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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2017/18

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

Last 16, Leg 1

Montpellier HB (FRA)

VS

FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Palais des Sports Rene Bougnol (Montpellier, FRA)

Sunday 25 March, 17:00 hrs



Montpellier HB (FRA) vs FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

LAST 16



Sunday 25 March 2018, 17:00 hrs



Playing hall
Palais des Sports
Rene Bougnol
1000 Av. du Val de
Montferand
34090 Montpellier
France
Capacity: 3,000

Leg 1



Most Games vs Barcelona:

Michael Guigou	5
William Accambray	4
Mladen Bojinovic	4
Dragan Gajic	4
Vincent Gerard	4
Wissem Hmam	4
Samuel Honrubia	4
Franck Junillon	4

Most Goals vs Barcelona:

Dragan Gajic	31
Michael Guigou	13
Mladen Bojinovic	11
Jerome Fernandez	11
Nikola Karabatic	10

- only Last 16 pairing involving two former CL winners; Barcelona are in their 21st CL season, Montpellier in 20th

- Montpellier are still the only French team to have won the CL (in 2002/03) - and even the only French men's team to have won any European Cup competition

- one player from Montpellier's 2002/03 squad is still part of the team: Michael Guigou. The only other former CL winner in the team is Vid Kavticnik (with THW Kiel in 2006/07).

- last season Montpellier became the first team from the Group C/D play-offs to make it to the quarter-finals (after defeating defending champions Kielce in the Last 16).

- in the Last 16, Montpellier play a Spanish opponent for the second straight knockout round after eliminating Leon in the Group C/D play-offs

- under the current CL format (since 2009/10), Montpellier remain the only team to miss out on qualification for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne following a penalty shoot-out in the quarter-finals (against Chekhovskie Medvedi in 2009/10)

- Montpellier still await their first appearance at the FINAL4 while FC Barcelona (and THW Kiel) are record holders with six appearances in eight years

- under the current CL format (since 2009/10), Barcelona have reached at least the quarter-finals each season

- Barcelona have never been eliminated from the CL in the Last 16, Montpellier five times (twice by Barcelona in 2006/07 and 2011/12)

- Barcelona have never been eliminated in the CL knock-out stage by a French team.

- since 1994, Patrice Canayer is at the helm of Montpellier - longer than any other coach in the CL. Next on the list are Alfred Gislason (Kiel/2008), Xavi Pascual (Barcelona/February 2009) and Thierry Anti (Nantes/2009).

- although four French players wear the Barcelona jersey, Jure Dolenc of Slovenia is the only former Montpellier player in the Spanish squad after joining this season

- next season, line player Ludovic Fabregas will make the way from Montpellier to Barcelona

- three Barcelona players (Cedric Sorhaindo, Dika Mem and Timothy N'Guessan) and four Montpellier players (Guigou, Fabregas, Vincent Gerard and Valentin Porte) were part of the French national team that won the WCh on home court in 2017

- two sons of famous fathers meet: Montpellier's Melvyn Richardson is son of former World Handball Player of the Year and world champion Jackson, and Valero Rivera is son of Valero senior, the world's most successful handball coach with 75 titles, including five CL trophies and a WCh title

- Barcelona have won the Spanish league 24 times (including the last seven years in a row), Montpellier have won the French league 14 times (but not since 2012)

Most Games vs Montpellier:

Laszlo Nagy	6
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	6
David Barrufet Bofill	4
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	4
Juan Garcia Lorenzana	4
Fernando Hernandez Casado	4
Viran Morros de Argila	4
Jesper Brian Nøddesbo	4
Danijel Saric	4
Daniel Sarmiento Melian	4
Cedric Sorhaindo	4

Most Goals vs Montpellier:

Kiril Lazarov	21
Juan Garcia Lorenzana	19
Laszlo Nagy	19
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	18
Iker Romero Fernandez	17

Domestic league

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Last 4 games:

21/03 @ Saran	W29:34
07/03 vs Massy Essonne	W32:23
01/03 @ Paris SG	L26:19
21/02 vs Ivry	W36:22

Next game:

28/03 vs Aix

Standings as of 23/03:

1. Montpellier	18	525:438	33
2. Paris SG	18	542:465	29
3. Nantes	18	559:492	26
4. St. Raphael	18	497:482	22
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14. Saran	18	517:589	6

Domestic league

Liga ASOBAL

Last 4 games:

21/03 vs Morazzo Cangas	W36:21
17/03 @ Atl. Valladolid	W29:30
07/03 vs La Rioja	W37:27
28/02 @ Benidorm	W20:30

Next game:

28/03 @ Cuenca

Standings as of 23/03:

