

Men's EHF Cup 2018/19 Quarter-finals Media Guide



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Foreword



Dear media representative,

As we move towards the Men's EHF Cup Quarter-finals, the competition continues to leave a mark on the handball world. As the EHF Cup grows increasingly popular among handball fans, we look forward to our continued and growing cooperation with you, media representatives.

The quarter-finals feature six clubs from five nations and three very interesting encounters as TTH Holsterbro take on Grundfos Tatabanya KC, Saint-Raphael Var play FC Porto Sofarma, while last season's champions Füchse Berlin face TSV Hannover-Burgdorf in an all-German affair. The six teams are competing to progress to the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals hosted by the already qualified THW Kiel on 17/18 May.

The new batch of social media channels, dedicated to the European Cup, will provide fans with near-live clips and compilations of the best moments from the quarter-finals.

The increased interest in the EHF's second-tier competition is also reflected in international television coverage, with 15 partners broadcasting to over 20 territories, while ehfTV.com will broadcast the matches worldwide.

This season's campaign is the penultimate in the current format, before the EHF club competition reform, which will see this competition turn into the European Handball League with 24 teams from the 2020/21 season onwards.

We pride ourselves on our positive and cooperative relationship with the press and media and I am sure this will continue and develop in the future. Should you require any information, help or assistance during the course of the season, your first point of contact is the EHF Media and Communications Department based in our office in Vienna. They will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you might have.

The stage is set for an intense week of quarter-final action, where the race to reach Kiel concludes.

We look forward to working with you at this thrilling stage of the season!

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9	MKD GER			HC Eurofarm Rabotnik Bitola THW Kiel								
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3rd Place Match EHF Cup Finals Semi-finals vs. VS. VS. VS. Final Quarter-finals 2 vs. VS. VS. VS. Men's EHF Cup 2018/19 playing system Home Matches Away Matches **Group Phase** 16 Winners Qualification Round 3 16 vs.16 vs. 16 Winners Qualification Round 2 Qualification Round 1 16 vs.16 11 vs.11 vs. VS.

Kiel to host the EHF Cup Finals in 2019

The seventh edition of the EHF Cup Finals in 2019 will be hosted by THW Kiel.

The tournament will take place on 17 and 18 May 2019 with the competitions' four best teams descending on the Sparkassen Arena in Kiel, Germany, which has a capacity of 10,285.

The first edition of the tournament took place in Nantes, France, which also hosted the tournament in 2016. In 2014 and 2015 Füchse Berlin staged the final tournament in the Max-Schmeling Halle in Berlin, while Göppingen was the venue in 2017. The last edition in 2018 was hosted by SC Magdeburg.

THW Kiel reached the group phase courtesy of two commanding victories and an aggregate score (70:41) in the third qualification round tie against Drammen HK from Norway. The hosts then secured their ticket at the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals by winning their respective group. This meant they skipped the quarter-finals phase and there were only three quarter-final pairings.

Playing times of the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals 2019

Friday, 17 May 2019:

Semi-final 1 – throw-off at 18:00 CET (local time) Semi-final 2 – throw-off at 20:45 CET (local time)

Saturday, 18 May 2019:

3/4 Placement match – throw-off at 18:00 CET (local time) MEN'S EHF Cup Final – throw-off at 20:45 CET (local time)





Playing hall Sparkassen-Arena-Kiel Europaplatz 1 24103 Kiel Germany Capacity: 10,285

Media Accreditation for the EHF Cup Finals

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the EHF Cup Finals 2019 has been launched. All media can access it via the HTML form on the EHF official website. The accreditation procedure is open only to media professionals and will run until Friday 3 May.

http://www.eurohandball.com/article/032275/ Media+accreditation+for+three+top+club+events+of+the+season+starts

Important regulations

Scoring of the matches and ranking

Quarter-finals

If, after 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:

- a) goal difference
- b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.

Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players 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

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

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.

Facts and figures

More than 25,000 fans in Kiel and 196 goals from Porto

Like all previous seasons of the EHF Cup in its current format, the hosts of the four-team finals tournament have qualified directly from the group phase. This time, THW Kiel have gained free passage to the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals on 17/18 May after winning all six group matches, with FC Porto Sofarma as the only other team with a perfect six-from-six record in the group phase, which ended last weekend.

Here are the most interesting Facts & Figures of the Men's EHF Cup 2018/19 after the group phase:

0 French teams have won the EHF Cup in its current format (since 2012/13) or the former Cup Winners' Cup. Saint-Raphael still become the first this season.

0 teams finished the group phase with zero points; Polish side Azoty-Pulawy ended on just one.

1 quarter-final features two teams from the same country: Füchse Berlin vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf.

1 non-German team has won the EHF Cup under its current format: Pick Szeged beat Montpellier in the 2014 final in Berlin.

1 champion under the current format successfully defended the title the following year: Frisch Auf Göppingen won in 2016 in Nantes and in 2017 on home court. Füchse could match that feat this season.

1 team is a quarter-finalist for the fourth straight time: Saint-Raphaël.

1 or more German teams have been part of all EHF Cup Finals since 2013.

1 team that started Qualification Round 2 is still in the competition: Porto.

1 former EHF Champions League winner - as every year so far - is still in the race for the EHF Cup trophy: THW Kiel (EHF Champions League winners in 2007, 2010 and 2012). Earlier it were SC Magdeburg (three times), Montpellier (2014) and Hamburg (2015).

2 EHF Cup Quarter-final debutants are among the seven teams still in competition: Hannover and Porto.

2 times – in 2017 and 2018 - three of the four participants at the EHF Cup Finals were from Germany.

2 of the six teams in the quarter-finals were also quarter-finalists last season: Saint-Raphaël and Berlin, who both went on to reach the final in 2018.

2 teams – AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals hosts THW Kiel and FC Porto Sofarma – finished the group phase with the maximum of six wins.

2 all-German finals have been played since 2013: Berlin vs Hamburg in 2015 and Göppingen vs Berlin in 2017.

2 of 48 group matches ended in a draw, the same number as last year.

2 of 48 group matches ended with 45 or fewer goals, the same number as last year.

2 hosts of the EHF Cup Finals won the trophy: Berlin in 2015 and Göppingen in 2017. Berlin (2014) and Magdeburg (2018) lost in the semis, Nantes in the final twice - against Löwen (2013) and Göppingen (2016).

2 former EHF Cup winners are still in competition: THW Kiel (old version in 1998, 2002, 2004) and Berlin (2015).

4 EHF Cup titles is the record for a single club, held by Göppingen (2011, 2012, 2016, 2017). Kiel and Magdeburg both won three times.

5 of 6 times since the competition was merged, the winner came from Germany: Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2013), Berlin (2015, 2018) and Göppingen (2016, 2017).

5 nations are represented by the six quarter-finalists (Germany (2), France, Portugal, Hungary and Denmark), compared to four last year (Germany, France, Spain and Croatia).

7 times, which means every time, the hosts of the EHF Cup Finals qualified directly from the group phase by skipping the quarter-finals: Nantes in 2013 and 2016, Berlin in 2014 and 2015, Göppingen in 2017, Magdeburg in 2018, Kiel in 2019.

9 of 48 group matches ended with a goal difference of ten or more, compared to four last year.

12 group matches were attended by more than 3,000 fans, compared to seven in the previous season.

14 goals was the biggest winning margin in a group match, when Kiel beat GOG 37:23.

