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VELUX EHF Champions League  
Season 2018/19

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

Group Phase, Round 8  
**Barça Lassa (ESP)**  
VS  
**HC Vardar (MKD)**

**Palau Blaugrana (Barcelona, ESP)**  
Saturday 17 November, 19:00 hrs



## Barça Lassa (ESP) vs HC Vardar (MKD)

### Group A



#### Most Games vs HC Vardar:

Victor Tomas	13
Aitor Arino	8
Raul Entrerrios	8
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	8
Cedric Sorhaindo	8

#### Most Goals vs HC Vardar:

Victor Tomas	40
Wael Jallouz	31
Iker Romero	30
Kiril Lazarov	22
Laszlo Nagy	21

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#### Playing hall

Palau Blaugrana  
Av. Aristides Maillol,  
08028 Barcelona,  
Spain  
Capacity: 7,585

- Vardar have yet to win an EHF Champions League match in Spain
- Barça's last home defeat in the VELUX EHF Champions League occurred on 5 December 2015, a 33:31 loss to Kielce, followed by 23 home victories and one draw against Rhein-Neckar Löwen.
- Barcelona had two Macedonian players in the squad in the past: Borko Ristovski, who moved to SL Benfica, and Kiril Lazarov, who moved to Nantes, while all three Spaniards at Vardar left the club this summer: Arpad Sterbik to Veszprém, Jorge Maqueda and Joan Canellas to Szeged.
- Two Brazilian national team players clash in Palau Blaugrana: Rogerio Moraes (Vardar) and Thiagus Petrus (Barça).
- In the previous season, Barcelona ended Vardar's unbeaten series with a 29:28 win on home ground. Before, Vardar had been unbeaten for ten matches (eight victories, two draws).
- Vardar coach Roberto Parrondo belongs to an exclusive list of players who have won all major EC trophies: Champions League with Ciudad Real in 2008 and 2009, Cup Winners' Cup with Leon in 2005 and the EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014.
- The last time, Parrondo faced Barcelona was as Szeged player in February 2016, when Pick lost 25:30.
- Parrondo is the assistant to Raul Gonzalez for the Macedonian men's national team, Barca coach Xavi Pascual quit his job as Romanian national team coach in June.
- One Vardar player has beaten Barcelona this season already - new arrival Christian Dissinger. In pre-season, Dissinger and his former club THW Kiel won a test match against Barça 28:24 in Hamburg.
- Including the three matches at the IHF Super Globe (quarter-final, semi and final against Berlin), Barca have won the previous nine matches in international competitions after the opening round defeat in the VELUX EHF Champions League at Rhein-Neckar Löwen.
- Having scored 234 goals, Barça have the currently best attacking record of all 28 VELUX EHF Champions League participants, followed by Bjerringbro (232).
- Only PSG have gained more points (16) than Barcelona's 12 so far.
- In Groups A/B, no other team have conceded fewer goals than Vardar (185).
- Timur Dibirov is the best Vardar scorer at the moment with 36 goals, Aleix Gomez and Dika Mem scored 35 times each for Barça.
- In the all-time ranking, Barça are top with 211 victories from 285 matches, while Vardar 16th with 60 victories in 129 matches.
- Despite an exodus this summer, seven players from the current Vardar squad were on court in the historic semi-final victory against Barca at the 2017 edition of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne: Borozan, Cupic, Dibirov, Moraes, Karacic, Shishkarev and Stojlov.

### Round 8



#### Most Games vs Barça Lassa:

Timur Dibirov	8
Igor Karacic	8
Ilija Abutovic	7
Strahinja Milic	7
Stojanche Stoilov	7

#### Most Goals vs Barça Lassa:

Timur Dibirov	32
Alex Dujshbeaev	20
Igor Karacic	20
Vuko Borozan	18
Luka Cindric	18

### Domestic league

#### Liga ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

13/11 @ Anaitasuna	W29:32
07/11 vs La Rioja	W45:31
31/10 @ Guadalajara	W28:42

Next game:

20/11 vs Abanca Ademar Leon

Standings as of 15/11:

1. Barça Lassa	10	401:248	20
2. CD Bidasoa	9	225:210	13
3. Ademar Leon	10	254:232	13
4. Granollers	10	266:245	13
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16. Teucro	9	224:272	3

### Domestic league

#### SEHA Liga

Last 3 games:

06/11 vs Nexe (CRO)	W31:26
30/10 @ Meshkov Brest	L35:20
16/10 @ HC PPD Zagreb	L26:23

Next game:

28/11 @ Izvidac (BIH)

Standings as of 15/11:

1. PPD Zagreb	8	216:182	21
2. Vardar	8	230:208	18
3. Nexe	8	220:200	18
4. Presov	8	226:199	15
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10. Izvidac	7	179:212	1

## Historic encounters in the EC

### Barça Lassa vs HC Vardar 11-1-2 (428:350) 23:5

18.10.2003	FC Barcelona vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group B	41:19 (19:8)
16.11.2003	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:35 (16:14)
09.10.2004	FC Barcelona vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:22 (16:12)
06.11.2004	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Group A	12:26 (8:15)
11.11.2009	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje vs FC Barcelona Borges, EHF Champions League – Group D	28:35 (17:16)
21.11.2009	FC Barcelona Borges vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:28 (15:13)
21.09.2013	HC Vardar – Skopje vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	29:29 (15:19)
30.11.2013	FC Barcelona vs HC Vardar – Skopje, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	30:23 (14:11)
14.11.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:30 (16:13)
22.11.2015	HC Vardar vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:27 (15:12)
03.06.2017	HC Vardar vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Semi-final	26:25 (13:12)
14.10.2017	HC Vardar vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:24 (16:12)
10.02.2018	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:28 (15:14)
11.11.2018	HC Vardar vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:30 (9:13)

### Details of the last HC Vardar vs Barça Lassa match: 11.11.2018 (Skopje, MKD)

(VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A) 26:30 (9:13)

Referees: Duarte Santos/Ricardo Fonseca (Portugal).

Suspensions: 4' – 6' (Stoilov 2', Ferreira Moraes 2' – Goncalves Dos Santos 2', Mem 2', Fabregas 2').

Number of 7m: 3/2 – 2/1.

Attendance: 5,500.



**Kalifa Ghedbane**  
**Dejan Milosavljev**

Stojanche Stoilov	(4)
Martin Popovski	(1)
Dainis Kristopans	(5)
Rogério Ferreira	(1)
Christian Dissinger	(2)
Igor Karacic	(1)
Stas Skube	(2) (3)
Gleb Kalarash	(3)
Ivan Cupic	(4) (1)
Timur Dibirov	(6) (2)
Daniil Shishkarev	(8)
Vuko Borozan	(3) (1)
Janja Vojvodic	(3)
Dmitrii Kiselev	(2) (4)

**Gonzalo Perez de Vargas**  
**Kevin Møller**



Casper Mortensen
Victor Tomas
Raul Entrerrios
Cedric Sorhaindo
Lasse Bredekjaer
Aitor Arino
Timothéy N'guessan
Aleix Gomez
Thiagus Petrus
Jure Dolenc
Dika Mem
Gilberto Brito
Aron Palmarsson
Ludovic Fabregas

## Most Goals in one game Barça Lassa vs HC Vardar:

Wael Jallouz	12	14.11.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa-HC Vardar	31:30
Iker Romero	8	06.11.2004	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje-FC Barcelona	12:26
Mikkel Hansen	8	11.11.2009	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje-FC Barcelona Borges	28:35
Victor Tomas	8	21.11.2009	FC Barcelona Borges-HC Vardar PRO – Skopje	35:28
Siarhei Rutenka	8	21.09.2013	HC Vardar – Skopje-FC Barcelona	29:29
Wael Jallouz	8	22.11.2015	HC Vardar-FC Barcelona Lassa	25:27
Valero Rivera Folch	8	14.10.2017	HC Vardar-FC Barcelona Lassa	27:24
Dika Mem	8	11.11.2018	HC Vardar-Barça Lassa	26:30

