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EHF CUP
FINALS

AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals 2019 DRAW

Media Information

Atlantic Hotel
Kiel, Germany

30 April 2019
11:00 hrs CET



AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals Draw

Atlantic Hotel, Kiel, 30 April 2019, 11:00 hrs

Draw Programme

11:00 hrs AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals Press Conference
followed by the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals Draw – semi-finals

Draw Participants

Henrik La Cour, EHF Vice President Finance
Viktor Szilagyi, THW Kiel Sport Director
Ralf Hegedus, Head of the Sports Department of the City of Kiel
Lutz W. Tschense, AKQUINET Dynamic Solutions CEO
Vlado Brindzak, EHF Media and Communications

Draw Procedures

The three teams qualifying from the Men's EHF Cup quarter-finals, as well as THW Kiel, who qualified directly from the group phase as the host club, will be in the pot for the draw. There will be one single pot and no protection of any kind for the teams.

The teams will be drawn as follows: Team 1 => Team 3 => Team 2 => Team 4

Semi-finals will be played: Team 1 versus Team 2 / Team 3 versus Team 4

Please note: The order of the semi-final matches will only be finalised after consulting TV partners in the days after the draw. The final playing schedule will be announced by the EHF on its websites and social media channels.

EHF Cup

The new Men's EHF Cup was formed at the beginning of the 2012/13 season following the merging of the Men's EHF Cup and the Men's Cup Winners' Cup. The competition forms the second tier of the EHF club competitions' system after the VELUX EHF Champions League and above the Men's Challenge Cup.

The new competition also brought with it a new format, with three qualification rounds, a group phase, quarter-finals and a final tournament – the EHF Cup Finals.

AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals 2019 in Kiel

The event will be held in the Sparkassen Arena in Kiel, Germany over two days with semi-finals to be played on Friday, 17 May, the match for third/fourth place and the final on Saturday, 18 May. More than 150 volunteers, 150 media representatives and up to 80 players will take part in the two-day tournament.

AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals Programme

Thursday, 16 May 2019

- Media call at the Sparkassen Arena (TBA)
- Team trainings at the Sparkassen Arena (afternoon)
- Welcome reception (TBA)
- Technical meeting at the Sparkassen Arena (TBA)

Friday, 17 May 2019

- Semi-final 1 - 18:00 hrs
- Semi-final 2 - 20:45 hrs

Saturday, 18 May 2019

- 3/4 Placement Match - 18:00
- EHF Cup Final - 20:45

* Note that the playing order will be only finalised after the draw following negotiations with TV partners.

Tickets

Tickets: At the time of publication almost all tickets have been already sold for the event. The limited number of tickets is available in the ticket shop:

<https://www.eventimsports.de/ols/thwkiel/de/ehffinals/channel/shop/areaplan/venue/event/111160>

Ticket prices range from 45 to 165 euros for the whole event.

Club tickets: 250 tickets have been reserved for the fans of each of the participating teams, these tickets will be available directly from each of the participating clubs themselves. Any remaining tickets from the club allocations will be released for sale back into the ticket shop.

Media Accreditation

Over 150 media representatives are expected to come to Kiel to cover the event for print and online publications as well as TV and radio. Media accreditation is open to professional media representatives working on the event. Freelance journalists may be required to provide evidence of their work. Given the demand for media places, it may not be possible to accept all requests.

Accreditation is open until Friday, 3 May 2019 via an online registration system:

<https://accreditation.ehf.eu>

Media Events

Thursday

Afternoon (TBC) – Media call

Afternoon - Team training (first 15 mins open to TV/photographers, interviews possible for 15 mins after training)

Friday

Semi-final 1/2 - 15 minutes after final whistle – press conference - 1 player and coach each team

Media Get-together

Saturday

3/4 Placement Match - 15 minutes after final whistle – press conference - 1 player and coach each team

Final – 15 minutes after awarding ceremony - press conference - 1 player and coach each team

AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals Online

The event will be covered extensively online by both the EHF Media and Communications department and THW Kiel. The event can be followed on the EHF Cup and EHF Cup Finals websites: <http://europeancup.eurohandball.com/> and <http://www.thw-handball.de/>

Official hashtag - #ehfcupfinals

Social media users can follow the coverage of the event on the official channels of the European Cup competitions and also using the hashtag #ehfcupfinals.

Twitter: [@ehf_ec](https://twitter.com/ehf_ec)

Instagram: [@ehf_ec](https://www.instagram.com/ehf_ec)

Facebook: [ehfeuropeancup](https://www.facebook.com/ehfeuropeancup)

Television and live streaming

Coverage of the event will be shown on television by several TV stations (the detailed list will be released in due time).

