



# **MEDIA GUIDE**

**EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21  
LAST 16**

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# I INTRODUCTION TO THE LAST 16

We are delighted to welcome you back to the EHF European League Men 2020/21 as the competition's inaugural season now enters its exciting knockout stage. The group phase certainly lived up to expectation with a series of tough, intense and energetic matches, featuring an eclectic mix of teams.

The interest in the competition caught the imagination of fans across the continent with millions watching the action unfold. A total of 22 broadcasters televised matches in the group phase, proving without doubt that interest in our second-tier competition remains high.

Now we focus on the 16 teams that have their sights firmly fixed on reaching the first ever EHF European League Finals in May.

No nation is represented more than Germany with three clubs making their way into the Last 16. Füchse Berlin, SC Magdeburg and Rhein-Neckar Löwen go into the knockout phase after topping their respective groups. The German sides have a fine pedigree in the competition's previous guise, the EHF Cup, with Füchse as two-time winners and Rhein-Neckar Löwen lifting the trophy once. The three teams go into the knockout phase as heavy favourites and it will be fascinating to see how they fare against teams out to cause an upset.

One of the stories of the group phase was the run of Fivers from Vienna. The Austrian side's prize for reaching this far is a meeting with Füchse and this pairing is just one of eight tantalising fixtures which are sure to send pulses racing across the continent.

France is represented by two club, with USAM Nîmes Gard joined by two-time EHF Champions League winners Montpellier HB, once again highlighting just how competitive this season's EHF European League is. Montpellier's meeting with Kadetten Schaffhausen is a particularly interesting tie. Russia also have two teams still in the race: Chekhovski medvedi and HC CSKA.

Danish outfit GOG, meanwhile, will go into the knockout phase boosted by the knowledge they have two of the competition's top goalscorers in their ranks. Emil Jakobsen and Simon Pytlick have hit 154 goals between them so far and they will be aiming to add to that number in the two legs against CSKA.

But the group phase has already hinted that any team in this competition can spring a surprise on their day.

We look forward to continue working with you during the Last 16!

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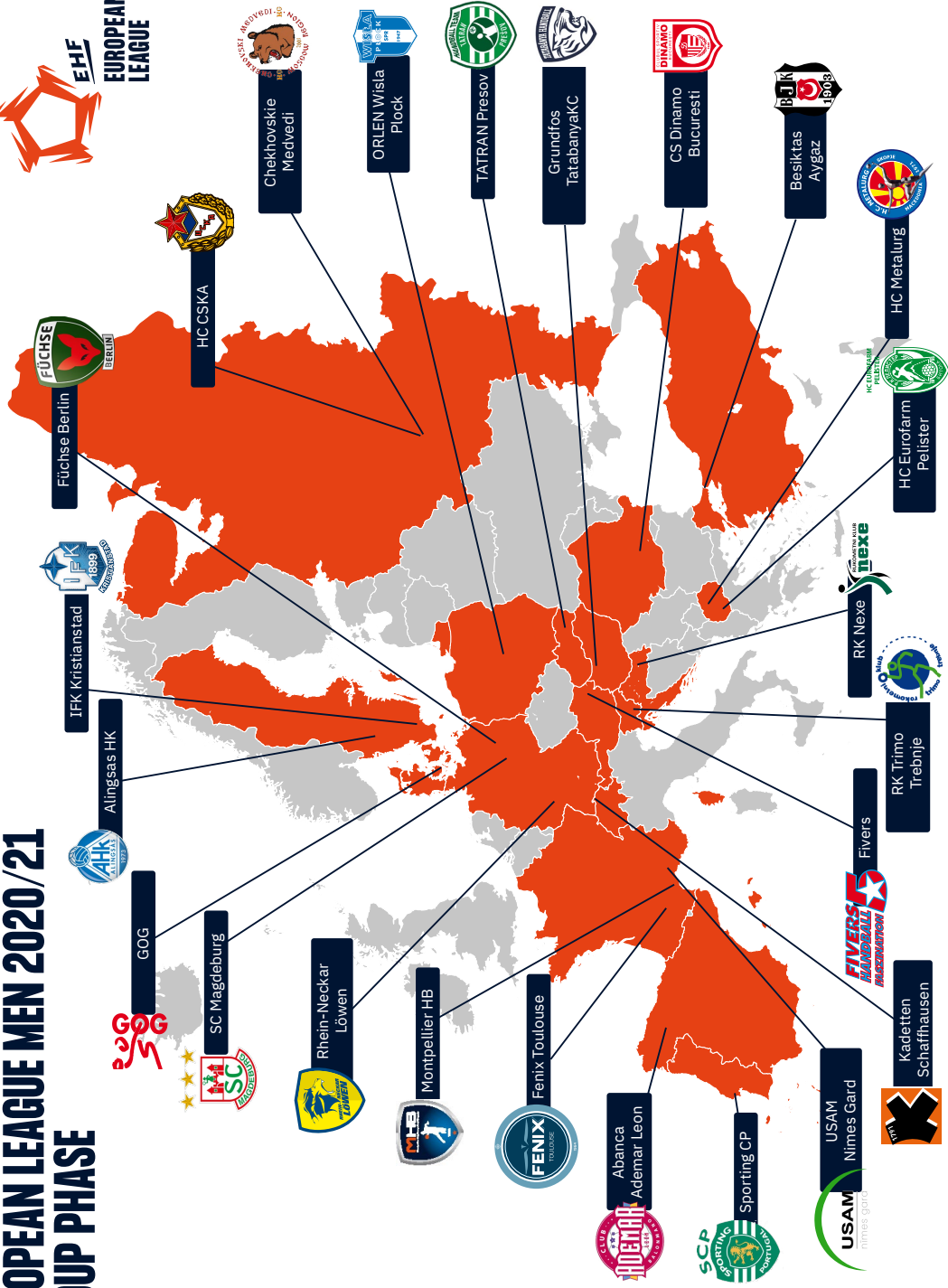
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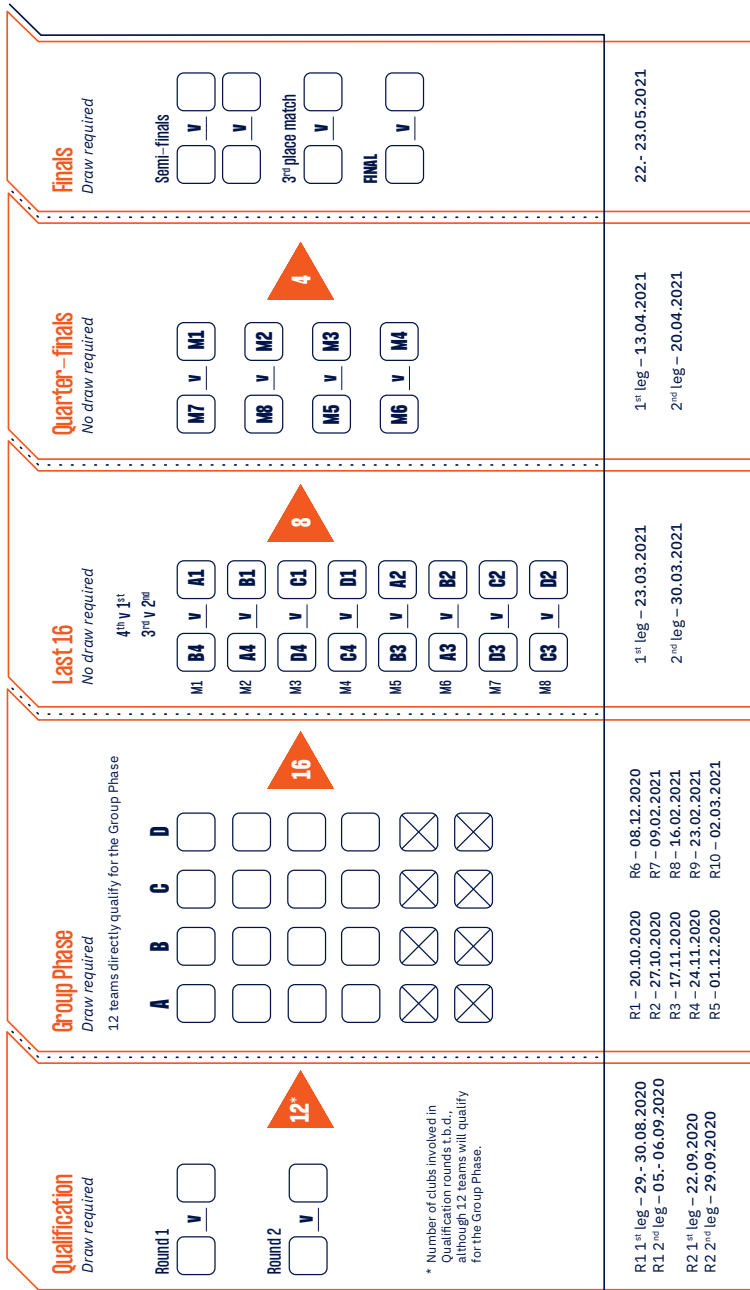
# EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 GROUP PHASE



# MEN'S EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

## 2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates





# I FROM 0 TO 1,361: THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE LAST 16

## FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW PRIOR TO THE START OF THE KNOCKOUT PHASE

The EHF European League Men is heading into the knockout phase of its inaugural season, with the Last 16 coming up next.

Here are the main facts and figures of the competition after the group phase:

**0** teams from the same country face in the Last 16, and the same will apply to the quarter-final.

# 1

non-German club became group winners:  
ORLEN Wisla Plock from Poland.

**1** coach still in the competition won the EHF Champions League as a coach: outgoing Rhein-Neckar Löwen coach Martin Schwalb, who won with HSV Hamburg in 2013.

**1** player, who won the last edition of the EHF Cup in 2019 with THW Kiel, can win the EHF European League Men trophy: Lukas Nilsson, who joined Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the summer of 2020.

**2** teams in the Last 16 have started their journey in the first qualification round: CSKA and Fivers.

**2** players part of the Last 16 have won the four main trophies in handball (Olympics, World and European Championship, EHF Champions League): Michael Guigou (FRA/Nimes) and Hans Lindberg (DEN/Berlin).

**2** former EHF Champions League winners are still in the competition: SC Magdeburg (2002) and Montpellier HB (2003, 2018).

**2** group matches ended with 70 or more goals.

**2** players in the Last 16 were part of the World Championship 2021 All-star Team: goalkeeper Andreas Palicka (Sweden/ Löwen) and right back Mathias Gidsel (Denmark/GOG).

**2** former EHF Champions League top scorers are still part of the competition: Uwe Gensheimer (2010/11 for Löwen, 2016/17 and 2017/18 for PSG) with Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Hans Lindberg (2012/13 for Hamburg) with Füchse Berlin. Lindberg was also twice top scorer of the EHF Cup with Berlin, in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

**2** teams did not win a single point in the group phase: Tatabánya and Besiktas.

**3** group matches ended with 45 or less goals.

**3** clubs in the Last 16 changed coaches during the season: CSKA (Velimir Petkovic replacing Oleg Kuleshov), IFK Kristianstad (Ulf Larsson replacing Ljubomir Vranjes), and RK Nexe (Branko Tamse replacing Hrvoje Horvat)

**4** of the Last 16 participants played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Chekhovskie medvedi, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Füchse Berlin and Montpellier HB; only Montpellier won the title, in 2018.

# 4

times in 111 group matches  
a team scored less than 20 goals.

**4** teams still in the competition played at the EHF Cup Finals in the past: German sides Berlin (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019), Löwen (2013) and Magdeburg (2017, 2018), and French side Montpellier (2014).

**5** coaches from Last 16 teams also coach(ed) national teams: Zeljko Babic (Pelister/Croatia), Velimir Petkovic (CSKA/Russia), Manolo Cadenas (Leon/Spain and Argentina), Xavier Sabate (Plock/Hungary), Vladimir Maximov (Chekhov/Russia).

**8** of the 16 teams played in the EHF Champions League group phase last season: GOG, Montpellier, Pelister, Plock, Sporting, Chekhov, Schaffhausen and Kristianstad.

**10** of the 111 group matches played ended in a draw; Leon had the most draws: four.

**11** group matches ended with a difference of 10 or more goals.

**12** nations are represented in the Last 16: Germany (with three teams), France, Russia (two each), Denmark, Switzerland, Croatia, Sweden, Spain, Austria, Portugal, Poland and North Macedonia.

**13** players in the Last 16 won a medal at the World Championship 2021 in Egypt: GOG (4 DEN), Füchse Berlin (2 DEN/1 SWE), Löwen (2 SWE), Montpellier (2 SWE), Magdeburg (1 SWE) and Leon (1 ESP).

**16** was the lowest amount of goals by a team in a group match: Besiktas losing 16:40 to Montpellier.

**18**

was the highest number of group phase points, gained by SC Magdeburg, ahead of Löwen (17) and Plock (16).

**20** times German clubs won the EHF Cup, including six out of seven times at a four-team finals tournament (2013-2019).

**24** goals were the winning margin in the group phase: Montpellier beating Besiktas 40:16.

**28** knockout matches are scheduled: 16 in the Last 16, eight in the quarter-final, four at the EHF European League Finals (23/24 May).

**34** goals marked the overall difference between Plock and Metallurg after their two group matches.

**37** times in 111 group matches, 60 or more goals were scored.

**40** of the 111 group matches played were won by the away team.

**40** was the lowest amount of goals in a group phase match: Pelister vs Tatabanya 21:19.

**45** was the highest number of goals scored by a team in one match: Fivers beating Metallurg 45:30.

**49** years is the age difference between the oldest coach of the competition, Vladimir Maximov (Chechov/75) and the youngest, Jaron Siewert (Füchse Berlin/26).

**61** of the 111 group matches played were won by the home team.

**75** was the highest amount of goals in a group phase match: Fivers beating Metallurg 45:30.

**85** goals in total were scored in the two duels between Pelister vs Tatabanya.

**89** goals were scored by Emil Jacobsen (GOG), who leads the top scorers list.

**6,361** goals were scored in the 111 matches played: 1,672 in group A; 1,535 in group B; 1,554 in group C; 1,600 in group D.

### **Most, biggest, highest of the group phase:**

#### **Most goals per match:**

75 - Fivers vs Metallurg 45:30

72 - Leon vs Metallurg 41:32

69 - GOG vs Löwen 32:37

#### **Fewest goals per match:**

40 - Pelister vs Tatabanya 21:19

45 - Nimes vs Presov 25:20

45 - Presov vs Sporting 24:21

45 - Nexø vs Montpellier 22:23

45 - Tatabanya vs Pelister 21:24

45 - Kadetten vs Trebnje 24:21

#### **Biggest winning margins:**

+24 goals - Montpellier vs Besiktas 40:16

+19 goals - Magdeburg vs Besiktas 41:22

+19 goals - Metallurg vs Plock 19:38

#### **Highest number of points:**

18 - Magdeburg

17 - Löwen

16 - Plock

14 - Leon, Chechov, Füchse, CSKA

#### **Most goals per team:**

321 - Magdeburg

307 - Leon

306 - GOG

# I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

### GENERAL

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game.

Variations on a technical level are possible.

All matches shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

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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) higher 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 again).

- 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.

