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**VELUX EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

**2016/17 - Quarter-finals Update**

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# | Foreword



*Dear media representatives,*

*It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the quarter-finals of the VELUX EHF Champions League. The competition is rapidly approaching its conclusion, with one last knock-out round to play before we know which teams will be competing for the title at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne on 3 and 4 June 2017.*

*As winners of their respective groups Spain's FC Barcelona Lassa and FYR Macedonia's HC Vardar skipped the Last 16 and qualified directly for the quarter-finals. A further six teams qualified via the Last 16 round including: Paris Saint-Germain Handball and Montpellier HB from France; THW Kiel and SG Flensburg-Handewitt from Germany and Telekom Veszprém and MOL-Pick Szeged from Hungary. From the throw-off of the competition back in September, these sides have shown an abundance of skills and willpower as they made their way along the road to Cologne. Year after year, and indeed since the VELUX EHF FINAL4 was first introduced in 2010, every single defending champion has learned the hard way that nothing can be taken for granted in this competition. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to the last season's champions from Kielce in the Last 16, as a result of their defeat to Montpellier. This season has proved to be a stunning success for the French club, underlining the fact that the reformed playing system does not shut the door to Cologne for teams from groups C and D.*

*In the quarter-finals, FC Barcelona Lassa, eight-time EHF Champions League winners, take on a German opponent in the quarter-finals for the third time in four years. After eliminating Rhein-Neckar Löwen three years ago and having been ousted by Kiel last season, the record trophy holders now take on the 'Zebras' again. Will they take their revenge this time around or will Kiel emulate last year's surprise? Everything is wide open in all four pairings with another fancied team, Paris Saint-Germain Handball, hungry to return to Cologne at the expense of an extremely dangerous Szeged, while the season's dark horses Montpellier prepare for another European heavyweight and last year's runners-up from Veszprém. The Macedonian powerhouse HC Vardar are eager to claim a place for the first time but they have to find a way to outmuscle SG Flensburg-Handewitt.*

*For each and every team, a place at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne is the ultimate prize and for fans too, the event promises to be just as special as the previous seven editions. Top-class international handball will be complemented once again by a spectacular entertainment programme, with English pop star, Melanie C, announced as the headline act. The former member of legendary girl group Spice Girls will perform two songs – one before the VELUX EHF Champions League final match and the other just before the final awarding ceremony.*

*Finally, I would like to wish all teams, players, officials and fans the very best of luck. We are looking forward to witnessing some of the most thrilling matches of the season as they compete for a ticket to Cologne.*

*Sporting wishes.*

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## Media accreditation for the VELUX EHF FINAL4

Three and a half months before the start of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2017, the final round of the VELUX EHF Champions League, accreditation requests from media representatives are now being accepted. The event will take place in the LANXESS arena, Cologne on 3/4 June and will see the continent's top four teams battling it out over two days to lift the coveted VELUX EHF Champions League trophy. Written media, photographers, TV and radio representatives can submit their request for accreditation via an online form at [ehfFINAL4.com](http://ehfFINAL4.com), the event's official website. Requests can only be made online.

**Requests for media accreditation should be made by Friday 5 May 2017.**

Click here to enter the media accreditation page:

<https://accreditation.ehf.eu/final4/>

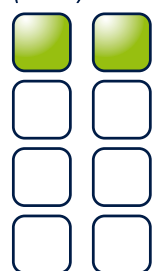
VELUX EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
Season 2016/17

- Quarter-final teams
- Teams eliminated in Last 16
- Teams eliminated in group phase
- Teams eliminated in qualification



**Qualification  
Tournaments**

(draw)



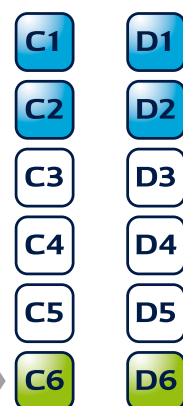
**Group Phase**

Groups A & B (draw)



**Group Phase**

Groups C & D (draw)



**Group Phase**

KO Matches (no draw)



**Last 16**

(no draw)



**Quarter-finals**

(no draw)



**Semi-finals**

(draw)



**3<sup>rd</sup> place match**



**Final**



**Season 2016/17 playing schedule**

**Qualification Tournaments**

03./04.09.2016

**Group Phase**

21.-25.09.2016  
28.9.-2.10.2016  
05.-09.10.16  
12.-16.10.16  
19.-23.10.2016  
09.-13.11.2016  
16.-20.11.2016  
23.-27.11.2016

30.11.-4.12.2016  
08.-12.2.2017  
15.-19.2.17  
22.-26.2.17  
01.-05.03.17  
07.-12.03.17

Group A & B only  
Group A & B only  
Group A & B and  
KO Group C & D  
Group A & B and  
KO Group C & D

**Last 16**

first leg  
22.-26.03.2017

second leg  
29.03.-02.04.2017

**Quarter-finals**

first leg  
19.-23.04.2017

second leg  
26.-30.04.2017

**FINAL4**

03./04.06.2017



# Road to the VELUX EHF FINAL4



## Facts and figures after the Last 16

Eight times 60 minutes are ahead, then the four VELUX EHF FINAL4 participants of the 2016/17 season will be confirmed. After the completion of the Last 16, here are the most important facts and figures.

0 times since the introduction of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in 2010, any champion had defended their title: Hamburg in 2014 and Flensburg in 2015 and now Kielce failed in the Last 16. Kiel (2011) and Barcelona (2012 and 2016) were eliminated in the quarter-finals. Only Kiel made it to the final, failing in 2013.

0 CL debutants made it among the last eight teams: HBC Nantes were the last to be eliminated.

1 time in the CL history - this season - two French teams are among the quarter-finalists.

1 club is part of both - male and female - EHF Champions League quarter-finals: Vardar Skopje.

1 team - Kiel (against Löwen) - turned a first leg-defeat in the Last16 into the ticket to the quarter-finals.

# 1

Last 16 match ended with a margin of ten goals: Veszprem vs Zagreb (29:19). Since the start of the group phase, ten of 196 matches so far ended with a difference of ten and more goals only.

1 Last 16 match ended with a draw: Nantes vs Paris (26:26). In total, the number of draws since the start of the group phase is 17.

1 club - Vardar Skopje - made it to the previous three quarter-finals, but never made it to Cologne.

1 goal in aggregate was the smallest margin in the Last16 duels, scored by Kiel against Löwen (50:49).

2 teams - FC Barcelona Lassa from Group A and Vardar Skopje from Group B - directly qualified for the quarter-finals, in which both will face German teams.

2 knock-out duels France vs Hungary in the same stage had never occurred in any CL season.

3 of the current quarter-final pairings had been duels in the same stage of the competition before: In 2006, Veszprem eliminated Montpellier, in 2014 Flensburg beat Vardar to win the trophy later. And in the two duels Barcelona vs Kiel in 2011 and 2016 the respective defending champions were eliminated, first THW, then Barcelona.

4 former or current CL winners - representing 13 titles - still have the chance to win the trophy again: Barcelona (8 times), Kiel (3), Flensburg and Montpellier (each 1).

4 teams - Montpellier, Veszprem, Flensburg and Szeged won both Last 16 duels.

# 5

coaches still involved in the competition have won the CL at least once: Alfred Gislason (Kiel/4), Xavi Pascual (Barcelona/2), Patrice Canayer (Montpellier), Noka Serdarcusic (PSG) and Ljubomir Vranjes (Flensburg/each 1).

5 different nations are represented by those 8 teams, still in competition - Germany, France and Hungary (each 2), Spain and FYR Macedonia. Last season, it had been 7 different nations, only Germany with 2 teams.

5 of those 8 teams still involved in the competition have been part of at least one VELUX EHF FINAL4 (inaugurated in 2010): Kiel (six participations, two trophies), Barcelona (five participations, two trophies), Veszprem (three participations), PSG and Flensburg (one participation each, one trophy for Flensburg).

5 home wins only occurred in the 12 Last 16 matches. Since the start of the group phase 107 times the home team was the victor.

# 6

of the eight current quarter-finalists had been part of the same stage in the previous season: Barcelona, Veszprem, Flensburg, Kiel, Vardar and PSG.

6 former or current CL top scorers are still on court in the quarter-finals: Momir Ilic (2014/15 - 114 goals, 2013/14 - 103 goals, Veszprem), Mikkel Hansen (2011/12 - 98 goals for AG København, 2015/16 - 141 goals for PSG, now PSG), Uwe Gensheimer (2010/11-118 goals, Rhein Neckar Löwen, now PSG), Filip Jicha 2008/09- 99 goals, and 2009/10 - 119 goals for Kiel, now Barcelona), Kiril Lazarow (2007/08 - 96 goals and 2005/06 - 85 goals for Veszprem, now Barcelona), Nikola Karabatic (2006/07 - 89 goals for Kiel, now PSG).

6 times in 12 Last16 matches, the away teams were the winners, the number of away victories since the start of the group phase is on 64 now.

7 former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year are still in competition: Nikola Karabatic (2007, 2014, 2016/PSG), Mikkel Hansen (2011, 2015/PSG), Domagoj Duvnjak (2014/Kiel), Daniel Narcisse (2012/PSG), Filip Jicha (2010/Barcelona), Thierry Omeyer (2008/PSG) and Arpad Sterbik (2005/Vardar).

7 of 7 times the LANXESS arena was sold out for all VELUX EHF FINAL4 events so far. The contract with the arena to host the event runs until 2020.

8 defeats - as many as never before in a single CL season - were conceded by THW Kiel, but still they fight for the trophy.

11 goals were the biggest overall margin in the 2017 Last 16 duels, both scored by Hungarian teams (Veszprem vs Zagreb/52:41 and Szeged vs Bjerringbro/59:48).

13 straight times Kiel made it to the quarter-finals

16 goals were scored by Nedim Remili (PSG) in both duels with Nantes to be the top scorer of the Last 16.

# 18

goals were the biggest gap in the competition so far, when PSG beat Kiel 42:24 in the group phase.

18 times each, including the current season, THW Kiel and FC Barcelona have qualified for the CL quarter-finals. Thus, they are ahead of Veszprem (16), Flensburg (10), Montpellier (7), Vardar, PSG and Szeged (each 4).

45 goals was the low score of a Last 16 match, when Veszprem won 23:22 at Zagreb. Still, the 35 goals in the group match Metalurg vs Elverum (18:17) are the overall low score of the season.

52 matches since the start of the group phase had been attended by 5,000 or more spectators, four of them in the Last16.

62 goals only were the high score of the Last 16 matches, when Paris beat Nantes 35:27. The overall high score of the season is still the group match Vardar vs Kielce (40:34), one of only four matches so far with an overall of more than 70 goals.

62 times, more than 60 goals were scored in all matches since the start of the group phase, twice only it happened in the Last 16.

96 goals, including 13 in the Last16, were scored by Uwe Gensheimer (PSG) to top the top scorer ranking before the quarter-finals. The German born left wing is ahead of Gabor Csaszar (Schaffhausen) and Momir Ilic (Veszprem, bot on 84 goals).

196 matches - more than ever - have been played so far to decide the participants of the quarter-finals: 8 qualification matches, 112 matches in groups A and B, 60 matches in groups C and D plus four play-off matches and twelve Last16 matches.

633 goals had been scored in the twelve Last 16 matches only. The average of 52,75 is lower than the average of the group phase (55,72).

5,553 spectators in average saw the twelve Last16 matches.

# 10,000

th goal of the season was scored by Flensburg's Rasmus Lauge for the 19:16 in the first leg at Brest.

10,440 goals were scored since the start of the group phase in the VELUX EHF Champions League 2016/17 season.

12,250 spectators in the match Zagreb vs Veszprem were the highest attendance in the Last 16 (and the whole Champions League season) ahead of the all-German duels Löwen vs Kiel (10,712 at Mannheim, 9,986 at Kiel).



## Important regulations

### Scoring of the matches and ranking

#### Quarter-finals

If, after the completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- goal difference
- higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- penalty throws

#### Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.

- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.

- Eligible players are players entered in the match report that have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.

- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.

- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

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# THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Lassa



First leg:  
**Sunday 23 April 2017, 17:30 hrs**

Second leg:  
**Saturday 29 April 2017, 18:30 hrs**



## Which titan will miss the ticket to Cologne?

And which titan will make it to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 again? After Barcelona were unbeaten in both matches against THW Kiel this season, the record winners are in a favourite position. But Kiel know how to surprise.

What can be more motivational to become national champions again right before the most important matches of the season? FC Barcelona Lassa extended their unbeaten series in Liga Asobal to 117 straight victories with the 39:25 win over the 1995 EHF Champions League winners Bidasoa Irun - and then celebrated their 24th title in the Spanish league on Tuesday. Like for coach Xavi Pascual it was the seventh straight trophy for the players Jesper Noddesbo, Víctor Tomás Raul Entrerrios, Cedric Sorhaindo und Aitor Ariño. Tomas is the last survivor of the Barca team, which won the EHF Champions League in 2005 and has three individual CL trophies - like Christian Zeitz on the side of THW Kiel. His team just had become German cup winner for the tenth time. And only one of those giants, who won the EHF Champions League eleven times all together, will miss the VELUX EHF FINAL4. Like in 2011, when Kiel were eliminated by Barcelona, and 2016, when THW turned the page around against the Catalans, this duel is part of the quarter-finals. Two times - 2000 (won by FCB) and 2010 (won by THW) - both sides had clashed in the Champions League final, two times in the current season,. Both had locked horns in the group phase, both times Barcelona remained unbeaten (26:25, 27:27).

Like the season before, Barcelona skipped the Last16 by becoming group winner, now the Catalans hope that the fate will not be the same as twelve month ago, when a 29:24 victory in Kiel's best match of the whole season was the key for their sixth ticket to Cologne - while Barcelona missed the pinnacle event of the season for the second time after their elimination in 2012 by AG København. THW and FCB each have won the VELUX EHF FINAL4 twice, in total, Barcelona are far ahead by eight Champions League trophies, compared to three of Kiel. Now, Kiel have to replace their leader and team captain against Barca: Domagoj Duvnjak had to undergo a patella surgery on Tuesday and will be out at least for six months. On Barcelona side, goalkeeper Gonzalo Perez de Vargas is in question after his finger surgery some weeks ago.

"It will be hard to play those season highlighters without Domagoj, but it did not make any sense to wait with this operation," said THW coach Alfred Gislason. His side had cheated the gallows in the previous round to avoid their first ever Last16 elimination in the EHF Champions League by a 26:24 at Rhein-Neckar Löwen after losing 24:25 on home ground. This season, their fortress Sparkassen-Arena was conquered several times - Kiel did not win their last six VELUX EHF Champions League home matches (four defeats, two draws). On the other hand, Barcelona took 12 wins from their 14 group matches - besides the draw at Kiel they lost at Paris. In Bundesliga, Kiel are already out for the race of the title being five points below Flensburg- and even could not win their last two matches, including the lucky 23:23 against Minden on Wednesday on home ground - anything else than a perfect rehearsal for Sunday's 24th duel with Barcelona. Kiel's overall balance is negative by 10 wins - 2 draws and 11 defeats, but on home ground it looks different (8-2-2). The last time, Barcelona were victorious in the Sparkassen-Arena was in the quarter-finals in 2011.