1. Barcelona	23	765:526	45
2. Leon	23	654:603	33
3. Granollers	23	667:656	29
4. Anaitasuna	23	621:620	28
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16. Morazzo Cangas	23	571:680	8

Historic encounters in the EC

Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona Lassa 2-1-5 (193:235) 5:11

11.11.2000	Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:25 (11:13)
10.12.2000	FC Barcelona vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:17 (13:8)
03.12.2006	Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona-Cifec, EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:25 (13:10)
09.12.2006	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Last 16	29:23 (15:9)
18.03.2012	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	30:28 (17:11)
25.03.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	36:20 (17:8)
10.10.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	37:27 (19:12)
14.02.2016	Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	23:31 (11:15)

Details of the last Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona Lassa match: 14.02.2016 (Montpellier, FRA)

(VELUX EHF Champions League, Group B) 23:31 (11:15)

Referees: Matija Gubica/Boris Milosevic (Croatia).

Suspensions: 4' – 2' (Simonet 2', Gaber 2' – Syprzak 2').

Number of 7m: 4/4 – 2/1.

Attendance: 7,500.



Vincent Gerard

Massy <= Samir Bellahcene
HBC Nantes <= Arnaud Siffert

Selestat <= Arthur Anquetil

Diego Simonet

(2) (5)

Aymen Toumi (2) (3)

FC Barcelona Lassa <= Jure Dolenc (1)

Dinamo Bucuresti <= Allahkaram Esteki (1)

Michael Guigou (1)

Nancy <= Jose Costa

Sporting CP <= Felipe Borges (1) (4)

MOL-Pick Szeged <= Matej Gaber (4) (1)

Vid Kavtchnik (1)

Cesson Rennes <= Allan Villeminot (3) (1)

Ludovic Fabregas (1) (2)

Veszprem <= Dragan Gajic (8) (9)

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

Danijel Saric => Al-Qujada



Jesper Nøddesbo => Bjerringbro-Silkeborg

Marko Kopljar => Veszprem

Victor Tomas

Raul Enterreros

Cedric Sorhaindo

Daniel Sarmiento => St. Raphael

Aitor Arino

Eduardo Gurbindo => HBC Nantes

Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson => RN Löwen

Kamil Syprzak

Carlos Ruesga => Sporting CP

Viran Morros

Wael Jallouz

Kiril Lazarov

Most Goals in one game Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona Lassa:

Michael Guigou	10	03.12.2006	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona-Cifec	28:25
Dragan Gajic	8	18.03.2012	Montpellier Agglomeration HB-FC Barcelona Intersport	30:28
Dragan Gajic	8	10.10.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa-Montpellier HB	37:27
Dragan Gajic	8	14.02.2016	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona Lassa	23:31
Jerome Fernandez	7	11.11.2000	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona	25:25
Dragan Gajic	7	25.03.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	36:20

Most Goals in one game FC Barcelona Lassa vs Montpellier HB:

Kiril Lazarov	12	10.10.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa-Montpellier HB	37:27
Iker Romero Fernandez	11	09.12.2006	FC Barcelona-Cifec-Montpellier HB	29:23
Kiril Lazarov	9	14.02.2016	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona Lassa	23:31
Rafael Guijosa	8	11.11.2000	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona	25:25
Juan Garcia Lorenzana	7	03.12.2006	Montpellier HB-FC Barcelona-Cifec	28:25
Daniel Sarmiento Melian	7	25.03.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	36:20

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



Montpellier HB: current run – won two

01.10.2017 Montpellier FRA	vs HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	W 28:20
08.10.2017 İzmit TUR	@ Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR	W 29:36
15.10.2017 Lisboa POR	@ Sporting CP POR	W 32:33
04.11.2017 Montpellier FRA	vs Sporting CP POR	W 33:32
12.11.2017 Skopje MKD	@ HC Metalurg MKD	W 21:27
19.11.2017 Montpellier FRA	vs Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	W 34:23
26.11.2017 Montpellier FRA	vs Besiktas Mogaz HT TUR	L 28:33
03.12.2017 Kharkiv UKR	@ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	L 31:30
24.02.2018 León ESP	@ Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	W 24:28
04.03.2018 Montpellier FRA	vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	W 20:19



FC Barcelona Lassa: current run – won four

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
02.12.2017 Nantes FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	L 29:25
10.02.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs HC Vardar MKD	W 29:28
17.02.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 28:27
24.02.2018 Kristianstad SWE @ IFK Kristianstad SWE		W 21:26
04.03.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 28:27