# I PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

## WHAT HAPPENS IF MATCHES CANNOT BE PLAYED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

The European Handball Federation has issued an overview on what happens if matches cannot be played in the upcoming Last 16 of the EHF European League Men due to reasons related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **What is the procedure if a first-leg match is not played on Tuesday, 23 March?**

If a team reports positive cases of Covid-19 and the match cannot be played, this pairing will be decided by playing both matches (1st and 2nd leg) as a so called 'double game' before Tuesday, 30 March, the date when the second-leg matches are scheduled.

Matches can be played on two consecutive days unless both teams agree to have a rest day in between.

Following the principle of causation, the home right for both matches will go to the team which did not have the positive Covid-19 cases.

### **What is the procedure if a second-leg match is not played on Tuesday, 30 March?**

It is not an option to postpone a match to a date after Tuesday, 30 March 2021.

As a consequence of this and following the principle that the party responsible is liable for, in this case, the fact that the match cannot be played, a team which is not in the position to play its scheduled game on the second weekend will be excluded from the competition regardless of the result in the first-leg game. The opponents would subsequently qualify for the quarter-finals.

It is important to underline that this follows the procedure that was in place in such cases already earlier this season, and it is therefore not a newly introduced procedure.

The same procedure will be valid in case a match cannot be played because of sudden and new governmental restrictions which make it impossible to play the game.

The EHF knows that these are very tough procedures, but there is no other option in a knockout round where postponing matches is not possible anymore.

It goes without saying that the EHF hopes that all matches can be played according to schedule, and that all decisions will be taken on court.

Additional issues that prevent a match from being played, such as severe weather conditions, travelling problems or others will be handled according to the regulations.



# PAIRINGS

# CHEKHOVSKIE MEDVEDI (RUS) VS USAM NIMES GARD (FRA)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 17:00 CET, Chekhov (MNE)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 20:45 CET, Nimes (FRA)**



- the two teams have not played against each other before in European competitions
- Nimes finished second in group B with five wins from 10 games, while Chekhov finished third in group A with seven wins
- during the group phase, Nimes won two away matches - against Sporting (30:26) and Presov (28:22) - and also had two draws - in Berlin and Kristianstad
- on their home court, Chekhov suffered two defeats this season, both times by a single goal: against Leon (35:34) and Plock (28:27)
- before the start of the Last 16, Chekhov led the Russia Super League while Nimes were ranked sixth in the French Lidl Starligue
- three Nimes players were part of the French national team in March that booked their ticket to the Tokyo Olympics this summer: Jean-Jacques Acqueville, Michaël Guigou, and Remi Desbonnet

## PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

### **Chekhovskie medvedi vs USAM Nimes Gard 0-0-0**

No previous encounters in European club competitions

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: yellow

#### Dark

Player shirt: purple  
Player short: purple  
GK shirt: red



### Playing hall

Sport Hall "Olimpiyskiy"  
Chekhov  
Poligrafistov Str. 30  
142300 Chekhov  
Russia  
Capacity: 3,000

# CHEKHOVSKIE MEDVEDI



### FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. ORLEN Wisla Plock	10	8	0	2	297:242	(55)	16
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
<b>3. Chekhovskie medvedi</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>301:264</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>14</b>
4. Fivers	10	2	2	6	301:311	(-10)	6
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ ORLEN Wisla Plock	W25:27 (13:16)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	L34:35 (20:17)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	W29:32 (14:16)
@ HC Metalurg	W32:37 (17:21)
vs Fivers	W30:25 (19:12)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	L33:32 (17:19)
vs HC Metalurg	W40:27 (22:11)
vs ORLEN Wisla Plock	L27:28 (11:13)
@ Fivers	W30:32 (15:16)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	W10:0

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Sergei Kosotorov (RUS)	44
2. Dmitriy Kiselev (RUS)	40
Alexander Kotov (RUS)	40
4. Roman Ostashchenko (RUS)	30
5. Pavel Andreev (RUS)	25

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Semi-final (1): 2009/10  
Quarter-final (2): 2008/09, 2010/11

#### Cup Winners' Cup

Winners: 2005/06

**Russian league:** 19 titles (2002-2020)

**Russian cup:** 10 titles



## Vladimir Maximov

Coach

- legend of the sport, still the only person in handball to have won Olympic gold both as a player and as a coach
- also led Russia to several European and world titles
- resigned from his national team job in 2012 to fully focus on his work as club coach in Chekhov
- has been with Chekhov since 2001, when the club was founded, and won the domestic title every year since

EC trophies: CWC 2006

OG: G 1976 (as player), 2000, B 2004; WCh: G 1993, 1997, S 1978 (as player), 1999; EURO: G 1996, S 1994, 2000

### Arrived during the season

Mikhail Gredasov (RUS)  
Aleksandr Sinitcyn (RUS)

### Left during the season

Nikita Kamenev (RUS)



# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Dmitriy	Kiselev	RUS	Right Back	15.11.1994	Voronezhskayaobl,RUS	193	98
5	Aleksandr	Ermakov	RUS	Line Player	14.01.1996	Astrakhan, RUS	195	105
6	Kirill	Klimasev	RUS	Right Wing	14.05.2002	Chekhov, RUS	174	80
7	Artsiom	Kulak	BLR	Centre Back	23.02.1996	Brest, BLR	92	87
<b>C</b> 9	Kirill	Kotov	RUS	Centre Back	23.05.1992	Moscow, RUS	185	79
11	Pavel	Andreev	RUS	Line Player	19.07.1992	St.-Petersburg, RUS	195	98
12	Dmitriy	Pavlenko	RUS	Goalkeeper	01.01.1991	Zaporozhe, UKR	191	86
14	Evgenii	Borovoi	RUS	Right Wing	12.02.2003	Krasnodar, RUS	180	70
16	Artem	Grushko	RUS	Goalkeeper	20.06.1993	Odessa, UKR	193	91
17	Alexander	Kotov	RUS	Right Back	11.07.1994	Volgograd, RUS	198	95
18	Egor	Ovchinnikov	RUS	Left Back	23.05.2001	Moscow, RUS	195	93
19	Roman	Ostashchenko	RUS	Left Wing	26.09.1992	Moscow, RUS	190	83
24	Dmitriy	Kornev	RUS	Right Wing	16.06.1992	Vologda, RUS	186	78
31	Viktor	Furtsev	RUS	Line Player	17.06.1996	Belgorod, RUS	198	95
33	Aleksei	Stelmakh	RUS	Goalkeeper	25.04.1998	Volgograd, RUS	192	105
34	Mark	Larin	RUS	Left Back	02.07.1997	Astrakhan, RUS	198	90
38	Timofei	Maslennikov	RUS	Right Wing	10.03.1997	Chekhov, RUS	185	88
54	Egor	Novokreshchenov	RUS	Line Player	27.02.2000	Volgograd, RUS	198	100
77	Aleksandr	Sinitcyn	RUS	Left Wing	13.03.1997	St.-Petersburg, RUS	187	70
90	Evgenii	Gribkov	RUS	Centre Back	29.09.2000	Naro-Fominsk, RUS	184	80
99	Sergei Mark	Kosorotov	RUS	Left Back	16.06.1999	Moscow, RUS	195	95
	Mikhail	Gredasov	RUS		18.02.2000			



## Dmitry Pavlenko

### Goalkeeper

- one of the veterans in a young Chekhov squad, became first-choice goalkeeper in 2017/18 after Oleg Grams left for Dunkerque HB
- Ukrainian-born player who started career at ZTR Zaporozhye
- moved to Chekhov at young age and became Russian citizen



## Sergei Mark Kosorotov

### Left back

- one of the biggest talents of Russian handball, already a regular in national team
- wears number 99 because 1999 is his year of birth
- has two first names, rather unusual in Russia, but is usually called just Sergei
- his father was a famous judoka, while his mother played handball at Luch Moscow
- set to join Wisla Plock in the summer of 2021



## Kirill Kotov

### Centre back

- started playing handball in Dolgoprudny, a small town near Moscow
- joined Chekhov in 2007 at age 15 and became first-team player in 2013
- national team player, who became team captain of the Bears in 2017 after several experienced players left



## Dmitrii Kiselev

### Right back

- moved to Chekhov from Vardar in summer of 2019, after winning the CL in his only season with the Macedonian club
- born in Voronezh region, played only for St.-Petersburg before 2018/19 season
- also a member of the Russian national team

EC trophies: CL 2019

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### Kit colours

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Player shirt: black  
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GK shirt: white



### Playing hall

**Le Parnasse - Nîmes**  
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France  
Capacity: 4,041

# USAM NIMES GARD



### FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Fûchse Berlin	10	6	2	2	247:223	(24)	14
<b>2. USAM Nîmes Gard</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>279:263</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>12</b>
3. IFK Kristianstad	10	5	1	4	273:276	(-3)	11
4. Sporting CP	10	5	0	5	244:241	(3)	10
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
6. Tatran Presov	10	3	0	7	233:254	(-21)	6

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ IFK Kristianstad	D30:30 (13:15)
vs Fûchse Berlin	L22:24 (13:12)
vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W32:29 (15:14)
@ Fûchse Berlin	D34:34 (16:17)
vs Tatran Presov	W25:20 (12:11)
vs Sporting CP	W27:24 (16:12)
@ Sporting CP	W26:30 (12:15)
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	L29:27 (14:15)
vs IFK Kristianstad	L24:25 (12:13)
@ Tatran Presov	W22:28 (10:14)

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	47
2. Jean-Jacques Acquevillo (FRA)	37
3. Ahmed Hesham (EGY)	33
4. Benjamin Gallego (FRA)	27
5. Julien Rebichon (FRA)	21

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 1993/94

#### Cup Winners' Cup

Last 32 (1): 1994/95

#### EHF Cup

Group phase (1): 2019/20

**French league:** 4 titles (1987/88, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1992/93)

**French cup:** 3 titles (1984/85, 1985/86, 1993/94)



## Franck Maurice

Coach

 @franckmaurice930

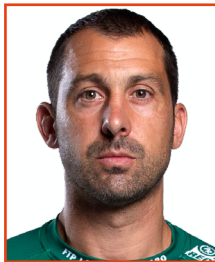
- Paris-born coach, who has been in charge of Nîmes since November 2014
- earlier he coached ES Besançon and US Saintes
- in his playing career, he was a left wing at five different clubs and played 21 games for the French national team before ending his career at Nîmes in 2002
- played a Cup Winners' cup semi-final with Ivry in 1997

Arrived during the season

Left during the season

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Paul	Keller	FRA	Goalkeeper	13.03.2001	Nîmes, FRA	186	78
16	Louis	Gouaze	FRA	Goalkeeper	28.01.2003	Montpellier, FRA	192	95
2	Tom	Poyet	FRA	Line Player	29.11.1999	Nîmes, FRA	187	84
10	Damien	Gibernon	FRA	Right Wing	17.05.2000	Nîmes, FRA	181	76
9	Quentin	Pugliese	FRA	Goalkeeper	21.05.2000	Toulouse, FRA	195	80
3	Lou	Derisbourg	FRA	Centre Back	18.02.2002	Aix en Provence, FRA	172	63
83	Samuel	Queiros	FRA	Right Wing	24.04.2002	Montfermeil, FRA	169	57
4	Benjamin	Gallego	FRA	Line Player	24.11.1988	Montpellier, FRA	184	86
<b>C</b> 6	Julien	Rebichon	FRA	Left Wing	18.10.1988	Montpellier, FRA	179	79
7	Remi	Salou	FRA	Line Player	09.02.1988	Brest, FRA	197	102
8	O'Brian	Nyateu	FRA	Right Back	07.11.1992	Bordeaux, FRA	187	85
66	Billy	Chabaud	FRA	Line Player	18.06.1996	Decine Charpieu, FRA	183	85
30	Baptiste	Joblon	FRA	Line Player	16.02.2003	Compiègne, FRA	188	87
82	Hugo	Jovani	FRA	Centre Back	19.01.1999	Gleize, FRA	181	80
97	Clement	Esparon	FRA	Left Back	12.06.2002	Le Port, FRA	187	86
11	Quentin	Dupuy	FRA	Left Back	01.07.1994	Nîmes, FRA	194	97
18	Michaël	Guigou	FRA	Left Wing	28.01.1982	Apt, FRA	180	78
15	Romain	Tesio	FRA	Right Wing	14.03.1997	Avignon, FRA	183	81
23	Vid	Kavticnik	SLO	Right Wing	24.05.1984	Gradec, SLO	191	90
24	Luc	Tobie	FRA	Right Back	24.06.1988	Cayenne, FRA	180	84
27	Jean-Jacques	Acquevillo	FRA	Left Back	17.01.1989	Le Lamentin, FRA	195	100
28	Nicolas	Nieto	FRA	Line Player	06.04.1994	Vernon, FRA	195	111
38	Quentin	Minel	FRA	Left Back	03.09.1992	Argenteuil, FRA	185	88
44	Ahmed	Hesham Elsayed	EGY	Centre Back	15.05.2000	Cairo, EGY	194	88
55	Teodor	Paul	SVK	Goalkeeper	22.04.1987	Kosice, SVK	195	94
5	Gueric	Vincent	FRA	Left Wing	18.08.2002	Lyon, FRA	180	63
91	Mohamed	Hisham Sanad	EGY	Right Wing	16.01.1991	Cairo, EGY	186	86
92	Remi	Desbonnet	FRA	Goalkeeper	28.02.1992	Montpellier, FRA	182	85



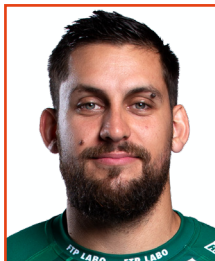
## Michaël Guigou

 @michael\_guigou

### Left wing

- French international and two-time CL winner, who joined Nîmes in summer of 2019 after 19 seasons with Montpellier HB, the club where he started playing handball
- only player in Montpellier's CL-winning squad of 2018 who also won the title in 2003
- adds necessary experience to Nîmes; one of two Nîmes players, alongside O'Brian Nyateu, to have played an EHF Cup final

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018. OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2005, 2019; EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2018

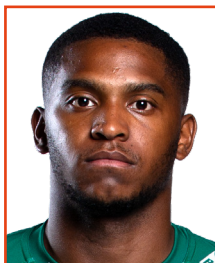


## Quentin Minel

 @quentinminel38

### Left back

- returned to France in summer of 2020 from one season with Erlangen in Germany
- previously played three seasons each for US Créteil and Chambéry
- both his brothers are professional handball players as well
- named in the U-21 WCh 2013 All-star Team



## O'Brian Nyateu

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### Centre back

- played for only one other club, HBC Nantes, before joining Nîmes in 2017
- scored four goals for Nantes in the EHF Cup final against Rhein-Neckar Löwen on home court in May 2013 - but the trophy went to the German side (26:24)
- used to be defensive-only before turning into an all-round player in recent years



## Mohamed Sanad

 @sanad\_91

### Right wing

- arrived at Nîmes in 2017 after playing for various clubs in his native Egypt, Hungary (Komlói BSK) and Spain (La Rioja)
- his speed on fast breaks, along with goalkeeper Remi Desbonnet's long passes, have become a nightmare to many defenders in the French league
- won African Championship in 2020 and competed at Rio Olympics in 2016 with Egypt

## I SPORTING CP (POR) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 20:45 CET, Lisboa (POR)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 20:45 CET, Plock (POL)**