Björn Pazen

# THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Lassa

## Historic encounters in the EC

### THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Lassa 10-2-11 (689:680) 22:24

22.04.2000	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Final	28:25 (15:14)
29.04.2000	FC Barcelona vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Final	29:24 (15:12)
25.03.2001	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	28:24 (12:11)
31.03.2001	FC Barcelona vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	33:28 (14:11)
20.04.2002	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona, EHF Cup – Final	36:29 (19:13)
28.04.2002	FC Barcelona vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Final	28:24 (14:8)
05.03.2005	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:25 (13:14)
12.03.2005	FC Barcelona vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:27 (17:14)
06.04.2008	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	41:31 (20:15)
13.04.2008	FC Barcelona vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	44:37 (19:20)
19.10.2008	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:31 (15:15)
23.11.2008	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Borges, EHF Champions League – Group C	33:26 (16:11)
11.10.2009	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:30 (17:20)
14.02.2010	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Borges, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:32 (15:17)
30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel GER, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Final	34:36 (20:17)
03.10.2010	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:28 (14:10)
05.12.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	32:29 (13:15)
24.04.2011	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:25 (14:15)
01.05.2011	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Borges, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:36 (15:19)
24.04.2016	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:24 (16:12)
30.04.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:30 (13:14)
01.10.2016	FC Barcelona Lassa vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:25 (10:13)
05.03.2017	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:27 (13:15)

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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: black

## Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: red

# THW Kiel



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

1. FC Barcelona Lassa	14	12	1	1	413:354	(59)	25
2. PSG Handball	14	12	0	2	451:383	(68)	24
3. Telekom Veszprém	14	8	2	4	381:365	(16)	18
4. SG Flensburg-H.	14	7	1	6	382:366	(16)	15
5. THW Kiel	14	5	2	7	353:376	(-23)	12
6. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	14	4	0	10	364:396	(-32)	8
7. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	3	2	9	367:401	(-34)	8
8. Kadetten Schaffh.	14	1	0	13	370:440	(-70)	2

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

vs PSG Handball W28:27 (15:15)  
@ FC Barcelona Lassa L26:25 (10:13)  
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W25:28 (9:12)  
@ Telekom Veszprém L21:19 (13:10)  
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W32:29 (19:15)  
@ Orlen Wisla Plock L24:22 (12:13)  
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt L22:30 (12:14)  
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt W25:26 (13:17)  
vs Orlen Wisla Plock T24:24 (15:9)  
@Kadetten Schaffhausen W25:30 (13:13)  
vs Telekom Veszprém L25:27 (15:15)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg L21:24 (11:10)  
vs FC Barcelona Lassa T27:27 (13:15)  
@ PSG Handball L42:24 (22:10)

## Last 16

vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen L24:25 (10:12)  
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen W24:26 (12:12)  
**Aggregate score: 50:49**

## TOP SCORERS

Niclas Ekberg	58
Marko Vujin	58
Domagoj Duvnjak	48
Nikola Bylik	46
Lukas Nilsson	38

## Past achievements

## VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 20  
Winners (3): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12  
Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14  
Semi-final (5): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Quarter-final (5): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11  
Group Phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

## Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

German league: 20 titles (1957, 1962, 1963, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

German Cup winners: 9 times



## Playing hall

## Sparkassen-Arena-Kiel

Europaplatz 1,  
24103 Kiel  
Germany  
Capacity: 10,000



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MATCHES  
Longest winning run

50

GOALS  
Most goals

81

GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

Biggest win	26:50 (13:24) v Banik OKD Karvina CZE (a), 22.10.2006
Biggest defeat	42:24 (22:10) v PSG Handball FRA (a), 12.03.2017
Longest winning run	11 matches (02.10.2014 – 22.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run	17 matches (22.10.2011 – 11.10.2012)
Longest losing run	3 matches (07.02.1996 – 19.03.1996)
	3 matches (30.05.2015 – 17.09.2015)
	3 matches (30.04.2016 – 29.05.2016)
Longest run without win	5 matches (15.02.2017 – 22.03.2017)
Most goals	50 v Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50W (a), 22.10.2006
Most goals opponent	44 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
Most goals both teams	81 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
Fewest goals	13 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000
Fewest goals opponent	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 15:27W (a), 10.11.1996
	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 21:15W (h), 12.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	35 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	137:136	+1	6:6	2nd Gr. B	
1995/96 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	151:148	+3	6:6	2nd Gr. A	
1996/97 THW Kiel GER	10	6	1	3	247:211	+36	13:7	1/2-finals	
1998/99 TKW Kiel GER	8	7	0	1	229:199	+30	14:2	1/4-finals	
1999/00 THW Kiel GER	12	7	1	4	319:283	+36	15:9	Runner-up	
2000/01 THW Kiel GER	10	5	1	4	279:255	+24	11:9	1/2-finals	
2002/03 THW Kiel GER	8	4	1	3	234:211	+23	9:7	1/4-finals	
2004/05 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	336:274	+62	16:4	1/4-finals	
2005/06 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	346:293	+53	16:4	1/4-finals	
2006/07 THW Kiel GER	14	11	1	2	517:420	+97	23:5	Winner	
2007/08 THW Kiel GER	16	13	0	3	533:462	+71	26:6	Runner-up	
2008/09 THW Kiel GER	16	12	1	3	548:461	+87	25:7	Runner-up	
2009/10 THW Kiel GER	16	14	1	1	534:444	+90	29:3	Winner	
2010/11 THW Kiel GER	14	9	2	3	456:393	+63	20:8	1/4-finals	
2011/12 THW Kiel GER	16	12	3	1	496:414	+82	27:5	Winner	
2012/13 THW Kiel GER	16	11	0	5	518:457	+61	22:10	Fourth Place	
2013/14 THW Kiel GER	16	13	1	2	491:427	+64	27:5	Runner-up	
2014/15 THW Kiel GER	16	12	0	4	498:421	+77	24:8	Fourth Place	
2015/16 THW Kiel GER	20	10	1	9	579:567	+12	21:19	Fourth Place	
	240	168	14	58	7448:6476	+972	350:130		





### Alfred Gislason

#### coach

- won nine German championships (with Essen, Magdeburg and Kiel), four German cup titles, six European club titles; five times “coach of the year” in Germany
- his first job on the bench was in his home town Akureyri, before taking over Hameln, Magdeburg and Gummersbach in Germany and the Icelandic national team
- joined Kiel in 2008 as the successor of Noka Serdarusic – to lead THW to 16 trophies to date

EC trophies: CL 2002, 2010, 2012 (as coach), EHF Cup 2001 (as coach)

#### Late entries:

#### Left the club:

Dener Jaanimaa (EST) to MT Melsungen

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
53	Nikola	Bilyk	AUT	Left Back	28.11.1996	Tunis, TUN	198	94
34	Ilija	Brozovic	CRO	Line Player	26.5.1991	Split, CRO	195	107
23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left Wing	10.4.1993	Kiel, GER	190	81
15	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left Back	15.11.1991	Ludwigshafen, GER	202	102
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	1.6.1988	Dakovo, CRO	198	100
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	23.12.1988	Ystad, SWE	191	91
26	Lucas	Firnhaber	GER	Right Back	23.4.1997	Buxtehude, GER	200	93
5	Sebastian	Firnhaber	GER	Left Back	18.4.1994	Buxtehude, GER	198	97
8	Blazenko	Lackovic	CRO	Left Back	25.12.1980	Varazdin, CRO	197	100
16	Tom	Landgraf	GER	Goalkeeper	11.3.1996	Aschersleben, GER	198	106
1	Niklas	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19.12.1988	Soborg, DEN	200	95
65	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16.11.1996	Ystad, SWE	192	97
92	Raul	Santos	AUT	Left Wing	1.6.1992	Santo Domingo, DOM	180	75
11	Christian	Sprenger	GER	Right Wing	6.4.1983	Ludwigsfelde, GER	190	94
7	Rene	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	1.11.1984	Rybjaerg, DEN	200	110
41	Marko	Vujin	SRB	Right Back	7.12.1984	Backa Palanka, SRB	200	100
13	Steffen	Weinhold	GER	Right Back	19.7.1986	Fuerth, GER	191	100
17	Patrick	Wiencsek	GER	Line Player	22.3.1989	Duisburg, GER	200	109
25	Alexander	Williams	GER	Left Back	15.8.1996	Hamburg, GER	187	95
77	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	3.3.1991	Euskirchen, GER	198	100
20	Christian	Zeitz	GER	Right Back	18.11.1980	Heidelberg, GER	186	103



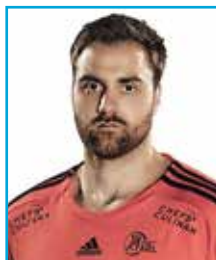
### Niklas Landin

#### goalkeeper

- joined Kiel in the summer of 2015 after three seasons with Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- successor of legendary Kasper Hvidt in the Danish national team broke through during the 2011 WCh
- played also for Gudme in Denmark, where he was number 1 at the age of 20
- best goalkeeper at the 2013 WCh, EHF EURO 2014, 2013/14 CL and 2016 Olympics

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

OG: G 2016, WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2012, S 2014



### Andreas Wolff

#### goalkeeper

- German No.1 since the autumn of 2015, excelled at the EURO 2016, where he was awarded best goalkeeper and later also EHF Player of the Month
- in the summer of 2016 arrived in Kiel from Wetzlar, also played in Großwallstadt
- learnt a lot from his former legendary Spanish teammate Jose Javier Hombrados
- 2016 "title holder" of the "German beard of the year" award; also known for his blood donations

OG: B 2016, EURO: G 2016

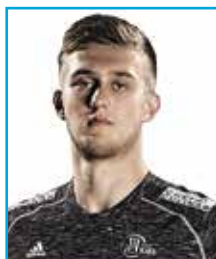


### Rune Dahmke

#### left wing

- only Kiel-born player in the team; when younger cheered for his idols in the stands
- got his first professional contract in 2012 after being part of the THW youth teams
- his father Frank Dahmke was THW player and now is member of the club board
- following Dominik Klein's departure to Nantes the number 1 on the left wing
- youngest of the EURO gold medallists in 2016 in Krakow

EURO: G 2016



### Nikola Bilyk

#### left back

- born in Tunis, when his father Serhij was goalkeeper of the Esperance club. Later on, both played together in the Fivers club in Vienna
- youngest of all players at the 2015 WCh at Qatar at the age of 18
- awarded MVP, top scorer and best centre back at the 2014 U20 EHF EURO in Austria
- could choose between the offers of FC Barcelona and THW Kiel after the 2015 WCh
- top scorer of the Austrian league in the 2015/16 season at the age of 19, netting in 210 times for Fivers, already scored 125 goals for the Austrian men's national team



### Rene Toft Hansen

#### line player

- even better in defence than on the line in attack, but after Marcus Ahlm's departure in 2013, the learning period in attack was over for him
- new captain since Jicha's departure; EHF EURO 2012 All-Star Team member
- in the CL since 2007 with former clubs KIF Kolding and AG København
- his brother Henrik is playing for Flensburg, his brother Allan for Mors-Thy and his sister Majbritt for Skive – all four line players

OG: G 2016, WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2012, S 2014



### Steffen Weinhold

#### right back

- one of the most prominent players in current German handball
- after the 2008 junior WCh, the Bavarian changed from Erlangen to HSG Nordhorn winning the EHF Cup in his first season
- after signing for TV Großwallstadt was in the focus of the national team coach Heiner Brand, made the next step in his career, signing for SG Flensburg-Handewitt in 2012 and joined THW just weeks after Flensburg beat them in the 2014 CL final

EC trophies: CL 2014, EHF Cup 2008

OG: B 2016, EURO: G 2016



### Marko Vujin

#### right back

- in 2012 the Serbian shooter arrived to fill the gap after the departure of Kim Andersson to KIF
- top scorer of the 2013/14 Bundesliga (248 goals)
- won eight consecutive national championships with Veszprém and Kiel until 2015
- started his international career in Dunafer, then played five years in Veszprem

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2008

EURO: S 2012



### Niclas Ekberg

#### right wing

- tall winger from Ystad has large variety of shots, also effective on counterattacks
- these qualities have also earned him more than 90 internationals for Sweden
- joined Kiel in 2012 after after his first VELUX EHF FINAL4 with AG København, who spotted and signed him in 2010
- top scorer of the London Olympics 2012 (50 goals), but missed the 2016 Games due to injury

OG: S 2012



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# FC Barcelona Lassa



## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

@ Orlen Wisla Plock W23:28 (12:11)  
vs THW Kiel W26:25 (10:13)  
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt W27:28 (11:13)  
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W38:25 (21:12)  
vs Telekom Veszprém W26:23 (16:11)  
@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball L33:26 (15:12)  
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W23:27 (13:11)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W34:19 (18:10)  
vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball W35:32 (14:14)  
@ Telekom Veszprém W22:25 (14:13)  
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen W24:31 (10:18)  
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W26:23 (14:12)  
@ THW Kiel T27:27 (13:15)  
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W36:28 (17:15)

## Last 16 - bye

## TOP SCORERS

Kiril Lazarov	71
Valero Rivera	56
Wael Jallouz	50
Victor Tomas	48
Lasse Andersson	31



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## Past achievements

## VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 20  
Winner (8): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98,  
1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15  
Final (3): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13  
Semi-final (2): 2007/08, 2013/14  
Quarter-final (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12,  
2015/16  
Last 16 (1): 2003/04  
Main Round (1): 2008/09  
**Other**  
EHF Cup: Winners 2002/03, Runners-up  
2001/02  
Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 1993/94, 1994/95  
Spanish league: 24 titles (1969, 1973, 1980,  
1982, 1986, 1988-92, 1996-2000, 2003, 2006,  
2011-17)  
Spanish Cup winner: 20 titles  
Asobal Cup winner: 12 titles



