dika Mem	FRA	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Viran Morros de Argila	ESP	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Timothey N'guessan	FRA	1	1	0	0	5	5,00	5	0
Aron Palmarsson	ISL	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valero Rivera Folch	ESP	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	0
Cedric Sorhaindo	FRA	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	ESP	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Pere Vaquer Grimalt	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Jure Dolenc (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14); Galve Gerard Fornis (Fraikin BM. Granollers 2015/16 – DNP)