- Sporting CP, as the fourth-ranked team from group B, take on group A winners Wisła Plock
- Frankis Carol has left the Portuguese team mid-season to continue his career in Qatar; Pedro Valdes has taken over from him as the team captain
- Plock dominated group A with eight wins; only SC Magdeburg in group C managed more wins: nine
- Sporting's Spanish centre back Carlos Ruesga will face a team with a Spanish coach - Xavier Sabate - and four Spanish players in the squad
- seven-time Polish champions Wisła Plock are ranked third in their domestic league
- Sporting are placed second in the Portuguese league and remain in the race for their 22nd national championship

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### **Sporting CP vs ORLEN Wisła Plock 0-0-0**

No previous encounters in European club competitions

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: green/white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black/green/white

#### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black/green/white



### Playing hall

**Pavilhão Joao Rocha**  
Rua Prof. Fernando da  
Fonseca Ap  
1501-806 Lisboa  
Portugal  
Capacity: 3,000

# SPORTING CP



### FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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3. IFK Kristianstad	10	5	1	4	273:276	(-3)	11
<b>4. Sporting CP</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>244:241</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>10</b>
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
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### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ Füchse Berlin	L29:19 (14:10)
vs C.S Dinamo Bucuresti	L31:32 (12:17)
vs IFK Kristianstad	W27:26 (16:12)
@ Tatran Presov	L24:21 (12:13)
vs Tatran Presov	W27:21 (13:10)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	L27:24 (16:12)
vs USAM Nimes Gard	L26:30 (12:15)
@ IFK Kristianstad	W27:32 (11:16)
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W25:27 (15:16)
vs Füchse Berlin	W10:0

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Pedro Valdez (CUB)	52
2. Darko Djukic (SRB)	35
3. Francisco Tavares (POR)	33
4. Tiago Rocha (POR)	32
5. Salvador Salvador (POR)	23

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2018/19  
Group phase (2): 2017/18, 2019/20  
Group matches (1): 2001/02

#### EHF Cup

Quarter-finals: 2000/01, 2013/14

#### Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals: 2003/04

#### Challenge Cup

Winners 2009/10, 2016/17; Semi-finals 2011/12

**Portuguese league:** 21 titles

**Portuguese cup:** 15 titles





**Rui Silva**  
Coach

- former FC Porto player, who took over from Thierry Anti as head coach of Sporting in the summer of 2020
- already worked at Sporting in the 2019/20 season, as an assistant under Anti
- earlier coached eight different clubs, most recently at FC Porto (2014/15) and ADA Maia/ISMAI (2015-2019)
- ended his playing career in 2008

**Arrived during the season**

Eduardo Almeida (POR)  
Daniel Andrejew (RUS)  
Edmilson Araujo (CPV)  
Tomislav Spruk (CRO)

**Left during the season**

Theo Jacques Clarac (FRA)  
Frankis Carol (CUB)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
<b>C</b> 2	Pedro	Veitia Valdez	CUB	Left Back	17.08.1994	Habana, CUB	190	101
4	Tomas	Tavares Ferreira	POR	Right Wing	25.04.2002	Lisbon, POR	174	73
5	Edmilson	Araujo	CPV	Left Back	06.01.1994	Lisbon, POR	187	94
7	Daniel	Andrejew	RUS	Line Player	26.11.1998	Kamen, RUS	205	113
11	Carlos	Ruesga Pasarin	ESP	Centre Back	10.03.1985	Gijon, ESP	185	90
14	Dmytro	Doroshchuk	UKR	Line Player	29.09.1986	Volyn region, UKR	202	115
14	Dinis	Corte Real	POR	Left Wing	14.11.2002	Lisboa, POR	180	74
16	Aljosa	Cudic	SLO	Goalkeeper	09.03.1988	Celje, SLO	190	89
17	Tiago	Rocha	POR	Line Player	17.10.1985	S. Paio Oleiros, POR	196	104
18	Alexandre	Oliveira	POR	Goalkeeper	19.04.2001	Lisbon, POR	185	82
19	Tomas	Van-Zeller	POR	Goalkeeper	11.07.1997	Leiria, POR	198	89
20	Eduardo	Guimaraes	POR	Centre Back	08.06.2002	Lisbon, POR	175	68
20	Eduardo	Almeida	POR	Line Player	24.02.2003	Portimão, POR	193	115
22	Francisco	Tavares	POR	Right Wing	14.11.1996	Almada, POR	180	81
23	Salvador	Salvador	POR	Left Back	29.07.2001	Samora Correia, POR	196	93
24	Manuel	Gaspar	POR	Goalkeeper	09.12.1998	Setubal, POR	192	98
27	Duarte	Ramires	POR	Left Wing	04.07.2002	Lisbon, POR	179	73
28	Arnaud	Bingo	FRA	Left Wing	12.10.1987	Lyon, FRA	190	83
33	Jens	Schöngarth	GER	Right Back	07.12.1988	Emmendingen, GER	203	111
34	Nuno	Silva Soares	POR	Centre Back	13.03.1987	Lisboa, POR	183	87
45	Darko	Djukic	SRB	Right Wing	11.12.1994	Nis, SRB	191	78
50	Antonio	Machado	POR	Line Player	11.03.2004	Lisboa, POR	190	103
72	Joel	Ribeiro	POR	Left Wing	24.12.2000	Almada, POR	189	83
77	Nilton	Danilo Cordeiro	POR	Left Back	22.09.2003	Lisbon, POR	190	90
77	Miguel	Lourenco	POR	Left Back	23.09.2002	Lisbon, POR	183	77
86	Matevz	Skok	SLO	Goalkeeper	02.09.1986	Celje, SLO	189	92
98	Tomislav	Spruk	CRO	Left Wing	18.12.1998	Zagreb, CRO	194	80



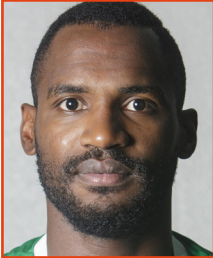
## Francisco Tavares

 @franciscotavares22

### Right wing

- 24-year-old talented right wing, who has played for Sporting in four different European club competitions, including two seasons in the CL
- was among the best scorers for Sporting in the group phase, netting 33 times in total
- was crucial with seven goals in the decisive leg of Sporting's aggregate 49:48 win over Constanta in the last qualification round for the EHF European League

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017



## Pedro Valdes

 @valdes.2

### Left back

- born in Cuba, started playing handball at Villa Clara
- became team captain after Frankis Carol left club halfway through 2020/21 season
- was the team's best scorer in the ELM group phase, netting 52 times
- one of the most complete players at Sporting, important at both ends of the court

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017



## Carlos Ruesga

 @ruesga11

### Centre back

- Spanish playmaker, who played for Portland San Antonio, Veszprém and Barcelona
- won the WCh 2013 and has an impressive European resume
- won several titles and awards in his passage by Spain and Hungary
- known for his vision of the game and offensive power

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017  
WCh: G 2013; EURO: B 2014



## Darko Djukic

 @darko\_djukic

### Right wing

- Serbian international who arrived at Sporting from Meshkov Brest in summer of 2020
- started career at RK Zeleznicar and played for Metalurg (MKD) and Besiktas (TUR) before joining freshly crowned CL winners Kielce in 2016
- scored 95 goals in the CL in two seasons with Meshkov Brest (2018-20), but had his best CL season in 2015/16, netting 87 times for Besiktas

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: navy blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: red



### Playing hall

ORLEN Arena  
Pl. Celebry Papiieskiej 1  
09-400 Płock  
Poland  
Capacity: 5,467

# ORLEN WISLA PŁOCK



### FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
<b>1. ORLEN Wisła Płock</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>297:242</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>16</b>
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
3. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	7	0	3	301:264	(37)	14
4. Fivers	10	2	2	6	301:311	(-10)	6
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

vs Chekhovskie medvedi	L25:27 (13:16)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	L32:27 (16:9)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	W29:22 (15:11)
vs HC Metalurg	W35:20 (16:10)
@ HC Metalurg	W19:38 (9:16)
@ Fivers	W22:30 (9:14)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	W27:25 (12:9)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	W25:26 (12:14)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi	W27:28 (11:13)
vs Fivers	W32:23 (17:15)

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Lovro Mihic (CRO)	44
2. Michal Daszek (POL)	40
3. Niko Mindegja (ESP)	36
Zoltan Szita (HUN)	36
5. Abel Serdio (ESP)	23

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Last 16 (6): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20  
Group Phase (7): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2016/17, 2017/18

#### EHF Cup

Quarter-final 1993/94; Group Phase 2012/13

#### Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final 1996/97

**Polish league:** 7 titles (1994/95, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2010/11)

**Polish Cup:** 10 titles (1991/92, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2007/08)



## Xavier Sabate Coach

 @xavi\_sabate

- Płock head coach since July 2018, taking over a few months after Piotr Przybecki had left the club
- experienced coach who worked at Veszprém from 2015-17, leading the Hungarian team to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 final, where they lost to Kielce in a penalty shoot-out
- was voted coach of the CL 2015/16 All-star Team
- great eye for detail, engaging in all aspects of coaching including tactical analysis and team building

### Arrived during the season

Leonardo Dutra Ferreira (BRA)  
Abdelrahman Homayed (EGY)  
Marcin Wichary (POL)

### Left during the season

Zoran Ilic (HUN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Adam	Morawski	POL	Goalkeeper	17.10.1994	Ciechanów, POL	190	82
<b>C</b> 3	Michał	Daszek	POL	Right Wing	27.06.1992	Tczew, POL	180	70
4	Philip	Stenmalm	SWE	Left Back	03.03.1992	Vaxjo, SWE	198	90
5	Predrag	Vejin	SRB	Right Back	17.12.1992	Apatin, SRB	196	95
7	Dawid	Lemanowicz	POL	Centre Back	09.09.2001	Plock, POL	176	70
8	Oliwier	Kaminski	POL	Right Back	24.04.2004	Plock, POL	190	76
12	Ivan	Stevanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	18.05.1982	Rijeka, CRO	193	101
13	Alvaro	Ruiz Sanchez	ESP	Centre Back	08.04.1991	Almeria, ESP	194	90
14	David	Fernández	ESP	Right Back	14.04.1996	Valladolid, ESP	196	90
16	Marcin	Wichary	POL	Goalkeeper	17.02.1980	Zabrze, POL	193	90
17	Abel	Serdio Guntín	ESP	Line Player	16.04.1994	Avilés, ESP	195	100
19	Leon	Šušnja	CRO	Line Player	05.08.1993	Siroki Brijeg, CRO	204	113
20	Abdelrahman	Homayed	EGY	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Kair, EGY	195	95
21	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10.02.1998	Veszprém, HUN	196	92
22	Szymon	Rybicki	POL	Goalkeeper	19.11.1997	Plock, POL	184	77
23	Dominik	Mierzwicki	POL	Right Wing	08.07.1999	Plock, POL	182	78
24	Leon	Sowul	POL	Left Wing	19.06.1996	Plock, POL	189	78
25	Krzysztof	Komarzewski	POL	Right Wing	18.09.1998	Gdansk, POL	188	85
26	Przemysław	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20.01.1987	Ciechanów, POL	184	85
27	Jakub	Kozłowski	POL	Goalkeeper	18.06.2000	Plock, POL	194	90
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12.07.1983	Priboj, BIH	196	103
31	Jeremy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15.05.1992	Courbevoie, FAR	197	106
33	Leonardo	Dutra Ferreira	BRA	Left Back	29.03.1996	Brazil	183	96
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25.08.1994	Zagreb, CRO	180	74
44	Mikolaj	Czaplinski	POL	Left Wing	11.08.2000	Plock, POL	188	77
55	Niko	Mindegia Elizaga	ESP	Centre Back	19.07.1988	Santesteban, ESP	184	87
77	Filip	Witkowski	POL	Right Wing	10.05.2001	Plock, POL	182	80



## Adam Morawski

 @loczek1994

### Goalkeeper

- Polish international, who started to play at senior level in 2013/14, debuted in the national team in 2013 and in the CL two years later
- excelled for Plock in 2016/17, earning him a nomination for the best goalkeeper of the season award in the Polish league
- his nickname 'Loczek' means 'Curl'



## Zoltan Szita

 @szita\_zozo

### Left back

- Hungarian back, who joined Plock in 2019 after two seasons with Balatonfüredi KSE
- previously played for Veszprém, knows coach Sabate from their joined time there
- was best left back of Hungarian league in 2018/19 season and those good league performances won him a place in the national team
- talented player, both in attack and defence, one of the main distance guns of the Oilers



## Niko Mindegia

 @nikomindegia

### Centre back

- Spanish playmaker, who arrived at Plock in 2019 as Poland became the fifth country on his career journey
- also had stints in Hungary (Szeged, 2013-16), Denmark (KIF Kolding, 2016/17), and France (Chambéry Savoie MHB, 2017-19) after leaving Spain (La Rioja) in 2013
- played at EHF EURO in 2012, 2014 and 2016, reaching the semi-final on each occasion

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

EURO: S 2016, B 2014



## Michal Daszek

 @michaeldaszek

### Right wing

- arrived at Plock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- useful both on the right wing and on the centre back position
- was best wing and MVP of the Polish league in 2018/19
- won bronze with Poland at WCh 2015 and played at Olympics the following year

WCh: B 2015

## I FIVERS (AUT) VS FÜCHSE BERLIN (GER)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 20:45 CET, Vienna (AUT)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 20:45 CET, Berlin (GER)**



- Fivers advanced to the Last 16 as the fourth-ranked team of group A with six points, the lowest number of all 16 teams; Füchse finished top of group B with 14 points
- Fivers became the first Austrian side to win a match in the group phase of an EHF competition since 13 years
- Fivers played a German team once before in an official competition: they lost twice against Göppingen (37:31, 34:27) in round 3 of the EHF Cup 2005/06
- Füchse have not played against an Austrian team before in an EHF competition
- Fivers' rising star and top scorer Lukas Hutecek (65 goals) will transfer to Germany in the summer of 2021, joining former EHF Cup winners TBV Lemgo
- Fivers are one of two teams in the Last 16, alongside CSKA, who have come all the way from qualification round 1
- before the Last 16, Füchse were fifth in the Bundesliga, Fivers first in the Austrian league with 29 points from 18 matches
- the winner of this Last 16 tie will meet the winner of the tie between Montpellier HB and Kadetten Schaffhausen in the quarter-final

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### **Fivers vs Füchse Berlin 0-0-0**

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No previous encounters in European club competitions



## LAST 16



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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: black, red, yellow

## Dark

Player shirt: red and blue  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: black or yellow



## Playing hall

Sporthalle Hollgasse  
Hollgasse 3  
1050 Wien  
Austria  
Capacity: 900

## FIVERS



## FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. ORLEN Wisla Plock	10	8	0	2	297:242	(55)	16
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
3. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	7	0	3	301:264	(37)	14
<b>4. Fivers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>301:311</b>	<b>(-10)</b>	<b>6</b>
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

## ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	L29:25 (16:16)
vs HC Metalurg	W45:30 (22:13)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi	L30:25 (19:12)
vs ORLEN Wisla Plock	L22:30 (9:14)
@ HC Metalurg	D33:33 (16:19)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	L30:28 (13:10)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	D33:33 (19:20)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	W37:32 (17:15)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi	L30:32 (15:16)
@ ORLEN Wisla Plock	L32:23 (17:15)

## CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Lukas Hutecek (AUT)	65
2. Erik Damböck (AUT)	57
3. Marin Martinovic (AUT)	49
4. Nikola Stevanovic (AUT)	45
5. Tobias Wagner (AUT)	40

## Past achievements

**IHF Cup:** Semi-final 1984/85

**Austrian league** (3 titles): 2010/11, 2015/16, 2017/18

**Austrian cup** (7 titles): 1998/99, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17



## Peter Eckl Coach

- played in the youth ranks of Fivers from 1987-94
- at the age of 18, he ended his playing career and decided to become a coach
- never worked for another club than Fivers, was an assistant coach until taking over as head coach in 2010
- steered Fivers to three league and six cup titles in Austria
- was awarded Coach of the Year in Austria three times

Arrived during the season

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Left during the season

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# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Tobias	Wagner	AUT	Line Player	26.03.1995	Wien, AUT	198	126
15	Eric	Damböck	AUT	Wing	06.09.1999	Wien, AUT	180	77
25	Nikola	Stevanovic	AUT	Back	17.04.1998	Wien, AUT	190	91
35	Lukas	Gangel	AUT	Wing	27.09.1998	Wien, AUT	186	82
45	Lukas	Hutecek	AUT	Back	02.07.2000	Horn, AUT	190	98
50	Vincent	Schweiger	AUT	Line Player	07.10.1996	Wien, AUT	183	90
51	Wolfgang	Filzwieser	AUT	Goalkeeper	30.09.1984	St. Pölten, AUT	185	102
52	Boris	Tanic	AUT	Goalkeeper	22.06.1996	Wien, AUT	190	94
53	Christian	Saric	AUT	Back	07.01.2001	Wien, AUT	191	95
54	Fabian	Glätzl	AUT	Back	06.06.1999	Wien, AUT	182	85
55	Marin	Martinovic	AUT	Back	10.10.1996	Wien, AUT	189	92
56	Jan	David	AUT	Goalkeeper	15.07.2001	Wien, AUT	186	84
57	Herbert	Jonas	AUT	Wing	12.12.1988	Wien, AUT	180	78
58	Leander	Brenneis	AUT	Line Player	27.11.1996	Korneuburg, AUT	193	97
<b>C</b> 59	Markus	Kolar	AUT	Back	12.10.1984	Wien, AUT	195	95
65	Philipp	Gangel	AUT	Wing	12.05.2001	Wien, AUT	179	74
75	Maximilian	Riede	AUT	Wing	15.07.1996	Wien, AUT	179	83
85	David	Brandfellner	AUT	Wing	20.11.1992	Wien, AUT	179	87
95	Thomas	Seidl	AUT	Back	08.08.1992	Wien, AUT	200	97
	Marin	Kopic	AUT	Line Player	18.06.1998	Wien, AUT	184	94
	Florian	Haag	AUT	Goalkeeper	01.08.1997	Wien, AUT	189	89
	Fabio	Schuh	AUT	Back	28.09.2001	Wien, AUT	178	78
	Mathias	Rieger	AUT	Line Player	21.02.1999	Graz, AUT	188	90



## Wolfgang Filzwieser

### Goalkeeper

- his saves in the qualification paved the way for Fivers to the club's first ever appearance in the group phase of a European club competition
- Austrian international, who is the most experienced player of a young Fivers squad
- was Austrian cup winner with Hard and Krems, and champion with Hard and Fivers
- signed for Trelleborg in 2007 but played only two games for the Swedish club



## Lukas Hutecek


 @luki\_huti

### Left back

- at age 20, one of the brightest prospects of Austrian handball, voted Player of the Year in the Austrian league in 2019/20
- impressed by scoring 65 goals in qualification and group phase of the ELM 2020/21
- set to join German Bundesliga side TBV Lemgo in the summer of 2021
- played for Austria at the home EHF EURO 2020, five days after his national team debut
- his brother, Sebastian, also plays in Austria's first division, for HSG Bärnbach Köflach

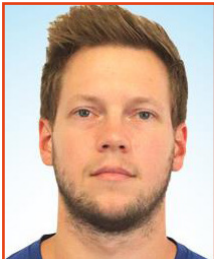


## Tobias Wagner

 @tobiaswagner5

### Line player

- physically strong defence specialist, who started his career at Fivers in 2013
- had two-year stint (2016-18) at HBW Balingen-Weilstetten in the German Bundesliga before returning to Fivers
- played for Austrian national team at WCh 2019 and EHF EURO 2020
- was part of Austria's successful junior national team, alongside Kiel star Nikola Bilyk



## David Brandfellner

 @koenig\_brandur

### Right wing

- joined Fivers at the age of 12 and never played for another club since, had his debut in the Austrian league at the age of 15
- is the only player in the squad who won the domestic cup six times with Fivers
- has scored more than 800 goals in the Austrian league prior to the 2020/21 season
- was awarded Newcomer of the Year in Austria in 2011

LAST 16



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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: green/white  
Player short: green  
GK shirt: black

#### Dark

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



### Playing hall

**Max-Schmeling-Halle**  
Falkplatz 1  
10437 Berlin  
Germany  
Capacity: 8,521

# FÜCHSE BERLIN



### FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
<b>1. Füchse Berlin</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>247:223</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>14</b>
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4. Sporting CP	10	5	0	5	244:241	(3)	10
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
6. Tatran Presov	10	3	0	7	233:254	(-21)	6

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

vs Sporting CP	W29:19 (14:10)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	W22:24 (13:12)
vs USAM Nimes Gard	D34:34 (16:17)
@ IFK Kristianstad	W23:36 (11:17)
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	D26:26 (12:14)
vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W33:29 (15:12)
vs Tatran Presov	W35:27 (18:13)
vs IFK Kristianstad	W30:23 (15:12)
@ Sporting CP	L10:0
@ Tatran Presov	L10:0

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Hans Lindberg (DEN)	43
2. Lasse Andersson (DEN)	38
3. Mijajlo Marsenic (SRB)	34
4. Valter Christz (SWE)	27
Jacob Holm (DEN)	27

### Past achievements

**EHF Champions League**  
FINAL4 2011/12

**EHF Cup**  
Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18

**IHF Super Globe**  
Winners (2): 2015, 2016

**German cup:** 2013/14



## Jaron Siewert

### Coach

- at 26, the youngest head coach in German Bundesliga history
- played for Füchse since he was a kid, but ended his playing career at age 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach at Germany's national U-18 team
- arrived at Essen in 2017, led them to the Bundesliga in 2020
- took over at Füchse from Michael Roth, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic in February 2020

### Arrived during the season

Dustin Kraus (GER)  
 Marcel Nowak (POL)  
 Moritz Sauter (GER)

### Left during the season


Ivan Eres (CRO)  
 Enes Keskic (BIH)  
 Marc Walter (GER)

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29.09.2002	Achern, GER	194	90
2	Simon	Ernst	GER	Centre Back	02.04.1994	Düren, GER	195	97
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08.02.1994	Belzig, GER	192	89
6	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Centre Back	05.09.1995	Esbjerg, DEN	194	94
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Line Player	18.04.1986	Split, CRO	203	112
11	Lasse	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11.03.1994	København, DEN	195	98
16	Frederik	Genz	GER	Goalkeeper	08.03.1997	Waldbröl, GER	194	93
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31.07.2002	Regensburg, GER	183	76
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01.08.1981	Höje Taastrup, DEN	188	88
19	Miro	Schlurhoff	GER	Left Back	25.04.2000	Bregenz, AUT	198	90
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21.08.2002	Reutlingen, GER	173	72
22	Marian	Michalczyk	GER	Left Back	01.02.1997	Beckum, GER	198	96
23	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left Back	01.03.2002	Kreuztal, GER	190	92
24	Frederik	Simak	GER	Left Back	24.01.1998	Gengenbach, GER	197	102
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30.03.2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192	90
26	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26.04.2000	Kristianstad, SWE	185	76
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27.05.2003	Greifswald, GER	195	90
31	Tim	Matthes	GER	Left Wing	05.05.1999	Berlin, GER	181	82
32	Marcel	Nowak	POL	Right Wing	07.02.2002	Berlin, GER	193	92
33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03.01.2003	Augsburg, GER	183	78
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12.02.1986	Pozega, CRO	210	108
37	Robin	Heinis	SUI	Right Back	28.04.2002	Therwil Basel, SUI	195	91
47	Dustin	Kraus	GER	Centre Back	26.03.2001	Moers, GER	196	95
66	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left Wing	05.09.1993	Cetinje, MNE	181	72
77	Johan	Koch	DEN	Line Player	29.11.1990	Svendborg, DEN	185	91
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09.03.1993	Berane, SRB	202	107
<b>C</b> 95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07.02.1995	Gummersbach, GER	192	92
96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16.03.1996	Panchevo, SRB	196	135



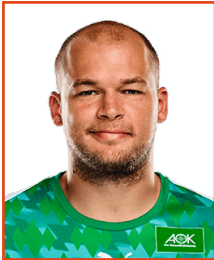
## Dejan Milosavljev

 @dejanmilosavljev

### Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who arrived at Füchse in summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning CL with the Macedonian side
- was EHF Champions League All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19
- shared position with Silvio Heinevetter in his first season at the club, but has become the No. 1 goalkeeper following Heinevetter's move to MT Melsungen

EC trophies: CL 2019



## Paul Druх

 @pauldruх

### Left back

- Gummersbach-born player, who joined Füchse at age 16 and has been playing for the Berlin team since 2011, helping them win the EHF Cup twice
- All-star Team member at M20 EHF EURO 2014, where he led Germany to gold
- long-term injuries kept him away from EHF EURO events in 2016 and 2020 while he suffered a knee injury in 2018, but he won Olympic bronze with Germany in 2016

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



## Fabian Wiede

 @fabian\_w3

### Right back

- arrived from Potsdam at Füchse youth team at age 15, has won numerous junior and senior titles with the Berlin club since
- made national team debut at 19, missed EHF EURO 2020 with shoulder injury
- started apprenticeship at a bank in Berlin only two days after winning EHF EURO 2016

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



## Hans Lindberg

 @hanslindberg18

### Right wing

- Danish international who joined Füchse in 2016 after nine seasons at HSV in Hamburg
- top scorer of CL 2012/13 with HSV and of EHF Cup 2016/17 and 2017/18 with Füchse
- started career in Viborg in his native Denmark; his nickname back then was 'Majestæt'
- won WCh 2019 and EHF EURO 2008 and 2012, was part of WCh 2013 All-star Team

EC trophies: CL 2013; EHF Cup 2018  
EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013, B 2007



## IFK KRISTIANSTAD (SWE) VS ABANCA ADEMAR LEON (ESP)



**First leg: TBC**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 18:45 CET, Leon (ESP)**



- Kristianstad ranked third in group B while Leon finishes as runners-up to Wisla Plock in group A
- both teams won five of their matches in the group phase
- Leon had the lowest number of defeats in their group - one, compared to Plock's two - but had no less than four draws
- the two teams, both with EHF Champions League experience, have not met before in an official match
- Kristianstad have just qualified for the semi-final of the Swedish championship, defeating Malmö twice (32:22 away, 31:28 at home)
- both teams have one player in the top seven of the goal scorers list after the group phase: Leon's Gonzalo Perez (59 goals) and Kristianstad's Adam Nyfjäll (57)
- the first leg, scheduled for 23 March in Kristianstad, has been postponed after the club of Leon reported positive cases of Covid-19 within the team

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### **IFK Kristianstad vs Abanca Ademar Leon 0-0-0**

No previous encounters in European club competitions

LAST 16



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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: orange  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: red/yellow/black

#### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: red/yellow/black



### Playing hall

**Kristianstad Arena**  
Kristianstad League  
Västra Storgatan 1  
29154 Kristianstad  
Sweden  
Capacity: 4,800

# IFK KRISTIANSTAD



### FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Füchse Berlin	10	6	2	2	247:223	(24)	14
2. USAM Nimes Gard	10	5	2	3	279:263	(16)	12
<b>3. IFK Kristianstad</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>273:276</b>	<b>(-3)</b>	<b>11</b>
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### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

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@ Sporting CP	L27:26 (16:12)
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vs Füchse Berlin	L23:36 (11:17)
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vs Tatran Presov	W32:25 (14:13)
vs Sporting CP	L27:32 (11:16)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	W24:25 (12:13)
vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W31:22 (16:12)
@ Füchse Berlin	L30:23 (15:12)

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Adam Nyfjäll (SWE)	57
2. Anton Halén (SWE)	37
3. Teitur Örn Einarsson (ISL)	36
Markus Olsson (SWE)	36
5. Emil Frend-Öfors (SWE)	31

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2017/18  
Group Phase (3): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20

#### EHF Cup

Group Phase: 2013/14

**Swedish league:** 8 titles (1941, 1948, 1952, 1953, 2015-18)



## Ulf Larsson

### Coach

- took over as interim coach at Kristianstad in December 2020 after the club parted ways with Ljubomir Vranjes
- will stay on as coach until the end of the 2020/21 season
- this is Larsson's fourth period as Kristianstad coach, after earlier stints in 1999-2003 and 2004-06 and a brief spell as interim in 2019
- previously worked at Åhus Handball and Vinslövs HK

### Arrived during the season

Hampus Henningsson (SWE)  
Isak Larsson (SWE)

### Left during the season


Simon Ellersgaard Birkefeldt (DEN)  
Helge Freiman (SWE)

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Espen	Christensen	NOR	Goalkeeper	17.06.1985	Stavanger, NOR	190	88
4	Adam	Nyffjäll	SWE	Line Player	29.07.1992	Lysekil, SWE	196	101
5	Hampus	Henningsson	SWE	Right Back	02.01.1995	Höör, SWE	200	100
7	Markus	Olsson	SWE	Left Back	31.03.1990	Karlshamn, SWE	186	90
9	Gregor	Ocvirk	SLO	Centre Back	05.12.1998	Celje, SLO	183	89
12	Gustaf	Banke	SWE	Goalkeeper	07.01.1999	Kristianstad, SWE	191	100
<b>C</b> 13	Olafur Andres	Gudmundsson	ISL	Left Back	13.05.1990	Hafnarfjarðar, ISL	194	92
14	Teitur Örn	Einarsson	ISL	Right Back	23.09.1998	Selfoss, ISL	190	90
16	Rene	Ingram	GER	Goalkeeper	05.03.1999	Landshut, GER	195	115
20	Emil	Frend-Öfors	SWE	Left Wing	13.09.1994	Stockholm, SWE	193	92
21	Alfred	Ehn	SWE	Left Wing	22.10.1994	Lidköping, SWE	188	88
24	William	Bengtsson	SWE	Line Player	20.06.2000	Kristianstad, SWE	195	96
25	Ludvig	Jurmala Åström	SWE	Line Player	29.12.1999	Tyreso, SWE	196	118
27	Johan	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	23.08.1995	Kristianstad, SWE	191	78
30	Anton	Halén	SWE	Right Back	28.11.1990	Helgum, SWE	192	96
37	Zoran	Bozic	SWE	Centre Back	03.04.2001	Kristianstad, SWE	188	78
42	Albin	Nilsson	SWE	Right Wing	17.11.2001	Kristianstad, SWE	174	75
43	Isak	Larsson	SWE	Centre Back	07.01.2003	Kristianstad, SWE	186	91
50	Leo	Larsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	16.10.1990	Ystad, SWE	188	92
83	Fredrik Raahauge	Petersen	SWE	Centre Back	27.08.1983	Ystad, SWE	188	85



