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VELUX EHF Champions League  
Season 2018/19

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

Group Phase, Round 2  
**HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)**  
vs  
**Montpellier HB (FRA)**

**Sportshall Victoria (Brest, BLR)**  
Saturday 22 September, 18:30 hrs



## HC Meshkov Brest (BLR) vs Montpellier HB (FRA)

### Group A



#### Most games vs Montpellier:

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#### Most goals vs Montpellier:

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#### Top scorers 2018/19 season:

Darko Djukic	8
Sandro Obranic	8
Aleksander Shkurinskiy	7
Sime Ivic	4
Siarhei Shylovich	2

Saturday 22 September 2018, 18:30 hrs



#### Playing hall

Sportshall Victoria  
Leningradskaya 4  
224028 Brest  
Belarus  
Capacity: 3,500

- HC Meshkov Brest and Montpellier HB have not faced each other before in the VELUX EHF Champions League or in any other European Cup competition.
- Montpellier have started in their 21st CL season but have not played against any team from Belarus before.
- Vid Kavticnik played against Brest in Belarus twice - with Velenje and Kiel - but both matches took place in Minsk.
- Brest's last match against a French team in the CL Group Phase was their 29:28 win against PSG in 2017/18.
- Their next home match against a French team was the 32:24 defeat in the Last 16 against eventual finalists Nantes.
- Brest's Vid Poteko will face a teammate from the Slovenian national team that won bronze at the WCh 2017: Montpellier's Vid Kavticnik. Also, Brest's left wing Simon Razgor is Slovenian.
- Montpellier's Diego Simonet will face his Argentine national team coach: Manuel Cadenas, who combines this job with his work as head coach of Brest.
- While Patrice Canayer has been coaching Montpellier for more than two decades, Manuel Cadenas is now coaching his fourth CL team - after Ademar Leon, Barça and Wisla Plock.
- Montpellier quartet Mamdouh Shebib (EGY), Nikola Portner (SUI), Jonas Truchanovicus (LTU) and VELUX EHF FINAL4 MVP Diego Simonet (ARG) are the first handball players from their respective countries to have won the CL.
- Only Michael Guigou and coach Patrice Canayer were part of both CL triumphs by Montpellier, in 2003 and 2018.
- Vid Kavticnik is the only Montpellier player who also won the CL with another team: with THW Kiel in 2007.
- Brest's squad has no CL winners, but Petar Djordjic came close: he lost the final with Flensburg vs HSV in 2013; and when Flensburg won the CL in 2014, he had just left the club for HSV.
- Brest's Czech defence specialist Pavel Horak is a three-time EHF Cup winner (Göppingen 2011, 2012; Berlin 2015).
- The only season since 2002 in which Montpellier missed the CL Group Phase, 2013/14, they lost in qualification to Wisla Plock, at that time led by current Brest coach Manuel Cadenas.
- Like father, like son: the fathers of Montpellier's Melvyn Richardson (Jackson) and Brest's Petar Djordjic (Goran) played each other in international matches.
- More family ties: the brother of Brest player Dzianis Rutenka, Siarhei, is a six-time CL winner.
- Montpellier's Giorgi Tskhovrebadze is the only Georgian player in the CL 2018/19.
- 16 of the 24 Belarusians in the CL 2018/19 play for Brest.

### Round 2



#### Most games vs Brest:

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#### Most goals vs Brest:

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#### Top scorers 2018/19 season:

Vid Kavticnik	6
Valentin Porte	3
Jean Loup Faustin	2
Melvyn Richardson	2
Fredric Pettersson	2
Arnaud Bingo	2
Diego Simonet	2
Baptiste Bonnefond	2

### Regional/domestic leagues

#### SEHA league

Last 3 games:

18/09 vs Tatra Presov	L 28:32
11/09 @ Zeleznicar	W 30:32
05/09 vs Metalurg	W 41:29

Next game:

28/09 @ Steaua Bucuresti

Standings as of 21/09:

1. Vardar	4	123:95	12
2. Nexe	4	113:97	12
3. Meshkov Brest	4	134:120	9
4. PPD Zagreb	3	82:65	6
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10. Zeleznicar	4	95:128	0

#### Division 1

Last 2 games:

08/09 @ Masheka	W 20:33
01/09 vs Gomel	W 43:21

Next game:

23/09 vs Cronon

Standings as of 21/09:

1. SKA Minsk	3	105:83	6
2. Meshkov Brest	2	76:41	4
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6. Belarus-2000	2	52:62	0

### Domestic league

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Last 3 games:

19/09 vs Istres	W 33:27
12/09 @ Toulouse	W 29:34
06/09 vs Pays d'Aix	W 26:23

Next game:

26/09 @ Nantes

Standings as of 21/09:

1. Paris SG	3	101:74	6
2. Nantes	3	84:65	6
3. Montpellier	3	93:79	6
4. Nimes	3	81:71	6
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14. Pontault	3	71:92	0

## Previous matches in European Cup competitions

### HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB

no previous matches



## Last 10 games in the VELUX EHF Champions League:



### HC Meshkov Brest: current run – unbeaten two

19.11.2017 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 37:30
25.11.2017 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 33:23
02.12.2017 Brest BLR	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 29:24
07.02.2018 Brest BLR	vs Aalborg Handbold DEN	D 23:23
17.02.2018 Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	L 34:22
24.02.2018 Brest BLR	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	W 29:28
03.03.2018 Kielce POL	@ PGE Vive Kielce POL	L 33:28
24.03.2018 Brest BLR	vs HBC Nantes FRA	L 24:32
01.04.2018 Rezé FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	D 28:28
15.09.2018 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 30:32



### Montpellier HB: current run – lost one

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
25.03.2018 Montpellier FRA	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	W 28:25
31.03.2018 Barcelona ESP	@ FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 30:28
18.04.2018 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	D 28:28
29.04.2018 Pérols FRA	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 29:17
26.05.2018 Cologne GER	@ HC Vardar MKD	W 27:28
27.05.2018 Cologne GER	@ HBC Nantes FRA	W 27:32
15.09.2018 Montpellier FRA	vs HC Vardar MKD	L 24:27

## HC Meshkov Brest vs French clubs 1-1-4

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2014/15	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	28:29	25:36	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	29:28	28:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2017/18	HBC Nantes	24:32	28:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16

## Montpellier HB vs Belarusian clubs 0-0-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
n/a				

## VELUX to present 'Player of the Match' trophy

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing last season, will again be awarded at all MOTWs in the VELUX EHF Champions League 2018/19 season.

The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match by alternating sponsors throughout the season.

The presenting sponsor at HC Meshkov Brest vs Montpellier HB is VELUX, and the trophy will be handed over to the awardee by Sergey Zenchenko, General Manager VELUX Belarus.

### Awardees 2018/19:

Round 1: Arpad Sterbik (Telekom Veszprém HC)





## HC Meshkov Brest players' career statistics against Montpellier HB

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Petar Djordjic	SRB	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Darko Djukic	SRB	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	2	0
Pavel Horak	CZE	2	0	0	2	6	3,00	3 (2)	0
Sime Ivic	CRO	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	3	0
Vid Poteko	SLO	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	2	4' (D)
all other players		0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Petar Djordjic (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2012/13 – DNP, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2015/16); Darko Djukic (KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2016/17); Pavel Horak (HC Banik Karvina 2002/03); Sime Ivic (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2014/15); Vid Poteko (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2014/15)



## Montpellier HB players' career statistics against HC Meshkov Brest

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Vid Kavticnik	SLO	4	3	0	1	24	6,00	8 (2)	0
all other players		0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Vid Kavticnik (RK Gorenje Velenje 2004/05, THW Kiel 2005/06)