14 times between 1993 and 2012, German teams won the old format of the EHF Cup; five more times under the new format: Löwen in 2013, Berlin in 2015 and 2018, Göppingen in 2016 and 2017.

16 away wins were among the 48 group matches compared to 20 last year.

18 of 48 group matches ended with 60 or more goals scored, compared to 15 last year.

21 – which means all – home matches in their EHF Cup history since 1998 have been won by THW Kiel.

23 EHF Cup matches in a row (22 wins, 1 draw), Göppingen remained unbeaten: from the quarter-final away defeat at Magdeburg in April 2016 until defeat in the semi-final against Berlin in May 2018.

30 of the 48 group matches ended with a win for the home team, compared to 26 in the previous season.

41 goals was the fewest amount of goals in a group phase match: Nexe vs Eurofarm 23:18.

+47 is the best goal difference in the group phase, by THW Kiel.

70 goals was the highest amount of goals in a group phase match: GOG vs Pulawy 41:29.

75 goals were scored by Holstebro's Magnus Bramming to lead the top scorers' list, ahead of Adrian Figueras (Granollers, 60) and Hans Lindberg (Berlin, 57). Lindberg was the competition's top scorer in 2016/17 and again in 2017/18.

144 was the lowest amount of goals conceded in the group phase - by both Kiel and Hannover.

196 was the highest amount of goals scored in the group phase - by Porto.

2,729 goals were scored in the group phase – from 623 in Group B to 716 in Group D.

9,006 fans were the highest attendance in the group phase, for Kiel vs Granollers, almost the same number of fans saw the match Berlin vs Balatonfüred (9,000).

25,232 fans were the overall attendance of Kiel's three home matches in the group phase, a new competition record with an average of 8,410.

Top 3 rankings of the Men's EHF Cup Group Phase 2018/19:

Most goals:

70 goals: Holstebro vs Pulawy (41:29) 69 goals: Balatonfüred vs La Rioja (35:34) 68 goals: Pulawy vs Granollers (34:34)

Fewest goals:

41 goals: Nexe vs Bitola (23:18) 45 goals: Hannover vs Bitola (24:21) 46 goals: Bitola vs Hannover (17:29)

Biggest winning margin:

+14 goals: Kiel vs GOG (37:23)

+13 goals: Berlin vs Balatonfüred (36:23) +12 goals: Holstebro vs Cuenca (34:22)

Spectators:

9,006: Kiel vs Granollers 9,000: Berlin vs Balatonfüred

8,619: Kiel vs GOG

Best attack:

196 goals scored: Porto 192 goals scored: Berlin 191 goals scored: Kiel

Best defence:

144 goals conceded: Kiel and Hannover 154 goals conceded: Tatabánya

160 goals conceded: Nexe and Holstebro

Best goal difference:

+47: Kiel +28: Porto +26: Berlin

Top scorers:

75 goals: Magnus Bramming (Holstebro) 60 goals: Adrian Figueras (Granollers) 57 goals: Hans Lindberg (Berlin)

TSV Hannover-Burgdorf vs Füchse Berlin



First Leg

Sunday 21 April, 15:00 hrs. local time

Second Leg

Sunday 28 April, 15:00 hrs. local time



Head-to-head stats in the EC competitions:

No previous encounters in European competitions. In the domestic competitions Hannover vs Füchse played 24 6 1 17

2nd Group B





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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue Player short: white Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

Player shirt: green Player short: green Goalkeeper shirt: grey

TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)

Despite losing the German cup final last year, a competition whose Final Four they reached again this season, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf were handed a significant consolation as they earned a ticket for the EHF Cup.

It was a sign of the progress made by the club in their first season under the new all-Spanish coaching duo of Antonio Carlos Ortega, previously at Veszprém, and former Barcelona and Berlin player Iker Romero.

Ortega won the EHF Champions League six times with Barcelona and Romero won the Champions League with Barcelona and the EHF Cup with Berlin, which makes this European campaign nothing out of the ordinary for the pair.

Although the Bundesliga results are not as good this season, the "Recken" have once again qualified for the final tournament of the German cup and have reached the EHF Cup Quarter-finals for just the first time in club history.

Before that, Hannover had only taken part once in the EHF Cup, in the 2013/14, and had not made it through the group phase. Five years ago, Hannover lacked the international experience to qualify for the quarter-finals as they fell one point short. This time around, they had to wait until the last round in order to leapfrog Nexe and grab the second ticket in Group B. Now they'll have to face Bundesliga rivals Füchse Berlin, a team they've already played against twice this season.

Both teams won at home by one. In qualification, Hannover comfortably beat Benfica from Lisbon, victories which were "huge for the whole club, for our fans and our players," according to coach Ortega. "Now it meant a lot for the club to be part of the group phase again, because it is only the second time that we are in Europe. But now that we are only one step from the finals, of course we are hungry for more," says Ortega.

Hannover had to replace last season's Bundesliga top scorer over the summer as Casper U. Mortensen transferred to FC Barcelona. He was replaced by experienced Spaniard Cristian Ugalde. They also signed two Slovenian internationals, Urban Lesjak and Nejc Cete, and Croatian/American defensive specialist Domagoj Srsen.

Road to the Quarter-finals

EHF Cup, Group Phase

vs HC Eurofarm Rabotnik	W24:21
@ RK Nexe	L25:29
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	L25:28
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	D27:27
@TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	W29:17
vs RK Nexe	W32:22

Past achievements

EHF Cup Group Phase (1): 2013/14

Other

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TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
19	Pavel	Atman	RUS	Centre Back	25/5/87	Volgograd, RUS	190	
20	Fabian	Böhm	GER	Left Back	24/6/89	Potsdam, GER	198	9
44	Ilija	Brozovic	CRO	Line Player	26/5/91	Split, CRO	196	7
74	Vincent	Büchner	GER	Left Wing	30/5/98	Hildesheim, GER	180	
3	Nejc	Cehte	SLO	Right Back	4/9/92	Brezice, SLO	196	1
39	Malte	Donker	GER	Right Back	13/2/98	Peine, GER	193	
56	Hannes	Feise	GER	Left Back	5/6/96	Neustadt a. Rbge., Gl	ER 200	0
17	Kai	Häfner	GER	Right Back	10/7/89	Schwäbisch Gmünd, G	SER 193	10
2	Torge	Johannsen	GER	Right Wing	6/4/83	Husum, GER	187	
	Petar	Juric	CRO		14/7/00			
73	Timo	Kastening	GER	Right Wing	25/6/95	Stadthagen, GER	180	14
24	Jannes	Krone	GER	Right Wing	23/4/97	Hildesheim, GER	184	0
15	Lars	Lehnhoff	GER	Left Wing	20/9/86	Celle, GER	181	8
90	Urban	Lesjak	SLO	Goalkeeper	24/8/90	Celje, SLO	188	0
8	Veit	Mävers	GER	Centre Back	3/12/00	Hameln, GER	190	0
34	Morten	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/10/84	Lejre, DEN	190	19
9	Mait	Patrail	EST	Left Back	11/4/88	Pölva, EST	202	
14	Evgeni	Pevnov	GER	Line Player	13/2/89	Taschkent, UZB	198	2
33	Domagoj	Srsen	CRO	Line Player	31/12/90	New York, USA	202	0
13	Joshua	Thiele	GER	Line Player	10/6/98	Pinneberg, GER	193	0
23	Cristian	Ugalde Garcia	ESP	Left Back	19/10/87	Barcelona, ESP	187	4
22	Jonas	Wilde	GER	Goalkeeper	22/1/98	Ostercappeln, GER	198	
1	Martin	Ziemer	GER	Goalkeeper	14/4/83	Rostock, GER	187	0



TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Carlos Antonio Ortega coach

- arrived at Hannover in 2017, accompanied by Spanish assistant coach Iker Romero
- led Veszprém to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 twice, later coached Kolding and Japan's national team
- was part of the 'golden generation' of players at FC Barcelona
- has won all three EHF club competitions

EC trophies: CL 1996-2000, 2005, EHF Cup 2003, CWC 1995



Martin Ziemer goal keeper

- will join quarter-final opponents Füchse Berlin next season
- started his career in the youth programme of SC Magdeburg, and later played for Hamm and Balingen in the Bundesliga
- part of the Hannover squad since 2012
- nominated several times for the German national team but never gained No. 1 or No. 2 status



Christian Ugalde left wing

- already played under coach Ortega at Veszprém, and joined Hannover this season after six years in Hungary
- is the only (two-time) CL winner in Hannover's squad
- has played at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 six times, with Barça (2) and Veszprém (4)
- born in Barcelona, he played for his home club from 2005 until 2012
- his older brother Antonio also played in the Spanish national team

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



Fabian Böhm left back

- started his professional career at SC Magdeburg and played for five more Bundesliga clubs between 2010 and 2016
- had just had his debut in the German national team when he joined Hannover in 2016
- has scored more than 750 Bundesliga goals
- nicknamed 'The Warrior' by German national team coach Christian Prokop



Morten Olsen centre back

- played for four Danish clubs before joining Hannover for the first time in 2010
- returned to the club in 2015 after stints with Saint-Raphael (FRA) and Al-Rayyan (QAT)
- a classical playmaker with a huge number of assists
- also a key player for the Danish national team, which won the WCh 2019

OG: G 2016, WCh: G 2019



Ilja Brozovic line player

- sharing the line player position with German international Evgeni Pevnov
- played in Hamburg and Kiel before joining Hannover in 2017
- had debut in Croatian national team when we was with RK PPD Zagreb
- born in Split, he started his handball career at RK Metkovic



Kai Häfner right back

- started his career as a right wing at Frisch Auf Göppingen, where he turned to right back
- went to Balingen in 2011, arrived at Hannover in 2014
- at EHF EURO 2016, as a late replacement for injured Steffen Weinhold, he scored the crucial goal in semi-final against Norway
- at WCh 2019, he was again a late replacement for Weinhold

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011 OG: B 2016, EURO: G 2016



Timo Kastening right wing

- has been playing for Hannover since the age of 13, had his Bundesliga and EHF Cup debut five years later
- won European under-18 and under-20 titles with German national team that also included Füchse players Paul Drux and Fabian Wiede
- scored nearly 160 goals in last two Bundesliga seasons, is top scorer of his club this season
- had his national team debut for Germany in a test match against Switzerland in March 2019

1st Group A





Playing hall
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Füchse Berlin (GER)

FOXES DETERMINED TO OVERCOME TOUGH ROUTE TO FINAL

In the past four seasons, they were finalists three times and raised the trophy in 2015 on home ground and 2018 in Magdeburg - now Füchse Berlin are out to go all the way to the EHF Cup Finals once again this season.

There may have been a number of chances since last season, with the departures of German international Steffen Fäth a nd goalkeeper legend Petr Stochl and a long injury list, but hopes are high at Berlin.

In the group phase, Füchse managed to finish first of Group A, which saw them competing with last season's finalists Saint-Raphaël, Spanish side Logroño and Hungarian side Balatonfred. With five wins out of the six games they played, Berlin had already secured their ticket to the quarter-finals one day before the end of the Group Phase.

"We will give anything to reach the finals in Kiel," says coach Velimir Petkovic, who for sure enjoyed seeing veteran captain and recently crowned world champion with Denmark Hans Lindberg score 57 times since the beginning of the season, making him the third best scorer of the competition.

Fabian Wiede and Paul Drux, the backcourt players who also shone at the world event, were equally as important in their team's journey to the quarter-finals.

In contrast, Croatian defence specialist Marko Kopljar and German talent Simon Ernst have been ruled out with long-term injuries since the beginning of the season and the short-term contract of Tunisian Wael Jallouz has ended.

This quarter-final confrontation will be the first against TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, a team they've already met twice in the Bundesliga this season.

Both games ended with the home team, winning by one at home, a sign that the ticket to Kiel is far from secured for Füchse. "It can be an advantage but also a disadvantage to play against a German club, as we know each other very well. This will be a toughly fought battle, but I believe in our chances to qualify for the finals so we can defend our title," said Petkovic after the draw.

The coach, who in the past steered Göppingen and Berlin to EHF Cup glory, believes that the 2019 champions will again come from Germany. "The Bundesliga teams are always favourites, but this time THW Kiel stand out. However, we have a good team too and want to give our best to defend our title."

Road to the Quarter-finals

EHF Cup, Group Phase

vs Saint-Raphael Var Handball	W33:29
@ Balatonfüredi	W24:29
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	W29:34
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W29:27
@Saint-Raphael Var Handbball	L34:31
vsBalatonfüredi KSE	W36:23

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18 Runners-up (2): 2016/17, 2013/14, Qualification Round 3 (1): 2015/16

Other

VELUX EHF Champions League: 2011/12 VELUX EHF FINAL4 - fourth place, 2012/13 Last 16

Füchse Berlin (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
11	Tim	Bielzer	GER	Line Player	7/11/97	Berlin, GER	195	
51	Kevin	Deisting	GER	Goalkeeper	16/9/96	Oranienburg, GER	187	
95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	7/2/95	Gummersbach, GER	192	
32	Tolga	Durmaz	GER	Line Player	18/1/00	Mainburg, GER	193	
4	Bjarki Mar	Elisson	ISL	Left Wing	16/5/90	Reykjavik, ISL	191	9
2	Simon	Ernst	GER	Centre Back		Düren, GÉR	195	
50	Tim	Folgmann	GER	Goalkeeper	10/1/00	Berlin, GER	189	
20	Fynn Ole	Fritz	GER	Left Wing	3/5/97	Berlin, GER	194	
11	Bastien	Genty	FRA	Right Wing	1/7/92	Saint-Germain, FRA	179	0
1	Frederik	Genz	GER	Goalkeeper	8/3/97	Waldbröl, GER	194	0
27	Erik	Gerntke	GER	Right Back	14/5/99	Herzberg, GER	190	
97	Lennart	Gliese	GER	Right Back	16/11/97	Berlin, GER	190	1
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Left Back	18/4/86	Split, CRO	203	0
12	Silvio	Heinevetter	GER	Goalkeeper	21/10/84	Bad Langensalza, GER	194	1
6	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Centre Back		Esbjerg, DEN	194	8
42	Wael	Jallouz	TUN	Left Back	3/5/91	Grombalia, TUN	197	0
77	Johan	Koch	DEN	Line Player	29/11/90	Svendborg, DEN	185	5
53	Gustav	König	GER	Goalkeeper	18/3/01	Frankfurt am Main, GER	192	
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12/2/86	Pozega, CRO	210	
15	Loris	Kotte	GER	Right Wing	13/5/01	Oschatz, GER	180	
33	Aron	Krai	GER	Centre Back	10/9/00	Berlin, GER	186	
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	1/8/81	Höje Taastrup, DEN	188	13
9	Stipe	Mandalinic	CRO	Left Back	9/9/92	Split, SRB	195	
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Centre Back	9/3/93	Berane, SRB	202	7
31	Tim	Matthes	GER	Left Wing	5/5/99	Berlin, GER	181	0
5	Torben	Matzken	GER	Centre Back	1/2/00	Mons, BEL	188	1
14	Julius	Porath	GER	Right Wing	30/5/96	Rostock, GER	183	
43	Christoph	Reißky	GER	Right Back	11/8/95	Freiberg, GER	187	
28	Erik	Schmidt	GER	Centre Back	28/12/92	Mainz, GER	204	1
23	Dorian	Schnabel	GER	Left Back	3/3/94	Berlin, GER	190	
37	Julius	Schroeder	GER	Centre Back	24/4/98	Gummersbach, GER	188	
16	Malte	Semisch	GER	Goalkeeper	5/9/92	Rehburg-Loccum, GER	208	
24	Frederik	Simak	GER	Left Back	24/1/98	Gengenbach, GER	197	7
34	Linus	Skroblien	GER	Centre Back	8/10/97	Schwerin, GER	185	
71	Petr	Stochl	CZE	Goalkeeper	24/4/76	Pilsen, CZE	195	
7	Kevin	Struck	GER	Left Wing	31/12/96	Berlin, GER	193	
52	Erik	Ullrich	GER	Goalkeeper	8/1/01	Jena, GER	196	
25	Rolando	Urios Gonzales	ESP	Line Player	10/4/99	La Havanna, CUB	193	
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	8/2/94	Belzig, GER	192	4
21	Mattias	Zachrisson	SWE	Right Wing	22/8/90	Huddinge, SWE	178	