## Espen Christensen

 @espench

### Goalkeeper

- two-time WCh finalist and EHF EURO bronze medallist with Norway
- joined Kristianstad in summer of 2020 to replace the club's two retiring goalkeepers
- spent the previous three seasons with Minden in the German Bundesliga
- his second spell in Sweden, having spent seven years with two different clubs in Lund between 2008 and 2015

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



## Emil Frend-Öfors

 @emilfrend

### Left wing

- joined Kristianstad in summer of 2020, returning to Sweden after three seasons in the German Bundesliga with THW Kiel and HSG Wetzlar
- gained first European experience in CL and EHF Cup playing for Alingsås (2014-17)
- made national team debut in Scandinavian derby against Norway in early January 2017 and played at WCh in France that month



## Olafur Gudmundsson

 @oligudmunds

### Left back

- Icelandic international who has been with IFK since 2012, except for one season with TSV Hannover-Burgdorf in Germany (2014/15)
- IFK team captain since 2016/17
- left Iceland at age 20, moving to AG København in Denmark in 2010
- good all-round player, can be used as centre back and left back

EURO: B 2010



## Markus Olsson

 @trazanbanarne

### Left back

- arrived back at IFK in 2020 from fellow EL contenders Fenix Toulouse in France
- strong back court shooter, who started career with IFK in Swedish second division in 2008, leaving the club seven seasons later as champions of first division
- joined Danish side Skjern Håndbold in 2015, and in 2017/18 helped them win their first domestic title in nearly 20 years
- played all EURO and WCh events with Swedish national team between 2014-19

LAST 16



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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: orange

#### Dark

Player shirt: dark grey or blue  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black or turquoise



### Playing hall

Palacio de los Deportes de León  
Paseo saenz de miera s/n  
24009 León  
Spain  
Capacity: 5,900

# ABANCA ADEMAR LEON



### FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ HC Metalurg	D27:27 (16:13)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi	W34:35 (20:17)
vs ORLEN Wisla Plock	W32:27 (16:9)
@ ORLEN Wisla Plock	L29:22 (15:11)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi	W33:32 (17:19)
vs Fivers	W30:28 (13:10)
@ Fivers	D33:33 (19:20)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	D28:28 (14:17)
vs HC Metalurg	W41:32 (20:13)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	D26:26 (15:14)

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Gonzalo Perez (ESP)	59
2. Tin Lucin (CRO)	38
3. Ruben Marchan (ESP)	36
4. Erwin Feuchtman (CHL)	33
5. Leandro Semedo (CPV)	25

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Quarter-finals (4): 1997/98, 1999/00, 2001/02, 2011/12  
Last 16 (4): 2003/04, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2012/13  
Main round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09  
Group Phase (2): 2017/18, 2018/19

#### Cup Winner's Cup

Winners (2): 1998/99, 2004/05  
Runners-up (2): 2000/01, 2006/07

#### EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2010/11

**Liga ASOBAL** (1 title): 2000/01

**ASOBAL Cup** (2 titles): 1998/99, 2008/09



## Manolo Cadenas

### Coach

- joined León for a third time in the summer of 2019, after previously coaching the club in 1995-2007 and 2012-13
- named best coach of the ASOBAL league in 2019/20
- led León to Cup Winners' Cup titles in 1999 and 2005, after also winning the trophy with Santander in 1990
- highly experienced coach, who also worked with clubs like Barça, Granollers, Wisła Płock and Meshkov Brest
- was head coach of Spain from 2013-16, winning bronze at EHF EURO 2014 and silver at EHF EURO 2016
- head coach of Argentine national team since 2017

EC trophies: CWC 1990, 1999, 2005; EURO: S 2016, B 2014

### Arrived during the season

Leandro Semedo (CPV)

### Left during the season

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# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Ruben	Marchan	ESP	Line Player	20.09.1994	Manzanares, ESP	202	110
4	Erwin Jan	Feuchtmann	GER	Left Back	02.05.1990	Punta Arenas, CHI	195	96
6	Leandro	Semedo	CPV	Left Back	24.12.1994	Praia, CPV	192	82
7	Natán	Suárez	ESP	Centre Back	20.01.1998	Gerona, ESP	185	80
8	Tin	Lucin	CRO	Centre Back	16.08.1999	Rijeka, CRO	196	94
9	Pedro	Martínez	ESP	Centre Back	20.12.1999	Buenos Aires, ARG	187	85
12	Andrew	Donlin	USA	Line Player	09.02.1992	Minnesota, USA	202	100
14	Milan	Gostovic	SRB	Right Back	12.02.2001	Vrbas, SRB	190	80
<b>C</b> 15	Jose Mario	Carrillo	ESP	Left Wing	18.12.1990	León, ESP	180	75
16	Dino	Slavic	CRO	Goalkeeper	04.12.1992	Rijeka, CRO	185	113
17	Jaime	Fernandez	ESP	Left Wing	27.01.1997	León, ESP	176	72
19	Gonzalo	Perez Arce	ESP	Right Wing	20.07.1998	León, ESP	175	70
22	Khalifa	Ghedbane	ALG	Goalkeeper	26.11.1996	M'sila, ALG	202	99
23	Alex	Lodos	ESP	Left Back	26.06.2002	León, ESP	185	85
24	Antonio	Martinez	ESP	Right Wing	17.05.2003	León, ESP	180	70
28	Leandro	Semedo	CPV	Left Back	24.12.1994	Praia, CPV	192	82
35	Mateusz	Piechowski	POL	Line Player	01.03.1995	Plock, POL	196	104
37	Oleg	Kisselev	ESP	Left Back	02.08.1997	Santander, ESP	198	104
85	Adrian	Casqueiro	ESP	Left Wing	18.05.2000	León, ESP	190	79
99	Carlos	Cristobalena	ESP	Goalkeeper	02.12.2003	Madrid, ESP	195	80





## Dino Slavic

 @dinoslavic

### Goalkeeper

- arrived at Leon in summer of 2018 from RK Umag in his native Croatia
- first choice between Leon's posts since departure of Ignacio Biosca to Kadetten
- forms goalkeeper duo with Algerian international Khalifa Ghedbane, who joined Leon from Vardar in 2020, a year after winning the CL with the Macedonian side



## Jaime Fernandez

 @jaimefdez\_17

### Left wing

- born in Leon, made A team debut in 2014/15 season
- named MVP of the ASOBAL League in 2019/20, the first Leon player to receive the award since Daniel Sarmiento in 2009
- has also been chosen best left wing of the domestic league in past two seasons
- a versatile wing, who can also play as a centre back



## Natan Suarez

 @suareznatan

### Centre back

- joined Leon in summer of 2020 from Cuenca on a two-year deal
- was 'revelation player' of ASOBAL league in 2018/19, playing for Teucro and Cuenca
- playmaker with great eye for the game and a strong shot from nine metres
- played for national U-18 and U-21 teams but not yet for national A team



## Gonzalo Perez

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### Right wing

- born in Leon, made A team debut for the club in 2014/15 season
- will get more responsibility since captain Mario Lopez, also a right wing, has left Leon
- also a keen football player as a kid, but chose handball at the age of 14
- his brother Rodrigo is also a handball player, at Club Balonmano Nava

## HC EUROFARM PELISTER (MKD) VS SC MAGDEBURG (GER)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 20:45 CET, Bitola (MKD)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 18:45 CET, Magdeburg (GER)**



- Pelister finished fourth in group D with 11 points, Magdeburg won group C with 18 points - the highest amount of all teams
- Magdeburg won the previous second-tier competition, the EHF Cup, three times (1999, 2002, 2007) and played at the EHF Cup Finals in 2017 and 2018
- in the group phase, Pelister lost away to another German side, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, and was awarded two points for the reverse fixture that was called off
- Pelister's top shooter Stipe Mandalinac (49 goals) previously played in Germany, for Füchse Berlin, before joining his current club in the summer of 2020
- Mandalinac will face his Croatian national teammate Zeljko Musa, who was coached by Pelister coach Zeljko Babic when he led the national team
- SCM's best scorers of the group phase were Ómar Ingi Magnusson (48 goals) and Tim Hornke (42)
- Magdeburg last played a Macedonian team in the EHF Cup 2012/13 qualification, winning 56:55 on aggregate against eventual two-time CL winners Vardar
- Pelister lead their group in the SEHA League, while Magdeburg are ranked second in the Bundesliga with 15 wins from 20 matches
- the winner of this Last 16 tie will next face the winner of Leon vs Kristianstad

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### HC Eurofarm Pelister vs SC Magdeburg 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions

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**Kit colours**

**Light**

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: red

**Dark**

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



**Playing hall**

Boro Curlevski - Mladost  
Bitola  
Polygon b.b.  
7000 Bitola  
North Macedonia  
Capacity: 3,000

# HC EUROFARM PELISTER



**FINAL RANKING GROUP D**

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
<b>4. HC Eurofarm Pelister</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>244:237</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>11</b>
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

**ROAD TO THE LAST 16**

@ Kadetten Schaffhausen vs GOG	L29:26 (16:12) W32:31 (15:16)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W21:24 (11:9) W21:19 (11:10)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje @ RK Trimo Trebnje	W33:26 (20:14) L28:24 (14:12)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	L28:20 (14:11) D25:25 (16:10)
@ GOG vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L30:29 (14:14) W10:0

**CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	49
2. Josip Peric (BIH)	30
3. Tomislav Kusan (CRO)	29
4. Mateo Maraš (CRO)	23
5. Elmir Gradjan (BIH)	21

**Past achievements**

**EHF Champions League:**  
Group phase (1): 2019/20

**EHF Cup:**  
Group Phase (1): 2018/19

**Challenge Cup:**  
Last 16 (1): 2017/18



## Zeljko Babic

Coach

- Croatian former right wing, who started as Pelister coach in the summer of 2020
- previously coached clubs like Meshkov Brest and Velenje
- was assistant to head coach Slavko Goluzza when Croatia won bronze at EHF EURO and Olympics in 2012 and WCh in 2013
- as head coach he led Croatia to bronze at EHF EURO 2016

EURO: B 2016 (as coach)

### Arrived during the season

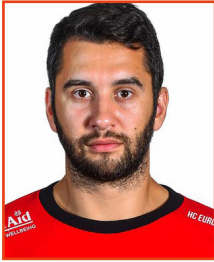
Karim Hendawy (EGY)  
Cvetan Kuzmanoski (MKD)  
Dario Petrovski (MKD)

### Left during the season

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# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Mateo	Maraš	CRO	Right Back	17.12.2000	Split, Croatia	203	102
3	Goce	Ojleski	MKD	Left Wing	10.10.1989	Struga, MKD	180	80
4	Nikola	Markoski	MKD	Line Player	22.05.1990	Struga, MKD	195	110
6	Bojan	Madzovski	MKD	Left Wing	08.05.1994	Skopje, MKD	184	90
7	Dario	Petrovski	MKD	Centre Back	16.01.1998	Bitola, MKD	191	78
7	Dejan	Kukulovski	MKD	Left Back	17.08.1998	Resen, MKD	194	97
8	Cvetan	Kuzmanoski	MKD	Left Wing	05.12.1999			
9	Stipe	Mandalinic	CRO	Left Back	09.09.1992	Split, CRO	195	90
9	Tomislav	Kusan	CRO	Line Player	16.12.1994	Zagreb, CRO	200	110
11	Neven	Stjepanovic	BIH	Right Back	14.02.1993	Ilijas, BIH	197	100
13	Mirko	Radovic	MNE	Right Wing	15.06.1990	Cetinje, MNE	182	85
14	Mario	Tankoski	MKD	Centre Back	28.08.1998	Struga, MKD	192	90
16	Blagojche	Trajkovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	06.10.1986	Prilep, MKD	184	85
19	Nenad	Kosteski	MKD	Right Wing	03.04.2001	Struga, MKD	185	83
20	Filip	Gucevski	MKD	Centre Back	27.11.2003	Bitola, MKD	185	84
<b>C</b> 21	Gradimir	Chanevski	MKD	Goalkeeper	04.03.1988	Skopje, MKD	189	93
22	Hristijan	Jovanovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	28.04.2003	Bitola, MKD	184	68
23	Marin	Vegar	BIH	Left Back	22.01.1990	Capljina, BIH		
23	Josip	Peric	BIH	Centre Back	05.06.1992	Ljubuski, CRO	180	76
24	Milorad	Kukoski	MKD	Left Back	12.07.1987	Struga, MKD	195	100
30	Martin	Velkovski	MKD	Right Back	10.03.1997	Skopje, MKD	190	84
32	Hristijan	Risteovski	MKD	Left Back	22.10.2003	Bitola, MKD	190	88
47	Dejan	Jugovski	MKD	Right Back	24.05.2002	Bitola, MKD	186	77
55	Andrej	Markovski	MKD	Left Wing	23.12.2003	Bitola, MKD	190	75
59	Elmir	Gradjan	BIH	Line Player	28.12.1993	Gorazde, BIH	190	97
66	Milan	Djukic	SRB	Right Wing	16.08.1985	Kragujevac, SRB	186	91
88	Karim	Hendawy	EGY	Goalkeeper	01.05.1988	Cairo, EGY	187	92



## Gradimir Chanevski

### Goalkeeper

- arrived at Pelister in 2016, previously also played for Vardar
- the 32-year-old is a leading player on the court, is now team captain of Pelister
- best goalkeeper at final tournament of Macedonian cup in 2017



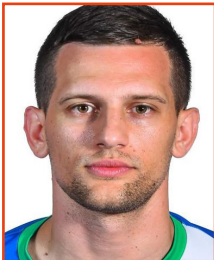
## Stipe Mandalinic

 @stipemandalinic9

### Left back

- Croatian international, arrived in 2020 after three seasons with Fühse Berlin
- previously played five seasons for HC PPD Zagreb in his native Croatia
- was team's best scorer in the ELM group phase, with 49 goals
- made national team debut for Croatia in 2013 and won bronze at WCh in Spain

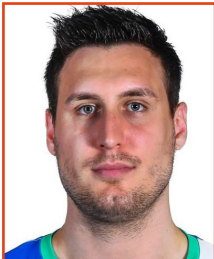
WCh: B 2013



## Josip Peric

### Centre back

- Bosnian centre back, who joined the club in 2020 from four-time EHF Cup winners Göppingen in Germany
- is a mixture between classical playmaker and shooter, scored 30 goals for Eurofarm in the ELM group phase
- has played for eight clubs in six different countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Qatar, Romania, Germany, and North Macedonia



## Tomislav Kusan

 @tomislavkusan9

### Line player

- Croatian line player, arrived at Pelister in 2020 from Spanish side BM Logrono La Rioja
- played in the EHF Cup for the past three seasons with La Rioja
- at 2.00 metre, he is considered a strong asset in both offence and defence
- third Croatian player in the squad, alongside Stipe Mandalinic and Mateo Marac

