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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2015/16

Match of the Week - Last 16, 2nd leg

HC Vardar (MKD) vs Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)
Jane Sandanski Arena, Skopje
Saturday 26 March, 18:00 hrs



LAST 16

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Playing hall
Jane Sandanski
Skopje
FYR Macedonia
Capacity: 5,000



Most Games vs Orlen Wisla Plock:

Ilija Abutovic	3
Matjaz Brumen	3
Timur Dibirow	3
Alex Dujshebaev	3
Igor Karacic	3
Daniil Shishkarev	3
Arpad Sterbik Capar	3
Stojanche Stoilov	3
Alem Toskic	3

Most Goals vs Orlen Wisla Plock:

Alex Dujshebaev	21
Igor Karacic	17
Timur Dibirow	10
Sergei Gorbok	9
Alem Toskic	6

- last season, the same pairing met in the Last 16 - and even a 32:26 home win was not enough for Plock, as they were defeated 20:32 in the Jane Sandanski Arena

- Plock only took two away victories in this CL season so far, winning at Besiktas and Celje, while Vardar only lost one home match against defending champions Barcelona
- five Spanish players will be on court, three for Vardar, two for Plock - and both sides are coached by Spaniards - Manuel Cadenas (Plock) and Raul Gonzalez (Vardar)
- Cadenas was coach of Gonzalez from 1991 to 1995 at Valladolid, the only club Gonzalez had been playing for (1987-2005). Later on Cadenas coached Leon and Barcelona, while Gonzalez became assistant of Talant Dujshebaev at Ciudad Real/Athletico

- the duel will feature two Spanish goalkeepers of two different generations - veteran Arpad Sterbik (Vardar) and rising star Rodrigo Corrales (Plock)

- if Plock will miss the quarter-finals, the match at Skopje will be the last international one for Cadenas at the helm, as after this season he will be replaced by Piotr Przybecki and then will only focus on the Spanish men's national team

- one player from each team has won the CL so far: Marco Oneto (Plock) with FC Barcelona and Sterbik (Vardar) with Ciudad Real (3 times) and Barcelona (1)

- the Russians Dmitry Zhitnikov (Plock), Sergei Gorbok, Alexander Dereven, Timur Dibirow and Daniil Shishkarev (all Vardar) had all been playing for Chekhovskie Medvedi before. Dibirow and Shishkarev were in the "Bears" squad, which made it to the premiere of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2010 in Cologne

- 12 different nations are represented by the players of both sides. Vardar and Plock count on players from Spain, Serbia and Russia. Plock besides have players from Poland, Brazil, Romania, Italy, Portugal and Bosnia-Herzegovina, while Vardar have Macedonian, Croatian and Slovenian players

- Plock never qualified for CL quarter-finals, while Vardar were part of this stage in the previous two seasons

- one top player of each side transferred to German Bundesliga during the season: Blazenko Lackovic (Vardar to Kiel) and Nemanja Zelenovic (Plock to Magdeburg)

- Jose Guilherme de Toledo is the only player of this Last 16 pairing, who has already booked a ticket for the Olympic Games in Rio - as Brazil are directly qualified as hosts

- last year Vardar were stopped on the way to their premiere at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 by a Polish side - Vive Tauron Kielce

Most Games vs HC Vardar:

Rodrigo Corrales Rodal	3
Michal Daszek	3
Valentin Marian Ghionea	3
Zbigniew Kwiatkowski	3
Angel Montoro Cabello	3
Ivan Nikcevic	3
Dan Emil Racotea	3
Marcin Wichary	3
Adam Wisniewski	3

Most Goals vs HC Vardar:

Dan Emil Racotea	12
Valentin Marian Ghionea	8
Michal Daszek	7
Mariusz Jurkiewicz	7
Tiago Rocha	7

Domestic league

SEHA Liga

Last 4 games

08.03. vs Veszprem	D30:30
06.02. @ Nexe	W36:29
05.02. @ Borac	W42:31
17.12. vs Spartak Vojput	W36:18

Next game

29.03. @ Brest

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

Polish Superliga

Last 4 games

22.03. QF vs Gornik Zabrze	W35:23
19.03. QF @ Gornik Zabrze	W32:29
13.03. vs Kielce	W31:27
02.03. @ Szczecin	W40:22

Next game

TBA semi-final

Standings

1. Kielce	22	765:573	41
2. Plock	22	733:522	41
3. Azoty-Pulawy	22	669:598	33
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17. Slask	22	513:704	4

Historic encounters in the EC

HC Vardar vs Orlen Wisla Plock 1-1-1 (87:82) 3:3

14.03.2015	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	32:26 (14:12)
21.03.2015	HC Vardar vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	31:20 (14:10)
16.03.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	30:30 (16:14)

Match details of last match - 16.03.2016 (Plock, Poland)

Orlen Wisla Plock vs HC Vardar 30:30 (16:14)

VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16, first leg

Referees: Andrei Gousko/Siarhei Repkin (Belarus).

