



CHALLENGE CUP

**Men's Challenge Cup
2014/15**

Media Information



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Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to a new season of the Men's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the competition, including participating teams and playing schedules. Additional information including player lists and club contacts can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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Race for the Last 16 starts in Bulgaria

Rusalka in Dobrich, Bulgaria will be the venue of the very first match in Round 3 of the Men's Challenge Cup. On Friday at 17:30 local time, the local heroes from HC Dobrudja take on Ramat Hashron HC from Israel in the first leg of the double header between the two teams this weekend. The return match will be played in the same arena exactly 24 hours later. The meeting between Dobrudja and Hashron is only one out of five double headers in the tournament this weekend.

Another one is taking place in Lisbon, where S. L. Benfica receive FyllingenBergen from Norway for two matches Saturday and Sunday. FyllingenBergen have been in the EHF Champions League Group Phase once, in the 2009/10 season, while Benfica reached Qualification Round 3 of the EHF Cup last season, but this year, both teams are seeking their fortune in the Challenge Cup.

Just like FyllingenBergen, Red Boys Differdange have also been flirting with the Champions League, but their adventures in that tournament goes as far back as the years 1997-2000, when they reached the Last 32 three years in a row. This weekend, the team from Luxembourg hosts a double header against Ankara II Özel Idare SK from Turkey, the first match in the Centre Sportif De Differdange being Saturday evening and the second leg the following night.

Belgium is also going to see Challenge Cup handball this weekend. In the Hall Omnisport de Vise, HC Vise BM are up against London based Ruislip Eagles. The first match between the Belgian team and the British outfit is taking place Saturday evening, and the second leg will follow Sunday afternoon.

Another British side in away action this weekend is Cambridge HC, who travel to Romania to challenge Handbal club Odorhei. When Cambridge wing player Carl Norman takes to the court on Saturday afternoon, he will become the oldest player to play in and EHF European Cup game at the age of 51. The second leg of that tie will take place a day later.

Two sides beaten by last season's eventual winners IK Sävehof face-off this weekend. The first leg between finalists RK Metaloplastika Sabac and semi-finalists KS Azoty-Pulawy will take place in Serbia on Saturday, before the return game a week later in Poland.



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EHF		R 1	R 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
				30 teams	Last 16 16 teams	1/4-finals 8 teams	1/2-finals 4 teams	finals 2 teams
NATION				22/23.11.2014 first leg	14/15.02.2015 first leg	14/15.03.15 first leg	11/12.04.2015 first leg	16/17.05.15 first leg
				29/30.11.2014 second leg	21/22.02.2015 second leg	21/22.03.15 second leg	18./19.04.2015 second leg	23/24.05.15 second leg
DRAWS:				22.07.2014	04.12.2014	24.02.2015	24.02.2015	21.04.2015
1	POR	no matches	no matches	Liberty ABC/Uminho				
2	GRE			15 Winners of Challenge Cup round 3	8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4	4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5	2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6	
3	ROU							
4	SRB							
5	POL							
6	LUX							
7	UKR							
8	ISR							
9	BEL							
10	TUR							
11	ITA							
12	NOR							
13	KOS							
14	BUL							
15	FIN							
16	CZE							
17	MKD							
18	GBR							
19	EST							
20	MNE							
21	GEO							
22	POR							
23	GRE							
24	SRB							
25	LUX							
26	ISR							
27	TUR							
28	NOR							
29	GBR							
30	GRE							
31	GBR							