Matches will also be streamed live and on-demand around the world at ehfTV.com, the European Handball Federation's online streaming platform. Visit the ehfTV.com for more details and to watch games not only from the EHF Cup Finals, the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest.

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Facts & Figures

Three former winners on the bench, two debutants at Kiel

Four matches only remain in the Men's EHF Cup to decide the winner of the 2018/19 season. Since Sunday, the last participant of the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS is confirmed, after defending champions Fühse Berlin had beaten Hannover for the second time. Besides, host THW Kiel, FC Porto Sofarma and TTH Holstebro are in the pots for the semi-final draw on Wednesday (11:00 hrs local time, livestream on ehfTV.com) in Kiel.

Here are all major facts, figures and numbers on the competition here.

0 clubs from Portugal and Denmark have ever won the EHF Cup, neither in the old nor the new format. As not even one Portuguese team had made it to the finals, two Danish sides were finalists, but in the old format: Virum Sorgenfri in 1997 (against Flensburg) and FC Copenhagen in 2008 (against Nordhorn).

0 French male team has ever won the EHF Cup neither in the new nor the old format or the Cup Winners' Cup. As 2018 finalists Saint-Raphael were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Porto, this series continues.

1 AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS participants had started their journey in the first qualification round: FC Porto Sofarma.

1 EHF Cup champion managed to defend their title in the new format: Record winners Frisch Auf Göppingen in 2017 on home ground after winning the trophy already in 2016 in Nantes. Fühse could match that feat this season.

1 non-German team won the new version of the EHF-Cup only: Pick Szeged in 2014 in the final at Berlin against Montpellier.

1 team only - hosts THW Kiel - arrives with a clean record of eight victories from eight matches at the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS. FC Porto are unbeaten since the start of the group phase by seven victories and one draw.

1 team only, which was part of the 2018 Ottostadt Magdeburg EHF Cup Finals, is back among the top four again: defending champions Fühse Berlin.

1 winner of the new version of the EHF Cup is among the four participants of AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS: Fühse Berlin (2015 and 2018). Kiel won three times in the old format in 1998, 2002 and 2004.

1 former EHF Champions League winner - as every year so far - is still in the race for the EHF Cup trophy: THW Kiel, winners in 2007, 2010 and 2012. Before it had been SC Magdeburg (2013, 2016 and 2018) and the later-on finalists Montpellier (2014) and Hamburg (2015). So far, no former Champions League winner took the trophy in the EHF Cup.

1 team, which finished second after the group stage, made it to Kiel: TTH Holstebro.

1 team arriving from the quarter-finals won both knock-out matches: defending champions Fühse Berlin against TSV Hannover-Burgdorf.

2 all-German finals have been played since the competition was merged: in 2015 it was Berlin vs Hamburg and in 2017 Göppingen vs Berlin.

2 Danish teams had been part of the EHF Cup Finals since 2013: Holstebro in 2013 and Skjern (2015). Both failed in the semis each.

2 of the four AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS participants had been part of EHF Cup final tournaments before: TTH Holstebro (2013, 2019) and Fühse Berlin (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019).

2 hosts of the EHF Cup Finals took the trophy so far: Berlin in 2015 and Göppingen in 2017. Fühse had failed in the semis 2014 on home ground, as Nantes failed twice in the finals against Löwen (2013) and Göppingen (2016), while Magdeburg in 2018 lost the semi against Saint-Raphael.

2 - which means all - German teams, which qualified for the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS, have won the EHF Cup at least once: Berlin (2015, 2018) and Kiel (1998, 2002, 2004).

2 of 54 matches since the start of the group phase ended with 45 or less goals.

3 coaches of the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS participants have won the EHF Cup as a coach - Fühse coach Velimir Petkovic (2011 and 2012 with Frisch Auf Göppingen, 2018 with Berlin). Porto's coach Magnus Andersson (2016 and 2017 with Göppingen) and THW coach Alfred Gislason (2001 with SC Magdeburg).

3 of 54 matches since the start of the group phase ended with a draw, one in the quarter-finals (Saint-Raphael vs Porto 30:30).

3 participants of the EHF Cup Finals had finished on top of their groups: Berlin (group A), Porto (group C) and Kiel (group D).

3 times, THW Kiel had been part of the EHF Cup, three times, the Zebras won the trophy.