**12** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**46** GOALS  
Most goals

**82** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	17:43 (9:21) v HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH (a), 19.11.2011
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	31:21 (13:10) v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER (a), 23.02.2007 41:31 (20:15) v THW Kiel GER (a), 06.04.2008
<b>Longest winning run</b>	12 matches (24.04.2011 – 12.02.2012)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	16 matches (24.01.1996 – 16.03.1997)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	2 matches (25.03.2000 – 22.04.2000) 2 matches (16.10.2004 – 23.10.2004) 2 matches (11.12.2004 – 05.03.2005) 2 matches (15.03.2008 – 06.04.2008) 2 matches (23.11.2008 – 14.02.2009) 2 matches (30.05.2010 – 25.09.2010)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	3 matches (30.05.2010 – 03.10.2010)
<b>Most goals</b>	46 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v THW Kiel GER 41:31L (a), 06.04.2008 41 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41L (a), 31.05.2014
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	82 v KIF Kolding DEN 46:36W (h), 17.10.2009
<b>Fewest goals</b>	21 v ABC Braga POR 21:21D (a), 09.11.1997 21 v SC Pick Szeged HUN 22:21L (a), 23.10.2004 21 v Portland San Antonio ESP 25:21L (a), 25.02.2006 21 v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 31:21L (a), 23.02.2007 21 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 22:21L (a), 20.09.2015
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	11 v Aalborg Handball DEN 11:31W (a), 15.03.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	38 v Elgorriaga Bidasoa ESP 23:15W (h), 20.04.1996 38 v Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD 12:26W (a), 06.11.2004

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1995/96 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	2	1	213:173	+40		12:4	Winner
1996/97 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	1	1	358:264	+94		21:3	Winner
1997/98 FC Barcelona ESP	12	9	1	2	358:284	+74		19:5	Winner
1998/99 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	3	1	357:289	+68		19:5	Winner
1999/00 FC Barcelona ESP	12	10	0	2	345:271	+74		20:4	Winner
2000/01 FC Barcelona ESP	12	8	2	2	316:281	+35		18:6	Runner-up
2003/04 FC Barcelona ESP	8	5	1	2	262:212	+50		11:5	1/8-finals
2004/05 FC Barcelona Cifec ESP	14	8	0	6	400:360	+40		16:12	Winner
2005/06 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	9	0	1	293:244	+49		18:2	1/4-finals
2006/07 FC Barcelona-Cifec ESP	10	8	0	2	314:263	+51		16:4	1/4-finals
2007/08 FC Barcelona ESP	14	11	0	3	475:407	+68		22:6	1/2-finals
2008/09 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	10	6	0	4	307:275	+32		12:8	3rd MR Gr. 4
2009/10 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	13	1	2	545:461	+84		27:5	Runner-up
2010/11 FC Barcelona Borges ESP	16	10	3	3	501:451	+50		23:9	Winner
2011/12 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	14	11	0	3	459:357	+102		22:6	1/4-finals
2012/13 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP	16	13	0	3	488:404	+84		26:6	Runner-up
2013/14 FC Barcelona ESP	16	12	1	3	535:426	+109		25:7	Third Place
2014/15 FC Barcelona ESP	16	14	1	1	527:408	+119		29:3	Winner
2015/16 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	16	12	1	3	480:431	+49		25:7	1/4-finals
Total:	244	182	17	45	7533:6261	+1272		381:107	



### Xavi Pascual

coach

- played for a lengthy period for Barcelona and some other Spanish clubs, before becoming the goalkeeper coach at the CL record winners in 2005
- in 2009 he succeeded Manolo Cadenas at Barcelona's helm
- in June 2016 he signed a four-year contract with the Romanian national team
- in a historic season 2014/15 season won all the titles with Barca emulating Valero Rivera's (7 out of 7) success in 1999/00

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015

#### Late entries:

Francisco Castro Pena

#### Left the club:

none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
31	Joan	Amigo Boada	ESP	Left Back	17.7.1993	Barcelona, ESP	190	92
11	Lasse	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11.3.1994	København, DEN	195	96
13	Aitor	Arino Bengoechea	ESP	Left Wing	5.10.1992	Penarth, ESP	187	80
29	Francisco	Castro Pena	ESP	Centre Back	10.09.1996	Terrassa, ESP	185	100
9	Raul	Enterrrios	ESP	Centre Back	12.2.1981	Gijon, ESP	193	92
36	Gerard	Forns Galve	ESP	Goalkeeper	26.12.1994	Sant Boi de Llobregat, ESP	185	82
41	Aleix	Gomez Abello	ESP	Right Wing	7.5.1997	Sabadell, ESP	182	71
42	Wael	Jallouz	TUN	Left Back	3.5.1991	Grombalia, TUN	197	92
39	Filip	Jicha	CZE	Left Back	19.4.1982	Pilsen, CZE	201	105
77	Kiril	Lazarov	MKD	Right Back	10.5.1980	Veles, MKD	195	99
24	Dika	Mem	FRA	Right Back	31.8.1997	Paris, FRA	195	85
27	Viran	Morros de Argila	ESP	Line Player	15.12.1983	Barcelona, ESP	199	99
19	Timothy	N'guessan	FRA	Left Back	18.9.1992	Massy, FRA	194	94
3	Jesper	Nøddesbo	DEN	Line Player	23.10.1980	Herning, DEN	199	100
1	Gonzalo	Perez de Vargas	ESP	Goalkeeper	10.1.1991	Toledo, ESP	189	93
6	Oriol	Rey Morales	ESP	Line Player	31.3.1994	St Maria de Palautordera, ESP	190	95
12	Borko	Ristovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	2.11.1982	Skopje, MKD	190	98
17	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22.2.1985	Barcelona, ESP	189	80
37	Joan	Saubich Mir	ESP	Right Wing	7.11.1989	Sarrià de Ter, ESP	186	82
10	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	7.6.1984	La Trinite, FRA	192	100
21	Kamil	Syprzak	POL	Line Player	23.7.1991	Plock, POL	206	120
C 8	Victor	Tomas Gonzalez	ESP	Right Wing	15.2.1985	Barcelona, ESP	178	85



### Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

#### goalkeeper

- returned to the Catalan club in 2014 after having played for BM Granollers and Toulouse to gain more experience
- in 2016/17 has more responsibility following the departure of Danijel Saric to Qatar
- international with Spain in all age categories, in the senior national team shares the position with another former Barcelona goalkeeper Arpad Sterbik

EC Trophies: CL 2015  
EURO: B 2014, S 2016



### Valero Rivera

#### left wing

- returned to the CL after 11 years following his transfer from Nantes
- started to play handball in Barcelona and played with the first team from 2001 to 2005, later played for four different Spanish teams in 5 years and spent 6 years in Nantes
- top scorer of the EHF EURO 2016 (48 goals), elected WCh 2015 best left winger and MVP in French League in 2012; also best left-wing in the French League 2012 & 2013
- his father, also named Valero Rivera, currently coaches Qatar

EC trophies: CL 2005  
EURO: B 2014, S 2016, WCh: G 2013



### Wael Jallouz

#### left back

- key player in the Tunisian national team, which also made it to the Rio 2016 OG
- became the first African player at the FINAL4 in 2014 in his first season with Kiel
- left his home town Hammamet for Kiel in 2013 and joined Barcelona in 2014
- became a key player for FC Barcelona in 2015/16 thanks to his progress

EC trophies: CL 2015



### Lasse Andersson

#### left back

- joined Barcelona in the summer of 2016 from KIF Kolding Kobenhavn, where he came in 2013 from second league club TMW Ringsted.
- born in Copenhagen and started his career in the local club FIF, KIF Kolding Kobenhavn seemed to was a natural place for him to continue his development
- his physical strength and his powerful and varied shot makes him a left back for the future in the international top, if only his knees allow it
- awarded Best young player of the CL twice in a row (2014, 2015)



### Raul Entrerrios

#### centre back

- one of the household names in Spanish handball for his experience
- EHF EURO 2016 MVP
- although his natural position sees him playing in the center, his skills on the first line allow him to change permanently with effectiveness and perform with ease in all positions
- with three Spanish clubs (Leon, Valladolid, FC Barcelona) has won all the most important European Cup competitions including the CL

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015, Cup Winner's Cup 2005, 2009  
OG: B 2008, EURO: S 2006, 2016, B 2014, WCh: G 2015, B 2011



### Cedric Sorhaindo

#### line player

- with Viran Morros, Sorhaindo is a key player in defence for FC Barcelona
- arrived in Barcelona as an unknown player and now he is one of the best in the world in his position with a lot of experience
- prolonged his contract with Barcelona until 2020, ten years after his arrival
- one of the stalwarts in the French national team

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015  
EURO: G 2010, 2014, WCh: G 2009, 2015, 2017, OG: G 2012, S 2016



### Kiril Lazarov

#### right back

- has scored over 1,000 goals in the CL, two-time top scorer (2005/06 and 2007/08)
- powerful Macedonian back court shooter and the specialist from 7m
- most successful scorer at a single EURO (61 goals - 2012) and at WCh (92 - 2009)
- joined Barcelona in 2013 after stints with Pelister, Zagreb, Veszprem and Ciudad Real/Atletico de Madrid

EC trophies: CL 2015



### Victor Tomas

#### right wing

- team captain, one of the most beloved players for his courage and passion
- joined Barcelona's youth team in 1998 and has not played for any other club
- his biggest assets are his great pace and his impressive flexibility that make him a strong player in attack but also in defence
- in 2015/16 reached 500<sup>th</sup> goal in CL and goal 1.000<sup>th</sup> in the Spanish league

EC trophies: CL 2005, 2011, 2015, EHF Cup: 2003  
OG: B 2008, EURO: S 2016, B 2014, WCh: G 2013



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## SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Vardar



First leg:  
**Saturday 22 April 2017, 17:30\* hrs**

Second leg:  
**Thursday 27 April 2017, 19:00 hrs**  
\*all times local



### Flensburg hope for history to repeat, Vardar do not

In 2014 SG Flensburg-Handewitt and HC Vardar met at the quarter-final stage of the VELUX EHF Champions League, but since then, neither of them have made it all the way to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne. Fans across the world will be able to see who will get one step closer as this clash will be ehfTV's 'Match of the Week' (MOTW). Will history repeat itself or can HC Vardar end their unlucky quarter-final series of results? This is the one and only question prior to this duel. For three straight times – 2014, 2015, 2016 – the Skopje-based side have made it through to the VELUX EHF Champions League Quarter-Finals and every time the Macedonian champions have been eliminated. This run of bad luck started exactly three years ago in the same match, when a penalty shot by Anders Eggert finally ended the hopes and dream of Vardar and made his Flensburg side extremely happy.

Thanks to the goal from the Danish left wing, the side from Germany suffered one their sweetest ever defeats as their 27:25 loss in Skopje, combined with a 24:22 win at home was enough for their first and since then, only, ticket to Cologne - the rest of that story is well-known as they first defeated FC Barcelona and then THW Kiel in the final to become VELUX EHF FINAL4 2014 winners. In the next two years Vardar lost quarter-finals against Kielce and then Veszprem, while opponents Flensburg were also disappointed a year ago, as just one goal was missing for another ticket to Cologne, losing against eventual winners Kielce. The 2014 quarter-final was Flensburg's first-ever clash with Vardar, and the second ever with a Macedonian side. In the 2006/07 season, they beat Vardar's local rivals HC Metalurg twice to make it to the final against Kiel.

Vardar have had several duels with German side. In each of the past three seasons they have met Rhein-Neckar Löwen and their 33:27 Group B win at the 'Lion's Den' back in November makes them feel confident that they can beat a German side on German ground. Three years ago, before the quarter-final stages, Vardar had caused a major sensation, when they eliminated defending champions HSV Hamburg with a win at Hamburg in the Last 16. The current season is Vardar's best-ever on the international stage. For the first time ever, they were group winners in the VELUX EHF Champions League, meaning a direct ticket to the quarter-finals, skipping the Last 16 stage. Since then, they won the regular SEHA - Gazprom League season and then they became the first ever team to win the competition for the third time, by dethroning double champions Veszprem in the SEHA League Final 4.

*Björn Pazen*

### Historic encounters in the EC

#### SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Vardar 1-0-1 (49:49) 2:2

21.04.2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs HC Vardar – Skopje, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:22 (13:14)
26.04.2014	HC Vardar – Skopje vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:25 (10:15)

4<sup>th</sup> GROUP A

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## Kit colours

**Light**  
Player shirt: white  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: black

**Dark**  
Player shirt: dark-blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: orange

SG Flensburg-  
Handewitt

## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

1. FC Barcelona Lassa	14	12	1	1	413:354	(59)	25
2. PSG Handball	14	12	0	2	451:383	(68)	24
3. Telekom Veszprém	14	8	2	4	381:365	(16)	18
4. SG Flensburg-H.	14	7	1	6	382:366	(16)	15
5. THW Kiel	14	5	2	7	353:376	(-23)	12
6. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	14	4	0	10	364:396	(-32)	8
7. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	3	2	9	367:401	(-34)	8
8. Kadetten Schaffh.	14	1	0	13	370:440	(-70)	2

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

vs Telekom Veszprém T24:24 (10:13)  
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W19:25 (10:12)  
vs FC Barcelona Lassa L27:28 (11:13)  
@PSG Handball L27:22 (13:11)  
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W22:20 (9:10)  
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen W26:29 (13:15)  
@THW Kiel W22:30 (12:14)  
vs THW Kiel L25:26 (13:17)  
@ Orlen Wisla Plock W30:37 (16:18)  
vs PSG Handball L33:34 (18:15)  
@ FC Barcelona Lassa L26:23 (14:12)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W26:24 (10:11)  
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W31:26 (15:14)  
@ Telekom Veszprém L34:28 (17:18)

## Last 16

@ HC Meshkov Brest W25:26 (13:15)  
vs HC Meshkov Brest W28:26 (13:13)  
**Aggregate score: 54:51**

## TOP SCORERS

Holger Glandorf	47
Hampus Wanne	44
Kentin Mahe	41
Anders Eggert	41
Thomas Mogensen	35
Rasmus Lauge Schmidt	35



## Playing hall

**Flens Arena**  
Campusallee 2  
24943 Flensburg  
Germany  
Capacity: 6,000

## Past achievements

**VELUX EHF Champions League**  
Participations (including 2016/17 season): 12  
Winners (1): 2013/14  
Final (2): 2003/2004, 2006/2007  
Semi-final (1): 2005/2006  
Quarter-final (5): 2004/2005, 2008/2009,  
2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2015/16  
Last 16 (1): 2014/15  
Main Round (1): 2007/2008

## Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Winners 2000/2001  
2011/2012  
*EHF Cup*: Winners 1996/1997  
*City Cup*: Winners 1998/1999

*German league*: 1 title (2004)  
*German cup*: 4 titles



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**MATCHES**  
Longest winning run

44

**GOALS**  
Most goals

80

**GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	43:24 (23:12) v RK Metalurg Skopje MKD (h), 19.10.2006
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	36:22 (16:10) v Montpellier HB FRA (a), 06.03.2005 24:38 (08:19) v Renovaia Ciudad Real ESP (h), 21.04.2011 35:21 (19:13) v KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN (a), 28.09.2014
<b>Longest winning run</b>	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	9 matches (11.10.2015 – 20.02.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (04.03.2006 – 01.04.2006) 3 matches (22.02.2015 – 22.03.2015)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	5 matches (10.02.2008 – 08.03.2008)
<b>Most goals</b>	44 v Redbergsblids IK SWE 44:33W (h), 22.11.2003
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 41:31L (a), 02.12.2006
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	80 v FC Barcelona ESP 39:41W (a), 31.05.2014
<b>Fewest goals</b>	19 v Renovaia Ciudad Real ESP 27:19L (a), 22.09.2010
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH 25:18W (h), 02.03.2011
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v Orlen Wisla Plock 22:20W (h), 19.10.2016