## Most Goals in one game HC Vardar vs Barça Lassa:

Ivan Markovski	10	09.10.2004	FC Barcelona-Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	31:22
Borko Djordjevic	9	11.11.2009	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje-FC Barcelona Borges	28:35
Timur Dibirov	8	21.09.2013	HC Vardar – Skopje-FC Barcelona	29:29
Sergei Gorbok	8	14.11.2015	FC Barcelona Lassa-HC Vardar	31:30
Igor Karacic	7	21.09.2013	HC Vardar – Skopje-FC Barcelona	29:29
Ivan Cupic	7	03.06.2017	HC Vardar-FC Barcelona Lassa	26:25
Alex Dujshbaev	7	03.06.2017	HC Vardar-FC Barcelona Lassa	26:25

## Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



### Barça Lassa: current run – won six

11.11.2018 Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	W 26:30
04.11.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs PGE Vive Kielce POL	W 31:27
13.10.2018 Brest BLR	@ HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 21:29
06.10.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs Montpellier HB FRA	W 35:27
29.09.2018 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 25:44
22.09.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 31:28
12.09.2018 Mannheim GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	L 35:34
31.03.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs Montpellier HB FRA	W 30:28
25.03.2018 Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	L 28:25
04.03.2018 Barcelona ESP	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 28:27



### HC Vardar: current run – lost one

11.11.2018 Skopje MKD	vs Barça Lassa ESP	L 26:30
03.11.2018 Skopje MKD	vs HC Meshkov Brest BLR	W 30:23
14.10.2018 Kielce POL	@ PGE Vive Kielce POL	L 31:27
06.10.2018 Skopje MKD	vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	W 29:27
29.09.2018 Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 25:27
22.09.2018 Skopje MKD	vs IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 33:25
15.09.2018 Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	W 24:27
27.05.2018 Köln GER	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 29:28
26.05.2018 Köln GER	@ Montpellier HB FRA	L 28:27
29.04.2018 Skopje MKD	vs THW Kiel GER	L 27:28

## Barça Lassa vs Macedonian clubs 14-1-3

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2003/04	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	41:19	35:27	EHF Champions League – Group B
2004/05	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	31:22	26:12	EHF Champions League – Group A
2008/09	HC Metalurg	30:19	29:22	EHF Champions League – Group C
2009/10	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje	35:28	35:28	EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	HC Vardar – Skopje	30:23	29:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2013/14	HC Metalurg	35:17	29:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	HC Vardar	31:30	27:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	HC Vardar		25:26	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2017/18	HC Vardar	29:28	24:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HC Vardar		30:26	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

## HC Vardar vs Spanish clubs 4-1-17

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1994/95	BM Granollers	35:31	23:34	EHF Cup – Qualification Round 2
1998/99	Prosesa Ademar Leon	27:29	20:35	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
2003/04	FC Barcelona	27:35	19:41	EHF Champions League – Group B
2004/05	FC Barcelona	12:26	22:31	EHF Champions League – Group A
2007/08	C.BM. Ademar Leon	29:28	21:28	EHF Champions League – Group C
2009/10	Reale Ademar	24:31	28:37	EHF Champions League – Group D
2009/10	FC Barcelona Borges	28:35	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	FC Barcelona	29:29	23:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	FC Barcelona Lassa	25:27	30:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	FC Barcelona Lassa		26:25	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2017/18	FC Barcelona Lassa	27:24	28:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Barça Lassa	26:30		VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

## Barça Lassa players' career statistics against HC Vardar

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Gerard Fornas Galve	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kevin Møller	DEN	3	1	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	ESP	8	6	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Perez Molina	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0



Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lasse Bredekjaer	DEN	3	2	0	1	13	4,33	10	2'
Aitor Arino	ESP	8	5	1	2	5	0,63	2	0
Oriol Blanco	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mark Daniel	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Gilberto Brito	POR	3	1	1	1	12	4,00	10	0
Iosif Andrei	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Eduardo Calle	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mamadou Lamine	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jure Dolenc	SLO	7	2	1	4	19	2,71	5	0
Raul Entrerrios	ESP	8	5	1	2	19	2,38	5 (2)	6'
David Estepa	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	4	2	0	2	9	2,25	4	4'
Aleix Gomez	ESP	3	2	0	1	4	1,33	3	0
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	7	1	1	5	6	0,86	2 (2)	10'
Jannek Klein	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Juri Knorr	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Adria Leon Morales	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dika Mem	FRA	4	2	0	2	14	3,50	8	4'
Casper Mortensen	DEN	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Timothy N'guessan	FRA	4	2	0	2	11	2,75	4	2'
Pau Oliveras	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aron Palmarsson	ISL	5	4	1	0	17	3,40	7	2'
Alex Pascual	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
David Roca	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cedric Sorhaindo	FRA	8	5	1	2	6	0,75	2 (2)	8'
Ramon Suarez-Pumariega	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kamil Syprzak	POL	7	4	0	3	16	2,29	4 (2)	10'
Victor Tomas	ESP	13	10	1	2	40	3,08	8	6'
Joaquim Vaillo	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Lasse Bredekjaer (KIF Kolding København 2015/16); Gilberto Brito Duarte (Orlen Wisla Plock 2017/18); Jure Dolenc (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2014/15, Montpellier HB 2015/16); Ludovic Fabregas (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2014/15, Montpellier HB 2015/16, Montpellier HB 2017/18); Thiagus Petrus (MOL-Pick Szeged 2015/16, MOL-Pick Szeged 2016/17, MOL-Pick Szeged 2017/18); Jannek Klein (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2016/17 – DNP); Kevin Møller (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2016/17); Aron Palmarsson (THW Kiel 2009/10, MVM Veszprém 2015/16); Kamil Syprzak (Orlen Wisla Plock 2014/15).

## Cashback World to present 'Player of the Match' trophy

The match of the week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing 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 Barça Lassa and HC Vardar is Cashback World and the trophy will be handed over to the awardee by Joaquin Garcia de la Brena.

In season 2017/18, one HC Vardar player (Vuko Borozan : Round 8) won the award.

### 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 Handball)
- Round 6 : Benjamin Buric (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
- Round 7 : Zlatko Horvat (HC PPD Zagreb)





## HC Vardar players' career statistics against Barça Lassa

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Kalifa Ghedbane	ALG	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Daniel Gjorgjeski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marko Kizic	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Dejan Milosavljev	SRB	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Andrej Petkovski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Vuko Borozan	MNE	4	2	0	2	18	4,50	6	4'
Ivan Cupic	CRO	11	4	2	5	43	3,91	10	2'
Timur Dibirov	RUS	9	2	1	6	37	4,11	8	2'
Christian Dissinger	GER	8	1	1	6	8	1,00	3	0
Rogério Ferreira	BRA	5	3	0	2	3	0,60	1 (3)	6'
Sergei Gorbok	RUS	6	2	0	4	24	4,00	8	4'
Gleb Kalarash	RUS	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Igor Karacic	CRO	8	2	1	5	20	2,50	7	2'
Dmitrii Kiselev	RUS	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Dainis Kristopans	LAT	3	1	0	2	12	4,00	7	4'
Marko Mishevski	MKD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Vlado Nedanovski	MKD	6	1	0	5	0	0,00	0	0
Gregor Ocvirk	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Martin Popovski	MKD	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Daniil Shishkarev	RUS	7	2	0	5	11	1,57	3 (3)	0
Stas Skube	SLO	3	1	0	2	4	1,33	2	0
Stojanche Stoilov	MKD	8	2	1	5	1	0,13	1	6'
Janja Vojvodic	SRB	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0

Ivan Cupic (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2010/11, KS Vive Targi Kielce 2012/13, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2014/15, KS Vive Tauron Kielce 2015/16); Timur Dibirov (Chekhovskie Medvedi 2009/10); Christian Dissinger (Kadetten Schaffhausen 2011/12, Kadetten Schaffhausen 2012/13, THW Kiel 2015/16, THW Kiel 2016/17); Rogério Ferreira Moraes (THW Kiel 2015/16); Sergei Gorbok (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2013/14, MOL-Pick szeged 2017/18); Igor Karacic (HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo – DNP); Vlado Nedanovski (HC Metalurg 2008/09); Daniil Shishkarev (Zarja Kaspija Astrakhan 2007/08 – DNP, Chekhovskie Medvedi 2009/10); Stas Skube (MOL-Pick Szeged 2017/18); Stojanche Stoilov (HC Metalurg 2008/09).

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