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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2015/16

Match of the Week - Last 16, 1st leg

HC PPD Zagreb (CRO) vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)
Arena Zagreb
Saturday 19 March, 20:00 hrs

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Playing hall
Arena Zagreb
Laniste b.b.,
10000 Zagreb
Croatia
Capacity: 15,200



Most Games vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Tonci Valcic	6
Zlatko Horvat	4
Marino Maric	4
Jerko Matulic	4
Gorazd Skof	4
Luka Stepanic	4
Manuel Strlek	4
Josip Valcic	4

Most Goals vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Kiril Lazarov	19
Manuel Strlek	14
David Spiler	13
Stipe Mandalinic	12
Domagoj Duvnjak	10

- Zagreb have entered the knock-out stage of the CL for the 15th time in club history and their 21th participation in this competition, while for Löwen it is the sixth time in the playoff in their 7th season

- if Löwen proceed to the quarter-finals, it might be a good omen for them, as after eliminating Zagreb in the 2010/11 Last16, they made it all the way to their so far one and only appearance at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 at Cologne

- for Zagreb, the Last16 matches with Löwen are already the duels five and six with German teams in the current season - they won their home match against Kiel, but lost the three remaining encounters against THW and Flensburg

- Zagreb have four home wins on their account so far, Löwen only won two away matches (at Kolding and Montpellier)

- the only time Zagreb eliminated a German side in a knock-out stage of the CL was in the 1996/97 semi-finals, six times, Zagreb were eliminated by German sides in knock-out stages

- since the implementation of the FINAL4 tournament, Löwen qualified for the knock-out stage for the fifth time, the only time they were eliminated in the Last 16 was last season against Szeged, while Zagreb qualified for the knock-out stage for the fifth time too, but were eliminated twice in the Last 16

- the duel is the clash of the best defence side of the group phase (Löwen/353 goals conceded) against the third best (Zagreb/367 goals conceded)

- in terms of attack, Zagreb have scored the second lowest number of all 16 teams in groups A/B with 358 goals scored, Löwen were only one position ahead with 368

- currently Andy Schmid is the best scorer of Rhein-Neckar Löwen with 69 goals on the 14th position of the top scorer list, the only Zagreb player among the top 50 is Domagoj Pavlovic (48 goals)

- while Zagreb rely mainly on Croatian players (excluding Markoski/MKD and Markovic/SRB), the Löwen squad consists of eight nationalities: GER, SWE, ESP, MKD, SUI, NOR, ISL and DEN

- while four Zagreb Croats won bronze medals at the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, Löwen have one German champion (Hendrik Pekeler) and two Spanish silver medallists (Rafael Baena and Gedeon Guardiola). Löwen and Germany captain Uwe Gensheimer received a gold medal, but missed the EURO due to injury

- none of the players involved in this Last 16 pairing have ever won the CL. Zagreb's coach Veselin Vujovic have won the CL forerunner competition Champions Cup with Sabac and Barcelona

- Luka Stepanic (Zagreb) and Uwe Gensheimer (Löwen) will be teammates in the next season, as both signed for Paris-Saint Germain Handball

Most Games vs Zagreb:

Uwe Gensheimer	6
Patrick Groetzki	5
Oliver Roggisch	5
Karol Bielecki	4
Henning Fritz	4
Andre Schmid	4
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	4
Slawomir Szymal	4
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	4

Most Goals vs Zagreb:

Uwe Gensheimer	37
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	14
Siarhei Harbok	13
Olafur Stefansson	13
Patrick Groetzki	11

Domestic league

SEHA Liga

Last 4 games

12.03. @ Vojvodina	W44:28
08.03. vs Brest	W28:24
29.02. @ Veszprem	L27:38
16.02. vs Presov	W34:26

Next game

01.04. semi-final

Standings

1. Veszprem	18	628:418	50
2. Zagreb	18	570:453	42
3. Vardar	17	571:461	41
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14. Strumica	18	389:622	2

Domestic league

German Bundesliga

Last 4 games

13.03. @ TVB Stuttgart	W33:21
03.03. vs Melsungen	W34:24
17.02. vs Flensburg	L22:25
14.02. @ Göppingen	W26:19

Next game

23.03. vs Bergischer

Standings

1. Rhein-Neckar	23	651:515	40
2. Kiel	22	680:565	38
3. Flensburg	23	687:574	38
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17. N-Lübecke	22	554:648	6

Historic encounters in the EC

HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 0-3-3 (165:180) 3:9

04.10.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Champions League – Group H	33:33 (16:14)
13.11.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group H	27:27 (11:15)
27.03.2011	HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:31 (12:15)
31.03.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	27:27 (11:9)
14.11.2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	34:26 (21:11)
23.11.2013	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	24:28 (12:13)

Matchdetails of last match - 23.11.2013 (Zagreb, Croatia)

HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 24:28 (12:13)

VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

Referees: Andrei Gousko/Siarhei Repkin (Belarus).