Füchse Berlin (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Velimir Petkovic coach

- born in former Yugoslavia, but with German citizenship now
- as player won the European Champions Cup in 1976 with Borac Banja Luka
- \bullet as coach of the same club he won the IHF Cup Winners' Cup in 1991
- after six-year stint with Wetzlar he was at the helm of Frisch Auf Göppingen for nearly 10 years
- led Göppingen to two EHF Cup titles and the inaugural EHF Cup Finals in 2013, before arriving at Berlin

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011, 2012, 2018; IHF CWC 1991 (as coach); Champions Cup 1976 (as player)



Bjarki Mar Elisson left wing

- discovered by fellow Icelander and former Füchse coach Erlingur Richardsson
- played two years for Eisenach in Germany before joining Füchse in 2015
- had his debut in the Icelandic national team in 2012 but faces strong competition from Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson
- one of Füchse's counter-attack specialists

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2007, 2015, 2018 OG: B 2016



Fabian Wiede right back

- transferred from Potsdam to Füchse's youth team at age 15, has won 10 (junior and senior) titles with Füchse since
- defeat in EHF Cup Final 2017 was first time he and club director Bob Hanning lost a final in any competition
- made his debut in the German national team at age 19, started an apprenticeship at a bank in Berlin only two days after winning EHF EURO 2016
- part of the WCh 2019 All-star Team

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018 EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



Mattias Zachrisson right back

- can play both in right wing and right back position
- arrived in 2013 from Guif, Sweden, and has since scored more than 400 Bundesliga goals for Füchse
- Swedish international for 10 years, has extended his contract with Füchse until 2022 EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018

OG: S 2012; EURO S 2018



Silvio Heinevetter goalkeeper

- goalkeeping stalwart of the German national team
- his former goalkeeper coach at SC Magdeburg was legendary Wieland Schmidt (Olympic champion 1980)
- famous for his unusual style of saving shots
- has played 190 international matches for Germany sofar

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2007, 2015, 2018 OG: B 2016

Paul Drux left back



- born in Gummersbach and discovered by Füchse at age 16
- all-star player at the Men's 20 EHF EURO 2014 in Austria, where he led Germany to gold just like at the Men's 18 EHF EURO two years earlier
- missed several top events due to long-term injuries, sustained a meniscus injury at the EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018; OG: B 2016

Mijajlo Marsenic line player

- only CL winner in Füchse squad apart from Hans Lindberg
- joined Füchse in the summer of 2018 from Vardar
- was expected to play in defence only but has become a key factor in the team's attack as well
- won the SEHA League twice with Vardar
- started career at Partizan Belgrade and also played for Metalurg

CL 2017



Hans Lindberg right wing

- joined Berlin after a long stint with HSV Hamburg
- was top scorer of the CL and the Bundesliga in 2012/13
- member of the WCh 2013 All-star Team
- started career in Viborg; his nickname these days was 'Majestæt'
- played more than 240 times for Danish national team since 2007
- EHF Cup top scorer in 2016/17 and again in 2017/18

EC trophies: CL 2013; EHF Cup 2018 WCh: G 2018

TTH Holstebro vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC



First Leg

Saturday 20 April, 17:45 hrs. local time

Second Leg

Saturday 27 April, 16:00 hrs. local time



Head-to-head stats in the EC competitions:

No previous encounters in European competitions

2nd Group C





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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: blue / black Player short: black

Goalkeeper shirt: yellow or red

TTH Holstebro (DEN)

QUARTER-FINAL THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE FOR HOLSTEBRO

Playing in Europe is far from a new experience for the men at TTH Holstebro. Although they have never made it as far as the club's women's team, who have three European titles on their CV, the men's side are in Europe for the eighth time. They have been in the VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase once, while their finest achievement in the EHF Cup so far was reaching the final tournament in 2013.

Compared to the squad which qualified for the EHF Cup by winning the Danish Cup last season there have been changes in central positions. Goalkeeper Torbjørn Bergerud, who played an important role in Holstebro's fine season left for SG Flensburg-Handewitt and has been replaced by one of Denmark's greatest goalkeeper talents, Sebastian Frandsen, who joined from Bjerringbro-Silkeborg.

Another key player, right back Simon Birkefeldt is also playing in the Bundesliga now, for MT Melsungen. Holstebro still have former Danish international Peter Balling in that position, while Dutch international right back Kay Smits has joined him.

TTH have an experienced man in the coaching seat, former Finnish international Patrick Westerholm, who won four Danish championships with KIF Kolding, and he is happy to have his team in Europe once again.

"We enjoy playing those EHF Cup matches and facing some non-Danish opposition. We hope to gather some experience ahead of the play-offs in the Danish league, where we aim to at least reach the semi-finals," says Westerholm, who had the quarter-final as his first objective.

Now that this goal is complete, though, he probably would like to qualify his club for its first appearance at the EHF Cup Finals since 2013, where they lost in the semi-final of the first ever finals in Nantes. Left wing Magnus Bramming will be one of their most dangerous assets, as the Holstebro player currently tops the best scorer chart with 75 goals, 15 more than Adrian Figueras (Granollers) who follows him up in the ranking.