Suspensions: 6' – 6' (Racotea 2', Pusica 2', Ghionea 2' – Toskic 2', Karacic 2', Marsenic 2').

Number of 7m: 3/3 – 5/3.

Attendance: 5,000.

Marcin Wichary		Arpad Sterbik Capar
Rodrigo Corrales		Strahinja Milic
		Petar Angelov
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Zbigniew Kwiatkowski	(1)	Stojanche Stoilov
Michal Daszek	(2)	(3) Matjaz Brumen
Dan Emil Racotea	(6)	(2) Alem Toskic
Adam Wisniewski	(2)	(2) Dejan Manaskov
Miljan Pusica	(1)	(3) Jorge Maqueda
Valentin Ghionea	(1)	(6) Igor Karacic
Tiago Rocha	(7)	(2) Alex Dujshebaev
Angel Montoro	(1)	Ilija Abutovic
Marko Tarabochia	(6)	(5) Luka Cindric
Jose Guilherme De Toledo	(4)	(4) Timur Dibirov
Ivan Nikcevic	(2)	Daniil Shishkarev
Dmitry Zhitnikov		Mijajlo Marsenic

Most Goals HC Vardar vs Orlen Wisla Plock:

Alex Dujshebaev Dovichebaeva	10	14.03.2015	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	32:26
Alex Dujshebaev Dovichebaeva	9	21.03.2015	HC Vardar-Orlen Wisla Plock	31:20
Sergei Gorbok	8	21.03.2015	HC Vardar-Orlen Wisla Plock	31:20
Igor Karacic	7	21.03.2015	HC Vardar-Orlen Wisla Plock	31:20
Igor Karacic	6	16.03.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	30:30

Most Goals Orlen Wisla Plock vs HC Vardar:

Tiago Rocha	7	16.03.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	30:30
Ivan Nikcevic	6	14.03.2015	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	32:26
Dan Emil Racotea	6	16.03.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	30:30
Marko Tarabochia	6	16.03.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	30:30
Valentin Marian Ghionea	5	14.03.2015	Orlen Wisla Plock-HC Vardar	32:26

HC Vardar vs Polish clubs 2-1-4

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2014/15	Orlen Wisla Plock	31:20	26:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2014/15	KS Vive Tauron Kielce	20:22	31:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2015/16	KS Vive Tauron Kielce	34:24	20:23	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2015/16	Orlen Wisla Plock		30:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16

Orlen Wisla Plock vs Macedonian clubs 1-1-3

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2011/12	HC Metalurg	20:24	27:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2014/15	HC Vardar	32:26	20:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2015/16	HC Vardar	30:30		VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



HC Vardar: current run - unbeaten four

24.10.2015	Skopje MKD	vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	W 34:24
14.11.2015	Barcelona ESP	@ FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 31:30
22.11.2015	Skopje MKD	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	L 25:27
28.11.2015	Kielce POL	@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	L 23:20
05.12.2015	Skopje MKD	vs KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	W 34:24
11.02.2016	Frankfurt am Main GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	L 28:27
20.02.2016	Skopje MKD	vs IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 38:36
28.02.2016	Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 29:31
05.03.2016	Skopje MKD	vs Montpellier HB FRA	W 34:26
16.03.2016	Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	D 30:30



Orlen Wisla Plock: current run - winless seven

25.10.2015	Plock POL	vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 30:34
14.11.2015	Plock POL	vs Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR	W 32:26
21.11.2015	Istanbul TUR	@ Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR	W 29:38
25.11.2015	Flensburg GER	@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	L 27:25
05.12.2015	Plock POL	vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	D 23:23
13.02.2016	Plock POL	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	L 26:31
17.02.2016	Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 26:24
27.02.2016	Plock POL	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 22:27
05.03.2016	Veszprém HUN	@ MVM Veszprém HUN	L 27:25
16.03.2016	Plock POL	vs HC Vardar MKD	D 30:30

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