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2003/04 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	10	1	3	450:401	+49		21:7	Runner-up
2004/05 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	10	7	1	2	319:270	+49		15:5	1/4-finals
2005/06 SG Flensburg Handewitt GER	12	7	0	5	372:326	+46		14:10	1/2-finals
2006/07 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	8	1	5	437:398	+39		17:11	Runner-up
2007/08 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	4	2	6	355:356	-1		10:14	4th MR Gr. 3
2008/09 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	8	0	4	360:329	+31		16:8	1/4-finals
2010/11 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	11	0	3	394:354	+40		22:6	1/4-finals
2012/13 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	14	9	3	2	416:384	+32		21:7	1/4-finals
2013/14 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	16	12	1	3	489:441	+48		25:7	Winner
2014/15 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	12	6	0	6	337:340	-3		12:12	1/8-finals
2015/16 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	18	12	1	5	544:494	+50		25:11	1/4-finals
	148	94	10	44	4473:4093	+380		198:98	





## Ljubomir Vranjes

*coach*

- former Swedish national team player, still on the players' list of Flensburg
- became club manager in 2009 and coach in November 2010; awarded IHF coach of the Year in 2014
- after winning the CL in the 2014/15 season he declined the number of top offers from PSG and the German national team led Serbia to the EHF EURO 2014 in Denmark as a caretaker, but did not continue, will move to Veszprem after 2016/17 season
- highly creative photographer in his spare time and published his book of memoirs

EC trophies: CL 2014 (as coach), Cup Winners' Cup 2012 (as coach)  
OG: S 2000, WCh: G 1999, EURO: G 1998, 2000 and 2002

### Late entries:

Mark Bult

### Left the club:

none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Mattias	Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	29.3.1978	Malmö, SWE	185	93
42	Philipp	Asmussen	GER	Right Back	17.8.1996	Flensburg, GER	187	87
2	Lukas	Blohme	GER	Right Wing	7.11.1994	Flensburg, GER	188	72
33	Robin	Breitenfeldt	GER	Left Wing	2.1.1998	Flensburg, GER	183	74
31	Mark	Bult	NED	Right Back	7.9.1982	Emmen, NED	200	96
27	Morten	Dibbert	GER	Left Back	19.10.1991	Rendsburg, GER	193	95
17	Petar	Djordjic	SRB	Left Back	17.9.1990	Sabac, SRB	197	102
7	Anders	Eggert Magnussen	DEN	Left Wing	14.5.1982	Aarhus, DEN	179	77
9	Holger	Glandorf	GER	Right Back	30.3.1983	Osnabrück, GER	195	90
24	Jim	Gottfridsson	SWE	Centre Back	2.9.1992	Ystad, SWE	190	95
21	Jacob	Heinl	GER	Line Player	9.10.1986	Hamburg, GER	195	101
73	Ivan	Horvat	CRO	Centre Back	17.2.1993	Balzano, ITA	192	97
19	Johan Mikael	Jakobsson	SWE	Right Back	12.2.1987	Lundby, SWE	195	89
C 77	Thore	Jöhnck	GER	Goalkeeper	28.7.1995	Kiel, GER	184	84
3	Tobias	Karlsson	SWE	Line Player	4.6.1981	Karlskrona, SWE	196	102
28	Jannek	Klein	GER	Right Back	25.3.1999	Rendsburg, GER	197	92
26	Per Oke	Kohnagel	GER	Centre Back	28.5.1994	Flensburg, GER	188	83
20	Johannes	Krüger	GER	Left Wing	28.6.1997	Flensburg, GER	179	76
18	Toms	Lielais	LAT	Left Back	20.5.1996	Aizkraukle, LAT	191	91
82	Norman	Louwers	GER	Line Player	21.5.1994	Wolfsburg, GER	200	103
35	Kentin	Mahe	FRA	Centre Back	22.5.1991	Paris, FRA	185	81
32	Andreas	Meyer Ejlersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	28.6.1997	Horsens, DEN	188	85
37	Marcel	Möller	GER	Line Player	25.7.1990	Eutin, GER	191	96
10	Thomas	Mogensen	DEN	Centre Back	30.1.1983	Odder, DEN	187	100
16	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.6.1989	Tondern, DEN	200	103
34	Jamo	Mumm	GER	Left Wing	8.10.1997	Rendsburg, GER	185	83
41	Bogdan	Radivojevic	SRB	Right Wing	2.3.1993	Beograd, SRB	186	84
36	Georg	Rohwer	GER	Centre Back	4.9.1997	Rendsburg, GER	183	83
50	Marlon	Runow	GER	Left Back	11.1.1997	Flensburg, GER	197	87
25	Rasmus	Lauge Schmidt	DEN	Centre Back	20.6.1991	Randers, DEN	193	96
38	Niels-Jonas	Simons	GER	Right Back	12.9.1994	Flensburg, GER	179	83
6	Janos	Steidtmann	GER	Right Wing	8.9.1996	Flensburg, GER	194	90
11	Lasse	Svan	DEN	Right Wing	31.8.1983	Stevns, DEN	184	84
23	Henrik	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	18.12.1986	Skive, DEN	200	108
40	Ljubomir	Vranjes	SWE	Centre Back	3.10.1973	Göteborg, SWE	168	80
14	Hampus	Wanne	SWE	Left Wing	10.12.1993	Lundby, SWE	184	84
27	Leon	Witte	GER	Left Wing	25.9.1995	Flensburg, GER	183	84
22	Anders	Zachariassen	DEN	Line Player	4.9.1991	Sonderborg, DEN	192	96



### **Mattias Andersson** **goalkeeper**

- already in the younger age categories part of all All-Star teams and became member of the senior national team
- played at Kiel (2001-08), TV Großwallstadt before signing in Flensburg; awarded “best player of the Bundesliga season 2011/12”
- his saves at the 2014 FINAL4 were key for Flensburg winning his last missing EC trophy
- preparation perfectionist, no other keeper has a bigger video archive of top players

EC trophies: CL 2007, 2014, EHF Cup: 2002, 2004, Cup Winners' Cup: 2012  
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2000



### **Anders Eggert** **left wing**

- had big shoes to fill in Flensburg as successor of legendary Lars Christiansen
- top scorer of the German Bundesliga in 2011 (248 goals) and top scorer of the 2013 WCh in Spain (55 goals)
- started his career at Braband, in his tenth season in Flensburg after intermediately being on loan at Skjern Handball, where he moves again in 2017
- also famous for one of the highest percentages in the CL from the penalty throws

EC trophies: CL 2014, Cup Winners' Cup: 2012  
WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014



### **Kentin Mahe** **centre back**

- joined Flensburg in 2015 after spells with HSV Hamburg, VfL Gummersbach and Bayer Dormagen (coached by his father Pascal in Dormagen)
- Men's 20 EURO 2010 MVP and top scorer (49 goals); 2015 EHF Cup Finals MVP
- in 2010 a debut in the French national team, now one of the key players
- reached the Cup Winners' Cup final with Gummersbach in 2011/12 and EHF Cup final with HSV in 2014/15

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2015



### **Thomas Mogensen** **centre back**

- experienced Danish playmaker with more than 1,000 goals for his club and long list of silverware
- since 2007 playing for Flensburg – his first stop outside his home country
- before played for Viborg and GOG, Danish champion and cup winner twice
- to focus only on SG he quit his career in the national team after the EURO 2014

EC trophies: CL 2014, Cup Winners' Cup 2012  
WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2012, S 2014



### **Henrik Toft Hansen** **line player**

- whole family involved in handball: brothers Rene (also a line player of Kiel) and Allan (Mors-Thy) and sisters Majbritt (Skive) and Jeanette players in the Danish league
- his girlfriend Ulrike Agren plays in the women's CL for Esbjerg in 2016/17
- part of AG København, later transferred to Aalborg, before he joined Hamburg in 2013 and then Flensburg in 2015 after being part of the EHF Cup final

OG: G 2016, EURO: G 2012, WCh: S 2013



### **Tobias Karlsson** **line player**

- typical powerful Scandinavian defence specialist; best defence player at the EHF EURO 2014; awarded best Bundesliga defender in the 2015/16 season
- team captain, a great honour after legendary Lars Christiansen left SG
- Swedish champion three times with Hammarby IF, retired from the national team just before the 2016/17 season
- founded an insurance company with some other former players in Sweden

EC trophies: CL 2014, Cup Winners' Cup: 2012  
OG: S 2012



### **Holger Glandorf** **right back**

- left-handed shooter and the last remaining German 2007 world champion in the Flensburg roster
- despite some injury breaks, always returned to a high level of performance
- has the full set of three major European Cup competitions titles on his tally, with Nordhorn and Flensburg
- in August 2014 retired from the German national team to only focus on his club

EC trophies: CL 2014, EHF Cup: 2008, 2010, Cup Winners' Cup: 2012  
WCh: G 2007



### **Lasse Svan** **right wing**

- one of the fastest wing players in the CL; same qualities as Eggert on the other side: fast counter-attacks and a high scoring efficiency
- 2<sup>nd</sup> best Danish scorer at Rio Olympics 2016 another task in his team: motivation and relaxing – as his business is mental coaching
- after four seasons at GOG Svendborg he moved to Flensburg in 2008
- was also a billiard's champion in his home region Seeland

EC trophies: CL 2014, Cup Winners' Cup 2012  
OG: G 2016, WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2012, S 2014

1<sup>st</sup> GROUP B

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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
 Player short: white  
 GK shirt: red

## Dark

Player shirt: black/red  
 Player short: black  
 GK shirt: green, black

# HC Vardar



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

1. HC Vardar	14	10	0	4	412:378	(34)	20
2. Vive Tauron Kielce	14	9	0	5	415:390	(25)	18
3. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	8	1	5	376:350	(26)	17
4. Rhein-Neckar Löw.	14	8	1	5	392:396	(-4)	17
5. HC Meshkov Brest	14	5	4	5	383:385	(-2)	14
6. HC PPD Zagreb	14	4	1	9	332:356	(-24)	9
7. Celje Piv. Lasko	14	3	3	8	399:424	(-25)	9
8. IFK Kristianstad	14	3	2	9	381:411	(-30)	8

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

@ IFK Kristianstad W23:28 (12:15)  
 vs HC Meshkov Brest W31:27 (13:13)  
 @ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W26:32 (15:15)  
 vs MOL-Pick Szeged W30:27 (16:15)  
 @ HC PPD Zagreb L28:27 (12:17)  
 vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce W40:34 (18:18)  
 @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen W27:33 (16:17)  
 vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen L26:29 (15:15)  
 @ KS Vive Tauron Kielce L27:24 (15:12)  
 vs HC PPD Zagreb W25:20 (14:8)  
 @ MOL-Pick Szeged W21:23 (11:12)  
 vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W35:30 (20:15)  
 @ HC Meshkov Brest L30:26 (15:13)  
 vs IFK Kristianstad W32:29 (17:13)

## Last 16 - bye

## TOP SCORERS

Alex Dujšhebaev	64
Timur Dibirow	59
Igor Karacic	48
Luka Cindric	42
Vuko Borozan	35



## Playing hall

Jane Sandanski  
 Skopje  
 FYR Macedonia  
 Capacity: 5,000

## Past achievements

## VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 11  
 Quarter-final (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16  
 Last 32 (1): 1999/2000  
 Group Phase (6): 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04,  
 2004/05, 2007/08, 2009/10

## Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 1998/99,  
 2004/05, 2010/11, Quarter-finals 2006/07

SEHA league: 2 titles (2012, 2017)

Macedonian league: 10 titles (1999, 2001,  
 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015,  
 2016)

Macedonian cup: 11 titles

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	24:37 (11:19) v Wacker Thun SUI (a), 19.10.2013
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	41:19 (19:8) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 18.10.2003
<b>Longest winning run</b>	4 matches (26.04.2014 – 12.10.2014) 4 matches (29.11.2014 – 21.02.2015) 4 matches (20.09.2015 – 10.10.2015) 4 matches (25.09.2016 – 16.10.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	5 matches (26.04.2014 – 19.10.2014) 5 matches (20.02.2016 – 26.03.2016) 5 matches (30.04.2016 – 16.10.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (12.10.2003 – 09.10.2004)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	8 matches (12.10.2003 – 16.10.2004) 8 matches (03.10.2009 – 20.02.2010)
<b>Most goals</b>	40 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	41 v FC Barcelona ESP 41:19L (a), 18.10.2003
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	74 v IFK Kristianstad SWE 38:36W (h), 20.02.2016 74 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 40:34W (h), 12.11.2016
<b>Fewest goals</b>	12 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	19 v Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER 25:19W (h), 10.10.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	38 v FC Barcelona ESP 12:26L (h), 06.11.2004



4 MATCHES  
Longest winning run

40 GOALS  
Most goals

74 GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2001/02 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	1	1	4	152:175	−23	3:9	4th Gr. D	
2002/03 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	2	0	4	152:181	−29	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2003/04 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	0	0	6	157:210	−53	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2004/05 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD	6	1	2	3	124:153	−29	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
2007/08 HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD	6	2	1	3	161:180	−19	5:7	4th Gr. C	
2009/10 HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD	10	1	1	8	253:316	−63	3:17	5th Gr. D	
2013/14 HC Vardar – Skopje MKD	14	6	3	5	376:369	+7	15:13	1/4-finals	
2014/15 HC Vardar MKD	14	8	1	5	421:396	+25	17:11	1/4-finals	
2015/16 HC Vardar MKD	18	10	2	6	527:486	+41	22:14	1/4-finals	
	86	31	11	44	2323:2466	−143	73:99		





### Raul Gonzalez Gutierrez

*coach*

- former stalwart of BM Valladolid and a member of the Spanish national team
- started his coaching carrier in Atletico Madrid and Ciudad Real working in team with Talant Dujshebaev
- replaced Zoran Kastratovic early in the 2013/14 season at Vardar
- steered the team to a historical success - the quarter-finals of the CL for the first time and was just one goal shy of the FINAL4 in 2015