Road to the Quarter-finals

EHF Cup, Group Phase

vs HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	W29:25
@ Liberbank Cuenca	L26:24
vs FC Porto Sofarma	L31:33
@ FC Porto Sofarma	L32:29
vs HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	W22:28
vs Liberbank Cuenca	W34:22

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1):2012/13 Quarter-final (1): 2014/15 Group phase (1): 2015/16 Qualification round 3 (1): 2017/18

Other

VELUX EHF Champions League: Group phase 2016/17

Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Cup Winner's Cup: quarter final 2009/10

TTH Holstebro (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Weigh	ntGoals
26	Peter	Balling Christensen	DEN	Right Back	5/4/90	Skive, DEN	188	8
10	Magnus Grubb	Bramming	DEN	Left Wing	1/10/90	Roskilde, DEN	182	9
4	Thomas Bohl	Damgaard	DEN	Centre Back	15/7/99	Holstebro, DEN	190	
30	Sebastian Leth	Frandsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/5/94	Århus, DEN	204	0
1	Simon Sandgra	v Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	3/1/97	Holstebro, DEN	194	0
9	Jeppe Favrholt	Hauskov	DEN	Right Wing	5/12/98	LEMVIG, DEN	190	
19	Malte Benneds	gaard Justesen	DEN	Left Wing	9/9/99	Holstebro, DEN	187	0
8	Jac Johan Gunn	ar Karlsson	FIN	Centre Back	16/4/86	Karis, FIN	186	5
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11/5/94	SVENDBORG, DEN	183	3
3	Johan Thesbjer	g Kofoed	DEN	Left Back	4/7/01	VARDE, DEN	201	
20	Gustav William	Pätschke Lind	DEN	Goalkeeper	1/3/99	Holstebro, DEN	191	
31	Rasmus Schmid	lt Lind	DEN	Goalkeeper	8/4/83	Struer, DEN	192	
7	Niels	Lindholt	DEN	Line Player	27/4/95	Holstebro, DEN	186	0
14	Mikkel Sandholr	nMortensen	DEN	Right Wing	13/9/00	Struer, DEN	175	0
5	Lars Mousing	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	4/3/92	København, DEN	195	7
15	John Viktor	Östlund	SWE	Left Back	19/1/92	Husby- Ärlinghndra, SWE	198	7
25	Jonas Sogaard	Porup	DEN	Left Back	12/2/91	Lemvig, DEN	196	7
23	Kay	Smits	NED	Right Back	31/3/97	Geleen, NED	186	4
2	Vignir	Svavarsson	ISL	Line Player	20/6/80	Reykjavik, ISL	196	3
6	Jonathan Mosbæ	ek Tønning Würtz	DEN	Centre Back	29/9/99	Nyborg, DEN	198	
22	Simon B.	Pytlick	DEN	Back	11/12/00	Thurø, DEN	192	
3	Odinn Thor	Rikhardsson	ISL	Right Wing	23/10/97	Reykjavik, ISL	181	13
	Svend Bro	Rughave	DEN		5/2/01		196	0
23	Henrik	Tilsted	DEN	Left Wing	17/5/94	Thisted, DEN	185	



TTH Holstebro (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Patrick Westerholm coach

- head coach at the club since 2015
- former Finnish international with a glorious club career with Danish clubs KIF Kolding and Skjern Håndhold
- previous experience as head coach with former league club HC Midtjylland
- tactically clever and generally calm, but can also show his temper if needed



Sebastian Frandsen goalkeeper

- joined in the summer of 2018 from league rivals Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- had big shoes to fill in succeeding Norwegian international Torbjørn Bergerud, who left for SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- a tall, 204 cm, keeper with a fine reach and a calm approach
- has EHF Cup experience as well as VELUX EHF Champions League experience with Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- turned down an offer from Barcelona at a young age



Magnus Bramming left wing

- playing his sixth season with TTH after joining from Nordsjælland Handbold in 2012
- gained first international experiences with Nordsjælland, playing in the EHF Cup two years in succession
- with 75 goals, by far the most scoring player in the EHF Cup 2018/19 after the group phase
- very fast and highly skilled wing, effective on fast breaks and reliable penalty shooter
- additionally, he can also guide the team from the playmaker position



Viktor Østlund left back

- joined the club in 2016 from Eskilstuna Guif in his homeland Sweden
- A tall and efficient left back with a fine shot, good at both ends of the court
- part of the Swedish national team who won the silver medal at the EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, as he was called up just before the semi-final
- will leave TTH after this season, but his next club has yet to be revealed

EHF EURO: S 2018



Jac Karlsson centre back

- joined TTH in 2015 from nearby league rivals Mors Thy Handbold
- started his career at BK 46 Karis in his homeland,
- first foreign club was IL Runar in Norway in 2008
- highly intelligent playmaker with fine eye for the game



Lars Mousing line player

- joined in 2016 from league rivals Skanderborg Håndbold
- started career at Ajax Copenhagen, later played for Nordsjælland Handbold
- tall and physically strong line player, good on the line and strong in defence
- will leave TTH in the summer for another league rival, Team Esbjerg



Kay Smits right back

- Dutch international who joined from 2. Bundesliga club Wilhelmshavener HV before the 2018/19 season
- gained VELUX EHF Champions League and EHF Cup experience with OCI-LIONS in his native Netherlands
- his older sister, Inger Smits, also plays for TTH and the Dutch national team
- versatile right back with fine variation of shots, also good at the break-through



Kasper Kildelund right wing

- TTH is only the second club in his career, after joining from league rivals GOG in 2016
- son of former Danish international Søren Kildelund, and nephew of another former international, Niels Kildelund
- scored his club's last four goals as TTH went from 25:25 to 29:25 against HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta in their first group match
- fast and technically highly skilled wing, good at intercepting the ball and equally good on fast breaks

1st Group B





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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: White Player short: White

Goalkeeper shirt: light green /red

Dark

Player shirt: blue Player short: blue Goalkeeper shirt: purple

Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)

TATABANYA READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Tatabánya's blue tigers enjoyed their prime in the 70's and 80's, when they stood top of Hungarian handball on a number of occasions. A setback followed the glorious period, but with the help of the many members from the successful era, the club has made strides in the right direction in recent years.

Grundfos Tatabánya KC have finished the domestic league with a bronze medal for the past four years, leaving them as four times in a row, results which have seen them emerge as the best hope to challenge perennial favourites Szeged and Veszprém.

Not surprisingly, the club is yet again in third position in the Hungarian league with the best defensive record in the whole competition, conceding an average of only 24 goals per game.

Led by Vladan Matic, who won the championships in 2008 with Szeged, playing defence will be always the coach's main focus. For the management of Tatabánya to reach the bronze medal for the fifth time in a row is a must, while they lost in the cup's quarter-finals to Veszprm.

The Hungarian side fulfilled their first goal, as the club wanted to progress to the quarter-finals. They even did better than that, finishing first ahead of the German team of Hannover-Burgdorf, hence securing the home right for the second leg of their confrontations against Team TTH Holstebro.

But Tatabanya do not want to stop just yet. "It is a great success for us that we reached this stage and this can be our time. We have to show our supporters, that the team is ready for the next step internationally," adds Vladan Matic.

According to the Tatabánya coach, it is difficult to look beyond the German sides winning the competition, with THW Kiel and Füchse Berlin his favourites to bring home the trophy.