4 nations are represented by the origin of the coaches of the previous EHF Cup Finals winners: Iceland (Gudmundur Gudmundsson/2013 and Dagur Sigurdsson/2015), Spain (Juan Carlos Pastor/2014), Sweden (Magnus Andersson/2016 and 2017) and Germany (Velimir Petkovic/2018).

4 times Göppingen have won the EHF Cup, each twice in the old format (2011, 2012) and the new format (2016, 2017) to be record holders ahead of SC Magdeburg (1999, 2001, 2007) and THW Kiel (1998, 2002, 2004) with three titles each. Therefore, Kiel can catch-up with Göppingen.

6 times – like in all previous EHF Cup Finals - at least one German team is part of: 2013 it were Göppingen and Löwen, 2014 Berlin,

Facts & Figures

2015 Berlin and Hamburg, 2016 Göppingen, 2017 and 2018 Göppingen, Berlin and Füchse, 2019 Kiel and Berlin.

7 - which means all - times the host of the EHF Cup Finals qualified directly from the group phase, skipping the quarter-finals (Nantes and Berlin each twice, Göppingen, Magdeburg and now Kiel).

8 nations have been represented by the clubs in all EHF Cup Finals since 2013: Germany (14 teams including 2019), France (6), Denmark (4), Spain (1), Hungary (1), Romania (1), Slovenia (1) and Portugal (1).

9 of 54 matches since the start of the group phase ended with a difference of ten or more goals.

10 goals difference was the highest aggregate margin in the quarter-finals (Berlin vs Hannover/64:54).

11 points in ten matches including qualification were enough for TTH Holstebro to qualify for the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS.

12 points from six group matches - the optimum - were taken by Kiel and Porto.

14 of 54 matches since the start of the group phase were attended by more than 3000 fans, including both All-German quarter-final matches.

14 goals were the biggest margin since the start of the group phase, when Kiel beat GOG 37:23. In the quarter-finals the match Hannover vs Berlin (26:34) was the clearest one.

17 away wins were among the 54 matches since the start of the group phase.

19 times a German team has won the old (14) and the new (5) version of the EHF Cup since the implementation of the competition in the 1993/94 season. Five times the winner came from Spain, each once from Croatia and Hungary.

21 of 54 matches since the start of the group phase ended with 60 or more goals scored, including three quarter-final duels.

21 victories from 21 home matches in the EHF Cup since 1998 is the impressive series of AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS host THW Kiel. Funny enough, the first EHF Cup home match ever was against FC Porto (35:23 in the Last32 round of the 1997/98 season).

23 EHF Cup matches in a row Göppingen were unbeaten in the EHF Cup until the 2018 semi-final defeat against Berlin, the record is 22 victories, one draw.

34 times in the 54 matches since the start of the group phase, the home team was victorious in the end, including four home victories in the six quarter-finals.

41 goals, scored in the group match Nexø vs Eurofarm (23:18) was the lowest group phase score.

52 goals in two quarter-final matches against Tatabánya were

enough for Holstebro to qualify for the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS.

+76 is the impressive goal difference of THW Kiel after only eight matches so far.

70 goals scored in the group match GOG vs Pulawy (41:29) were the high-score so far.

89 goals were scored by Magnus Bramming (Holstebro) to clearly top the top scorer list so far. Second is 2016/17 and 2017/18 EHF Cup top scorer Hans Lindberg (Berlin) by 71 goals. 344 goals were scored in the six quarter-final matches.

3,073 goals were scored since the start of the group phase (2,729 goals).

9,006 fans were the highest attendance of this season so far, for the group phase match Kiel vs Granollers, almost the same number of fans saw the matches Berlin vs Balatonfüred. The biggest attendance in the quarter-finals were 7,165 fans at Berlin.

10,250 fans will attend the four matches of the AKQUINET EHF CUP FINALS, which means a new record for the final tournaments of this competition.

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.

Most goals:

70 goals: Holstebro vs Pulawy (41:29/GP)
69 goals: Balatonfüred vs La Rioja (35:34/GP)
68 goals: Pulawy vs Granollers (34:34/GP)
64 goals: Porto vs Saint-Raphael (QF)

Fewest goals:


41 goals: Nexø vs Bitola (23:18/GP)
45 goals: Hannover vs Bitola (24:21/GP)
46 goals: Bitola vs Hannover (17:29/GP)
49 goals: Tatabánya vs Holstebro (26:23/QF)

Biggest winning margin:

+14 goals: Kiel vs GOG (37:23/GP)
+13 goals: Berlin vs Balatonfüred (36:23/GP)
+12 goals: Holstebro vs Cuenca (34:22/GP)
+8 goals: Hannover vs Berlin (26:34/QF)

