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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2018/19

MATCH **WEEK** *OF THE*

Group Phase, Round 13
HBC Nantes (FRA)

VS

MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)

Palais des Sports de Beaulieu (Nantes, FRA)

Saturday 23 February, 17:30 hrs



HBC Nantes (FRA) vs MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)

Group B



Most games vs Szeged:

Nicolas Claire	5
Rock Feliho	5
Nicolas Tournat	4
David Balaguer Romeu	3
Cyril Dumoulin	3
Rudolf Faluvegi	3
Romain Lagarde	3
Kiril Lazarov	3
Dragan Pechmalbec	3
Valero Rivera Folch	3
Arnaud Siffert	3

Most goals vs Szeged:

Nicolas Claire	21
Nicolas Tournat	14
Kiril Lazarov	11
Jordan Camarero	10
Valero Rivera Folch	10

Domestic league

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Last 3 games:

20/02 vs Istres	W39:31
14/02 @ Chambéry	W26:24
20/12 vs Paris SG	L31:35

Next game:

02/03 vs Ivry

Standings as of 21/02:

1. Paris SG	15	473:379	29
2. Nantes	15	453:400	26
3. Montpellier	14	403:367	23
4. Nîmes	15	436:412	23
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14. Istres	15	382:452	2

Saturday 23 February 2019, 17:30 hrs



Playing hall

Palais des Sports de Beaulieu
7-9 rue André Tardieu
44200 Nantes
France
Capacity: 5,400

- Both teams had last-minute victories in VELUX EHF Champions League Round 12: Szeged at home against Zaporozhye (30:29), Nantes away against Skjern (34:32).
- Nantes secured a Last 16 spot with their win at Skjern.
- Szeged will finish at least second in Group B, and can still win the group if leaders PSG lose both remaining matches.
- Szeged have not yet made it to the VELUX EHF FINAL4; Nantes qualified once and even reached the final – in 2018.
- Szeged made it to the CL Last 16 or QF in each of the past four seasons. Three times they lost to THW Kiel, which won't happen again this season as Kiel are playing in the EHF Cup.
- Nantes won three of the five previous European Cup meetings with Szeged, including both home matches, but Szeged won the most recent encounter in September.
- Nantes have never played any other Hungarian team than Szeged in a European Cup competition.
- The last time Nantes won a CL home match was on 3 November 2018, against Zagreb. Since then, they lost on home court against Zaporozhye and PSG.
- Szeged won four of their six away matches in the CL so far, and were only defeated in Paris and Flensburg.
- Szeged are the only team that beat PSG this CL season.
- Szeged (2014) are the only non-German winners of the EHF Cup since 2003. Nantes were finalists twice but lost to Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2013) and Göppingen (2016).
- Szeged's Jorge Maqueda played for Nantes from 2012 to 2015, before joining Vardar and ultimately Szeged this season.
- Szeged might not have reached a CL Semi-final yet, their squad includes four CL winners: Jonas Källman (2006, 2008, 2009 with Ciudad Real), Marin Segó (2016 with Kielce), Jorge Maqueda and Joan Canellas (both 2017 with Vardar).
- Nantes boast two CL winners: Kiril Lazarov and Eduardo Gurbindo (both 2015 with Barcelona).
- Lazarov was CL top scorer in 2005/06 for Veszprém and in 2007/08 for Zagreb. He also was top scorer of World Championships twice (2009, 2017) and the EHF EURO 2012.
- Canellas, Maqueda and Nantes' Valero Rivera junior were part of the Spanish team that won the world title in 2013.
- Szeged's Canellas and Nantes' Rivera, Eduardo Gurbindo and David Balaguer won the EHF EURO 2018 with Spain.
- Nantes' Espen Lie Hansen was silver medallist with Norway at the World Championship 2019.
- Rudolf Faluvegi is the only Hungarian player in Nantes' squad, having arrived from Csurgo in 2017.

Round 13



Most games vs Nantes:

Zsolt Balogh	5
Alen Blazevic	5
Jonas Källman	5
Bence Banhidi	3
Richard Bodo	3
Pedro Rodriguez Alvarez	3
Marin Segó	3
Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson	3
Mario Sostaric	3
Dmitry Zhitnikov	3
Szabolcs Zubai	3

Most goals vs Nantes:

Karol Bielecki	36
Jonas Källman	24
Zsolt Balogh	22
Richard Bodo	11
Bence Banhidi	9
Jonas Erik Larholm	7
Mario Sostaric	7

Domestic league

Nemzeti Bajnokság I

Last 3 games:

19/02 @ Eger	W40:21
05/02 vs Balatonfüred	W33:22
02/02 @ Budakalász	W33:28

Next game:

26/02 vs Ferencváros

Standings as of 21/02:

1. Szeged	19	675:475	38
2. Veszprém	16	555:377	28
3. Tatabánya	15	417:357	25
4. Csurgo	15	413:389	20
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14. Vecsés	15	327:449	0

Previous matches in European Cup competitions

HBC Nantes vs MOL-Pick Szeged 3-0-2 (149:137) 6:4

09.02.2014	Pick Szeged vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group C	28:27 (18:13)
23.03.2014	HBC Nantes vs Pick Szeged, EHF Cup – Group C	31:23 (15:10)
17.09.2017	HBC Nantes vs MOL-Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:26 (18:15)
11.11.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:33 (15:17)
23.09.2018	MOL-Pick Szeged vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:28 (11:12)

Details of last HBC Nantes vs MOL-Pick Szeged match: 23.09.2018 (Szeged, HUN)

MOL-Pick Szeged vs HBC Nantes 30:28 (11:12)

(VELUX EHF Champions League, Group B)

Referees: Nenad Nikolic/Dusan Stojkovic (Serbia).