Road to the Querter-finals

EHF Cup, Group phase

vs RK Nexe	L27:28
@ HC Eurofarm Rabotnik	W21:31
vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	W28:25
@ TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	D27:27
@ RK Nexe	W26:29
vs HC Eurofarm Rabotnik	W30:27

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2016/17 Last 16 (1): 2010/11 Round 3 (3): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2011/12 Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Other

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Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN) Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
16	Laszlo	Bartucz	HUN	Goalkeeper	5/11/91	Oroshaza, HUN	192	0
2	Milos	Bozovic	MNE	Left Back	10/12/94	Budva, MNE	199	1
1	Xaver	Demenyi	HUN	Goalkeeper	16/4/99	Budapest, HUN	185	
24	Janos	Denes	HUN	Line Player	15/11/84	Dunaujvaros, HUN	195	0
51	Daniel	Fekete	ROU	Left Back	14/6/99	Székelyudvarhely, ROU	198	0
23	Demis Cosmin	Grigoras	ROU	Right Back	30/6/93	Vaslui, ROU	194	10
22	Matyas	Györi	HUN	Centre Back	2/2/97	Debrecen, HUN	194	
18	Ferenc	Ilyés	HUN	Left Back	20/12/81	Székelyudvarhely, ROU	198	4
7	Adam	Juhasz	HUN	Centre Back	6/6/96	Debrecen, HUN	183	10
4	Akos	Pasztor	HUN	Right Wing	24/6/91	Miskolc, HUN	187	3
19	Miklos	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/2/99	Gyor, HUN	199	4
9	Kevin	Rozner	HUN	Right Wing	30/4/98	Tatabánya, HUN	180	0
44	Zsolt	Schäffer	HUN	Right Back	13/5/99	Tata, HUN	195	1
8	Adrian	Sipos	HUN	Line Player	8/3/90	Szombathely, HUN	198	2
12	Marton	Szekely	HUN	Goalkeeper	2/1/90	Budapest, HUN	194	0
14	Balazs	Szöllösi	HUN	Centre Back	24/10/92	Veszprem, HUN	192	7
77	Vladimir	Vranjes	BIH	Line Player	14/12/88	Banja Luka, BIH	200	2
93	Jakov	Vrankovic	CRO	Right Back	12/6/93	Split, CRO	198	1
6	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left Wing	5/9/93	Cetinje, MNE	181	13



Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)

Coach and key players profiles



Vladan Matic coach

- joint-coach of the Hungarian national team with István Csoknyai
- played 105 times for the Yugoslavian national team
- he was born in a town called Sabac, Serbia, home of two-time Champions Cup winners Metaloplastika
- as a rookie coach, he led MOL-Pick Szeged to win the domestic title in 2007

WCh: B 1999, 2001 (as player)



Márton Székely goalkeeper

- with Tatabánya since 2016 but will join Veszprém in the summer of 2019
- had debut in Hungarian national team 6 years ago and has gradually become the No. 1 choice
- Tatabánya had the third-best defence of the group phase, mainly thanks to him



Milos Vujovic left wing

- Tatabánya is the 25-year-old's first foreign club
- $\bullet \hspace{0.4cm}$ leading the team in scoring with 76 goals in thirteen league matches
- his speed and accuracy makes him dangerous
- the Montenegrin player has represented his country 27 times, scoring 52 goals

EC: EHF Cup (2010, 2014)



Ferenc Ilyes left back

- the 37-year-old was born in Romania, but took Hungarian citizenship
- has played 213 matches for Hungary and scored 501 goals
- made his international debut in 2003 against Czech Republic
- has played for both of Hungary's powerhouses, Szeged and Veszprém



Uros Borzas left back

- on loan from Veszprém for the 2018/19 season
- 19-year-old back who has been a regular starter in Hungary's national youth and junior teams
- born in a town called Senta in Serbia



Adrián Sipos line player

- main pillar of Tatabánya's defence, key player in both EHF Cup and domestic league
- has both Hungarian and Romanian citizenship but has only played for Hungarian national team
- was 28 years old when he debuted in the Hungarian national team in 2018



Jakov Vrankovic right back

- the two-metre-tall athlete joined Tatabánya in 2017
- in 2015 won the "Best Foreign Player" award in Romania
- his first appearance in the Croatian national team was in 2017 and he played in January's World Championship
- one of the best defender's in Tatabánya and is a reliable goalscorer in crucial situations



Demis Cosmin Grigoras right back

- 25-year-old player who joined Tatabánya in 2016, will move to Chambéry Savoie Handball next season
- team's second best scorer in the EHF Cup, behind Milos Vujovic
- in 2014, Grigoras debuted in the Romanian na tional team

Saint-Raphael VAR Handball vs FC Porto Sofarma



First Leg

Saturday 20 April, 17:45 hrs. local time

Second Leg

Saturday 27 April, 16:00 hrs. local time



Head-to-head stats in the EC competitions

Saint-Raphael VAR Handball vs FC Porto Sofarma: 2 1 0 1 55:52 2:2

2011/12 - EHF Cup LAST 16

FC Porto Vitalis vs Saint Raphael Var Handball 28:26 (15:16) Saint Raphael Var Handball vs FC Porto Vitalis 29:24 (13:15)

2nd Group A





Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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

Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA)

SAINT-RAPHAEL AIM FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE FINALS

French side Saint-Raphael have reached the EHF Cup Finals twice over the last two seasons. After qualifying for the semi-final for the first time in 2016/17, they jumped over one more hurdle last year, only to be beaten in the final by Füchse Berlin.

Now that some experienced players have left the club, the team will have to write another story – but the goal is nevertheless to repeat the success of the last two seasons.

After last season, three players that had been with the club for years decided to stop their careers. Left back Aurelien Abily, defender Wissem Hmam and centre back Geoffroy Krantz had known everything with the club. Now, coach Joel Da Silva has had to replace them with younger players.

"This is almost like a new cycle to us. Players that had been in the background for along time have stepped up and have more responsibilities in the team. I think they are ready now," said the French coach. So far in 2018/19, Saint-Raphael have recorded mixed results in the French league.

In European cup competitions, last year's finalists had a scare against Israeli side Maccabi Srugo Rishon LeZion in the Qualification Round 3, but managed to qualify for the group phase. There, they finished second behind EHF Cup titleholders from Füchse Berlin, with four wins in six games.

This season is the fourth time in a row that Saint-Raphael have reached the quarter-finals phase of the EHF Cup.

Most of the Saint-Raphael squad have become routinely part of the European circuit. Seven players were already wearing the club's colours in 2015/16, when they reached the group phase of the EHF Cup for the first time.

Some of them are now even regulars in their respective national teams, which was not the case for Adrien Dipanda and Raphael Caucheteux when they arrived at Saint-Raphael.

Road to the Quarter-finals

EHF Cup, Group phase

@ Füchse Berlin	L33:29
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W30:26
@ Balatonfüredi KSE	W27:32
vs Balatonfüredi KSE	W27:23
vs Füchse Berlin	W34:31
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	L29:28

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Finalists (1): 2017/18 Semi-finalists (1): 2016/17 Quarter-finalists (3): 2010/11, 2011/12,