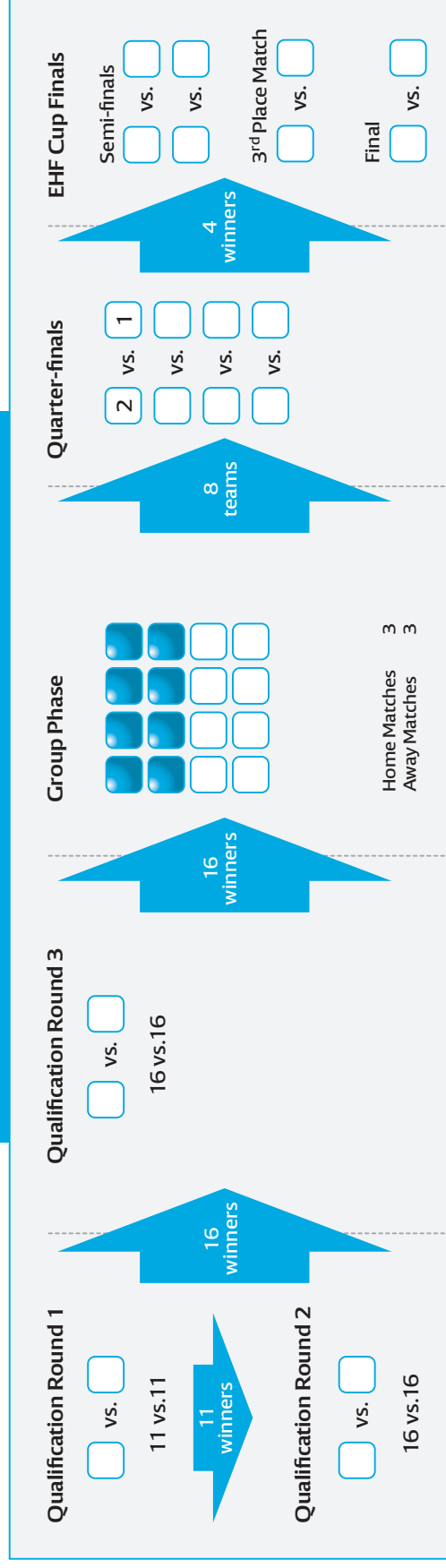
Spectators:

9,006: Kiel vs Granollers (GP)
9,000: Berlin vs Balatonfüred (GP)
8,619: Kiel vs GOG (GP)
7,165: Berlin vs Hannover (QF)

2018/2019 MEN'S EHF CUP								
<div><div>MEN'S</div><div></div><div>EHF CUP</div></div>		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter finals	EHF Cup FINALS	
		22 teams	32 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	
		01/02.09.2018 first leg	06/07.10.2018 first leg	17/18.11.2018 first leg	R1: 09/10.02.2019 R2: 16/17.02.2019 R3: 23/24.02.2019 R4: 02/03.03.2019 R5: 23/24.03.2019 R6: 30/31.03.2019	20/21.04.19 first leg	17.-19.05.2019 Tournament played in semi-finals and finals in one venue	
NATION		08/09.09.2018 second leg	13/14.10.2018 second leg	24/25.11.2018 second leg		27/28.04.19 second leg		
DRAWS:		17.07.2018	17.07.2018	16.10.2018	29.11.2018	02.04.2019	30.04.2019	
1	Def. Champ.			Füchse Berlin	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals	
2	GER			SC Magdeburg				
3	ESP			Fraikin BM Granollers				
4	GER			TSV Hannover-Burgdorf				
5	ESP			BM. Logrono La Rioja				
6	DEN			TTH Holstebro				
7	HUN			Grundfos Tatabanya KC				
8	POL			KS Azoty-Pulawy SA				
9	MKD			HC Eurofarm Rabotnik Bitola				
10	GER			THW Kiel				
11	FRA			St. Raphael var Handball				
12	ESP			Liberbank Cuenca				
13	DEN			GOG				
14	SWE			HK Malmö				
15	HUN			Balatonfüredi KSE				
16	CRO			RK Nexse				
17	BLR			SKA Minsk				16 Winners of Qualification Round 2
18	SUI			Pfadi Winterthur				
19	SLO			RD Riko Ribnica				
20	ROU			Dobrogea Sud Constanta				
21	POL			KPR Gwardia Opole				
22	POR			SL Benfica				
23	NOR			Drammen HK				
24	ISL			IBV Vestmannaeyjar				
25	RUS			HC Spartak				
26	CZE			HCB Karvina				
27	UKR			HC ZTR Zaporozhye				
28	BEL			Achilles Bocholt				
29	ISR			Maccabi Srugo Rishon Lezion				
30	AUT			ALPLA HC Hard				
31	SRB			HC Vojvodina				
32	GRE			Olympiacos S.F.P.				
33	NED	Heren Green Park Tigers1						
34	MKD	HC Prolet 62						
35	FRA	PAUC Handball						
36	DEN	Aalborg Handbold						
37	HUN	Sport36-Komló						
38	CRO	RK Dubrava	11 Winners of Qualification Round 1					
39	SUI	Kadetten Schaffhausen						
40	SLO	RK Gorenje Velenje						
41	ROU	CSA Steaua Bucuresti						
42	POR	FC Porto						
43	ISL	Selfoss						
44	CZE	Talent Robstav M.A.T. Plzen						
45	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949						
46	NED	OCI-Lions						
47	EST	Põlva Serviti						
48	KOS	KH Besa Famgas						
49	LUX	HB Kaerjeng						
50	LTU	Dragunas Klaipeda						
51	GEO	BSB Batumi						
52	GBR	Glasgow HC						
53	SWE	Alingsas HK						
54	CRO	GRK Varazdin 1930						
55	SUI	BSV Bern						
56	SLO	RD Koper						
57	ROU	AHC Potaissa Turda						
58	ISL	FH Hafnarfjordur						
59	AUT	SG Insignis HB West Wien						