Montpellier HB vs Spanish clubs 14-4-20

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1996/97	BM Granollers	21:20	24:26	EHF Cup – Quarter-final
1999/00	Prosesa Ademar Leon	28:26	20:37	EHF Champions League – Group A
2000/01	FC Barcelona	25:25	17:24	EHF Champions League – Group B
2001/02	ADC Ciudad Real	27:25	21:26	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2002/03	Portland San Antonio	31:19	19:27	EHF Champions League – Final
2003/04	CBM Valladolid		27:31	ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
2003/04	BM Ciudad Real		28:29	ECh for Club Teams – Place 3/4
2003/04	C.BM. Ademar Leon	25:23	29:35	EHF Champions League – Group D
2004/05	BM Ciudad Real	33:31	24:30	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2006/07	CBM Valladolid	29:29	25:34	EHF Champions League – Group H
2006/07	FC Barcelona-Cifec	28:25	23:29	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2007/08	BM Ciudad Real	28:26	24:27	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2008/09	Reale Ademar	34:34	21:25	EHF Champions League – Group G
2009/10	Pevafersa Valladolid	30:30	26:21	EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Reale Ademar Leon	38:34	28:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2011/12	FC Barcelona Intersport	30:28	20:36	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2012/13	Reale Ademar Leon	27:29	28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	FC Barcelona Lassa	23:31	27:37	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Naturhouse La Rioja	37:27	30:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2017/18	Abanca Ademar Leon	20:19	28:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Elimination Round C+D

FC Barcelona Lassa vs French clubs 20-2-6

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	Chambery Savoie HB	38:23	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Chambery Savoie HB	28:25	30:19	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomeration 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	25:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A



Montpellier HB players' career statistics against FC Barcelona Lassa

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Vincent Gerard	FRA	4	1	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Rubens Pierre	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nikola Portner	SUI	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maxime Savonne	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Benjamin Afgour	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Nassim Bellahcene	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Arnaud Bingo	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Baptiste Bonnefond	FRA	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Julien Bos	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Theophile Causse	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	2	0	0	2	1	0,50	1	0
Jean Loup Faustin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mathieu Grebille	FRA	2	1	0	1	9	4,50	5	0
Michael Guigou	FRA	5	1	0	4	13	2,60	10	0
Ilies Hakiki	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Antoine Jonnier	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vid Kavtchnik	SLO	6	4	0	2	18	3,00	6	4'
Mohamed Mamdouh Ashem Shebib	EGY	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marius May	SUI	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marco Mengon	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Simone Mengon	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Theo Muller	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valentin Porte	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Melvyn Richardson	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Diego Simonet	ESP	2	0	0	2	4	2,00	2 (2)	4'
Mathias Sisavath	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mohamed Soussi	TUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aymen Toumi	TUN	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	2	2'
Jonas Truchanovicus	LTU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kyllian Villeminot	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Vid Kavtchnik (THW Kiel 2007/08, THW Kiel 2008/09)

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 (FC Barcelona Lassa)
- Round 12: Domagoj Pavlovic (HC PPD Zagreb)
- Round 13: Tobias Karlsson (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 14: Tibor Ivanisevic (Skjern Handball)





FC Barcelona Lassa players' career statistics against Montpellier HB

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Gerard Fornis Galve	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas Moreno	ESP	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Perez Molina	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Borko Ristovski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lasse Bredekjaer Andersson	DEN	2	1	0	1	10	5,00	9	0
Aitor Arino Bengoechea	ESP	2	2	0	0	2	1,00	1 (2)	0
Iosif Andrei Buzle	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jure Dolenc	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	ESP	8	4	1	3	27	3,38	6	2'
Aleix Gomez Abello	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexis Hernandez Borges	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Wael Jallouz	TUN	2	2	0	0	3	1,50	2	4'
Yanis Lenne	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dika Mem	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Viran Morros de Argila	ESP	6	4	0	2	2	0,33	1 (2)	4'
Timothy N'guessan	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aron Palmarsson	ISL	4	3	0	1	18	4,50	7	2'
Valero Rivera Folch	ESP	2	0	0	2	6	3,00	5	0
Cedric Sorhaindo	FRA	4	3	0	1	5	1,25	2 (2)	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	4	3	0	1	6	1,50	4	10'
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	ESP	6	4	0	2	18	3,00	5 (2)	4'
Pere Vaquer Grimalt	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Lasse Bredekjaer Andersson (KIF Kolding Kobenhavn 2015/16); Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez (C.BM. Ademar Leon 2003/04, Pevafera Valladolid 2009/10); Viran Morros de Argila (BM Ciudad Real 2007/08); Aron Palmarsson (THW Kiel 2011/12, Telekom Veszprém 2016/17); Borko Ristovski (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2015/16 – DNP); Valero Rivera Folch (HBC Nantes 2013/14); Kamil Syprzak (Orlen Wisla Plock 2013/14)

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