2015/16

Other

VELUX EHF Champions League: 2012/13 qualification

Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
4	Xavier	Barachet	FRA	Right Back	19/11/88	Nice, FRA	195	3
18	Paolo	Bardi	FRA	Centre Back	18/8/99	FREJUS, FRA	181	
9	Geoffrey	Bourasseau	FRA	Left Back	18/2/99	PARIS, FRA	187	
20	Raphael	Caucheteux	FRA	Left Wing	9/5/85	MONTPELLIER, FRA	202	9
12	Alexandre	Demaille	FRA	Goalkeeper	22/4/93	DRAGUIGNAN, FRA	196	0
32	Adrien	Dipanda	FRA	Right Back	3/5/88	DIJON, FRA	202	8
77	David	Eponouh	CIV	Left Back	1/4/99	ABIDJAN, CIV	193	
13	Theo	Gaspari	FRA	Line Player	5/12/99	CAGNES SUR MER, FR.	A187	
95	Vadim	Gayduchenko	BLR	Left Back	24/4/95	Bobruisk, BLR	192	6
33	Loic	Gschwind	FRA	Goalkeeper	24/1/98	Mulhouse, FRA	188	
19	Miroslav	Jurka	CZE	Right Wing	7/6/87	VALASSKE MEZIRICI, C	ZE189	
17	Aleksa	Kolakovic	SRB	Centre Back	10/8/97	PODGORICA, MNE	189	0
31	Nicolas	Krakowski	FRA	Left Back	31/10/87	FREJUS, FRA	196	0
14	Alexander	Lynggaard	DEN	Line Player	27/3/90	KOGE, DEN	198	4
8	Jonathan	Mapu	FRA	Line Player	10/3/98	FREJUS, FRA	181	2
1	Romain	Mathias	FRA	Line Player	13/9/97	PARIS, FRA	197	
3	Quentin	Mazoyer	FRA	Right Wing	11/5/01	Lyon, FRA	175	
10	Drevy-Noah	Paschal	FRA	Left Wing	16/7/01	Angers, FRA	192	1
28	Timmy	Petit	FRA	Line Player	16/10/00	Baie Mahault , FRA	195	
16	Mihai Catalin	Popescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/3/85	GAESTI, ROU	190	2
29	Romain	Quatrevaux	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/12/99	FREJUS, FRA	188	
11	Daniel	Sarmiento Melian	ESP	Centre Back	25/8/83	LAS PALMAS, ESP	188	7
7	Alexandru Viorel	Simicu	ROU	Left Back	8/10/88	Timisoara, ROU	202	8
5	Anass	Talib	FRA	Right Wing	20/4/01	Fréjus, FRA	188	0
26	Jeremy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15/5/92	Courbevoie, FRA	197	2
27	Alexian	Trottet	FRA	Left Wing	13/5/97	VERNON, FRA	175	1
24	Arthur	Vigneron	FRA	Right Wing	30/1/95	SAINT-MICHEL, FRA	182	10



Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA)

Coach and key players profiles



Joël Da Silva coach

- after training Toulouse for four seasons, he signed for Saint-Raphaël in the summer of 2014
- voted best coach in the French league two seasons ago
- has never played handball at a high level and started coaching at the age of 14
- worked in a gardening store before joining Toulouse in 2009



Mihai Popescu goalkeeper

- played EHF Cup Finals with two clubs: Constanta (2014) and Saint-Raphaël (2017, 2018)
- has extended his contract with the club until 2022
- at age 34, he is planning to end his career in France



Raphaël Caucheteux left wing

- $\bullet \quad$ at 202cm, one of the tallest wings in the handball world
- stayed in Saint-Raphael since signing from Montpellier in January 2007 – only one in the current squad has played for the club longer
- the top scorer of all time in the French league, with more than 1,500 goals so far
- enjoyed his first France national team gathering in 2018, at 32. He came back from the EHF EURO with a bronze medal

EURO: B 2018



Vadim Gayduchenko left back

- joined Saint-Raphaël in 2018 after one season with Dinamo Bucuresti
- has already extended his initial two-year contract with the French club
- aged 23, he is a regular player for the Belarussian national team
- second-best scorer for his club in the EHF Cup this season



Daniel Sarmiento centre back

- arrived from FC Barcelona Lassa in the summer of 2016
- was part of the FC Barcelona team which broke all records in the 2013/14 season, scoring 1,146 goals in only 30 games
- feels so good with Saint-Raphael that he extended his contract to 2020
- the only player in the French side to have ever won the Velux EHF Champions League

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015 WCh: G 2013; EURO: G 2018, B 2014



Alexandre Lynggaard line player

- arrived with fellow Danish player Morten Olsen at Saint-Raphaël in 2014
- was part of the Danish team that finished sixth at the EHF EURO 2016
- tough defender, but also good offensive player who has appeared in the EHF Cup Top 5 Goals regularly this season



Adrien Dipanda right back

- played in Montpellier before moving to Ademar Leon and then to Saint-Raphaël in 2012
- late bloomer, he played mostly in defence until his arrival in Saint-Raphaël. There, he developed into a complete player
- he also was a late-comer to the national team, in which he now is a regular fixture. He is among others, won the world championship at home last january
- although he is one of the top scorers for Saint-Raphael, he is only used in defence with the national

OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2017; EURO: B 2018



Arthur Vigneron right wing

- aged 24, he has only played for Saint-Raphaël so far in his career
- came through the youth ranks of the club to earn his professional contract
- has gradually replaced Czech Miroslav Jurka as first-choice right wing

1st Group C





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Kit colours Light

Player shirt: white and blue Player short: white or blue Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark

Player shirt: grey Player short: grey Goalkeeper shirt: grey

FC Porto Sofarma (POR)

AMBITIOUS PORTO AIMING FOR FIRST FINALS APPEARANCE

With a consistent and growing project, FC Porto aim to reach the Men's EHF Cup Finals for the first time. The club has been collecting 20 national titles but is now eager for more. "Playing the group phase of the EHF Cup was a very good and important stage of our season. Our team played against very good teams and the enthusiasm was big amongthe players," Porto coach Magnus Andersson said.

Starting in Qualification Round 1, Porto defeated reigning Challenge Cup winners AHC Potaissa Turda and SKA Minsk in the early stages of the competition, but truly underlined their European ambitions in Round 3, when they eliminated the third-place team and hosts of last season's finals, SC Magdeburg.

The German side looked set for the group phase again when they defeated Porto 26:23 in the first leg. But backed by a strong blue-white home crowd in the Dragão Caixa, Porto turned the tie around with a blistering 34:27 victory, led by eight goals from António Areia - a twist that history will never erase.

"A little luck and a lot of team work, with great defence and goalkeeping," Andersson said when asked about the secrets behind Porto reaching the EHF Cup Group Phase. Goalkeeper Alfredo Quintana, Daymaro Salina, Víctor Iturriza and Alexis Borges constitute a real defensive wall, which will be hard to break through for any team.

But Porto still amazed in the Group Phase, where they won their six games, a performance that only AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals organiser THW Kiel managed to match. On top of that, the Portuguese side finished the group phase with the best offense and 196 goals scored. Surprisingly enough, though, it seems like the scoring duties were well shared among the squad, as best scorer Antnio Areia ranks 23rd in the scoring charts, having netted 32 times.

Now the Portuguese team will have to take on Saint-Raphaël, last season's finalists, a team who finished second of their group but whose experience in the competition could be an asset in the quarter-finals.