Suspensions: 10' – 8' (Källman 2', Blazevic 4', Banhidi 4' – Delecroix 2', Guillo 2', Feliho 4').

Number of 7m: 8/4 – 3/1.

Attendance: 3,200.



Cyril Dumoulin
Arnaud Siffert

Romain Lagarde	(5)	(5)
Florian Delecroix	(2)	(5)
Rudolf Faluvegi	(1)	(8)
Romarc Guillo	(1)	
Nicolas Claire	(3)	(5)
Lucien Auffret		
Espen Lie Hansen		
Dragan Pechmalbec	(1)	(1)
Nicolas Tournat	(2)	(2)
Rock Feliho		
Julian Emonet	(3)	(2)
Valero Rivera Folch	(3)	
Kiril Lazarov	(6)	(1)
David Balaguer Romeu	(1)	(1)

Marin Segó
Mirko Alilovic

Jorge Maqueda Pena
Jonas Källman
Richard Bodo
Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson
Joan Cañellas Reixach
Zsolt Balogh
Alen Blazevic
Matej Gaber
Mario Sostaric
Pedro Rodriguez Alvarez
Bence Banhidi
Stanislav Kasperek
Dean Bombac
Dmitry Zhitnikov



Most goals in one game for HBC Nantes vs MOL-Pick Szeged:

Jordan Camarero	7	09.02.2014	Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	28:27
Valero Rivera Folch	6	09.02.2014	Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	28:27
Nicolas Claire	6	23.03.2014	HBC Nantes-Pick Szeged	31:23
Nicolas Tournat	6	23.03.2014	HBC Nantes-Pick Szeged	31:23
Dominik Klein	6	17.09.2017	HBC Nantes-MOL-Pick Szeged	30:26
Rudolf Faluvegi	6	11.11.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	30:33
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	6	11.11.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	30:33
Kiril Lazarov	6	23.09.2018	MOL-Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	30:28

Most goals in one game for MOL-Pick Szeged vs HBC Nantes:

Richard Bodo	8	23.09.2018	MOL-Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	30:28
Jonas Erik Larholm	7	09.02.2014	Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	28:27
Zsolt Balogh	6	09.02.2014	Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	28:27
Jonas Källman	6	23.03.2014	HBC Nantes-Pick Szeged	31:23
Zsolt Balogh	6	11.11.2017	MOL-Pick Szeged-HBC Nantes	30:33

Last 10 games in the VELUX EHF Champions League:

HBC Nantes: current run – won one



17.02.2019 Skjern DEN	@ Skjern Handbold DEN	W 32:34
07.02.2019 Nantes FRA	vs Paris Saint-Germain FRA	L 31:35
02.12.2018 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	D 29:29
24.11.2018 Zagreb CRO	@ HC PPD Zagreb CRO	D 27:27
18.11.2018 Nantes FRA	vs HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	L 23:27
11.11.2018 Zaporozhye UKR	@ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	D 30:30
03.11.2018 Nantes FRA	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 23:20
14.10.2018 Nantes FRA	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 38:27
06.10.2018 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	L 35:34
30.09.2018 Nantes FRA	vs Skjern Handbold DEN	W 35:27

MOL-Pick Szeged: current run – won two



17.02.2019 Szeged HUN	vs HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	W 30:29
10.02.2019 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 28:29
28.11.2018 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 27:25
24.11.2018 Szeged HUN	vs Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	W 33:32
18.11.2018 Szeged HUN	vs Skjern Handbold DEN	D 33:33
11.11.2018 Skjern DEN	@ Skjern Handbold DEN	W 26:29
04.11.2018 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain HB FRA	L 33:31
14.10.2018 Szeged HUN	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	W 30:28
06.10.2018 Szeged HUN	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 33:24
30.09.2018 Zaporozhye UKR	@ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	W 31:32

HBC Nantes vs Hungarian clubs 3-0-2

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2013/14	MOL-Pick Szeged	31:23	27:28	EHF Cup – Group C
2017/18	MOL-Pick Szeged	30:26	33:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	MOL-Pick Szeged		28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B

MOL-Pick Szeged vs French clubs 11-2-11

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1994/95	Montpellier HB	27:24	20:22	EHF Cup – Last 16
1997/98	Paris St. Germain	26:19	19:24	City Cup – Last 16
2003/04	Montpellier HB	29:22	26:27	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2009/10	Montpellier HB	26:33	23:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomeration HB	38:35	26:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	HBC Nantes	28:27	23:31	EHF Cup – Group C
2013/14	Montpellier Agglomeration HB	29:28		EHF Cup Final Tournament – Final
2014/15	Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral	23:21	25:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2015/16	Montpellier HB	28:27	29:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	27:30	30:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2017/18	HBC Nantes	30:33	26:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HBC Nantes	30:28		VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2018/19	Paris Saint-Germain HB	33:32	31:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B

VELUX to present 'Player of the Match' trophy

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH last season, is being 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 HBC Nantes vs MOL-Pick Szeged is VELUX, and the trophy will be handed over to the awardee by Sylvain Verger, CEO of MCS, partner of VELUX.