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: red or black

#### Dark

Player shirt: green  
Player short: green  
GK shirt: red or black



### Playing hall

**Getec Arena Magdeburg**  
Berliner Chaussee 32  
39114 Magdeburg  
Germany  
Capacity: 6,800

# SC MAGDEBURG



### FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
<b>1. SC Magdeburg</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>321:230</b>	<b>(91)</b>	<b>18</b>
2. HC CSKA	10	7	0	3	263:219	(44)	14
3. Montpellier HB	10	6	0	4	231:197	(34)	12
4. RK Nexø	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Alingsås HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ HC CSKA	W27:35 (17:18)
vs Alingsås HK	W36:21 (18:15)
@ Montpellier HB	W30:32 (15:16)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W41:22 (21:11)
vs RK Nexø	W28:23 (17:10)
@ RK Nexø	W24:32 (8:15)
@ Alingsås HK	L30:29 (15:14)
vs HC CSKA	W37:30 (17:11)
@ Besiktas Aygaz	W23:41 (8:20)
vs Montpellier HB	W10:0

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Ómar Ingi Magnússon (ISL)	48
2. Tim Hornke (GER)	42
3. Lukas Mertens (GER)	36
4. Christoph Steinert (GER)	36
5. Gisli Thorgeir Kristjánsson (ISL)	27
Christian O'Sullivan (NOR)	27

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

#### EHF Cup:

Winners (3): 1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07

#### Champions Cup (forerunner of EHF Champions League):

Winners (2): 1977/78, 1980/81

#### EHF Champions Trophy:

Winners (3): 1980/81, 2000/01, 2001/02

**German league (11):** 2001 (GDR league: 1970, 1977, 1980, 1981-85, 1988, 1991)

**German Cup (7):** 1996, 2016 (GDR Cup: 1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990)



## Bennet Wiegert Coach

 @bennetwiegert

- played for Magdeburg from 1998-2013, except for three years, and won CL with the club in 2002
- former German international on the left wing
- replaced head coach Ger Sveinsson in December 2015, previously worked as director of the club's youth academy
- his father, Ingolf, won Olympic gold as a player in 1980 and later was also Magdeburg coach

EC trophies: CL 2002 (as player)

### Arrived during the season

Justus Max Kluge (GER)  
Janik Patzwaldt (GER)

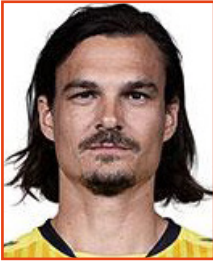
### Left during the season

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# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Zeljko	Musa	CRO	Line Player	08.01.1986	Mostar, CRO	200	114
3	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	24.03.1988	Goreczno, POL	202	100
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18.07.1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	75
7	Justus Max	Kluge	GER	Left Wing	24.12.1997	Magdeburg, GER	194	82
8	Christoph	Steinert	GER	Right Back	18.01.1990	Berlin, GER	196	99
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30.07.1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191	90
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06.05.1992	Eskilstuna, SWE	179	72
11	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12.03.1997	Selfoss, ISL	184	87
12	Tobias	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05.07.1995	Gothenburg, SWE	198	99
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.09.1988	Lemvig, DEN	195	94
17	Tim	Hornke	GER	Right Wing	04.08.1990	Hannover, GER	189	85
21	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13.11.1991	Kongsvinger, NOR	194	100
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22.03.1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182	85
<b>C</b> 24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22.08.1991	Oslo, NOR	190	89
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26.06.1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	87
34	Michael	Damgaard	DEN	Left Back	18.03.1990	Lolland, DEN	192	95
66	Janik	Patzwaldt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.05.2001	Magdeburg, GER	192	88
95	Moritz	Preuß	GER	Line Player	22.02.1995	Dachau, GER	194	103



## Jannick Green

### Goalkeeper

- Danish goalkeeper who played CL with two different clubs: Aalborg and Bjerringbro
- arrived in Magdeburg in 2014, coming from Bjerringbro
- his mother was Danish international, his father coached him at Lemvig
- undisputed No. 1 since Dario Quenstedt moved to THW Kiel in 2019

OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2013



## Ómar Ingi Magnussen

 @omaringim

### Right back

- Icelandic back, who joined Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg respectively
- was Magdeburg's best scorer in the ELM group phase, with 48 goals
- forms backcourt duo with fellow Icelandic player Gisli Kristjansson
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18
- won bronze with Iceland and was member of All-star Team at U19 WCh in 2015



## Michael Damgaard

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### Left back

- joined Magdeburg in 2015 from TTH Holstebro in his native Denmark
- started professional career at GOG before moving to Holstebro in 2010
- was Magdeburg's best scorer in last EHF Cup 2019/20 season
- his older brother, Allan, is also a professional handball player, for Holstebro

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019



## Marko Bezjak

 @25bezo

### Centre back

- Slovenian international who arrived in Magdeburg from Velenje in 2013
- won Slovenian league title three times and gained CL experience with Velenje
- shares playmaker position with captain Christian O'Sullivan and Gisli Kristjansson
- shoulder injury kept him away from the court for six months in 2019/20

WCh: B 2017

## I GOG (DEN) VS HC CSKA (RUS)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 18:45 CET, Odense (DEN)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 18:45 CET, Moscow (RUS)**



- this is the first encounter between the teams
- CSKA head coach Velimir Petkovic won the EHF Cup three times, each time with a team from Germany: twice with Göppingen and once with Berlin
- the Russian team's debutant season has been successful so far - they took seven wins and had three defeats to finish second in group C
- CSKA are battling with Chekhov and Neva for the lead in the Russian league
- GOG finished third in the group, behind Löwen and Kadetten, with six wins and four defeats
- the Danish team is a mixture of young guns like WCh All-star Mathias Gidsel and top scorer Emil Jacobsen (89 goals) with several experienced players

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### GOG vs HC CSKA 0-0-0

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No previous encounters in European club competitions

## LAST 16



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## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: yellow  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: green/white/red

## Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: white/red/green



## Playing hall

**SUVI: T Arena**  
Staerkaervej 1  
5884 Gudme  
Denmark  
Capacity: 1,756

GOG



## FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
<b>3. GOG</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>306:305</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>12</b>
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

## ROAD TO THE LAST 16

@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L32:24 (17:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W27:30 (13:16)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W32:31 (17:16)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	L32:31 (15:16)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W34:28 (16:14)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W30:28 (15:15)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W32:35 (16:17)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L32:37 (14:19)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W30:29 (14:14)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	L29:28 (14:13)

## CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	89
2. Simon Pytlick (DEN)	65
3. Anders Zachariassen (DEN)	45
4. Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	41
5. Morten Olsen (DEN)	35

## Past achievements

## EHF Champions League

Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09

Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2006/07

Group Matches (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2019/20

## EHF Cup:

Quarter-finals: 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06

Group Phase: 2018/19

## Cup Winners' Cup:

Runners-up 1995/96

Quarter-finals: 1993/94, 1997/98

**Danish league:** 7 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2007)



## Nicolej Møldrup Krickau

### Coach

- leading GOG for fourth season, after joining from Skanderborg Handbold in 2017
- was the youngest ever head coach in the Danish men's league when he took over at Skanderborg at the age of 27
- played for Skanderborg before becoming a coach
- a tactically and psychologically strong coach with a good eye for developing new talents

Arrived during the season

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Left during the season

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# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Andreas	Haagen Pytlick	DEN	Goalkeeper	22.07.2001	Bov, DEN	195	95
2	Simon Bogetoft	Pytlick	DEN	Centre Back	11.12.2000	Thurø, DEN	192	92
3	Kasper Dan	Jorgensen	DEN	Left Back	09.02.1977	Gentofte, DEN	187	98
4	Anders	Beschau	DEN	Line Player	04.03.2001	Odense, DEN	196	102
5	Lasse Mathias	Pedersen	DEN	Left Back	08.03.2002	Glamsbjerg, DEN	195	95
6	Stig Tore Moen	Nilsen	NOR	Right Back	09.08.1994	Alta, NOR	194	91
7	Victor Birch	Nevers	DEN	Right Wing	18.04.2002	Næstved, DEN	188	84
7	Oliver Sonne	Wosniak	DEN	Left Back	07.01.2001	Ejby, DEN	199	102
8	Steven Plucnar	Jacobsen	DEN	Line Player	22.10.2000	Solrød, DEN	193	86
9	Frederik Bo	Andersen	DEN	Right Wing	09.12.1998	Roskilde, DEN	186	89
10	Lucas Lenter	Garsdal	DEN	Centre Back	27.02.2002	Roskilde, DEN	193	94
11	Emil Wernsdorf	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	01.01.2001	Svendborg, DEN	190	85
12	Matthias Rene	Rex Dorgelo	NOR	Goalkeeper	31.10.2002	Odense, NOR	198	102
15	Emil	Lærke	DEN	Left Back	04.06.1999	Roskilde, DEN	203	105
16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24.07.2000	Reykjavik, ISL	200	94
17	Oscar	Bergendahl	SWE	Line Player	08.03.1995	Kungsbacka, SWE	192	106
19	Mathias	Gidsel	DEN	Right Back	08.02.1999	Skjern, DEN	190	85
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11.05.1994	Svendborg, DEN	183	86
22	Anders	Zachariassen	DEN	Line Player	04.09.1991	Sonderborg, DEN	192	96
23	Anton K.	Filttenborg	DEN	Right Wing	22.07.2001	Svendborg, DEN	192	94
26	Mathias Hvid	Sunesen	DEN	Left Back	04.09.2001	Svendborg, DEN	186	85
28	Peter	Lund	DEN	Right Wing	01.10.2001	Svendborg, DEN	186	81
31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left Wing	24.01.1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190	86
34	Morten Toft	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11.10.1984	Osted, DEN	184	95
43	Emil La Cour	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	13.02.2001	Tved, DEN	176	72
74	Søren Haagen	Andreassen	DEN	Goalkeeper	26.03.1974	Esbjerg, DEN	187	96
C 77	Frederik Kiehn	Clausen	DEN	Left Back	29.06.1995	Svendborg, DEN	197	107



## Viktor Hallgrímsson

 @viktorhallgrimsson

### Goalkeeper

- Icelandic international, who joined from Fram Reykjavik in the summer of 2019
- debuted in national team at 19, and impressed at Junior (U21) WCh 2019
- made a name for himself at EHF EURO 2020, ranking among the top penalty savers with seven stops at 44 per cent
- fast and talented goalkeeper with fine reactions



## Emil Jakobsen

 @manfeldt98

### Left wing

- standout top scorer of the group phase, with 89 goals, more than 20 ahead of No. 2
- came through GOG's talent program, has always played for the club, but will join SG Flensburg-Handewitt in summer of 2021 to replace Magnus Jøndal
- debuted for Denmark in an EHF EURO 2020 qualifier against Montenegro in April 2019, part of team that won the world title in January 2021 in Egypt

WCh: G 2021



## Morten Olsen

 @mlsn34

### Centre back

- returned to GOG in summer of 2020 for his first club in his native Denmark in 10 years
- spent eight years in Germany with Hannover, also had brief stints in France and Qatar
- earlier in his career, played for Bjerringbro, Viborg, Mors, and GOG (2003-05)
- became part of the Danish national team in 2006, a year after winning Junior WCh in Hungary, and won gold with Denmark at 2016 Olympics, WCh 2019 and 2021

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2021



## Anders Zachariassen

 @zachariassen22

### Line player

- returned to Denmark, joining GOG, in 2020 after six seasons at Flensburg-Handewitt
- was leading an ordinary Danish league life in SønderjyskE, until Flensburg discovered his potential in 2014
- had breakthrough at WCh 2019, playing a large role in Denmark's run to the title, and was part of the team that defended the world title in 2021

WCh: G 2019, 2021

## LAST 16



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

Dynamo Palace of Sports  
Lavochkina Street 32  
125581 Moscow  
Russia  
Capacity: 4,298

## HC CSKA



## FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	0	1	321:230	(91)	18
<b>2. HC CSKA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>263:219</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>14</b>
3. Montpellier HB	10	6	0	4	231:197	(34)	12
4. RK Nexe	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Alingsas HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

## ROAD TO THE LAST 16

vs SC Magdeburg	L27:35 (17:18)
@ RK Nexe	L32:31 (14:14)
vs Alingsas HK	W28:27 (14:14)
@ Alingsas HK	W23:31 (5:16)
@ Besiktas Aygaz	W23:35 (11:17)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W32:24 (21:9)
vs RK Nexe	W29:18 (15:8)
@ SC Magdeburg	L37:30 (17:11)
@ Montpellier HB	W0:10
vs Montpellier HB	W10:0

## CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Dener Jaanima (EST)	43
2. Stanislav Zhukov (UKR)	40
3. Igor Soroka (RUS)	37
4. Aleh Astrashapkin (BLR)	36
5. Dmytro Ilchenko (UKR)	34

## Past achievements

European Cup (forerunner of the EHF Champions League)

Winners (1 title): 1987/88

Runners-up (2): 1976/77, 1982/83

Cup Winner's Cup

Winners (1 title): 1986/87

Runners-up (1): 1984/85

IHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 1990/1991

Soviet Handball Championship (9 titles): 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1987

Soviet Handball Cup (3 titles): 1984, 1985, 1986

Russian Handball Super League (4 titles): 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001





## Velimir Petkovic

Coach

- joined CSKA just one week before the start of the group phase
- worked the past four seasons at Fühse in Berlin, and previously 10 years at another German side, Göppingen
- won EHF Cup with Göppingen twice, in 2011 and 2012, and again with Fühse, in 2018
- with Borac Banja Luka he won the the European Champions Cup (1976) as player and the IHF Cup Winners' Cup (1991) as coach

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

### Arrived during the season

Ilia Belevtsov (RUS)  
Andrei Klimavets (BLR)  
Hleb Leukhin (BLR)

### Left during the season

Vladislav Korshunov (RUS)

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
3	Sergey	Nikolaenkov	RUS	Left Wing	11.06.1998	Krasnodar, RUS	186	75
5	Dmitrij	Ionov	RUS	Left Wing	17.06.2000	Saratov, RUS	178	75
6	Hleb	Leukhin	BLR	Line Player	18.08.1998	Minsk, BLR	193	80
9	Aleksey	Fokin	RUS	Right Wing	29.08.1997	Volgograd, RUS	186	75
11	Mikhail	Vinogradov	RUS	Centre Back	04.04.1997	Volgograd, RUS	195	87
13	Ilya	Ryabov	RUS	Line Player	12.04.1997	Moscow, RUS	191	91
15	Dmitrij	Chernetsov	RUS	Right Wing	10.05.2001	Tashkent, UZB	194	78
17	Aleksandr	Dereven	RUS	Left Back	26.03.1992	Toliatti, RUS	199	85
<b>C</b> 19	Pavel	Atman	RUS	Centre Back	25.05.1987	Volgograd, RUS	193	95
23	Ilia	Belevtsov	RUS	Left Bank	01.05.2000	Krasnodar, RUS		
24	Dener	Jaanimaa	EST	Right Back	09.08.1989	Tallinn, EST	189	90
26	Stanislav	Zhukov	UKR	Left Back	26.03.1992	Novovolynsk, UKR	200	104
27	Valentin	Vorobev	RUS	Centre Back	27.05.1995	Krasnodar region, RUS	190	77
44	Igor	Soroka	RUS	Left Wing	27.05.1991	Cherkessk, RUS	180	73
56	Nikita	Avtonomov	RUS	Goalkeeper	08.04.1998	Samarkand, RUS	194	81
77	Dmytro	Ilchenko	UKR	Line Player	09.07.1996	Kiev region, UKR	198	117
87	Victor	Kireev	RUS	Goalkeeper	05.05.1987	Penzenskaya obl., RUS	190	94
90	Aleh	Astrashapkin	BLR	Right Back	20.01.1992	Mogilev, BLR	190	88
93	Dmitriy	Kuznetsov	RUS	Goalkeeper	11.03.1994	Krasnodar, RUS	189	86
94	Andrei	Klimavets	BLR	Left Back	24.09.2001	Gomel, BLR	200	95