#### Late entries:

none

#### Left the club:

none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
20	Ilija	Abutovic	SRB	Left Back	2.8.1988	Vrbas, SRB	202	99
26	Petar	Angelov	MKD	Goalkeeper	8.3.1977	Kavadarci, MKD	185	90
34	Vuko	Borozan	MNE	Left Back	9.4.1994	Cetinje, MNE	203	105
21	Joan	Cañellas Reixach	ESP	Centre Back	30.9.1986	St. Maria de Palau, ESP	198	100
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	5.7.1993	Ogulin, CRO	185	92
27	Ivan	Cupic	CRO	Right Wing	27.3.1986	Metkovic, CRO	178	78
17	Alexander	Dereven	RUS	Left Back	26.3.1992	Toliatti, RUS	199	85
31	Timur	Dibirov	RUS	Left Wing	30.7.1983	Petrozavodsk, RUS	180	74
22	Ivan	Dimitrovski	MKD	Left Wing	2.4.1998	Bitola, MKD	185	75
19	Alex	Dujshebaev	ESP	Right Back	17.12.1992	Santander, ESP	187	88
6	Rogério	Ferreira Moraes	BRA	Line Player	11.1.1994	Abaetetuba, BRA	204	118
18	Igor	Karacic	CRO	Centre Back	2.11.1988	Mostar, BIH	189	87
15	Jorge	Maqueda Pena	ESP	Right Back	6.2.1988	Toledo, ESP	197	105
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	9.3.1993	Berane, MNE	202	107
12	Strahinja	Milic	SRB	Goalkeeper	22.12.1990	Pristina, SRB	200	132
77	Vlado	Nedanovski	MKD	Left Wing	23.6.1985	Resen, MKD	187	90
33	Daniil	Shishkarev	RUS	Right Wing	6.7.1988	Kustanay, RUS	190	85
1	Arpad	Sterbik Capar	ESP	Goalkeeper	20.11.1979	Senta, SRB	200	119
C 5	Stojanche	Stoilov	MKD	Line Player	30.4.1987	Skopje, MKD	191	110

### Arpad Sterbik

#### goalkeeper

- one of the best goalkeepers who holds Hungarian, Serbian and Spanish citizenship
- after ten seasons spent in Spain moved from Barcelona in 2014 and signed a four-year contract with Macedonian powerhouse
- dozens of international awards incl. 2005 IHF World Handball Player of the Year
- voted as the best goalkeeper of the Spanish league five times

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009  
WCh: B 1999, B 2001, B 2011, G 2013, EURO: S 2016

### Timur Dibirov

#### left wing

- in 2013 he joined Vardar as just the second club in his career
- first was Chekhovskie Medvedi, with whom he reached the FINAL4 in 2010
- key player of the Russian national team; voted best left wing of at the 2013 WCh
- fast breaks specialist and also key in defence
- married to one of the greatest Russian players - Irina Poltoratskaya

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2006

### Vuko Borozan

#### left back

- went through the youth ranks of RK Lovcen, that bred some of Montenegro's finest
- made senior debut in 2012 for Croatian side HRK Karlovac, before rising to continent-wide acclaim at (then) Bundesliga outfit TuS N-Lübbecke
- towering sharpshooter widely regarded among the finest Montenegrin talents ever
- made his EHF EURO debut in 2014, aged only 20, being the youngest Montenegro player at the event
- as one of the first names on Lino Červar's list, he spent 2014 season at Vardar's bitter rivals Metalurg

### Joan Canellas

#### centre back

- top scorer of the EHF EURO 2014 (50 goals in eight matches)
- with Barcelona and Ciudad Real Spanish champion and cup winner
- twice (2011, 2012) CL finalist with Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid – the club with which he also won the IHF Super Globe twice (2010, 2012)
- came in 2016 from Kiel and signed a three-year contract

WCh G 2013, B 2011, EURO: B 2014, S 2016

### Stojance Stoilov

#### line player

- first choice on the line player position in the Macedonian national team
- joined Vardar in 2010 from city rivals Metalurg (after a brief spell in with Odorheiu Secuiesc) - a step that saw his career spiralling upwards
- played a brilliant tournament at the EHF EURO 2012 when FYR Macedonia finished 5th
- had to share his playing time with Alem Toskic in the 2015/16 season

### Alex Dujšhebaev

#### right back

- son of Talant Dujšhebaev joined Vardar at the beginning of the 2013/14 season
- voted best right back at the 2012 Men's 20 EHF EURO and the 2013 Junior WCh
- top scorer of the Spanish ASOBAL with BM Aragon in 2011/12 and 2012/13
- voted best young player of the CL in 2014/15
- will join his father as he has signed with KS Vive Tauron Kielce from 2017

EURO: S 2016

### Igor Karacic

#### centre back

- voted into the 2012/13 SEHA League All-Star team
- fast and tough player who is brilliant when it comes to 'one-on-one' situations
- scored 62 goals on the way to the 2010/11 CL Last 16 with Bosna Sarajevo
- born in Mostar, he plays for the Croatian national team, while his brother Ivan plays for Bosnia Herzegovina

EURO: B 2016

### Ivan Cupic

#### right wing

- second top goal scorer at the London 2012 Olympics
- named on the All-Star team at the 2009 WCh
- despite losing one finger in an accident in 2008 remained an important player of each team he has played for including the national team
- won the CL with Vive Tauron Kielce in his fourth season in the club, before he signed a four-year contract with Vardar

EC trophies: CL 2016  
OG: B 2012, WCh: S 2009, B 2013, EURO: S 2008, 2010, B 2012, 2016



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## MOL-Pick Szeged vs PSG Handball



First leg:  
**Sunday 23 April 2017, 17:00 hrs**

Second leg:  
**Saturday 29 April 2017, 20:45 hrs**



HANDBALL

### Best defence out to stop PSG's goal machines in Szeged

PSG handball travel to Hungary to take on MOL-Pick Szeged in the quarter-final of the VELUX EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. The French powerhouse boasts with an army of World and Olympic champions, yet their huge attacking potential will be put to a stern test in Szeged, where the best defence of the competition awaits. Their first round defeat in Kiel might have cost PSG Handball top spot in Group A but the French powerhouse marched through the season with great confidence and are clear favourites to once again reach the FINAL4, however, MOL-Pick Szeged are no pushovers. The Hungarian runners-up finished third in Group B (one point shy of second place) but their 17 points are way behind PSG's 24 and for good measure the French team's group seemed a lot stronger. Speaking of chances it is worth mentioning that Szeged lost all their games against sides that finished above them while PSG not only gave group winners Barcelona a thorough beating but also managed to get away with all points from Veszprém and Flensburg.

Szeged's strength lies in Juan Carlos Pastor's accurately designed defence backed by Jose Manuel Sierra. Szeged conceded the fewest goals in the entire competition as after the round of last 16 they concede 24,8 goals/game on average while the figure of PSG, whose net was rattled 33 times more in the Main Round, is 27,2. As for different statistics, PSG are the highest scoring team of the competition, their 451 goals in the Main Round is at least 35 more than any other team managed. In the round of 16 only the away matches were balanced for both teams, after which Szeged even got away with a win against Bjerringbro-Silkeborg while PSG managed to snatch a hard-fought draw in Nantes.

The domestic cup brought no success to the quarter-finalists in the meantime as PSG crashed out (on home soil) against Montpellier and Szeged, who eventually made it to the final, lost against their domestic arch-rivals by a last second Palmarsson goal, albeit after questionable refereeing decisions. The clash in the Újszegedi Arena will be about who can press their game upon the opponent. Szeged's intention will be to slow down the pace and make PSG suffer in front of their massive wall as Pastor knows errors in attack would surely be punished by fastbreak goals from the best pair of wingers in the competition. However, if PSG play to their full potential in attack even the best defence of the league will tremble. The likes of Mikkel Hansen, Nikola Karabatic and Nedim Remili are real big game players, who step up when things get rough. If Szeged are to keep their hopes alive for the second leg, the home side will need to make it a priority to frustrate the visitors' marksmen.

*Bence Martha*

### Historic encounters in the EC

#### MOL-Pick Szeged vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

3<sup>rd</sup> GROUP B

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## Kit colours

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Player short: black  
GK shirt: white or red

**Dark**  
Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: black

# MOL-Pick Szeged



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B

1. HC Vardar	14	10	0	4	412:378	(34)	20
2. Vive Tauron Kielce	14	9	0	5	415:390	(25)	18
3. MOL-Pick Szeged	14	8	1	5	376:350	(26)	17
4. Rhein-Neckar Löw.	14	8	1	5	392:396	(-4)	17
5. HC Meshkov Brest	14	5	4	5	383:385	(-2)	14
6. HC PPD Zagreb	14	4	1	9	332:356	(-24)	9
7. Celje Piv. Lasko	14	3	3	8	399:424	(-25)	9
8. IFK Kristianstad	14	3	2	9	381:411	(-30)	8

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

Vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen T28:28 (13:12)  
@ HC PPD Zagreb W24:26 (12:12)  
vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce L27:29 (15:16)  
@ HC Vardar L30:27 (16:15)  
vs HC Meshkov Brest W24:22 (11:10)  
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W25:31 (15:16)  
@ IFK Kristianstad W21:29 (12:15)  
vs IFK Kristianstad W33:28 (20:17)  
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W27:22 (15:10)  
@ HC Meshkov Brest L25:23 (14:14)  
vs HC Vardar L21:23 (11:12)  
@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce L28:24 (13:14)  
vs HC PPD Zagreb W26:21 (14:12)  
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen W24:30 (12:14)

## Last 16

@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W24:26 (13:8)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W33:24 (14:16)  
**Aggregate score: 59:48**

## TOP SCORERS

Zsolt Balogh	75
Jonas Källman	64
Sergei Gorbok	63
Stas Skube	47
Bence Banhidi	39



## Playing hall

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## Past achievements

**VELUX EHF Champions League**  
Participations (including 2016/17 season): 15  
Quarter-final (3): 1996/1997, 2003/2004, 2014/15  
Last 16 (6): 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2010/2011, 2012/13, 2015/16  
Main Round (1): 2007/2008  
Group Phase (3): 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2011/2012  
Qualification (1): 2013/14

## Other

*EHF Cup*: Winners 2014/15, Quarter-final: 2000/01  
*Last 16*: 1994/95, 1999/2000  
*Cup Winners' Cup*  
*Semi-final*: 1993/94  
*Quarter-final*: 2002/03, 2008/09  
*Hungarian league*: 2 titles (1996, 2007)  
*Hungarian cup*: 6 titles



**6** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**39** GOALS  
Most goals

**73** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	39:24 (15:10) v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH (h), 07.10.2007
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	40:17 (19:5) v FC Barcelona ESP (a), 15.02.1997
<b>Longest winning run</b>	6 matches (03.10.2007 – 24.11.2007)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (03.10.2007 – 24.11.2007) 6 matches (24.10.2015 – 14.02.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (17.10.2009 – 20.02.2010) 6 matches (06.03.2011 – 15.10.2011)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	7 matches (17.10.2009 – 27.02.2010)
<b>Most goals</b>	39 v HC Bosna Sarajevo BIH 39:24W (h), 07.10.2007
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v FC Barcelona ESP 40:17L (a), 15.02.1997
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v Montpellier Agglomération HB FRA 38:35W (h), 19.11.2011
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v FC Barcelona ESP 40:17L (a), 15.02.1997
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	16 v Wisla Plock SA POL 16:26W (a), 05.10.2008
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	39 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:19W (h), 08.03.2008

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	205:216	-11	8:8	1/4-finals	
2003/04 SC Pick Szeged HUN	10	4	0	6	269:262	+7	8:12	1/4-finals	
2004/05 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	4	2	2	190:187	+3	10:6	1/8-finals	
2005/06 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	0	5	219:218	+1	6:10	1/8-finals	
2006/07 SC Pick Szeged HUN	8	3	2	3	202:203	-1	8:8	1/8-finals	
2007/08 Pick Szeged HUN	12	9	0	3	361:310	+51	18:6	3rd MR Gr. 4	
2008/09 Pick Szeged HUN	6	2	0	4	159:161	-2	4:8	3rd Gr. H	
2009/10 Pick Szeged HUN	10	2	2	6	287:307	-20	6:14	5th Gr. A	
2010/11 Pick Szeged HUN	12	5	0	7	336:351	-15	10:14	1/8-finals	
2011/12 Pick Szeged HUN	10	3	0	7	285:316	-31	6:14	5th Gr. D	
2012/13 Pick Szeged HUN	12	4	0	8	313:350	-37	8:16	1/8-finals	
2014/15 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	14	9	1	4	395:383	+12	19:9	1/4-finals	
2015/16 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	16	8	1	7	466:455	+11	17:15	1/8-finals	
	134	59	10	65	3687:3719	-32	128:140		



### Juan Carlos Pastor

*coach*

- one of the masterminds of contemporary handball with an incredible amount of silverware in his career
- Szeged found him fit for the job of rebuilding their team in order to be able to challenge for the Hungarian title against Veszprém
- won the EHF Cup in his first year at the helm
- became also the sporting director after Szeged legend Richárd Mezei resigned

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2009, EHF Cup 2014  
WCh: G 2005, EURO: S 2006, OG: B 2008

**Late entries:**  
none

**Left the club:**  
none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
91	Patrik	Arpasi	HUN	Line Player	17.9.1996	Orosháza, HUN	197	110
19	Zsolt	Balogh	HUN	Right Back	29.3.1989	Orosháza, HUN	189	98
27	Bence	Banhidi	HUN	Line Player	9.2.1995	Gyor, HUN	206	123
99	Denes	Benak	HUN	Line Player	20.10.1998	Szeged, HUN	188	95
21	Alen	Blazevic	CRO	Left Back	29.3.1986	Nasice, CRO	201	115
9	Richard	Bodo	HUN	Left Back	13.3.1993	Mateszalka, HUN	204	114
77	Bendeguz	Boka	HUN	Left Wing	2.10.1993	Veszprem, HUN	194	90
34	Denis	Buntic	CRO	Right Back	13.11.1982	Ljubuski, BIH	199	110
93	Adam	Dimovics	HUN	Left Back	23.1.1999	Szeged, HUN	187	83
95	Karoly	Doleszal	HUN	Centre Back	1.12.1995	Székesfehérvár, HUN	190	85
15	Balint	Fekete	HUN	Right Back	27.6.1995	Gyula, HUN	195	95
22	Matej	Gaber	SLO	Line Player	22.7.1991	Kranj, SLO	198	110
88	Bence	Gözt	HUN	Left Back	25.11.1998	Sárospatak, HUN	192	85
14	Thiagus	Goncalves Dos Santos	BRA	Left Back	25.1.1989	Juiz de Fora, BRA	199	100
13	Sergei	Gorbok	RUS	Left Back	4.12.1982	Minsk, BLR	196	102
98	Gergő	Haszillo	HUN	Centre Back	30.9.1996	Székesfehérvár, HUN	192	92
8	Jonas	Källman	SWE	Left Wing	17.7.1981	Växjö, SWE	201	100
94	Richard	Mezei	HUN	Right Back	28.11.1996	Szeged, HUN	189	96
52	Martin	Nagy	HUN	Goalkeeper	9.1.1999	Szeged, HUN	202	88
7	Sandro	Obranic	CRO	Centre Back	18.10.1992	Karlovac, CRO	195	98
12	Imre	Pasztor	HUN	Goalkeeper	23.7.1996	Szolnok, HUN	193	115
81	Zoltan Peter	Patyi	HUN	Centre Back	18.2.1995	Szeged, HUN	182	90
26	Pedro	Rodriguez Alvarez	ESP	Right Wing	22.8.1990	Vigo, ESP	192	84
16	Marin	Sego	CRO	Goalkeeper	2.8.1985	Mostar, BIH	194	99
82	Roland	Selmeczi	HUN	Right Wing	14.3.1997	Szeged, HUN	189	70
1	Jose Manuel	Sierra Mendez	ESP	Goalkeeper	21.5.1978	Moguer, ESP	194	91
20	Stas	Skube	SLO	Centre Back	15.11.1989	Novo Mesto, SLO	176	80
24	Mario	Sostaric	SLO	Right Wing	25.11.1992	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	192	93
18	Stefan	Sunajko	SRB	Left Wing	10.4.1998	Zombor, SRB	190	80
83	Mate	Szabo	HUN	Right Wing	27.1.1997	Szeged, HUN	190	75
<b>C 17</b>	<b>Szabolcs</b>	<b>Zubai</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>Line Player</b>	<b>31.3.1984</b>	<b>Mezőkövesd, HUN</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>98</b>