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001	TUR	B.B. Ankara Spor	002	UKR	ZTR Zaporozhye	
		22.11.2014 17:00 Cankaya/Ankara			29.11.2014 17:00 Uzhgorod	
		Ref.: Brunner, Salah SUI Del.: Serbu ROU			Ref.: Sirbu, Suponicov MDA Del.: Éles HUN	
003	SRB	HC Radnicki	004	GRE	AO Poseidon Loutrakiou	
		22.11.2014 19:00 Kragujevac			29.11.2014 18:00 Loutraki	
		Ref.: Ben-Dan, Faran ISR Del.: Nikolovski MKD			Ref.: Hofer, Schmidhuber AUT Del.: Dilmen TUR	
005	LUX	Red Boys Differdange	006	TUR	Ankara II Özel Idare SK	
		22.11.2014 18:45 Differdange			23.11.2014 18:45 Differdange	
		Ref.: Jovic, Arnautovic BIH Del.: Simonides SVK			Ref.: Jovic, Arnautovic BIH Del.: Simonides SVK	
Both matches in LUX						
007	GBR	Warrington Wolves HC	008	ISR	H.C. Holon	
		29.11.2014 20:00 Manchester			30.11.2014 15:00 Manchester	
		Ref.: Jaskins, Zabko LAT Del.: Johansson SWE			Ref.: Jaskins, Zabko LAT Del.: Johansson SWE	
Both matches in GBR						
009	MNE	RK Boka	010	LUX	HB Dudelange	
		29.11.2014 20:00 Dudelange			30.11.2014 18:00 Dudelange	
		Ref.: Freitas, Carvalho POR Del.: Maibach SUI			Ref.: Freitas, Carvalho POR Del.: Maibach SUI	
Both matches in LUX						
011	GEO	Samtredia	012	FIN	Käsipalloseura Riihimäen Cocks ry	
		29.11.2014 18:00 Karjaa			30.11.2014 14:00 Karjaa	
		Ref.: Rutkovskis, Dzerve LAT Del.: Järv EST			Ref.: Rutkovskis, Dzerve LAT Del.: Järv EST	
Both matches in FIN						
013	SRB	RK Metaloplastika Sabac	014	POL	KS Azoty-Pulawy	
		22.11.2014 18:30 Sabac			29.11.2014 18:00 Pulawy	
		Ref.: Thomassen, Schmack BEL Del.: Repensek SLO			Ref.: Zendali, Riello ITA Del.: Cech SVK	
015	BUL	HC Dobrudja	016	ISR	Ramat Hashron HC	
		21.11.2014 17:30 Dobrich			22.11.2014 17:30 Dobrich	
		Ref.: Simone, Monitillo ITA Del.: Sivrikaya TUR			Ref.: Simone, Monitillo ITA Del.: Sivrikaya TUR	
Both matches in BUL						
017	EST	Pölva Serviti	018	ITA	Terraquilia Handball Carpi	
		22.11.2014 18:00 Polva			29.11.2014 20:30 Rubiera (RE)	
		Ref.: Mishchuk, Rozhkov UKR Del.: Gecevicus LTU			Ref.: Azemi, Beqiri KOS Del.: Hart ISR	
019	CZE	HC Dukla Praha	020	MKD	HC Pelister 08 Bitola	
		23.11.2014 11:00 Praha			29.11.2014 18:00 Bitola	
		Ref.: Kouz, Zhoba UKR Del.: Popadic SRB			Ref.: Scevola, Alperan ITA Del.: Kasunic CRO	
021	NOR	Stord Handball	022	KOS	KH Prishtina	
		22.11.2014 17:00 Stord			29.11.2014 20:15 Prishtina	
		Ref.: Stokes, Bartlett GBR Del.: Johansen FAR			Ref.: Mykolaitis, Sniurevicius LTU Del.: Genchev BUL	
023	GBR	Ruislip Eagles	024	BEL	HC Vise BM	
		22.11.2014 20:00 Vise			23.11.2014 15:00 Vise	
		Ref.: Mertinian, Syrepisios GRE Del.: Simon LUX			Ref.: Mertinian, Syrepisios GRE Del.: Simon LUX	
Both matches in BEL						
025	POR	S.L. Benfica	026	NOR	FyllingenBergen	
		22.11.2014 18:00 Lisboa			23.11.2014 19:00 Lisboa	
		Ref.: Cernavskis, Bogdanovs LAT Del.: Castillo GBR			Ref.: Cernavskis, Bogdanovs LAT Del.: Castillo GBR	
Both matches in POR						





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027	GRE	GAS Kilkis	028	GRE	A.C. Doukas	
	29.11.2014 18:00 Kilkis			22.11.2014 18:00 Marousi		
	Ref.: Lindenbaum, Laron ISR Del.: Savvides CYP			Ref.: Geraets, Geraets NED Del.: Kaplanis CYP		
The order of matches has been changed.						
029	ROU	Handbal club Odorhei	030	GBR	Cambridge HC	
	22.11.2014 17:15 Odorheiu Secuiesc			23.11.2014 18:00 Odorheiu Secuiesc		
	Ref.: Markovska, Vutov BUL Del.: Mamo MLT			Ref.: Markovska, Vutov BUL Del.: Mamo MLT		
Both matches in ROU						



Last season's top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Tamminen Teemu (FIN)	Cocks (FIN)	52
2	Dragas Milos (SRB)	RK Metaloplastika Sabac (SRB)	50
3	De Beule Jeroen (BEL)	United HC Tongeren (BEL)	48
4	Roque Nuno (POR)	Aguas Santas-Milaneza (POR)	47
5	Fridén Viktor (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	42
6	Grujicic Nemanja (MNE)	RK Metaloplastika Sabac (SRB)	41
	Ottosson Viktor (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	41
8	Cruz Pedro (POR)	Aguas Santas-Milaneza (POR)	40
	Karlsson Sebastian (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	40
10	Maslowski Piotr (POL)	KS "Azoty-Pulawy" (POL)	39
11	Karamyshev Maksym (UKR)	ZTR Zaporozhye (UKR)	38
	Majnov Lazo (MKD)	HC Odorhei (ROU)	38
	Sobol Jan (CZE)	KS "Azoty-Pulawy" (POL)	38
14	Biljaka Goran (BIH)	KH BESA Famiglia (KOS)	34
	Bujisic Milos (SRB)	SPE Strovolos (CYP)	34
16	Florander David (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	32
17	Thynell Mattias (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	31
18	Krajewski Przemyslaw (POL)	KS "Azoty-Pulawy" (POL)	30
19	Skrabania Adam (POL)	KS "Azoty-Pulawy" (POL)	29
20	Balchev Branimir (BUL)	HC Spartak (BUL)	28
	Grk Boris (SRB)	Nilüfer BK (TUR)	28
	Milosavljevic Zikica (SRB)	RK Metaloplastika Sabac (SRB)	28



Men's Challenge Cup Past Winners

(formerly called City Cup for seasons 1-7)

1994	TUSEM Essen	GER
1995	TV Niederwürzbach	GER
1996	Drammen HK	NOR
1997	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1998	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1999	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	GER
2000	TV Grosswallstadt	GER
2001	RK Jugovic Kav	YUG
2002	Skjern Handball	DEN
2003	Skjern Handball	DEN
2004	IFK Skövde HK	SWE
2005	Wacker Thun	SUI
2006	Steaua Bucuresti	ROU
2007	CS UCM Resita	ROU
2008	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2009	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2010	Sporting Club de Portugal	POR
2011	RK Cimos Koper	SLO
2012	AC Diomidis Argos	GRE
2013	SKA Minsk	BLR
2014	Sävehof IK	SWE





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