Men's EHF Cup 2018/19 playing system



Season 2018/19 playing dates

Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter-finals	EHF Cup Finals
first leg - 01/02.09.2018 second leg - 08/09.09.2018	first leg 17/18.11.2018	R1: 09/10.02.2019 R2: 16/17.02.2019 R3: 23/24.02.2019	first leg 20/21.04.19 second leg 27/28.04.19	17.-19.05.2019
Qualification Round 2 first leg - 06/07.10.2018 second leg - 13/14.10.2018	second leg 24/25.11.2018	R4: 02/03.03.2019 R5: 23/24.03.2019 R6: 30/31.03.2019		

TTH Holstebro (DEN)



Playing hall
Grækjaer Arena
 Hostrupvej 27 7500
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 Capacity: 3,250

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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

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.

At the EHF Cup Finals since 2013 they lost in the semi-final of the first ever Finals in Nantes. Left-winger Magnus Bramming will be one of their most dangerous asset, as he currently tops the best scorer chart with 89 goals, 18 more than the last season's top scorer Hans Lindberg (Füchse) who follows him up in the ranking.

Coach: Patrick Westerholm (FIN)

Nations represented in the squad: (DEN, SWE, FIN, ISL, NED)

Top scorers:

Magnus Grubb Bramming	89
John Viktor Östlund	38
Kasper Emil Kildelund	29

GROUP C Final Table:

1. FC Porto Sofarma	6	6	0	0	196:168	28	12
2. TTH Holstebro	6	3	0	3	175:160	15	6
3. HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	6	2	0	4	165:174	-9	4
4. Liberbank Cuenca	6	1	0	5	152:186	-34	2

Road to the semi-finals

Quarter-finals

vs Grundfos Tatabanya	W29:24
@ Grundfos Tatabanya	L26:23

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

Qualification Round 3

@ PAUC	D25:25
vs PAUC	W28:25

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

THW Kiel (GER)



On 24 April 2004, 10,000 fans went crazy as THW Kiel secured a clear 27:19 victory in the second leg of the final against BM Altea from Spain to raise the EHF Cup trophy for the third time. Kiel would not play another EHF Cup match for 14 years, during which the German record champions were regulars in the EHF Champions League and picked up three titles in 2007, 2010 and 2012.

Now the 'Zebras' are back in the EHF Cup and are considered to be favourites by most to go all the way. Kiel hosts the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals on 17/18 May and took the first step towards their home event with a Round 3 win over Norwegian side Drammen. Then they cruised also through the group phase winning all six of their matches and courtesy of this spotless performance they secured a bye in the quarter-finals.

Winning the final tournament would be a fitting farewell to coach Alfred Gislason, who will leave his role after eleven years and will be succeeded by current assistant coach Filip Jicha.