### Marin Sego

#### goalkeeper

- signed in 2016 to replace Polish international Wyszomirski, who left Szeged
- like he had in Plock with Marcin Wichary and in Kielce with a Polish national team goalkeeper, Szmaj, he has now Sierra as competition in Szeged
- before his first FINAL4 was most successful with Zagreb, where he helped his club to progress twice to the CL quarter-finals

EC trophies: CL 2016  
EURO: S 2010



### Jonas Källman

#### left wing

- signed in the winter of 2013/14 and showed his ability to defend in 3 positions
- vital part of both coach Juan Carlos Pastor's defensive variations and Szeged's attacking edge
- spent more than a decade in Spain with Ciudad Real and Atlético Madrid before returning home (IFK Skövde) and finally signing a three-and-a-half year contract with Pick
- the Swede is one of the survivors of the great changes in the Szeged locker-room

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009, EHF Cup 2014  
OG: S 2012



### Sergei Gorbok

#### left back

- started his career in Minsk, also played in Ukraine, Russia, Slovenia, Germany
- took Russian citizenship, started playing for Russia after three seasons in Chekhov
- in the 2013/14 season with Rhein-Neckar Löwen he was close to the FINAL4
- joined the Russian "colony" of Vardar in 2014 and left for Szeged in 2016, where a lot is expected from him

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009, EHF Cup 2014  
OG: S 2012



### Sandro Obrancic

#### centre back

- having started handball as a member of RK Karlovac youth squad, working his way up to the first team and the Challenge Cup berth
- joined Szeged in 2016 from PPD Zagreb
- flourished under guidance of Veselin Vujovic in the 2014/15 season, he will be a clutch 7th field player in Szeged
- awarded best left back of the 2015 SEHA League Final tournament



### Matej Gaber

#### line player

- signed by Szeged at the beginning of the 2016/17 season and has done everything since to justify his "hard-defending" reputation; should become a very important piece of coach Juan Carlos Pastor's puzzle in the forthcoming years
- Slovenian rock is a regular at the national team having represented his country for more than 100 times
- has played for Montpellier, where he already gained considerable CL experience

WCh: B 2017



### Denis Buntic

#### right back

- born in Ljubuski, traditional handball city of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- played for Izvidac, Zagreb, Koper, Ademar Leon and Kielce before joining Szeged
- set his scoring record in the EC in 2009/10 with Ademar (57 goals)
- the Croatian arrived in Szeged as Champions League's defending champion

EC trophies: CL 2016  
OG: B 2012, EURO: S 2010, B 2012, WCh: S 2005, 2009



### Zsolt Balogh

#### right back

- joined Pick Szeged from Braun Gyöngyös in 2012, by 2014 overtook Gábor Ancsin in the Pick roster in his position
- not as tall as one would expect from a backcourt player but has outstanding dribbling skills and a sharp eye for passing
- coach Pastor gave him more time and he grabbed his chance, he is one of the few who remained in Szeged from the 2015/16 team

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



### Mario Sostaric

#### right wing

- spent his latest years away from Champions League action but has more than 50 goals in the competition from 2014 with Velenje.
- the 1,92 m tall winger is unlucky to have such competition as Gajic and Marguc in the Slovenian national team
- was voted to the All Star team in the junior ECh and WCh (2011, 12)
- Juan Carlos Pastor asked for Sostaric personally, he signed a three-year contract with the club

2<sup>nd</sup> GROUP A

HANDBALL

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Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: green

## Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green

## Paris Saint-Germain Handball



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

1. FC Barcelona Lassa	14	12	1	1	413:354	(59)	25
2. PSG Handball	14	12	0	2	451:383	(68)	24
3. Telekom Veszprém	14	8	2	4	381:365	(16)	18
4. SG Flensburg-H.	14	7	1	6	382:366	(16)	15
5. THW Kiel	14	5	2	7	353:376	(-23)	12
6. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	14	4	0	10	364:396	(-32)	8
7. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	3	2	9	367:401	(-34)	8
8. Kadetten Schaffh.	14	1	0	13	370:440	(-70)	2

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

@ THW Kiel L28:27 (15:15)  
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W33:30 (15:15)  
@Kadetten Schaffhausen W25:35 (8:19)  
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W27:22 (13:11)  
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W30:36 (16:19)  
vs FC Barcelona Lassa W33:26 (15:12)  
@ Telekom Veszprém W28:29 (14:15)  
vs Telekom Veszprém W28:24 (14:12)  
@ FC Barcelona Lassa L35:32 (14:14)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W32:27 (18:13)  
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt W33:34 (18:15)  
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W34:26 (17:16)  
@ Orlen Wisla Plock W25:29 (11:14)  
vs THW Kiel W42:24 (22:10)

## Last 16

@ HBC Nantes T26:26 (15:14)  
vs HBC Nantes W35:27 (15:13)

## TOP SCORERS

Uwe Gensheimer	96
Mikkel Hansen	75
Nedim Remili	70
Nikola Karabatic	62
Luc Abalo	42



## Playing hall

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## Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League  
Participations (including 2016/17 season): 5  
Semi-final (1): 2015/16 (3rd)  
Quarter-final (2): 2013/14, 2014/15  
Last 16 (1): 2005/06

## Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2006/07, Last 16  
2003/04

French league: 3 titles (2013, 2015, 2016)  
French cup: 2 titles



HANDBALL

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MATCHES

Longest winning run

42

GOALS

Most goals

72

GOALS

Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	42:24 (22:10) v THW Kiel GER (h), 12.3.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005
<b>Longest winning run</b>	7 matches (27.09.2015 – 21.11.2015) 7 matches (2.10.2016 – 27.11.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (2.10.2016 – 27.11.2016) 7 matches (27.09.2015 – 21.11.2015) 7 matches (06.12.2015 – 01.05.2016) 7 matches (11.02.2016 – 01.04.2017)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997) 42 v THW Kiel 42:24W (h), 12.03.2017
<b>Most goals</b>	44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005 72 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	20 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:26L (h), 11.01.1997
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	20 v Caja Cantabria Santander ESP 26:20L (a), 18.01.1997
<b>Fewest goals</b>	20 v MVM Veszprém HUN 28:20L (a), 28.11.2015
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	39 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 PSG Asnières FRA	6	1	0	5	131:161	−30	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2005/06 Paris Handball FRA	8	4	1	3	212:229	−17	9:7	1/8-finals	
2013/14 PSG Handball FRA	14	7	1	6	429:402	+27	15:13	1/4-finals	
2014/15 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	14	8	1	5	395:367	+28	17:11	1/4-finals	
2015/16 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	18	14	1	3	557:496	+61	29:7	Third Place	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1724:1655</b>	<b>+69</b>	<b>72:48</b>		





### Noka Serdarsic

coach

- born in Yugoslavia, became a German citizen in 2008
- came out of retirement in 2012 to coach Aix, then moved to PSG in 2015
- does not speak French, only German, but since many players in PSG have played in Germany before it seems to be no problem
- his previous coaching experience includes eleven seasons with THW Kiel and three with SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- almost a honorary member of the Karabatic family

EC trophies: CL 2007, EHF Cup 1998, 2002, 2004

#### Late entries:

none

#### Left the club:

none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
19	Luc	Abalo	FRA	Right Wing	6.9.1984	Creteil, FRA	182	80
6	William	Accambray	FRA	Left Back	8.4.1988	Cannes, FRA	194	94
88	Titouan	Afanou Gatine	FRA	Right Back	27.1.1995	Lyon, FRA	193	97
14	Xavier	Barachet	FRA	Right Back	19.11.1988	Nice, FRA	196	95
29	Djordane	Bougrainville	FRA	Left Back	8.8.1993	Saint-Denis Reunion, FRA	190	88
34	Clement	Branco	FRA	Right Wing	25.8.1996	Perpignan, FRA	190	85
10	Adrien	Chaudanson	FRA	Line Player	1.12.1998	Lyon, FRA	192	100
13	Paul	Correia	FRA	Right Back	12.2.1997	Nantes, FRA	185	91
2	Robin	Dourte	FRA	Line Player	30.6.1998	Thionville, FRA	206	105
17	Dylan	Garain	FRA	Left Back	22.8.1996	Les Abymes, FRA	192	86
70	Clement	Gaudin	FRA	Goalkeeper	13.3.1997	Martigues, FRA	197	87
3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26.10.1986	Mannheim, GER	188	89
97	Andry	Goujon Bellevue	FRA	Left Wing	2.9.1999	Courtry, FRA	193	80
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	22.10.1987	Helsingor, DEN	192	93
23	Gauthier	Ivah	FRA	Goalkeeper	6.1.1999	Saint-Denis, FRA	191	95
66	Halil	Jaganjac	CRO	Left Back	22.6.1998	Rijeka, CRO	200	95
22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	19.4.1988	Strasbourg, FRA	202	103
44	Nikola	Karabatic	FRA	Left Back	11.4.1984	Nis, SRB	196	102
9	Adama	Keita	FRA	Left Wing	5.6.1997	Paris, FRA	183	77
20	Edouard	Kempf	FRA	Right Wing	20.3.1998	Mulhouse, FRA	178	76
11	Benoit	Kounkoud	FRA	Right Wing	19.2.1997	Versailles, FRA	188	78
77	Janus	Lapajne	SLO	Right Back	3.3.1995	Sampeter pri Gorici, SLO	192	93
90	Jeffrey	M'tima	FRA	Left Wing	16.7.1991	Schlitighelm, FRA	188	80
5	Henrik	Møllgaard Jensen	DEN	Left Back	2.1.1985	Bramming, DEN	195	97
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30.11.1999	Paris, FRA	190	90
<b>C</b> 25	Daniel	Narcisse	FRA	Centre Back	16.12.1979	St Dennis-Reunion, FRA	189	93
36	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30.9.1989	Norrköping, SWE	200	118
16	Thierry	Omeyer	FRA	Goalkeeper	2.11.1976	Mulhouse, FRA	192	93
18	Nedim	Remili	FRA	Right Back	18.7.1995	Creteil, FRA	195	94
12	Gorazd	Skof	SLO	Goalkeeper	11.7.1977	Novo Mesto, SLO	188	91
7	Luka	Stepancic	CRO	Right Back	20.11.1990	Pula, CRO	203	105
21	Jonathan	Troudart	FRA	Line Player	15.1.1996	Fort de France, FRA	194	82



### Thierry Omeyer

#### goalkeeper

- crowned best goalkeeper in history by the IHF
- returned to Montpellier from Kiel for the 2013/14 season, reached the EHF Cup final and decided to move on to PSG in the summer of 2014
- awarded the best goalkeeper and the MVP at the WCh 2015 in Qatar
- IHF Player of the Year 2008, All-star goalkeeper of OG 2008 and 2012, EURO 2006

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012

OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008, WCh: G 2001, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2003, 2005



### Uwe Gensheimer

#### left wing

- after 13 seasons playing for Rhein-Neckar Löwen, the German player of the year in 2011-14, left to join PSG in the summer of 2016
- his talent discovered early as he became Junior European champion in 2006, one year later awarded MVP at the Junior WCh
- top scorer of 2010/11 CL season, when he also reached his only FINAL4

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

OG: B 2016



### Mikkel Hansen

#### left back

- 2011 & 2015 IHF World Handball Player of the Year went back to the FINAL4 in May 2016 with PSG, after already visiting twice with FC Barcelona and AG København
- son of former Danish international Flemming; having grown into a top player at GOG
- joining AG in 2011 arrived in PSG before the 2012/13 season; his headbands have now become a collector item among PSG fans
- best CL scorer of the 2011/12 and 2015/16 editions

OG: G 2016, EURO: G 2012, S 2014, WCh: S 2011, 2013



### Nikola Karabatic

#### left back / centre back

- 2007 & 2014 World Handball Player of the Year
- in his first season with PSG (2015/16), helped the club get the first taste of Cologne
- won everything there is to win, as he has triumphed at Olympics, WChs and EHF EUROs with the French national team and three times in the CL (Montpellier, Kiel and Barcelona)
- one of the most complete players with strengths both in attack and defence

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2007, 2015

OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016, WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2003, 2005, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008



### Daniel Narcisse

#### centre back

- might well go down in history as one of the most decorated French players
- 2012 IHF World Handball Player of the Year
- nicknamed "Air France" because of his jumping skills
- after three years of absence, ended up back to Cologne with former THW Kiel teammate Thierry Omeyer in May 2016

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012

OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008, WCh: G 2001, 2009, 2015, 2017, B 2003, 2005



### Luka Karabatic

#### line player

- was a national-level tennis player until he was 19, only then turned his back on the yellow ball and chose handball
- began in Montpellier, then moved to Aix and finally to PSG in the summer of 2015
- on the CL list of Montpellier for six seasons, but did not enjoy too much playing time (in total 22 goals)
- PSG is the third club where he reunites with his brother Nikola

OG: S 2016, EURO: G 2014, WCh: G 2015, 2017



### Nedim Remili

#### right back

- signed with PSG in the summer of 2016, after spending all his career in Créteil
- Kamel, his father, was a professional handball player in Créteil, while his older brother is a professional football player
- in his first ever CL season already scored 70 times in 15 games, making it in the top twenty scorers of the competition
- made his first appearance with the French national team in January 2016

WCh: G 2017



### Luc Abalo

#### right wing

- spectacular winger returned to France from Spanish side Atletico Madrid in 2012
- immediately showed how much progress he has made during his four seasons in Spain reached the final of the CL in 2011 and 2012
- regular fixture in the national team as well
- with his high jumps and all the tricks a winger must have in their bag, he is one of the best in his position

EC trophies: CL 2009

OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008, WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2017



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## Telekom Veszprém vs Montpellier HB



First leg:  
**Saturday 22 April 2017, 17:30 hrs**

Second leg:  
**Sunday 30 April 2017, 18:30 hrs**



### Veszprem must take Montpellier's threat seriously

Having beaten 2016 champions KS Vive Tauron Kielce in the Last 16, Montpellier HB find themselves up against the other finalists from last season – but this time with a spot in the VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 at stake. Coach Patrice Canayer's team have everything it takes to upset the struggling Hungarian powerhouse, yet it is still Veszprém that seem to be favourites to reach Cologne.