## Viktor Kireev

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### Goalkeeper

- joined CSKA in February 2020 after more than three seasons at Motor Zaporozhye
- born in Volgograd, he started his handball career at local club Kaustic
- moved to St.-Petersburg in 2014, and was awarded best goalkeeper of the Russian domestic league in 2015/16
- had part of little finger removed after injury in 2017 but it has not affected his career

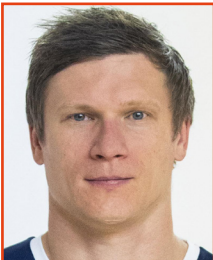


## Stanislav Zhukov

 @zhukovstanislav26

### Left back

- Ukrainian back, who moved to CSKA from Motor Zaporozhye in early 2020
- had returned to Zaporozhye in 2019 after an earlier stint in 2012-17
- played two seasons for VfL Gummersbach in Germany but left after club was relegated
- also had spells at Budyvelnyk and ZNTU-ZAS early in his career



## Pavel Atman

 @atmanpavel

### Centre back

- CSKA team captain, joined the club in February 2020 from Vardar
- born in Volgograd, started career at local club Kaustik before leaving them in 2010
- spent 10 years abroad, playing for clubs like Dinamo Minsk, Meshkov Brest, Metalurg, Hannover-Burgdorf, Vardar, and Al-Djaish in Qatar
- key player for Russian national team, where he debuted in 2008



## Dmytro Ilchenko

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### Line player

- arrived at CSKA in early 2020 from ZTR Zaporozhye
- born in Mironovka, a town close to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv
- started as a goalkeeper in his younger years but switched to line player position later
- Ukrainian international, member of national team that took part in EHF EURO 2020

## I RK NEXE (CRO) VS RHEIN–NECKAR LÖWEN (GER)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 18:45 CET, Nasice (CRO)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 18:45 CET, Mannheim (GER)**



- the two sides have not met before in an official match
- Nexe had a good test prior to this Last 16 tie, beating two-time EHF Champions League winners Vardar in the SEHA League
- since Branko Tamse took over as head coach of Nexe in January 2021, the Croatian side have won six of their seven matches
- Nexe, nicknamed the 'Thunders from Krndija hill', played against a German team in the quarter-final of the EHF Cup 2017/18: they lost by one goal to Fuchse Berlin
- Rhein-Neckar Löwen finished the group phase with eight wins, one draw and one defeat, underlining their ambition to reach the EHF European League Finals
- Löwen will miss Ilija Abutovic, who is out for the season due to injury

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### **RK Nexe vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 0-0-0**

No previous encounters in European club competitions

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### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: green  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow



### Playing hall

**OS Kralja Tomislava**  
Matice Hrvatske 1  
31500 Nasice  
Croatia  
Capacity: 2,000

# RK NEXE



### FINAL RANKING GROUP C

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@ Besiktas Aygaz	W25:31 (10:14)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W32:26 (18:13)
vs Alingsas HK	W35:30 (16:14)
@ SC Magdeburg	L28:23 (17:10)
vs SC Magdeburg	L24:32 (8:15)
@ HC CSKA	L29:18 (15:8)
vs Montpellier HB	L22:23 (8:10)
@ Alingsas HK	W23:27 (12:13)

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	68
2. Janko Kevic (CRO)	57
3. Marin Jelincic (CRO)	27
4. Gianfranco Pribetic (CRO)	22
5. Mateo Rodin (CRO)	18

### Past achievements

#### EHF Cup:

**Quarter-final (1):** 2017/18

**Group Phase (2):** 2014/15, 2018/19

**Last 16 (1):** 2011/12

**Round 3:** 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2019/20

**Round 2:** 2012/13



## Branko Tamse

### Coach

- Slovenian coach who took over at Nexe in January 2021 from Hrvoje Horvat, who was appointed head coach of the Croatian men's national team
- previously worked with EHF Champions League sides Velenje and Celje in his native Slovenia as well as Zabreb in Croatia
- returned to Europe after a brief stint at Qatari Al-Rayyan
- played as a right wing at Velenje but saw career come to an end after a serious knee injury; started coaching at Velenje

### Arrived during the season

Alen Blazevic (CRO)  
Borna Mancic Micevic (CRO)  
Dorian Markusic (CRO)

### Left during the season

Bruno Cuic (CRO)  
Ivan Dumencic (CRO)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Edi	Vesligaj	CRO	Goalkeeper	30.06.1993	Nasice, CRO	193	90
4	Aleksandar	Bakic	MNE	Left Wing	03.09.2000	Berane, MNE	194	86
6	Albin	Eter	CRO	Left Wing	20.03.1984	Zagreb, CRO	185	91
7	Fran	Mileta	CRO	Right Wing	14.08.2000	Rijeka, CRO	181	72
<b>C</b> 8	Marko	Mrdenovic	CRO	Line Player	19.08.1984	Rijeka, CRO	197	95
9	Saša	Barišic Jaman	SLO	Left Back	10.11.1982	Brežice, SLO	200	93
12	Moreno	Car	CRO	Goalkeeper	22.04.1996	Rijeka, CRO	184	79
15	Marko	Buvinic	CRO	Right Back	28.06.1992	Rijeka, CRO	190	90
16	Mihailo	Radovanovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	18.12.1992	Cacak, SRB	194	86
18	Marin	Jelinic	CRO	Left Wing	07.12.1996	Metkovic, CRO	194	93
19	Ivan	Vida	CRO	Right Wing	14.03.1995	Zagreb, CRO	186	86
20	Borna	Manci Micevic	CRO	Right Back	20.11.1997	Osijek	208	110
21	Alen	Blaževic	CRO	Left Back	29.03.1986	Nasice, CRO	200	105
23	Tomislav	Severec	CRO	Left Back	29.06.1997	Zagreb, CRO	191	95
25	Zivan	Pesic	SRB	Line Player	07.07.1993	Novi Sad, SRB	196	112
28	Janko	Kevic	CRO	Centre Back	21.04.1986	Zagreb, CRO	190	87
29	Mateo	Rodin	CRO	Right Back	21.07.1992	Metkovic, CRO	196	95
33	Mario	Tomic	QAT	Line Player	22.06.1988	Zagreb, CRO	191	93
45	Halil	Jaganjac	CRO	Left Back	22.06.1998	Rijeka, CRO	200	95
66	Tomi	Vozab	CRO	Centre Back	26.04.1990	Zagreb, CRO	188	88
77	Dorian	Markušic	CRO	Centre Back	17.03.1997	Zagreb, CRO	188	84
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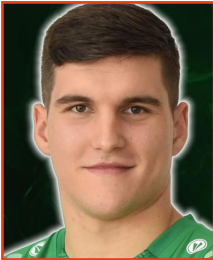


## Moreno Car

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### Goalkeeper

- joined Nexe prior to the 2018/19 season
- started his career in Crikvenica, had a short stop in Matulji, and gained a lot of experience in Porec, where he spent three seasons
- played for various Croatian youth and junior national teams; in one of them his current coach Hrvoje Horvat was also his coach back then

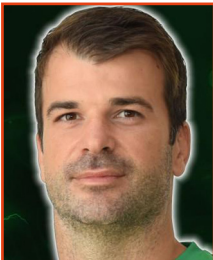


## Halil Jaganjac

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### Left back

- joined Nexe as a 20-year-old in 2018, after stints with HC Metalurg and Paris Saint-Germain HB, where he played in the second team for a season
- second-best scorer of the ELM after the group phase, with 68 goals
- had his breakthrough season with Metalurg in 2017/18, when he became top scorer of the SEHA league
- first called to national team by Lino Cervar in 2017; was part of EHF EURO 2018 squad

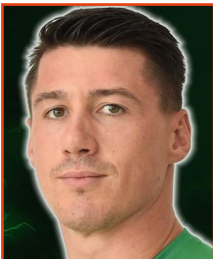


## Janko Kevic

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### Centre back

- returned to Nexe in January 2020, having spent much of his early career with the Nasice club between 2004 and 2012
- his journey after 2012 took him to countries like Qatar, Poland, Turkey and Romania
- played for various Croatian national youth teams but only sporadically for the A team
- playmaker with an eye for assists, also capable of scoring goals as powerful shooter, netted 57 times in the 2020/21 season prior to the Last 16



## Mario Tomic

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### Line player

- experienced Croatian player with Qatari passport
- joined Nexe in 2017 and plans to end his career at the club, having extended his contract until 2026
- started career in Medvescak, later played for Siscia, Al Sadd and Lekhwia
- important player for Nexe, both in attack and defence



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**Kit colours**

**Light**

Player shirt: yellow  
 Player short: dark blue  
 GK shirt: white

**Dark**

Player shirt: dark red  
 Player short: dark blue  
 GK shirt: black



**Playing hall**

**SAP Arena**  
 An der Arena 1  
 68163 Mannheim  
 Germany  
 Capacity: 13,200

# RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN



**FINAL RANKING GROUP D**

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
<b>1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>296:256</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>17</b>
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

**ROAD TO THE LAST 16**

vs GOG	W32:24 (17:13)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W31:28 (15:11)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W37:30 (20:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W29:35 (13:19)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	W27:34 (15:15)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	D30:30 (17:13)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W26:32 (15:21)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W28:20 (14:11)
@ GOG	W32:37 (14:19)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	L10:0

**CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	45
2. Patrick Groetzki (GER)	41
3. Niclas Kirkeløkke (DEN)	36
4. Philipp Ahouansou (GER)	34
5. Romain Lagarde (FRA)	30
Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	30

**Past achievements**

**EHF Champions League:** Semi-finals 2008/09; EHF FINAL4 2010/11

**EHF Cup (1 title):** 2012/13

**Bundesliga (2 titles):** 2015/16, 2016/17

**German cup (1 title):** 2017/18



## Martin Schwalb

Coach

- replaced Kristján Andrésson at Löwen in February 2020 for his first coaching job since suffering a heart attack in 2016
- still the only German coach who has won the EHF Champions League - with HSV in 2013
- coached Wallau and Wetzlar before joining HSV in 2005
- set to return to his former club HSV in summer of 2021
- as a player, he competed in 193 matches for Germany
- was voted player of the year in Germany in 1996

EC trophies: CL 2013, CWC 2007 (as coach)  
OG: S 1984; EURO: B 1998 (as player)

### Arrived during the season

Robert Kraß (GER)  
Niklas Michalski (GER)  
Veith Schlafmann (GER)  
Elias Scholtes (GER)

### Left during the season

Rafael Baena (ESP)

# TEAM ROSTER

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1	Mikael	Appelgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	06.09.1989	Uddevalla, SWE	191	100
2	Andre	Schmid	SUI	Centre Back	30.08.1983	Horgen, SUI	190	86
<b>C</b> 3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26.10.1986	Mannheim, GER	188	90
4	Elias	Scholtes	GER	Right Back	17.08.2003	Bruchsal, GER	190	90
5	Kaspar	Veigel	GER	Right Wing	22.09.2001	Germersheim, GER	189	88
6	Niclas Vest	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right Back	26.03.1994	Ringe, DEN	195	100
7	Maximilian	Trost	GER	Left Back	23.08.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	202	100
7	Robert	Kraß	GER	Right Back	24.08.2003	Germersheim, GER	201	103
8	Romain	Lagarde	FRA	Centre Back	05.03.1997	Lorient, FRA	194	95
9	Mait	Patrail	EST	Left Back	11.04.1988	Põlva, EST	200	102
12	Andreas	Palicka	SWE	Goalkeeper	10.07.1986	N Nöbbelöv, SWE	189	88
15	Leon	Bolius	GER	Left Wing	13.06.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	178	78
16	Niklas	Gierse	GER	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Heidelberg, GER	198	106
17	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13.09.1995	Norrtälje, SWE	182	82
19	Philipp	Ahouansou	GER	Left Back	02.05.2001	Hanau, GER	203	90
20	Ilija	Abutovic	SRB	Left Back	02.08.1988	Vrbas, SRB	202	100
21	Sebastian	Trost	GER	Left Back	02.01.1998	Speyer, GER	192	95
22	Christopher	Roth	GER	Left Back	18.03.2001	Karlsruhe, GER	196	105
23	Albin	Lagergren	SWE	Right Back	11.09.1992	Varberg, SWE	186	94
24	Patrick	Groetzki	GER	Right Wing	04.07.1989	Pforzheim, GER	189	84
27	Jannis	Schneibel	GER	Centre Back	06.07.2000	Ludwigshafen, GER	188	77
29	David	Späth	GER	Goalkeeper	29.04.2002	Kaiserslautern, GER	197	95
32	Alexander	Petersson	ISL	Right Back	02.07.1980	Riga, LAT	188	89
33	Ýmir	Gíslason	ISL	Line Player	01.07.1997	Reykjavik, ISL	192	90
36	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30.09.1989	Norrköping, SWE	200	118
55	Nikolas	Katsigiannis	GER	Goalkeeper	17.09.1982	Werne, GER	195	100
65	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16.11.1996	Ystad, SWE	194	97
72	David	Ganshorn	GER	Line Player	27.05.1989	Mannheim, GER	191	99
73	Veith	Schlafmann	GER	Right Wing	18.04.2002	Heidelberg, GER	186	85
80	Jannik	Kohlbacher	GER	Line Player	19.07.1995	Bensheim, GER	193	105
97	Rico	Keller	GER	Centre Back	30.07.1997	Heidelberg, GER	192	87
	Niklas	Michalski	GER		20.02.2003			



## Uwe Gensheimer

 @uwegensheimer

### Left wing

- returned to his home club in summer of 2019 after three seasons with PSG
- three-time CL top scorer: in 2010/11, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- captain of German national team, missed golden EHF EURO 2016 due to injury
- named German player of the year for four straight years: 2011-14

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013  
OG: B 2016



## Lukas Nilsson

 @lukasnilsson

### Left back

- like many Swedish top players, he comes from Ystad
- joined Löwen in summer of 2020 to replace Mads Mensah Larsen, arriving from Bundesliga rivals THW Kiel, where he spent three seasons
- scored 337 Bundesliga goals for Kiel in three years
- is one of five Swedish players in the Löwen squad for the 2020/21 season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



## Andre Schmid

 @andyschmid2

### Centre back

- playing in his 11th season with Löwen, his current contract runs until 2022
- previously played for Grasshopper and Amicitia in Zürich and for Bjerringbro
- key player, both as playmaker and shooter
- only member of Swiss national team who played at EHF EURO in both 2006 and 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



## Patrick Groetzki

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### Right wing

- been part of the Löwen squad for his entire career; has played over 560 games since 2007, more than any other player in the club's history
- made national team debut for Germany at age 19 in 2009
- was part of the team that won bronze at 2016 Rio Olympics