Playing hall

Sparkassen-Arena-Kiel
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Coach: Alfred Gislason (ISL)

Nations represented in the squad: 9 (GER, DEN, SWE, SRB, AUT, CRO, ISL, SLO, NOR)

Top scorers:

Niclas Ekberg	38
Hendrik Pekeler	26
Nikola Bilyk	23

GROUP D Final Table:

1. THW Kiel	6	6	0	0	191:144	47	12
2. GOG	6	3	0	3	182:180	2	6
3. Fraikin BM. Granollers	6	2	1	3	174:195	-21	5
4. KS Azoty-Pulawy SA	6	0	1	5	169:197	-28	1

Road to the semi-finals

Quarter-finals: bye

Group phase

@ Fraikin BM Granollers	W22:33
vs KS Azoty-Pulawy SA	W26:23
vs GOG	W37:23
@ GOG	W22:26
vs Fraikin BM Granollers	W34:28
@ KS Azoty-Pulawy SA	W26:35

Qualification round 3:

vs Drammen HK	W34:23
@ Drammen HK	W18:36

Past achievements:

EHF Cup:

Winners (3): 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

Other

VELUX EHF Champions League:

Winners 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12,
Runners-up 1999/00, 2007/08,
2008/09, 2012/13, 2013/14,
2014/15, 2015/16

Champions Trophy: winners 2006/07,
Runners-up 2000/01, 2001/02,
2003/04, 2007/08

FC Porto Sofarma (POR)

With a consistent and growing project, FC Porto aimed to reach the Men's EHF Cup Finals for the first time this season and indeed they did it. The club has been collecting 20 national titles but is now eager for more.

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 An-tónio Areia - a twist that history will never erase.

But Porto still amazed in the Group Phase, where they won their six games, a performance that only AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals organizer THW Kiel managed to match. On top of that, the Portuguese side finished the Group Phase with the best offence and 196 goals scored. The Portuguese team continued to impress in the quarter-finals as they ousted Saint-Raphaël, last season's finalists. Porto's head coach Magnus Andersson will be eyeing his third EHF Cup trophy in four years after he steered Göppingen to two titles in 2016 and 2017.

Coach: Magnus Andersson (SWE)

Nations represented in the squad: 5 (POR, GER, AUT, CUB, CPV)

Top scorers:

Antonio Rodrigues Areira	47
Miguel Soares Martins	36
Daymaro Amador Salina	27

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Road to the semi-finals

Quarter-final

@ Saint-Raphael Var Handball	D30:30
vs Saint-Raphael Var Handball	W34:30

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 Constanta	W30:27

Qualification Round 3

@ SC Magdeburg	L26:23
vs SC Magdeburg	W34:27

Qualification Round 2

vs SKA Minsk	W34:29
@ SKA Minsk	L25:24

Qualification Round 1

vs AHC Potaissa Turda	W41:21
@ AHC Potaissa Turda	W24:27



Playing hall Dragao Caixa

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Capacity: 2,225

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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

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



Füchse Berlin (GER)

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 have gone 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 and 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 Hungarians from Balatonfüredi. 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.

The quarter-final confrontation was the first against TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, a team they've already met twice in the Bundesliga this season. The head coach Velimir Petkovic, who in the past steered Göppingen and Berlin to EHF Cup glory, believes that the 2019 champions will again come from Germany.

Coach: Velimir Petkovic (GER)

Nations represented in the squad: 9 (GER, DEN, ISL, CRO, SWE, ESP, CZE, SRB, FRA)

Top scorers:

Hans Lindberg	71
Fabian Wiede	40
Jacob Tandrup Holm	39

GROUP A Final Table:

1. Füchse Berlin	6	5	0	1	192 : 166	26	10
2. Saint-Raphael Var Handball	6	4	0	2	180 : 169	11	8
3. BM Logroño La Rioja	6	2	0	4	174 : 180	-6	4
4. Balatonfüredi KSE	6	1	0	5	156 : 187	-31	2

Road to the semi-final

Quarter-finals:

@ TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	W26:34
vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	W30:28

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 Handball	L34:31
vs Balatonfüredi KSE	W36:23

Qualification Round 3

@ Aalborg Handbold	L31:29
vs Aalborg Handbold	W28:23

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

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Potential head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals opponents in the EC

TTH Holstebro vs FC Porto Sofarma 0-0-2 (60:65) 0:4

23.02.2019	TTH Holstebro vs FC Porto Sofarma, EHF Cup – Group C	31:33 (15:17)
02.03.2019	FC Porto Sofarma vs TTH Holstebro, EHF Cup – Group C	32:29 (13:12)