Road to the Quarter-finals

EHF Cup, Group phase

vs Liberbank Cuenca	W37:26
@ HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	W29:35
@ TTH Holstebro	W33:31
vs TTH Holstebro	W32:29
@ Liberbank Cuenca	W26:29
vs HC Dobrogea Sud Constab	W30:27

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Group Phase (2): 2014/15, 2016/17 Last 16 (3): 1998/99, 2010/11, 2011/12

Other

VELUX EHF Champions League: Last 32 1999/00, group phase 2013/14, 2015/16

Cup Winner's Cup: quarter final 2000/01, 2001/02, Last 16 1996/97, 2007/08

FC Porto Sofarma (POR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
92	Nuno	Almeida	POR	Back	10/2/00	porto, POR	189	
29	Miguel	Alves	POR	Wing	22/7/96	Porto, POR	184	9
15	Daymaro	Amador Salina	POR	Line Player	1/9/87	Havana, CUB	202	17
24	Thomas	Bauer	AUT	Goalkeeper	24/1/86	Wien, AUT	188	0
7	Yoan	Blanco Balasquez	CUB	Back	26/12/95	Havana, CUB	193	0
23	Diogo	Branquinho	POR	Wing	25/7/94	AVEIRO, POR	184	14
1	Alfredo	Bravo Quintana	POR	Goalkeeper	20/3/88	Havana, POR	202	0
21	Leonel	Fernandes	POR	Wing	12/3/98	Porto, POR	186	8
27	Andre	Gomes	POR	Back	27/7/98	BRAGA, POR	195	23
22	Alexis	Hernandez Borges	POR	Line Player	6/10/91	Habana, CUB	197	10
13	Angel	Hernandez Zulueta	CUB	Back	4/2/94	Havana, CUB	196	4
4	Victor Manuel	Iturriza Alvarez	CUB	Line Player	22/5/90	Havana, CUB	200	11
87	Manuel	Lima	POR	Back	18/7/00	porto, POR	178	
16	Hugo	Madeira Laurentino	POR	Goalkeeper	22/7/84	Evora, POR	188	0
88	Fabio	Magalhães	POR	Back	12/3/88	Lisboa, POR	193	15
11	Djibril Omar	Mbengue	GER	Back	13/5/92	Stutgard, GER	198	6
99	Filipe	Morais	POR	Wing	12/4/00	Porto, POR	188	
90	Francisco	Oliveira	POR	Goalkeeper	15/3/02	SJMaderia, POR	194	
17	Miguel	Pinto	POR	Wing	26/4/99	Porto, POR	193	
25	Antonio	Rodrigues Areia	POR	Wing	21/6/90	Lisboa, POR	191	41
58	Alejandro	Romero Carreras	CUB	Goalkeeper	17/9/94	Havana, CUB	198	
6	Leandro	Semedo	CPV	Back	24/12/95	Praia, CPV	192	3
97	Goncalo	Silva	POR	Wing	12/9/00	Porto, POR	180	
10	Miguel	Soares Martins	POR	Back	4/11/97	Porto, POR	194	8
5	Andre	Sousa	POR	Back	3/3/02	Porto, POR	184	0
14	Rui	Sousa Martins Silva	POR	Back	28/4/93	Guimaraes, POR	186	14
90	Tiago	Sousa	POR	Line Player	6/12/00	Porto, POR	186	
98	Alfredo	Torres	POR	Wing	4/10/00	Guarda, POR	192	



FC Porto Sofarma (POR)

Coach and key players profiles



Magnus Andersson coach

- took charge at Porto in June 2018
- former Swedish international played as a center back and was the MVP at EHF EURO 1994 in Portugal
- as a player was also a two-time world champion and four-time European champion

EHF Cup 2016 and 2017 (as a coach)



Alfredo Quintana goalkeeper

- originally from Havana, Cuba, Quintana arrived in Porto in 2010
- current Portuguese national team player
- won several Portuguese titles, all of them with Porto
- a confident goalkeeper who can change a game when he hits form



Diogo Branquinho left Wing

- after several years at ABC, he is now highlighting in FC Portox
- with 24 years he already conquered one Challenge Cup, one Portuguese Cup and one Supercup
- very strong in counter attack
- physically well-prepared



Fábio Magalhães left Back

- very experienced player, who adds 'brains' to the team
- a complete player who can also play on the right back position
- won the Portuguese Super Cuxp with Sporting CP
- has scored 23 times for Porto so far this EHF Cup season



Rui Silva centre back

- after five years with Sporting CP, he is now in his fifth season with Porto
- an intelligent player who is essential in the team's offensive moves
- delivers great assists for the line player but is also a strong finisher



Daymaro Salina line player

- Havana-born line player, who at age 31 is one of the leaders of the team
- won several Portuguese titles, all of them with
- scored 22 times in the EHF Cup so far this season, but is also a strong asset in the team's defence



Djibril M'Bengue right back

- German player who joined Porto in the summer of 2018 after five years at TVB 1898 Stuttgart
- right back with Senegalese roots, who has a great mentality on court
- physically strong player and also possesses an excellent shot



Antonio Areia right wing

- Portuguese player, who moved to FC Porto from Benfica in 2015
- he is a true penalty expert
- won two Portuguese Super cups with SL Benfica
- the left-handed wing is a technically-gifted player

Top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Magnus Grubb Bramming (DEN)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	75
2	Adrian Figueras Trejo (ESP)	Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP)	60
3	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	57
4	Milos Vujovic (MNE)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	51
5	Dominik Mathe (HUN)	Balatonfüredi KSE (HUN)	48
6	Pawel Podsiadlo (POL)	KS Azoty-Pulawy SA (POL)	47
7	Timo Kastening (GER)	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)	44
8	Raphael Caucheteux (FRA)	Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA)	43
	Morten Olsen (DEN)	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)	43
10	Emil M. Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	42
11	Vladislav Ostroushko (UKR)	HC Eurofarm Rabotnik (MKD)	41
12	Leonardo Dutra Ferreira (BRA)	Liberbank Cuenca (ESP)	40
13	Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	38
14	Antonio Garcia Robledo (ESP)	Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP)	37
	Cosmin Grigoras Demis (ROU)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	37
	Filip Kuzmanovski (MKD)	HC Eurofarm Rabotnik (MKD)	37
	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	GOG (DEN)	37
18	Adam Juhasz (HUN)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	36
	Janko Kevic (CRO)	HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta (ROU)	36

Bold letters indicate players who are still in the competition

Previous seasons' top scorers

Season	Name & nation	Club	Goals
2017/18	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	82
2016/17	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	92
2015/16	Ferran Sole Sala (ESP)	Fraikin BM Granollers (ESP)	70
2014/15	Skube Stas (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	81
2013/14	Dragan Gajic (SLO)	Montpellier Agglomeration HB (FRA)	72
2012/13	Momir Rnic (SRB)	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)	59

Past winners



2018 Füchse Berlin (GER)

2017 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)

2016 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)

2015 Füchse Berlin (GER)

2014 Pick Szeged (HUN)

2013 Rhein Neckar Löwen (GER)













Previous Men's EHF Cup winners

2012	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
2011	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
2010	TBV Lemgo (GER)
2009	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2008	HSG Nordhorn (GER)
2007	SC Magdeburg (GER)
2006	TBV Lemgo (GER)
2005	Tusem Essen (GER)
2004	THW Kiel (GER)
2003	FC Barcelona (ESP)
2002	THW Kiel (GER)
2001	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
2000	Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)
1999	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
1998	THW Kiel (GER)
1997	SG Flensburg Handewitt (GE

BM Granollers (ESP)

BM Granollers (ESP)

Aliza Avidesa (ESP)

Previous Men's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2012	SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
2011	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2010	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2009	Pevafersa Valladolid (ESP)
2008	MKB Veszprem KC (HUN)
2007	HSV Hamburg
2006	Chekhovski Medvedi (RUS)
2005	C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP)
2004	Portland San Antonio (ESP)
2003	A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
2002	A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
2001	SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
2000	Portland San Antonio (ESP)
1999	Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP)
1998	Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP)
1997	Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)
1996	TBV Lemgo (GER)
1995	FC Barcelona (ESP)
1994	FC Barcelona (ESP)

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