There were few supporters who were not surprised when Montpellier emerged as winners from their clash with the reigning champions. Patrice Canayer's team pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season by beating Kielce in both matches in the first knock-out round. Telekom Veszprém did the same however, their double win against Zagreb came as no surprise (though the Croatian side did beat the Hungarian powerhouse in the SEHA League) yet the general feeling in Veszprém is that Montpellier did enough to be taken seriously. "I don't want to deny we were expecting Kielce but Montpellier's victory proved they are the better side, so we have no reason to take them any less seriously than we would do with the Polish team," said Veszprém marksman Momir Ilic. Avoiding Kielce is still something to be happy about in Hungary given how Telekom Veszprém gave away a huge lead in last year's final against the Polish side. But right after the Last 16, coach Xavi Sabaté remonstrated that Veszprém are fully aware of the threat Montpellier pose and there was absolutely no reason to snub such a great team. Lack - 415 scored goals was the best result in the group and the second best in the whole Group Phase after Paris Saint-Germain. However, the team's defense looked rather vulnerable as they conceded as many as 390 goals, and five defeats in 14 games was not a good record either. On Tuesday, Kielce had a successful rehearsal for the match in Montpellier as they comfortably beat MMTS Kwidzyn in the Polish league (35:24), and now Dujšhevaev's team hope to bring home a good result from France. As proven against Kielce, Montpellier's back line is just as strong as the Polish side's: Jure Dolenc, Mathieu Grebille and Diego Simonet can and will torment any defence. Montpellier's defensive wall may not be as efficient as the elite teams, but Canayer can always rely on the French hero of the World Championship, Vincent Gerard.

*Bence Martha*

### Historic encounters in the EC

#### Telekom Veszprém vs Montpellier HB 6-0-4 (258:235) 12:8

08.11.1998	Montpellier HB vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:17 (12:10)
03.01.1999	Fotex KC Veszprém vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A	26:17 (9:8)
26.02.2006	Montpellier HB vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	23:21 (11:10)
04.03.2006	MKB Veszprém KC vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:22 (14:11)
22.02.2009	Montpellier HB vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3	24:30 (11:14)
07.03.2009	MKB Veszprém KC vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 3	22:23 (11:10)
09.10.2010	MKB Veszprém KC vs Montpellier Agglomération HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:26 (13:15)
06.03.2011	Montpellier Agglomération HB vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:24 (13:11)
12.10.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Montpellier Agglomération HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C30:29	(14:11)
22.02.2015	Montpellier Agglomération HB vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C20:34	(9:14)

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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: green

## Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: black

# Telekom Veszprém



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A

1. FC Barcelona Lassa	14	12	1	1	413:354	(59)	25
2. PSG Handball	14	12	0	2	451:383	(68)	24
3. Telekom Veszprém	14	8	2	4	381:365	(16)	18
4. SG Flensburg-H.	14	7	1	6	382:366	(16)	15
5. THW Kiel	14	5	2	7	353:376	(-23)	12
6. Bjerringbro-Silke	14	4	0	10	364:396	(-32)	8
7. Orlen Wisla Plock	14	3	2	9	367:401	(-34)	8
8. Kadetten Schaffh.	14	1	0	13	370:440	(-70)	2

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt T24:24 (10:13)  
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W32:28 (16:15)  
@ Orlen Wisla Plock T28:28 (13:14)  
vs THW Kiel W21:19 (13:10)  
@ FC Barcelona Lassa L26:23 (16:11)  
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W30:29 (17:13)  
vs PSG Handball L28:29 (14:15)  
@ PSG Handball L28:24 (14:12)  
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg W24:29 (9:15)  
vs FC Barcelona Lassa L22:25 (14:13)  
@ THW Kiel W25:27 (15:15)  
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W31:25 (18:14)  
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen W27:28 (15:16)  
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W34:28 (17:18)

## Last 16

@ HC PPD Zagreb W22:23 (10:12)  
vs HC PPD Zagreb W29:19 (15:9)

## TOP SCORERS

Momir Ilic	84
Laszlo Nagy	51
Dragan Gajic	45
Renato Sulic	38
Andreas Nilsson	36

## Past achievements

## VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 22  
Final (3): 2001/02, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Semi-final (3): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14  
Quarter-final (9): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13  
Last 16 (3): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12  
Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

## Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2007/08, Runners-up 1996/97

SEHA-league: 2 titles (2015, 2016)

Hungarian league: 24 titles (1985, 1986, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Hungarian Cup winner: 26 times



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Longest winning run

46 GOALS  
Most goals

77 GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

Biggest win	38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004
Biggest defeat	30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995
Longest winning run	11 matches (11.10.2009 – 03.04.2010)
Longest unbeaten run	11 matches (11.10.2009 – 03.04.2010)
Longest losing run	3 matches (16.01.1996 – 08.02.1996)
Longest run without win	4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999)
Most goals	46 v MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK 46:26W (h), 07.10.2006 46 v MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK 30:46W (a), 21.10.2006
Most goals opponent	39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007 39 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.2016
Most goals both teams	77 v KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL 39:38La7m (a), 29.05.2016
Fewest goals	15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995
Fewest goals opponent	13 v SO Chambéry FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001 13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002
Fewest goals both teams	32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147	−16	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Fotex Veszprem HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204	+24	11:5	1/4-finals	
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188	+12	7:9	1/4-finals	
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202	+1	8:8	1/4-finals	
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267	+43	18:6	Runner-up	
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238	+38	16:4	1/2-finals	
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276	+30	14:6	1/4-finals	
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259	+58	14:6	1/4-finals	
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318	+55	18:6	1/2-finals	
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288	+50	14:6	1/4-finals	
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171	+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F	
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320	+31	16:8	1/4-finals	
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368	+51	22:6	1/4-finals	
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338	+35	18:6	1/8-finals	
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322	-1	14:10	1/8-finals	
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348	+62	22:6	1/4-finals	
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410	+67	23:9	Fourth Place	
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423	+57	27:5	Runner-up	
2015/16 MVM Veszprém HUN	20	15	2	3	600:539	+61	32:8	Runner-up	
Total:	222	151	10	61	6444:5770	+674	312:132		



# TELEKOM VESZPRÉM

## HANDBALL TEAM 2016-2017



### Xavier Sabaté

coach

- signed with Veszprém as assistant coach of Antonio Carlos Ortega but became interim coach after Ortega parted ways with the club
- Spanish tactician earned a permanent contract on 8th January 2016, he is contracted until June 2017
- worked as an assistant coach under Ortega for more than ten years, their co-operation started at BM Antequera in Spain
- Veszprém is the first club Sabaté has led as head coach but in March 2016 he was appointed as interim coach to train the Hungarian national team
- will be replaced by Ljubomir Vranjes after 2016/17 season

**Late entries:**  
none

**Left the club:**  
none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
22	Inal	Aflitulin	RUS	Centre Back	22.3.1988	Astrakhan, RUS	183	85
32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15.9.1985	Ljubuski, CRO	200	110
27	Gabor	Ancsin	HUN	Right Back	27.11.1990	Bekescsaba, HUN	201	109
31	Blaz	Blagotinsek	SLO	Line Player	17.1.1994	Celje, SLO	202	110
12	Adam	Borbely	HUN	Goalkeeper	22.6.1995	Debrecen, HUN	196	118
41	Mate	David	HUN	Line Player	24.9.1996	Cegléd, HUN	195	97
55	David	Fekete	HUN	Left Wing	12.10.1996	Budapest, HUN	180	82
43	Daniel	Füzi	HUN	Line Player	9.8.1996	Veszprém, HUN	188	95
17	Dragan	Gajic	SLO	Right Wing	21.7.1984	Celje, SLO	188	84
3	Peter	Gulyas	HUN	Right Wing	4.3.1984	Veszprém, HUN	200	105
15	Norbert	Gyene	HUN	Right Wing	18.4.1994	Veszprém, HUN	188	75
13	Momir	Ilic	SRB	Right Back	22.12.1981	Andjelovac, SRB	198	107
4	Gergő	Ivancsik	HUN	Left Wing	30.11.1981	Győr, HUN	190	86
21	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12.2.1986	Pozega, CRO	210	108
66	Mate	Lekai	HUN	Centre Back	16.6.1988	Budapest, HUN	190	89
96	Patrik	Ligetvari	HUN	Left Back	13.2.1996	Várpalota, HUN	200	94
24	Gasper	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	20.8.1990	Celje, SLO	180	84
16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	20.9.1984	Dunaujvaros, HUN	190	101
40	Mirko	Milasevic	MNE	Left Back	27.7.1985	Cetinje, MNE	196	93
44	Balazs	Molnar	HUN	Left Wing	25.6.1997	Veszprém, HUN	175	70
<b>C 19</b>	<b>Laszlo</b>	<b>Nagy</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>Right Back</b>	<b>3.3.1981</b>	<b>Szeged, HUN</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>116</b>
18	Andreas	Nilsson	SWE	Line Player	12.4.1990	Trelleborg, SWE	197	116
14	Aron	Palmarsson	ISL	Centre Back	19.7.1990	Reykjavik, ISL	193	94
25	Jose Maria	"Chema" Rodriguez	ESP	Centre Back	5.1.1980	Palencia, ESP	187	98
45	Peter	Schmid	HUN	Centre Back	6.8.1996	Veszprém, HUN	190	92
5	Timuzsin I.	Schuch	HUN	Line Player	5.6.1985	Nagyatad, HUN	197	109
91	Ivan	Sliskovic	CRO	Left Back	23.10.1991	Split, CRO	197	98
33	Renato	Sulic	CRO	Line Player	12.10.1979	Rijeka, CRO	192	108
46	Benedek	Szakaly	HUN	Right Wing	7.9.1997	Budapest, HUN	178	65
47	Erik	Szeitl	HUN	Line Player	18.7.1997	Tapolca, HUN	194	103
48	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Centre Back	10.2.1998	Veszprém, HUN	196	90
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12.7.1983	Priboj, BIH	196	105
97	Attila	Toth	HUN	Right Back	17.3.1997	Badapest, HUN	193	90
49	David	Ubornyak	HUN	Centre Back	8.9.1998	Szabadszállás, HUN	188	74
23	Cristian	Ugalde Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	19.10.1987	Barcelona, ESP	187	80



### Roland Mikler

#### goalkeeper

- 2005 All-Star goalkeeper of the junior WCh, at which he led Hungary to bronze
- Hungarian national team member is quick, compact, excellent at directing defence
- as a teenager Mikler reached the semi-final of the EHF Cup over a decade ago, with Dunafer in 2003, and won it with Szeged in 2014
- joined Veszpre in 2014 after the EHF Cup success with Szeged

EC trophy: EHF Cup 2014



### Mirko Alilovic

#### goalkeeper

- like his predecessor (Dejan Peric) belongs to the elite class of goalkeepers who can send the audience to their feet and inspire his teammates
- Croatian national team member, has been fighting for the first choice position with Roland Mikler in Veszprém
- very familiar with the Spanish contingent in Veszprém as he played for five years in the ASOBAL

OG: B 2012, EURO: S 2008, 2010, B 2012, 2016, WCh: S 2009, B 2013



### Cristian Ugalde

#### left wing

- brought up by Barcelona and played regularly in the first team since he was 18
- excelled at international level in the 2007/08 season with his 34 goals and participation in the national team
- won every possible title with Barca – some of them multiple times
- found a new challenge in Veszprém with Gergő Iváncsik, who is one of the best players in this position according to Ugalde

EC trophies: CL 2005, 2011,  
EURO: S 2016, B 2014, WCh: B 2011



### Momir Ilic

#### left back

- top scorer and only player passing 100 goals (103) in the 2013/14 CL season and again top scorer in 2014/15 (114 goals), in 2015/16 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Mikkel Hansen (120 goals)
- joined THW Kiel in 2009 from VfL Gummersbach and won seven titles during his four years with the club, including two CL titles
- led Serbia to their 1<sup>st</sup> medal as an independent nation at EHF EURO 2012 as MVP
- 2013/14 and 2015/16 CL All-star team left back

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012  
EURO: S 2012



### Aron Palmarsson

#### centre back

- before joining Veszpre in summer 2015 the versatile and tactically as well as technically skilled playmaker was with Kiel for six years
- struggled to find his game in Veszprém but became an influential player of the Hungarian team with some top-drawer performances.
- won all possible trophies with Veszprém in his first year (Hungarian Championship and Cup, SEHA League) apart from the CL trophy

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012  
EURO: B 2010



### Andreas Nilsson

#### line player

- the 27 year-old pivot has already featured in three Champions League finals having been crowned as champion in 2013 with Hamburg
- won two SEHA League titles, two national championships and cups in Hungary with Veszprém
- the Swede is sharing line-playing duties with Croatian Renato Sulic and the newcomer from Celje Blaz Blagotinsek

EC trophies: CL 2013  
OG: S 2012



### Laszlo Nagy

#### right back

- started his career as a basketball player and was close to a move to the USA at 13
- decided for handball and became one of the best right backs in the world
- transferred from Szeged to Barcelona in 2006 and became the captain despite being a foreigner; captain of Veszprém since 2014
- All-Star right back of the 2013 WCh and the 2012/13 CL season

EC trophies: CL 2005, 2011, EHF Cup 2003



### Dragan Gajic

#### right wing

- signed by Montpellier in 2011 together with fellow Slovenian Vid Kavtincnik
- has had two stellar seasons behind him in 2014/15 & 2015/16 scoring 71 & 73 goals respectively
- in 2016 signed with Veszprém, where he shares minutes with fellow Slovenian Gasper Marguc and the team's co-captain Peter Gulyas
- 2015 WCh top scorer (71 goals) and All-Star team right wing

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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: light blue/yellow

## Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: purple

# Montpellier HB



## FINAL STANDINGS GROUP C

1. Montpellier HB	10	8	0	2	302:252	(50)	16
2. Naturhouse Rioja	10	5	1	4	294:286	(8)	11
3. HC Metalurg	10	5	0	5	240:251	(-11)	10
4. TATRA Presov	10	4	1	5	259:271	(-12)	9
5. Elverum Handball	10	3	2	5	257:274	(-17)	8
6. Chekhov Medvedi	10	2	2	6	273:291	(-18)	6

## ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

## Group Phase

vs TATRA Presov W28:23 (14:14)  
@ Naturhouse La Rioja L31:30 (15:12)  
@ Elverum Handball L32:31 (18:14)  
vs Chekhovskie Medvedi W26:22 (12:9)  
vs HC Metalurg W28:18 (13:12)  
@ HC Metalurg W24:30 (10:14)  
@ TATRA Presov W24:28 (9:14)  
vs Naturhouse La Rioja W37:27 (19:11)  
@ Chekhovskie Medvedi W27:33 (13:14)  
vs Elverum Handball W31:24 (16:11)