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013  
OG: B 2016

## I MONTPELLIER HB (FRA) VS KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN (SUI)



**First leg: Tuesday, 23 March at 18:45 CET, Montpellier (FRA)**

**Second leg: Tuesday, 30 March at 17:00 CET, Schaffhausen (SUI)**



- Montpellier finished third in group C with six wins out of 10 games, while Kadetten ranked second in group D, also with six wins, and two draws
- Montpellier and Kadetten met once before - in the EHF Champions League 2010/11 Last 16, when both sides won their home leg and Montpellier advanced with a 61:58 aggregate win
- Kadetten returned home empty-handed only once from four away games in the group phase, as they drew with Löwen and Pelister and won in Tatabanya
- only one team defeated Montpellier at home in the group phase - Magdeburg (32:30) - as the French side won the other four home games
- going into the Last 16, both teams are ranked second in their respective domestic league in France and Switzerland

### PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

#### Montpellier HB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen 1-0-1 (61:58) 2:2

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24.03.2011	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	31:26 (17:11)
03.04.2011	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	35:27 (21:14)

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: green/orange

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green/orange



### Playing hall

Palais des Sports René  
Bournol  
1000 Av. du Val de Mont-  
ferrand  
34090 Montpellier  
France  
Capacity: 3,000

# MONTPELLIER HB



## FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	0	1	321:230	(91)	18
2. HC CSKA	10	7	0	3	263:219	(44)	14
<b>3. Montpellier HB</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>231:197</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>12</b>
4. RK Nexe	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Alingsas HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

## ROAD TO THE LAST 16

vs RK Nexe	W37:25 (21:14)
@ Besiktas Aygaz	W26:36 (13:15)
vs SC Magdeburg	L30:32 (15:16)
@ Alingsas HK	W25:33 (13:19)
vs Alingsas HK	W32:21 (16:13)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W40:16 (23:7)
@ RK Nexe	W22:23 (8:10)
vs HC CSKA	L0:10
@ SC Magdeburg	L10:0
@ HC CSKA	L10:0

## CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Hugo Descat (FRA)	50
2. Melvyn Richardson (FRA)	33
3. Valentin Porte (FRA)	30
4. Kyllian Villeminot (FRA)	28
5. Benjamin Bataille (FRA)	27

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Winners (2): 2002/03, 2017/18  
Semi-final (1): 2004/05  
Quarter-final (5): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17  
Last 16 (6): 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17

### EHF Cup:

Finalists (1): 2013/14  
Quarter-final (1): 1996/97

### Cup Winners' Cup:

Quarter-final (1): 2001/02

**French league:** 14 titles (1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002-06, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

**French cup:** 13 titles

**French league cup:** 10 titles



### Patrice Canayer Coach

- in his 27th season on the club's bench, one of the longest serving coaches at a single club in professional handball
- has meanwhile won more than 40 trophies with Montpellier, most notably the two CL titles in 2003 and 2018
- still the only French coach to win the CL
- was voted CL All-star Team coach after the club won their second CL title in 2017/18
- played for Stade Pessacais UC, Bordeaux and Racing Paris in his active years

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018

#### Arrived during the season

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#### Left during the season

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# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Marin	Sego	CRO	Goalkeeper	02.08.1985	Mostar, BIH	194	98
2	Paul-Louis	Guiraudou	FRA	Line Player	13.05.2000	Montpellier, FRA	194	105
3	Alexis	Berthier	FRA	Right Back	12.03.2002	Aubagne, FRA	193	84
4	Diego	Simonet	ARG	Centre Back	26.12.1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	189	88
5	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre Back	20.05.1998	Lyon, FRA	189	85
6	Hugo	Jullian	FRA	Centre Back	23.03.2000	FRA	185	85
7	Jonas	Truchanovicus	LTU	Left Back	24.06.1993	Siauliai,, LTU	204	110
9	Hugo	Descat	FRA	Left Wing	16.08.1992	Paris , FRA	183	92
10	Lucas	Pellas	SWE	Left Wing	28.08.1995	Stockholm, SWE	184	80
11	Giorgi	Tskhovrebadze	GEO	Right Back	19.02.2001	Tbilisi, GEO	193	80
13	Julien	Bos	FRA	Right Wing	18.08.1998	Pessac , FRA	188	82
15	Mathis	Mougin	FRA	Left Back	02.02.2002	Besancon, FRA	200	95
16	Kevin	Bonnefoi	FRA	Goalkeeper	03.12.1991	Toulon, FRA	190	103
17	Benjamin	Bataille	FRA	Left Back	27.07.1992	Paris, FRA	196	96
18	Fredric	Pettersson	SWE	Line Player	11.02.1989	Blidsberg, SWE	202	114
19	Arthur	Lenne	FRA	Line Player	02.05.2001	Colmar , FRA	194	96
20	Robin	Puigsegur	FRA	Line Player	18.12.2002	Montpellier, FRA	194	100
21	Kenny	Vermont	FRA	Left Wing	22.02.2001	Villiers-le-Bel , FRA	186	78
22	Melvyn	Richardson	FRA	Right Back	31.01.1997	Marseille, FRA	190	92
27	Alexis	Borges	POR	Line Player	06.10.1991	Havana, CUB	196	111
<b>C</b> 28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right Back	07.09.1990	Versailles, FRA	190	96
32	Yanis	Lenne	FRA	Right Wing	29.06.1996	Colmar, FRA	187	88
90	Gilberto	Duarte	POR	Left Back	06.07.1990	Lagoa, POR	196	102
98	Elie	Ona	FRA	Goalkeeper	23.08.2002	FRA	196	88
99	Charles	Bolzinger	FRA	Goalkeeper	14.12.2000	Sete, FRA	198	96





## Hugo Descat

@hdscat

### Left wing

- returned to France in 2019 after two years in Romania with Dinamo Bucuresti
- earlier played six seasons for another French club, US Créteil
- was leading goal scorer of CL 2019/20, with 75 goals, until Niclas Ekberg from THW Kiel overtook him at the postponed VELUX EHF FINAL4 in December 2020
- scored 50 times so far for Montpellier this European season



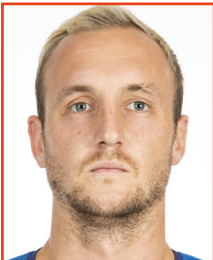
## Diego Simonet

@chinosimonet

### Centre back

- Argentine international, born into a handball family with two brothers - Sebastian and Pablo - also playing the sport professionally
- was MVP of Montpellier's golden VELUX EHF FINAL4 in 2018
- suffered from various injuries recently, missed most of the 2018/19 season
- five-time Argentinian handball player of the year

EC trophies: CL 2018



## Valentin Porte

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### Right back

- arrived in Montpellier in 2016 from Fenix Toulouse, reached CL quarter-final in his first season with the club and won the CL in his second year
- right wing until 2014, when France coach Claude Onesta placed him on back court
- rose to prominence during EHF EURO 2014, scoring 16 goals in semi-final and final

EC trophies: CL 2018

OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017; EURO: G 2014, B 2018



## Melvyn Richardson

@melvyn\_richardson

### Right back

- son of Jackson Richardson, who won CL with Portland San Antonio in 2001, 17 years before Melvyn would repeat the feat with Montpellier
- French international, at his best on the back court but also able to play on the wing
- was fourth-best CL scorer with 87 goals in 2018/19 despite Montpellier being eliminated in the group phase

EC trophies: CL 2018

WCh: B 2019

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: orange  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow

#### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: orange  
GK shirt: green



### Playing hall

**BBC Arena**  
Schweizersbildstr. 10  
8207 Schaffhausen  
Switzerland  
Capacity: 3,500

# KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN



### FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
<b>2. Kadetten Schaffhausen</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>261:251</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>14</b>
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

### ROAD TO THE LAST 16

vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W29:26 (16:12)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W30:32 (18:15)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W27:23 (14:9)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W24:21 (10:12)
@ GOG	L34:28 (16:14)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L27:34 (15:15)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	D30:30 (17:13)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	D25:25 (16:10)
vs GOG	W29:28 (14:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W0:10

### CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Sebastian Frimmel (AUT)	41
2. Luka Maros (SUI)	37
3. Donát Bartók (HUN)	35
4. Gabor Csaszar (HUN)	34
5. Jonas Schelker (SUI)	31

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Last 16 (2): 2010/11, 2011/12  
Group Phase (9): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

#### EHF Cup

Final (1): 2009/10

#### Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-finals (2): 2007/08, 2008/09  
Quarter-finals (1): 2005/06

**Swiss league (11 titles):** 2005-07, 2010-12, 2014-17, 2019

**Swiss cup (8 titles):** 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016



## Adalsteinn Eyjólfsson

### Coach

- started his mission at Kadetten in the summer of 2020, taking over from Slovakian coach Petr Hrachovec
- earlier he coached various German men's clubs, including Hüttenberg, Eseinach and, until February 2020, Erlangen
- was also coach of several Icelandic women's teams and German women's club TuS Weibern from 2000-08
- ended his playing career in 1997, his last club was Balingen in Germany

### Arrived during the season

Donát Bartók (HUN)  
Sadok Ben Romdhane (SUI)

### Left during the season

Nicolas Markovic (SUI)

# TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Kristian	Pilipovic	AUT	Goalkeeper	10.12.1994	Dakovo, AUT	192	94
2	Sadok	Ben Romdhane	SUI	Right Wing	02.12.2001	Romanel-sur-Lau, SUI	190	83
2	Mehdi	Ben Romdhane	SUI	Left Wing	02.12.2001	Yverdon-les-Bains, SUI	188	87
3	Angel	Montoro Cabello	ESP	Right Back	10.04.1989	Toledo, ESP	213	105
4	Samuel	Zehnder	SUI	Left Wing	29.02.2000	Einsiedeln, SUI	183	83
6	Dimitrij	Küttel	SUI	Right Back	18.02.1994	Aarau, SUI	192	92
<b>C</b> 7	Gabor	Csaszar	HUN	Centre Back	16.06.1984	Celldömök, HUN	188	94
9	Jonas	Schopper	GER	Line Player	05.02.1999	Singen am Hoh., GER	186	105
10	Donát	Bartók	HUN	Right Back	13.07.1996	Szeged, HUN	191	104
12	Ignacio	Biosca García	ESP	Goalkeeper	17.07.1995	Barcelona, ESP	193	92
13	On	Langenick	SUI	Left Wing	31.12.2000	Luzern, SUI	183	81
14	Philip	Novak	SUI	Line Player	11.04.1999	Schaffhausen, SUI	198	107
15	Zarko	Sesum	SRB	Centre Back	16.06.1986	Backa Palanka, SRB	196	96
16	Arunas	Vaskevicius	LTU	Goalkeeper	03.08.1973	Druskininkai, LTU	193	100
17	Marian	Teubert	GER	Left Back	22.06.2000	Donaueschingen, GER	192	90
18	Maximilian	Gerbl	SUI	Right Wing	25.06.1995	Basel, SUI	178	73
19	Zoran	Markovic	SUI	Left Back	06.05.1995	Schaffhausen, SUI	197	103
20	Luka	Maros	SUI	Left Back	20.03.1994	Zürich, SUI	197	103
21	Erik	Schmidt	GER	Line Player	28.12.1992	Mainz, GER	204	115
21	Jonas	Schelker	SUI	Centre Back	09.04.1999	Ravensburg, GER	182	84
22	Sebastian	Frimmel	AUT	Left Wing	18.12.1995	Perchtoldsdorf, AUT	190	89
24	Nik	Tominec	SUI	Right Wing	26.03.1991	Luzern, SUI	188	88
26	Lukas	Herburger	AUT	Line Player	19.12.1994	Bregenz, AUT	197	103
	Nikola	Cvijetic	SUI	Right Wing	01.12.1989	Schaffhausen, SUI	183	84
	Elia	Schaffhauser	SUI	Goalkeeper	10.12.1999	SUI	183	86
	Gregor	Rilak	SUI	Line Player	29.01.2001	Baar ZG, SUI	197	120
	Benedek	Kovacs	HUN	Goalkeeper	30.10.2001	Köln, GER	194	92
	Mats	Hirt	SUI	Line Player	19.05.2000	Bolligen BE, SUI	203	103



## Zarko Sesum

### Left back

- going into his third season with Schaffhausen
- joined Veszprém in 2007 at age 21, later played for RN Löwen and Göppingen
- broke skull in 2009 night club incident that killed his teammate Marian Cozma
- was hit in the eye by a coin thrown from the stands after EHF EURO 2012 semi-final in Belgrade against Croatia and missed the final

EC trophies: CWC 2008, EHF Cup 2013, 2016, 2017  
EURO: S 2012



## Gabor Csaszar

### Centre back

- joined Kadetten mid-season in 2014/15 from French powerhouse PSG
- became captain in 2020/21 to replace Dimitrij Küttel, who is out with illness
- was best scorer of CL 2016/17 group phase with 84 goals, and scored 16 goals in a single game in the CL 2019/20 group phase, against GOG in October 2019
- has played in five countries: Hungary, Denmark, Spain, France and Switzerland
- finished fourth at Olympics twice with Hungarian national team, in 2004 and 2012



## Erik Schmidt

 @erikschi28

### Line player

- 2.04-metre tall German line player, arrived in Schaffhausen in the summer of 2020 to replace injured Zoran Markovic
- played for four Bundesliga clubs: Friesenheim, Hannover, Füchse and Magdeburg, and has experience of five EHF Cup seasons, including two finals with Füchse
- one of the surprises at EHF EURO 2016, where Germany won gold, but has not played for the national team since 2017

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018  
EURO: G 2016



## Sebastian Frimmel

 @seppo\_

### Left wing

- Austrian left wing, who arrived at Kadetten in 2018, joining from his hometown club Westwien in Vienna
- was Kadetten's best scorer in the 2020/21 group phase, with 41 goals
- set to join Hungarian powerhouse MOL-Pick Szeged in the summer of 2021
- went through all national youth teams, made A team debut for Austria at age 18

# I EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 TOP SCORERS

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	89
2.	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe (CRO)	68
3.	Lukas Hutecek (AUT)	Fivers (AUT)	65
	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	65
5.	Gonzalo Perez (ESP)	Abanca Ademar Leon (ESP)	59
6.	Milan Popovic (MNE)	HC Metalurg (MKD)	58
7.	Eric Damböck (AUT)	Fivers (AUT)	57
	Janko Kevic (CRO)	RK Nexe (CRO)	57
	Nemanja Ilic (SRB)	Fenix Toulouse Handball (FRA)	57
	Adam Nyfjäll (SWE)	IFK Kristianstad (SWE)	57
11.	Ramazan Döne (TUR)	Besiktas Aygaz (TUR)	53
12.	Pedro Valdez (CUB)	Sporting CP (POR)	52
13.	Hugo Descat (FRA)	Montpellier HB (FRA)	50
14.	Marin Martinovic (AUT)	Fivers (AUT)	49
	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister (MKD)	49
	Martin Serafimov (MKD)	HC Metalurg (MKD)	49
17.	Ómar Ingí Magnusson (ISL)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	48
18.	Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	USAM Nimes Gard (FRA)	47
19.	Zlatko Horvat (CRO)	HC Metalurg (MKD)	46
20.	Nikola Stevanovic (AUT)	Fivers (AUT)	45
	Anders Zachariassen (DEN)	GOG (DEN)	45
	Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	45

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