TTH Holstebro vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions

TTH Holstebro vs THW Kiel

No previous encounters in European competitions

Füchse Berlin vs THW Kiel

No previous encounters in European competitions

Füchse Berlin vs FC Porto Sofarma 4-0-0 (114:92) 8:0

14.02.2015	Futebol Clube do Porto vs Füchse Berlin, EHF Cup – Group C	20:26 (12:14)
15.03.2015	Füchse Berlin vs Futebol Clube do Porto, EHF Cup – Group C	25:20 (7:8)
18.11.2017	Futebol Clube do Porto vs Füchse Berlin, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	27:30 (12:14)
23.11.2017	Füchse Berlin vs Futebol Clube do Porto, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	33:25 (17:12)

THW Kiel vs FC Porto Sofarma 3-0-1 (117:106) 6:2

05.10.1997	THW Kiel vs Futebol Clube do Porto, EHF Cup – Round 2	35:23 (18:12)
12.10.1997	Futebol Clube do Porto vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Round 2	31:21 (15:14)
12.10.2013	FC Porto Vitalis vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	27:31 (17:16)
19.02.2014	THW Kiel vs FC Porto Vitalis, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:25 (17:11)

All-time stats before the AKQUINET EHF Cup Finals

All-time ranking

1. Füchse Berlin GER	8	6	0	2	220:206 +14	12:4
2. Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	8	4	0	4	221:220 +1	8:8
3. Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	2	2	0	0	54:46 +8	4:0
4. Pick Szeged HUN	2	2	0	0	53:50 +3	4:0
5. SC Magdeburg GER	4	2	0	2	123:117 +6	4:4
6. HBC Nantes FRA	4	2	0	2	103:104 -1	4:4
7. Montpellier Agglomération HB FRA	2	1	0	1	64:61 +3	2:2
8. Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP	2	1	0	1	51:48 +3	2:2
9. HSV Hamburg GER	2	1	0	1	54:53 +1	2:2
10. Skjern Handbold DEN	2	1	0	1	50:49 +1	2:2
11. Team Tvis Holstebro DEN	2	1	0	1	48:53 -5	2:2
12. Saint-Raphael Var Handball FRA	4	1	0	3	108:122 -14	2:6
13. HCM Constanta ROU	2	0	0	2	60:65 -5	0:4
14. Chambéry Savoie Handball FRA	2	0	0	2	46:53 -7	0:4
15. Rk Gorenje Velenje SLO	2	0	0	2	46:54 -8	0:4

Most goals in one game

Yves Grafenhorst	12	21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Hans Lindberg	11	20.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	24:35
Raphael Caucheteux	11	19.05.2018	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	28:27
Uwe Gensheimer	10	19.05.2013	HBC Nantes-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:26
Iuliu Alexandru Csepregi	10	17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	32:36
Dragan Gajic	10	18.05.2014	Montpellier Agglomeration HB-Pick Szeged	28:29
Kentin Mahe	10	17.05.2015	Füchse Berlin-HSV Hamburg	30:27
David Resina Fornis	10	14.05.2016	Fraikin BM. Granollers-HBC Nantes	26:27
Ferran Sole Sala	10	15.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Fraikin BM. Granollers	21:25
Daniel Pettersson	10	21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Matthias Musche	10	20.05.2018	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	35:25
Dragan Gajic	9	17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	32:36
Marcel Schiller	9	14.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Frisch Auf Göppingen	25:28
Cedric Paty	9	15.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Fraikin BM. Granollers	21:25
Zarko Sesum	9	20.05.2017	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	29:33
Hans Lindberg	9	19.05.2018	Frisch Auf Göppingen-Füchse Berlin	24:27
Valero Rivera Folch	8	18.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-HBC Nantes	20:26
Iker Romero Fernandez	8	18.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Füchse Berlin	28:29
Valero Rivera Folch	8	14.05.2016	Fraikin BM. Granollers-HBC Nantes	26:27
Valero Rivera Folch	8	15.05.2016	Frisch Auf Göppingen-HBC Nantes	32:26
Michael Damgaard Nielsen	8	20.05.2017	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	29:33
Marcel Schiller	8	20.05.2017	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	29:33
Alexandru Viorel Simicu	8	20.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	24:35
Lars Kaufmann	8	21.05.2017	Füchse Berlin-Frisch Auf Göppingen	22:30
Michael Damgaard Nielsen	8	20.05.2018	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	35:25
Nemanja Zelenovic	8	20.05.2018	SC Magdeburg-Frisch Auf Göppingen	35:25
Raphael Caucheteux	8	20.05.2018	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	25:28

Most participations (including this year):

5	Füchse Berlin
4	Frisch Auf Göppingen
2	TTH Holstebro
2	SC Magdeburg
2	HBC Nantes
2	Saint-Raphael Var Handball

Most goals in one match:

36	Montpellier Agglomeration HB	17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	32:36
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Most goals in one match both teams:

68		17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	32:36
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Least goals in one match:

20	Team Tvis Holstebro	18.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-HBC Nantes	20:26
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Least goals in one match both teams:

46		18.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-HBC Nantes	20:26
46		17.05.2014	Füchse Berlin-Pick Szeged	22:24
46		15.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Fraikin BM. Granollers	21:25

Biggest win:

+11		20.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	24:35
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Most goals at half-time:

18	Montpellier Agglomeration HB	17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	(14:18)
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Most goals at half-time both teams:				
32		17.05.2014	HCM Constanta-Montpellier Agglomeration HB	(14:18)
Least goals at half-time:				
7	Frisch Auf Göppingen	18.05.2013	Frisch Auf Göppingen-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	(7:12)
Least goals at half-time both teams:				
19		18.05.2013	Frisch Auf Göppingen-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	(7:12)
Biggest gap at half-time:				
+7	Füchse Berlin	20.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	(10:17)
Biggest change from half-time score to full-time score:				
8		14.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Frisch Auf Göppingen	25:28 (14:9)
Most penalty minutes:				
16'	Frisch Auf Göppingen	18.05.2013	Frisch Auf Göppingen-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	22:28
16'	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	19.05.2013	HBC Nantes-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:26
Most penalty minutes:				
28'		19.05.2013	HBC Nantes-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	24:26
Least penalty minutes:				
2'	Rk Gorenje Velenje	17.05.2015	Rk Gorenje Velenje-Skjern Handbold	22:27
2'	Chambery Savoie Handball	14.05.2016	Chambery Savoie Handball-Frisch Auf Göppingen	25:28
Least penalty minutes both teams:				
8'		17.05.2015	Rk Gorenje Velenje-Skjern Handbold	22:27
Most 7m throws:				
11	Saint-Raphael Var Handball	21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Most 7m throws both teams:				
20		21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Least 7m throws:				
0	Team Tvis Holstebro	18.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-HBC Nantes	20:26
Least 7m throws both teams:				
3		19.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-Frisch Auf Göppingen	28:27
Most 7m throws scored:				
9	Saint-Raphael Var Handball	21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
9	SC Magdeburg	21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Most 7m throws scored both teams:				
18		21.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-SC Magdeburg	31:32
Least 7m throws scored:				
0	Team Tvis Holstebro	18.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-HBC Nantes	20:26
0	Frisch Auf Göppingen	19.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-Frisch Auf Göppingen	28:27
Least 7m throws scored both teams:				
2		19.05.2013	Team Tvis Holstebro-Frisch Auf Göppingen	28:27
Disqualifications at Ottostadt Magdeburg EHF Cup Finals:				
	Manuel Späth (Frisch Auf Göppingen)	18.05.2013	Frisch Auf Göppingen-Rhein-Neckar Löwen	22:28
	Alexandru Viorel Simicu (HSV Hamburg)	17.05.2015	Füchse Berlin-HSV Hamburg	30:27
	Bjarki Mar Elisson (Füchse Berlin)	20.05.2017	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	24:35
	Alexander Lynggaard (Saint-Raphael Var Handball)	20.05.2018	Saint-Raphael Var Handball-Füchse Berlin	25:28

Current top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Magnus Grubb Bramming (DEN)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	89
2	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	71
3	Raphael Caucheteux (FRA)	Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA)	62
4	Milos Vujovic (MNE)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	61
5	Adrian Figueras Trejo (ESP)	Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP)	60
	Timo Kastening (GER)	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)	60
7	Morten Olsen (DEN)	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)	54
8	Dominik Mathe (HUN)	Balatonfüredi KSE (HUN)	48
9	Pawel Podsiadlo (POL)	KS Azoty-Pulawy SA (POL)	47
	Antonio Rodrigues Areia (POR)	FC Porto Sofarma	47
11	Cosmin Grigoras Demis (ROU)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	45
12	Emil M. Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	42
13	Vladislav Ostroushko (UKR)	HC Eurofarm Rabotnik (MKD)	41
	Adam Juhasz (HUN)	Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN)	41
15	Leonardo Dutra Ferreira (BRA)	Liberbank Cuenca (ESP)	40
	Fabian Wiede (GER)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	40
17	Kai Häfner (GER)	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf (GER)	39
	Jacob Tandrup Holm (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	39
19	Niclas Ekberg (SWE)	THW Kiel (GER)	38
	Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	38
	John Viktor Östlund (SWE)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	38

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 (GER)
1996	BM Granollers (ESP)
1995	BM Granollers (ESP)
1994	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)
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