

**VELUX®**



**EHF**  
CHAMPIONS  
LEAGUE

# Media Information

VELUX EHF Champions League  
Season 2015/16

Match of the Week - Round 4

HC Vardar (MKD) vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)  
SC Jane Sandanski, Skopje  
Saturday 10 October, 17:30 hrs



ROUND 4

Match of the Week

GROUP B

# HC Vardar (MKD) vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)



Saturday, 10 October 2015, 17:30 hrs



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



**Most Games vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:**

Ilija Abutovic	2
Mikhail Chipurin	2
Timur Dibirov	2
Alex Dujšhebaev	2
Sergei Gorbok	2
Igor Karacic	2
Dobrivoje Markovic	2
Alexei Rastvortsev	2
Daniil Shishkarev	2
Arpad Sterbik Capar	2
Stojanche Stoilov	2
Alem Toskic	2

**Most Goals vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen:**

Igor Karacic	13
Timur Dibirov	9
Alex Dujšhebaev	9
Sergei Gorbok	7
Matjaz Brumen	6

- both teams are still unbeaten - Vardar have the optimum of six points, Löwen have five points on their tally prior to the MOTW

- Sergei Gorbok played for Löwen before he transferred to Vardar in 2014

- Löwen goalkeeper Darko Stanic played in Skopje until September 2014 – but for Vardar's local rivals Metalurg

- Vardar won both encounters in the previous season: 28:25 at home and 35:28 at Mannheim

- for the second straight time Löwen face a team including a member of the Dujšhebaev family: In round 3 they tied 27:27 against Kielce, coached by Talant Dujšhebaev, now they have the duel with his son Alex

- four of the last five CL defeats of Löwen occurred against teams coached by Spaniards - twice against Szeged (Juan Carlos Pastor) in the Last 16 of the previous season and twice Vardar (Raul Gonzalez)

- on the other hand, Löwen are unbeaten in duels with teams coach by Spaniards this season: FC Barcelona and Kielce

- Vardar's balance against German teams is quite good – besides the two wins against Löwen in the 2014/15 season, they eliminated HSV Hamburg (that time defending champions) in the 2013/14 Last 16 and failed by only one goal in the 2013/14 quarter-finals against eventual champions Flensburg

- Löwen have eight different nationalities represented in their squad (GER, ESP, NOR, ISL, SRB, SUI, SWE, DEN), Vardar six (MKD, RUS, CRO, SLO, CRO, ESP)

- no other club besides Russian champions Medvedi have more Russian players in their squad than Vardar (4)

- both sides have the team captains of their respective national teams in their squads: Filip Lazarov (Vardar/MKD) and Uwe Gensheimer (Löwen/GER)

**Most Games vs Vardar:**

Kim Ekdahl du Rietz	2
Uwe Gensheimer	2
Patrick Groetzki	2
Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana	2
Stefan Kneer	2
Niklas Landin Jacobsen	2
Mads Mensah Larsen	2
Alexander Petersson	2
Harald Reinkind	2
Bastian Rutschmann	2
Andre Schmid	2
Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson	2

**Most Goals vs Vardar:**

Alexander Petersson	10
Andre Schmid	10
Patrick Groetzki	8
Mads Mensah Larsen	6
Uwe Gensheimer	5

**Domestic league**

SEHA League

Last 4 games

6.10. @ Spartak Vojput	W36:27
29.9. vs Tatra Presov	W39:32
9.9. vs Nexe Nasice	W31:28
4.9. @ Maks Strumica	W35:26

Next game

19.10. @ HC PPD Zagreb

Standings

1. HC Vardar	5	178:140	15
2. HC PPD Zagreb	4	126:78	12
...			
14. Borac	4	105:127	1

**Domestic league**

German Bundesliga

Last 4 games

7.10. vs THW Kiel	W24:20
3.10. vs N-Lübbecke	W32:20
23.9. vs VfB Stuttgart	W31:20
16.9. @ Bergischer HC	W24:21

Next game

14.10. @ HBW Balingen-Weilstetten

Standings

1. Rhein-Neckar	9	261:187	18
2. Flensburg	9	261:221	13
...			
18. N-Lübbecke	8	204:244	0

## Historic encounters in the EC

### HC Vardar vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2-0-0 (63:53) 4:0

12.10.2014 HC Vardar vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C  
 21.02.2015 Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C

28:25 (13:13)

28:35 (13:20)

### Matchdetails of last match - 21.02.2015 (St. Leon-Rot, Germany)

#### Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs HC Vardar 28:35 (13:20)

VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C

Referees: Oyvind Togstad/Rune Kristiansen (Norway)

Suspensions: 2' – 6' (Kneer 2' – Karacic 2', Dujšebaev 2', Chipurin 2')

7m: 5/3 – 4/2

Niklas Landin Jacobsen			Arpad Sterbik Capar
Bastian Rutschmann			Strahinja Milic
	-	-	
Andre Schmid	(6)	(3)	Stojanche Stoilov
Uwe Gensheimer	(2)	(2)	Stefan Terzic
Stefan Kneer		(4)	Alem Toskic
Stefan Rafn Sigurmannsson	(3)		Dobrivoje Markovic
Marius Steinhauser		(8)	Igor Karacic
Mads Mensah Larsen	(5)	(4)	Alex Dujšebaev
Patrick Groetzki	(5)		Ilija Abutovic
Harald Reinkind	(2)	(1)	Filip Lazarov
Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana			Alexei Rastvortsev
Alexander Petersson	(3)	(6)	Timur Dibirov
Kim Ekdahl du Rietz	(2)	(4)	Sergei Gorbok
David Ganshorn		(3)	Daniil Shishkarev
David Schmidt			Mikhail Chipurin

### Most Goals HC Vardar vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen Individual Game:

Igor Karacic	8	21.02.2015	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Vardar	28:35
Matjaz Brumen	6	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25
Timur Dibirov	6	21.02.2015	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Vardar	28:35
Alex Dujšebaev	5	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25
Igor Karacic	5	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25

### Most Goals Rhein-Neckar vs HC Vardar Individual Game:

Alexander Petersson	7	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25
Andre Schmid	6	21.02.2015	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Vardar	28:35
Patrick Groetzki	5	21.02.2015	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Vardar	28:35
Mads Mensah Larsen	5	21.02.2015	Rhein-Neckar Löwen-HC Vardar	28:35
Bjarte Hakon Myrhol	4	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25
Andre Schmid	4	12.10.2014	HC Vardar-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25

## HC Vardar vs German clubs

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2001/02	Sportclub Magdeburg	27:27	19:33	EHF Champions League – Group D
2002/03	THW Kiel	27:26	23:34	EHF Champions League – Group D
2003/04	SC Magdeburg	28:30	24:38	EHF Champions League – Group B
2009/10	THW Kiel	23:33	23:39	EHF Champions League – Group D
2010/11	VfL Gummersbach	29:38	21:33	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
2012/13	SC Magdeburg	28:26	27:30	EHF Cup – Round 3
2013/14	HSV Hamburg	28:28	30:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	27:25	22:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2014/15	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	28:25	35:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C

## Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Macedonian clubs

---

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2014/15	HC Vardar	28:35	25:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C

## Last Ten Games in VELUX EHF Champions League:



### HC Vardar: current run - won three

06.12.2014 Chekhov RUS	@ Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	W 34:39
14.02.2014 Skopje MKD	vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB	W 30:26
21.02.2015 St. Leon-Rot GER	@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	W 28:35
14.03.2015 Plock POL	@ Orlen isla Plock POL	L 32:26
21.03.2015 Skopje MKD	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 31:20
11.04.2015 Skopje MKD	vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	L 20:22
19.04.2015 Kielce POL	@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	L 33:31
20.09.2015 Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier HB FRA	W 25:30
27.09.2015 Skopje MKD	vs MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	W 27:23
04.10.2015 Kristianstad SWE	@ IFK Kristianstad SWE	W 25:30



### Rhein-Neckar Löwen: current run - drew one

23.11.2014 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	L 32:28
29.11.2014 Pérols/Montpellier FRA	@ Montpellier Agglomeration 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
20.09.2015 Mannheim GER	vs FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	W 22:21
27.09.2015 Kolding DEN	@ KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	W 18:30
30.09.2015 Mannheim GER	vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	D 32:32

2015/16 VELUX EHF Champions League - MOTW #4

## Media Information

by

EHF Media & Communications, 08/10/2015

Contributors: Björn Pazen, Roy Knoppert

For further information please contact:

Vladislav Brindzak  
*EHF Media & Communications*  
+43 1 80151 161  
brindzak@eurohandball.com



EUROPEAN HANDBALL  
FEDERATION

European Handball Federation  
Hoffingergasse 18  
1120 Vienna  
Austria

Tel +43 1 80151 0



EHF Marketing GmbH  
Hoffingergasse 18  
1120 Vienna  
Austria

Tel +43 1 80151 224