Awardees 2018/19:

- Round 1: Arpad Sterbik (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 2: Ivan Pesic (HC Meshkov Brest)
- Round 3: Dika Mem (Barça Lassa)
- Round 4: Timur Dibirov (HC Vardar)
- Round 5: Emil Nielsen (Skjern Handbold)
- Round 6: Benjamin Buric (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 7: Zlatko Horvat (HC PPD Zagreb)
- Round 8: Aron Palmarsson (Barça Lassa)
- Round 9: Mirko Alilovic (MOL-Pick Szeged)
- Round 10: Melvyn Richardson (Montpellier HB)
- Round 11: Rok Ovnicsek (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko)
- Round 12: Dainis Kristopans (HC Vardar)





HBC Nantes players' career statistics against MOL-Pick Szeged

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Valentin Bachele	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kevin Bonnefoi	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cyril Dumoulin	FRA	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandre Moali	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Arnaud Siffert	FRA	6	2	1	3	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lucien Auffret	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
David Balaguer Romeu	ESP	4	3	0	1	8	2,00	4	0
Nicolas Claire	FRA	5	3	0	2	21	4,20	6	0
Baptiste Damatrin	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Florian Delecroix	FRA	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	2'
Julian Emonet	FRA	4	1	0	3	8	2,00	5	0
Rudolf Faluvegi	HUN	3	2	0	1	9	3,00	6	0
Leo Fauvet	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Rock Feliho	FRA	5	3	0	2	1	0,20	1	6'
Romarc Guillo	FRA	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	2'
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	ESP	10	8	1	1	25	2,50	7	4'
Espen Lie Hansen	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Edson Imare	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Romain Lagarde	FRA	3	2	0	1	7	2,33	5	0
Kiril Lazarov	MKD	7	6	0	1	40	5,71	9 (2)	0
Alois Mauillon	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alex Moran	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Guy Olivier Nyokas	FRA	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Dragan Pechmalbec	FRA	3	2	0	1	3	1,00	2	0
Victor Pelechenko	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lucas Petraud	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valero Rivera Folch	ESP	6	2	0	4	18	3,00	6	0
Nicolas Tournat	FRA	4	3	0	1	14	3,50	6	2'

David Balaguer Romeu (FC Barcelona Intersport 2012/13); Julian Emonet (Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral 2014/15); Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez (Pe-vafera Valladolid 2009/10, Cuatro Rayas BM Valladolid 2010/11, FC Barcelona Intersport 2012/13, FC Barcelona Lassa 2015/16); Kiril Lazarov (HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb 2008/09, FC Barcelona Lassa 2015/16); Valero Rivera Folch (FC Barcelona 2004/05, FC Barcelona Lassa 2017/18); Arnaud Siffert (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14, Montpellier HB 2015/16)



MOL-Pick Szeged players' career statistics against RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mirko Alilovic	CRO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Barnabas Marczika	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Martin Nagy	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marin Sego	CRO	3	1	0	2	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Bruno Bajusz	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Zsolt Balogh	HUN	5	2	0	3	22	4,40	6 (2)	0
Bence Banhidi	HUN	3	1	0	2	9	3,00	4	6'
Alen Blazevic	CRO	5	2	0	3	1	0,20	1	6'
Richard Bodo	HUN	3	1	0	2	11	3,67	8	0
Dean Bombac	SLO	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Joan Cañellas Reixach	ESP	3	2	0	1	7	2,33	5	2'
Richard Csanyi	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Matej Gaber	SLO	4	3	0	1	3	0,75	1 (3)	8'
Nik Henigman	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jonas Källman	SWE	5	2	0	3	24	4,80	6	2'
Stanislav Kasperek	CZE	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marcell Lörincz	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Maqueda Peno	ESP	3	2	0	1	8	2,67	5	0
Pedro Rodríguez Alvarez	ESP	3	1	0	2	1	0,33	1	0
Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson	ISL	4	2	0	2	5	1,25	4	0
Mario Sostaric	SLO	3	1	0	2	7	2,33	3	0
Stefan Sunajko	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Zoltan Szilagyi	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Martin Jozsef Tökes	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jozsef Toth	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dmitrii Zhitnikov	RUS	3	1	0	2	5	1,67	3	0

Joan Cañellas Reixach (HC Vardar 2017/18); Matej Gaber (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14); Jorge Maqueda Peno (HC Vardar 2017/18); Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2012/13)

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