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VELUX EHF Champions League
Season 2015/16

Match of the Week - Round 1

Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER) vs FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)
SAP Arena, Mannheim (GER)
Sunday 20 September, 19:30 hrs



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GROUP B

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Sunday 20 September 2015
19:30 hrs local time



Playing hall

SAP Arena
Xaver-Fuhr-Str. 150
68219 Mannheim
Germany
Capacity: 12,900



Most Games vs FC Barcelona Lassa:

Uwe Gensheimer	5
Patrick Groetzki	5
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	5
Oliver Roggisch	5
Andre Schmid	5

Most Goals vs FC Barcelona Lassa:

Uwe Gensheimer	43
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	22
Ivan Cupic	19
Patrick Groetzki	13
Karol Bielecki	10

- first time, left wing Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson faces his former club Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the shirt of FCB
- last time both clubs faced in the 2013/14 quarter-final, when Barcelona lost 31:38 in Mannheim only to qualify for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 on away goals rule after a 31:24 victory in the second leg
- first leg was a double negative record for Barca: never before in any CL match were down by 8 goals at half-time (14:22) and in no match since 31:41 in the 2007/08 semi-final at THW Kiel and 38:38 in 2010/11 at Löwen, Barca conceded more goals in a CL match
- in April, four Barcelona players and Löwen Gedeon Guardiola lost their EHF EURO qualification match in the SAP Arena with Spain against Germany (including Uwe Gensheimer and Patrick Groetzki) by 28:29
- two years ago, Uwe Gensheimer turned down a FC Barcelona offer, and extended his contract with Löwen until 2016 - now has an offer to join PSG after this season
- the match will be the comeback of Barcelona newcomer Filip Jicha to Germany - he played for THW Kiel until the previous season

• in the 2010/11 season of the CL this pairing was the start of the group phase already - Löwen won at Palau Blaugrana. It was the last time, Barca lost an opening match of the group phase, in 2013 they tied at Vardar

- never in their history Löwen lost an opening match of the group phase: three times they won against big names (Barcelona, Veszprem, Montpellier), twice they tied (with Zagreb and Zaporozhye)
- Löwen new goalkeeper Darko Stanic was the key for the sensation in the 2013/14 season, when his former club Metalurg beat Barcelona 31:29
- while Löwen do not have a single CL winner in their squad, Barcelona have ten multiple trophy holders Rutenka, Enterrerrios, Gurbindo, Jicha, Morros, Noddesbö, Sorhaindo, Saric, Sarmiento and Tomas

Most Games vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Raul Enterrerrios Rodriguez	5
Juan Antonio Garcia Lorenzana	5
Jesper Brian Nöddesbo	5
Siarhei Rutenka	5
Danijel Saric	5
Daniel Sarmiento Melian	5
Cedric Sorhaindo	5
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	5

Most Goals vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:

Victor Tomas Gonzalez	20
Siarhei Rutenka	19
Raul Enterrerrios Rodriguez	16
Juan Antonio Garcia Lorenzana	13
Jesper Brian Nöddesbo	13

Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: yellow
Goalkeeper shirt: red/white

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red/green

Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: red and yellow
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: dark red or black

Dark

Player shirt: blue and red
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow or green

Historic encounters in the EC

FC Barcelona Lassa vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2-1-2 (160:159) 5:5

25.09.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:31 (13:14)
20.02.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	38:38 (22:17)
28.05.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Semi-final	28:30 (12:12)
20.04.2014	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	38:31 (22:14)
26.04.2014	FC Barcelona vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:24 15:11

Matchdetails of last match - 26.04.2014 (Barcelona, Spain)

FC Barcelona-Rhein-Neckar Löwen 31:24 (15:11)

VELUX EHF Champions League Quarter-final, 2nd leg

Referees: Bogdan Nicolae Stark/Romeo Mihai Stefan (Romania)

Suspensions: 6' – 8' (Nöddesbo 4', Garcia Lorenzana 2' – Gensheimer 4', Gorbok 2', Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana 2')
7m: 8/4 – 1/0

Arpad Sterbik Capar			Goran Stojanovic
Danijel Saric			Niklas Landin Jacobsen
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Jesper Brian Nöddesbo	(3)		Andre Schmid
Juan Antonio Garcia Lorenzana	(2)	(2)	Uwe Gensheimer
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	(6)		Oliver Roggisch
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	(3)		Zarko Sesum
Cedric Sorhaindo	(2)		Isaias Guardiola Villaplana
Daniel Sarmiento Melian	(1)		Nikola Manojlovic
Aitor Arino Bengoechea			Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	(3)	(5)	Sergei Gorbok
Siarhei Rutenka	(5)		Rajko Prodanovic
Martin Stranovsky	(1)		Bjarte Hakon Myrhol
Viran Morros de Argila	(7)		Patrick Groetzki
Nikola Karabatic	(7)		Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana
Joan Saubich Mir	(4)		Alexander Petersson
Kiril Lazarov	(2)	(2)	Kim Ekdahl du Rietz