## Last 16

vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce W33:28 (14:16)  
@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce W26:28 (15:11)

## TOP SCORERS

Jure Dolenec	75
Mathieu Grebille	69
Jonas Truchanovicus	42
Vid Kavtchnik	34
Ludovic Fabregas	33

## C+D Elimination round

@ HC Motor Zaporozhye W34:36 (15:18)  
vs HC Motor Zaporozhye T29:29 (14:13)



## Playing hall

Palais des Sports René Bougnol  
1000 Av. du Val de Montferrand  
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France  
Capacity: 3,000

## Past achievements

## VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 19  
Winners (1): 2002/03  
Semi-final (1): 2004/05  
Quarter-final (4): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11  
Last 16 (6): 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17  
Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09  
Group Phase (3): 1998/99, 1999/00, 2012/13  
Qualification (1): 2013/14

## Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2013/14, Quarter-final: 1996/97  
Last 16: 1993/94, 1994/95  
Last 32: 1997/98  
Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2001/02  
French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)  
French cup: 13 titles



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MATCHES

Longest winning run

46

GOALS

Most goals

78

GOALS

Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

Biggest win	46:20 (26:9) v AC PAOK GRE (h), 04.10.2009
Biggest defeat	37:20 (16:10) v Proseca Ademar Leon ESP (a), 06.11.1999
Longest winning run	8 matches (15.10.2016 – 04.03.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	11 matches (15.10.2016 – 02.04.2017)
Longest losing run	6 matches (14.02.2016 – 27.03.2016)
Longest run without win	6 matches (14.02.2016 – 27.03.2016)
Most goals	46 v AC PAOK GRE 46:20W (h), 04.10.2009
Most goals opponent	38 v Kolding KIF DEN 38:29L (a), 05.12.2004 38 v Pick Szeged HUN 38:35L (a), 19.11.2011
Most goals both teams	78 v VfL Gummersbach GER 41:37W (h), 09.02.2008
Fewest goals	17 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 26:17L (a), 03.01.1999 17 v FC Barcelona ESP 24:17L (a), 10.12.2000
Fewest goals opponent	16 v HC Portovik Yuzhnyy UKR 26:16W (h), 07.10.2006
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 21:17W (h), 08.11.1998

## VELUX EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1998/99 Montpellier HB FRA	6	3	0	3	134:134	0	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1999/00 Montpellier HB FRA	6	3	0	3	139:148	-9	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
2000/01 Montpellier HB FRA	8	4	1	3	193:193	0	9:7	1/4-finals	
2002/03 Montpellier HB FRA	12	8	1	3	334:311	+23	17:7	Winner	
2003/04 Montpellier HB FRA	8	6	0	2	216:199	+17	12:4	1/8-finals	
2004/05 Montpellier HB FRA	12	9	0	3	375:328	+47	18:6	1/2-finals	
2005/06 Montpellier HB FRA	10	6	0	4	282:272	+10	12:8	1/4-finals	
2006/07 Montpellier HB FRA	8	5	1	2	224:198	+26	11:5	1/8-finals	
2007/08 Montpellier HB FRA	12	7	0	5	358:348	+10	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2008/09 Montpellier HB FRA	10	6	1	3	295:275	+20	13:7	4th MR Gr. 3	
2009/10 Montpellier HB FRA	14	10	2	2	447:372	+75	22:6	1/4-finals	
2010/11 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	14	10	0	4	442:379	+63	20:8	1/4-finals	
2011/12 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	12	6	0	6	357:357	0	12:12	1/8-finals	
2012/13 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	10	2	2	6	301:311	-10	6:14	5th Gr. A	
2014/15 Montpellier Agglom. HB FRA	12	4	2	6	351:377	-26	10:14	1/8-finals	
2015/16 Montpellier HB FRA	16	3	1	12	429:472	-43	7:25	1/8-finals	
	170	92	11	67	4877:4674	+203	195:145		





### Patrice Canayer

coach

- currently in his 23rd season at the head of Montpellier, in which he has won over 40 trophies
- in 1994 he started his coaching career and coached players like Nikola Karabatic, Thierry Omeyer, Jerome Fernandez and Didier Dinart
- in his active career played for Bordeaux and Racing Paris

EC trophies: CL 2003

### Late entries:

none

### Left the club:

none

## Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
3	Arthur	Anquetil	FRA	Left Wing	23.7.1995	Montpellier, FRA	182	78
21	Nassim	Bellahcene	FRA	Right Back	9.1.1998	Montpellier, FRA	190	90
12	Samir	Bellahcene	FRA	Goalkeeper	20.2.1995	Montpellier, FRA	190	116
29	Arnaud	Bingo	FRA	Left Wing	12.10.1987	Lyon, FRA	190	83
24	Baptiste	Bonnefond	FRA	Left Back	22.1.1993	Lyon, FRA	194	99
26	Julien	Bos	FRA	Left Wing	18.8.1998	Pessac, FRA	188	76
20	Maxime	Bouschet	FRA	Right Back	2.4.1996	Montpellier, FRA	185	87
6	Theophile	Causse	FRA	Right Wing	12.10.1992	Port au Prince, FRA	179	75
11	Jure	Dolenec	SLO	Right Back	6.12.1988	Kranj, SLO	190	95
27	Ludovic	Fabregas	FRA	Line Player	1.7.1996	Perpignan, FRA	198	102
25	Jean Loup	Faustin	FRA	Centre Back	23.3.1995	Montpellier, FRA	185	88
1	Vincent	Gerard	FRA	Goalkeeper	16.12.1986	Woippy, FRA	189	98
10	Mathieu	Grebille	FRA	Left Back	6.10.1991	Paris, FRA	198	98
C 14	Michael	Guigou	FRA	Left Wing	28.1.1982	Apt, FRA	179	77
30	Ilies	Hakiki	FRA	Line Player	9.10.1998	Montpellier, FRA	193	90
15	Antoine	Jonnier	FRA	Line Player	18.8.1998	Libourne, FRA	197	95
23	Vid	Kavtchnik	SLO	Right Back	24.5.1984	Gradec, SLO	191	88
5	Samuel	Paulin	FRA	Left Back	20.5.1998	Montpellier, FRA	202	98
28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right Back	7.9.1990	Versailles, FRA	190	93
16	Nikola	Portner	SUI	Goalkeeper	19.11.1993	Lyon, FRA	194	91
97	Maxime	Savonne	FRA	Goalkeeper	11.1.1997	Nimes, FRA	195	100
4	Diego	Simonet	ESP	Centre Back	26.12.1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	188	88
9	Aymen	Toumi	TUN	Right Wing	11.7.1990	Sousse, TUN	184	88
7	Jonas	Truchanovicius	LTU	Left Back	24.6.1993	Siauliai, LTU	203	105
19	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre Back	20.5.1998	Lyon, FRA	189	72
2	Iswaran	Zahm	FRA	Left Back	23.5.1996	Saint Denis, FRA	200	100
22	Miha	Zvizej	SLO	Line Player	6.11.1987	Celje, SLO	193	100





### Vincent Gerard

#### goalkeeper

- formed in Montpellier, he came back to his first club in the summer of 2015 after playing in Istres and Dunkerque
- welcomes a new comrade between the posts this season, the promising Swiss Nikola Portner
- his exuberant celebrations have instantly made him a fan favourite
- reached four times in a row the CL Last 16 (2x Dunkerque, 2x Montpellier)

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017



### Michael Guigou

#### left wing / centre back

- player with the longest history in Montpellier since he has played there for 16 seasons in a row
- able to play on the left wing or on the centre back position, very quick on fast breaks and able to play in tiny spaces inside the defences
- over the years, he has become less of a scorer and turned more into a play-maker
- only player of the winning CL campaign in 2003 who still plays for MAHB

EC trophies: CL 2003

OG : G 2008, 2012, S 2016, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2005



### Mathieu Grebille

#### left back

- most known figure of the new Montpellier wave, along with Ludovic Fabregas
- enjoyed his first national team appearance at only 21
- missed most of the last two seasons due to knee injuries
- his jumps have earned him the nickname "Flying Grébille"
- his great-grand father was an Olympic champion in boxing

OG: S 2016, EURO: G 2014, WCh: G 2015



### Jonas Truchanovicus

#### centre back / left back

- one of the very few Lithuanian players to ever play the Champions League
- adapted very quickly to his environment despite a language barrier
- best at the left back position but he can also help at the center back
- will play a crucial role after Vid Kavticnik is out for the rest of the season



### Ludovic Fabregas

#### line player

- at only 20 and he has already played the EURO and the Olympics, making him one of the most promising French players of late
- part of the new Golden generation of French handball, along with teammate Mathieu Grébille and PSG right winger Benoit Kounkoud
- national team coach Didier Dinart counts on him to be the foundations of defence
- youth European and world champion in mountain biking before definitely turning to handball at 15

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017



### Valentin Porte

#### right back

- arrived in the summer of 2016 from other French club Toulouse with the ambition of playing the CL
- played on the right wing until 2014, Claude Onesta then decided to place him on the backcourt, to much success
- rose to prominence during the EURO 2014 (16 goals in the semi-final and the final)
- golf aficionado, taught a lot of his former teammates, including now FC Barcelona goalkeeper Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2015, 2017, EURO: G 2014



### Jure Dolenc

#### right back

- uses his original style much to his advantage, he's very efficient in small spaces and likes to shoot through the defense
- made his name in the CL with his former team of Gorenje Velenje, scoring 64 goals in the 2012/13 season
- doesn't particularly like resting since, as he says, "the more I play, the better I am"
- already has nearly a hundred games with his national team

WCh: B 2017



### Aymen Toumi

#### right wing

- arrived last summer and was only meant to stay for a season, but his stellar performances in the CL and Dragan Gajic's departure convinced the club to keep him
- has had a troubled relationship with his national team in the team, but everything's gone back to normal now
- last remaining Tunisian player in Montpellier, which counted five just a couple of seasons ago

## 2016/17 Top Scorers

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	<b>Uwe Gensheimer (GER)</b>	<b>Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)</b>	96
2	Gabor Csaszar (HUN)	Kadetten Schaffhausen (SUI)	84
	<b>Momir Ilic (SRB)</b>	<b>Telekom Veszprém (HUN)</b>	84
4	Rastko Stojkovic (SRB)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	81
5	Julen Aguinalalde (ESP)	KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)	78
6	Blaz Janc (SLO)	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko (SLO)	77
7	Dainis Kristopans (LAT)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	76
8	<b>Zsolt Balogh (HUN)</b>	<b>MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)</b>	75
	<b>Jure Dolenc (SLO)</b>	<b>Montpellier HB (FRA)</b>	75
	<b>Mikkel Hansen (DEN)</b>	<b>Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)</b>	75
11	Magnus Bramming (DEN)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	72
	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	IFK Kristianstad (SWE)	72
13	Karol Bielecki (POL)	KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)	71
	<b>Kiril Lazarov (MKD)</b>	<b>FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)</b>	71
	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)	71
16	<b>Nedim Remili (FRA)</b>	<b>Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)</b>	70
	Andre Schmid (SUI)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	70
18	<b>Mathieu Grebille (FRA)</b>	<b>Montpellier HB (FRA)</b>	69
19	Nicolas Claire (FRA)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	68
	Sajad Esteki (IRI)	Dinamo Bucuresti (ROU)	68
21	Nikolaj Markussen (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	67
22	<b>Alex Dujšebaev (ESP)</b>	<b>HC Vardar (MKD)</b>	64
	<b>Jonas Källman (SWE)</b>	<b>MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)</b>	64
24	<b>Sergei Gorbok (RUS)</b>	<b>MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)</b>	63
	Luka Maros (SUI)	Kadetten Schaffhausen (SUI)	63
26	<b>Nikola Karabatic (FRA)</b>	<b>Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)</b>	62
27	Angel Fernandez Perez (ESP)	Naturhouse La Rioja (ESP)	61
28	Sime Ivic (CRO)	Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)	60
29	<b>Timur Dibirov (RUS)</b>	<b>HC Vardar (MKD)</b>	59
	Sebastian Skube (SLO)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	59

\* players in bold still active in the competition

## All-time stats VELUX EHF Champions League

31

Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009

### Biggest wins

- 29 ZTR Zaporozhye UKR @ AS Conversano 2003 ITA 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003  
 26 Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009  
 26 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP @ HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 17:43 (9:21), 19.11.2011

26

Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009

### Biggest home wins

- 25 FC Barcelona ESP vs Hapoel Rishon Le Zion ISR 42:17 (18:10), 15.11.1997  
 25 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 43:18 (23:8), 09.02.2012

31

Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009

### Biggest away wins

- 29 ZTR Zaporozhye UKR @ AS Conversano 2003 ITA 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003  
 26 FC Barcelona Intersport ESP @ HC Bosna BH Gas Sarajevo BIH 17:43 (9:21), 19.11.2011

18

RK Zagreb CRO vs Pelister Bitola MKD 37:13 (23:5), 16.10.2005

### Biggest lead at half-time

- 17 Montpellier HB FRA vs AC PAOK GRE 46:20 (26:9), 04.10.2009

50

THW Kiel GER @ HC Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50 (13:24), 22.10.2006

### Most goals

- 48 HSV Hamburg GER @ Fyllingen Handball NOR 17:48 (10:25), 14.11.2009  
 47 THW Kiel GER vs CS HCM Constanta ROU 47:31 (24:18), 12.11.2006

82

Barcelona Borges ESP vs KIF Kolding DEN 46:36 (23:19), 17.10.2009

### Most goals both teams

- 81 FC Barcelona ESP vs THW Kiel GER 44:37 (19:20), 13.04.2008  
 80\* FC Barcelona ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 39:41 (17:18, 32:32, 36:36), 31.05.2014

11

Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona ESP 11:31 (5:16), 15.03.2015

### Fewest goals:

- 12 AS Conversano 2003 ITA vs ZTR Zaporozhye UKR 12:41 (5:19), 29.11.2003  
 12 Vardar Vatrost. Skopje MKD vs FC Barcelona ESP 12:26 (8:15), 06.11.2004

32

Wallau-Massenheim GER vs UHK West Wien AUT 17:15 (7:6), 20.03.1994

### Fewest goals both teams:

- 32 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN vs Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13 (9:7), 17.11.2002  
 33 Panellinios AC Athens GRE vs Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 16:17 (8:9), 30.11.2002

-9

KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL @ HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR 27:28 (19:10), 18.02.2015

### Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

-6

FC Barcelona ESP @ GOG Gudme DEN 22:22 (16:10), 14.02.1996

### Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

- 6 HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb CRO vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje MKD 28:28 (10:16), 07.10.2007  
 -6 Pevafersa Valladolid ESP vs Pick Szeged HUN 35:35 (13:19), 27.02.2010  
 -6 Naturhouse La Rioja ESP vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER 32:32 (13:19), 19.10.2013