Suspensions: 8' – 4' (Mihic 4', Stepancic 2', Tonci Valcic 2' – Manojlovic 2', Ekdahl du Rietz 2').

Number of 7m: 2/2 – 3/3.

Attendance: 6,000.

Ivan Stevanovic		Roko Peribonio
Filip Ivic		Niklas Landin Jacobsen
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Marino Maric (1)	(3)	Andre Schmid
Lovro Mihic	(6)	Uwe Gensheimer
Luka Stepancic (6)		Oliver Roggisch
Jerko Matulic (6)		Isaias Guardiola Villaplana
Lovro Sprem (2)		Nikola Manojlovic
Teo Coric		Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson
Luka Sebetic	(1)	Sergei Gorbok
Zlatko Horvat (2)		Rajko Prodanovic
Josip Sandrk	(4)	Bjarte Hakon Myrhol
Josip Valcic (3)	(5)	Patrick Groetzki
Tonci Valcic	(3)	Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana
Stipe Mandalinic (3)	(3)	Alexander Petersson
Sandro Obranovic (1)	(3)	Kim Ekdahl du Rietz
Ante Kaleb		

Most Goals HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Kiril Lazarov	11	04.10.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33
David Spiler	9	31.03.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB	27:27
Stipe Mandalinic	9	14.11.2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	34:26
Kiril Lazarov	8	13.11.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	27:27
Ivano Balic	6	04.10.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33
Domagoj Duvnjak	6	13.11.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	27:27
Jerko Matulic	6	23.11.2013	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:28
Luka Stepancic	6	23.11.2013	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:28

Most Goals Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb:

Uwe Gensheimer	10	27.03.2011	HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:31
Uwe Gensheimer	9	31.03.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB	27:27
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	8	04.10.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33
Siarhei Harbok	7	04.10.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33
Olafur Stefansson	7	27.03.2011	HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:31
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	7	31.03.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB	27:27
Uwe Gensheimer	7	14.11.2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	34:26

HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb vs German clubs 11-6-27

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1965/66	DHfK Leipzig	14:18	15:17	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	TuSEM Essen	32:26	17:24	Champions Cup – Quarter-final
1992/93	SG Wallau-Massenheim	22:17	18:22	Champions Cup – Final
1996/97	THW Kiel	25:23	23:23	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
1999/00	THW Kiel	22:13	21:32	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2002/03	THW Kiel	23:28	28:24	EHF Champions League – Group D
2003/04	SG Flensburg Handewitt	26:28	27:30	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2005/06	SG Flensburg Handewitt	25:23	24:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2006/07	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	21:23	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group D
2007/08	HSV Hamburg	27:26	29:32	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3
2007/08	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	29:25	29:36	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3
2008/09	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	33:33	27:27	EHF Champions League – Group H
2008/09	THW Kiel	28:28	27:31	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2009/10	HSV Hamburg	29:33	26:35	EHF Champions League – Group C
2010/11	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	31:26	29:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:31	27:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2011/12	THW Kiel	31:31	27:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2012/13	Füchse Berlin	24:25	27:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2013/14	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:28	26:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2014/15	THW Kiel	27:25	27:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	THW Kiel	29:22	29:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	23:30	27:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Croatian clubs 3-3-0

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2008/09	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	27:27	33:33	EHF Champions League – Group H
2010/11	HC Croatia Osiguranje ZAGREB	27:27	31:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb	34:26	28:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:

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HC PPD Zagreb: current run - lost one

17.10.2015 Zagreb CRO	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 29:25
24.10.2015 Istanbul TUR	@ Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR	L 32:30
11.11.2015 Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 28:27
21.11.2015 Zagreb CRO	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 23:30
26.11.2015 Zagreb CRO	vs Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR	W 32:26
05.12.2015 Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 23:23
10.02.2016 Zagreb CRO	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 23:25
21.02.2016 Veszprém HUN	@ MVM Veszprém HUN	L 27:25
27.02.2016 Zagreb CRO	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 24:23
03.03.2016 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 31:29

Rhein-Neckar Löwen: current run - lost one

17.10.2015 Mannheim GER	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 30:25
22.10.2015 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	L 32:29
15.11.2015 Pérols FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	W 28:30
18.11.2015 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs Montpellier HB FRA	W 25:21
26.11.2015 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 29:20
05.12.2015 Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 30:24
11.02.2016 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs HC Vardar MKD	W 28:27
20.02.2016 Kielce POL	@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	L 28:27
28.02.2016 Frankfurt am Main GER	vs KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	W 24:20
05.03.2016 Barcelona ESP	@ FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 26:20



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