Most Goals Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs FC Barcelona Lassa Individual Game:

Uwe Gensheimer	15	20.02.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona Borges	38:38
Uwe Gensheimer	14	20.04.2014	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona	38:31
Ivan Cupic	10	25.09.2010	FC Barcelona Borges-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:31
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	9	20.02.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona Borges	38:38
Uwe Gensheimer	7	28.05.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-fc Barcelona Borges	28:30
Patrick Groetzki	7	26.04.2014	FC Barcelona-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:24

Most Goals FC Barcelona Lassa vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen Individual Game:

Iker Romero Fernandez	10	20.02.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona Borges	38:38
Kiril Lazarov	10	20.04.2014	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona	38:31
Laszlo Nagy	7	25.09.2010	FC Barcelona Borges-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:31
Nikola Karabatic	7	26.04.2014	FC Barcelona-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:24
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	6	25.09.2010	FC Barcelona Borges-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:31
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	6	20.02.2011	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-FC Barcelona Borges	38:38
Victor Tomas Gonzalez	6	26.04.2014	FC Barcelona-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:24

Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Spanish clubs

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2007/08	BM Valladolid	27:27	34:31	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
2009/10	Pevafersa Valladolid	37:33	30:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2010/11	Reale Ademar	33:26		VELUX EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament Group W
2010/11	FC Barcelona Borges	38:38	31:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	FC Barcelona Borges		28:30	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2013/14	FC Barcelona	38:31	24:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final

FC Barcelona Lassa vs German clubs

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1973/74	VfL Gummersbach	23:30	15:20	Champions Cup – Last 16
1982/83	VfL Gummersbach	22:23	16:21	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1983/84	TuSEM Essen	19:13	12:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1985/86	TV Grosswallstadt	20:18	19:21	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
1987/88	ASK Vorwärts Frankfurt/O	26:21	21:15	IHF Cup – Quarter-final
1988/89	VfL Gummersbach	20:15	15:17	Champions Cup – Last 16
1992/93	SG Wallau Massenheim	25:22	20:24	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1994/95	SG Wallau-Massenheim	28:21	14:19	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
1997/98	TBV Lemgo	31:22	32:34	VELUX EHF Champions League – Semi-final
1998/99	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	32:29		ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
1998/99	Sportclub Magdeburg	26:25		ECh for Club Teams – Final
1999/00	THW Kiel	29:24	25:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Final
2000/01	THW Kiel	33:28	24:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Semi-Final
2001/02	THW Kiel	28:24	29:36	EHF Cup – Final
2002/03	TuSEM Essen	36:26	28:32	EHF Cup – Last 16
2003/04	SC Magdeburg	38:25	26:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2004/05	THW Kiel	33:27	25:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2005/06	SC Magdeburg	27:23	26:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2006/07	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	34:29	21:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2007/08	THW Kiel	44:37	31:41	VELUX EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2008/09	THW Kiel	27:31	26:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2009/10	THW Kiel	27:30	32:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2009/10	THW Kiel	34:36		VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	30:31	38:38	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	THW Kiel	32:29	28:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	THW Kiel	27:25	36:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2010/11	Rhein-Neckar Löwen		30:28	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2012/13	Füchse Berlin	34:23	30:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D
2012/13	HSV Hamburg		29:30aet	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Final
2013/14	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	31:24	31:38	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2013/14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt		39:41 ^a 7m	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2014/15	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	36:27	37:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B

Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



Rhein-Neckar Löwen: current run - lost three

12.10.2014	Skopje MKD	@ HC Vardar MKD	L 28:25
19.10.2014	Mannheim GER	vs Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	W 34:29
13.11.2014	St. Leon-Rot GER	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	W 31:27
23.11.2014	Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	L 32:28
29.11.2014	PérOLS/Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier Agglomération HB FRA	W 29:33
06.12.2014	Mannheim GER	vs MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	W 32:25
15.02.2015	Chekhov RUS	@ Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	W 26:32
21.02.2015	St. Leon-Rot GER	vs HC Vardar MKD	L 28:35
13.03.2015	Mannheim GER	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 30:34
22.03.2015	Szeged HUN	@ MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	L 31:29



FC Barcelona Lassa: current run - won eight

29.11.2014	Barcelona ESP	vs Alingsas HK SWE	W 42:29
06.12.2014	Plock POL	@ Orlen Wisla Plock POL	L 34:31
15.02.2015	Barcelona ESP	vs KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	W 33:27
21.02.2015	Istanbul TUR	@ Besiktas MOGAZ HAT TUR	W 25:29
15.03.2015	Aalborg Ost DEN	@ Aalborg Handball DEN	W 11:31
22.03.2015	Barcelona ESP	vs Aalborg Handball DEN	W 29:22
09.04.2015	Zagreb CRO	@ HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W 23:25
18.04.2015	Barcelona ESP	vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	W43:21
30.05.2015	Köln GER	vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	W 33:28
31.05.2015	Köln GER	vs MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	W 28:23

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