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EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2025/26
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I INTRODUCTION TO THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2025/26

32 TEAMS EMBARK ON THE LONG ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS 2026

From the very first throw-off on Tuesday 14 October, the tension will be palpable, the drama will be high and the excitement will be unrelenting, as 32 teams attempt to navigate their way through six rounds of group matches in the EHF European League Men 2025/26.

Right from the off, there is no room for second chances — only half of the teams will make it through to the main round in the new year. Only the very best will be able to battle it out in the latter stages and reach the EHF Finals Men 2026 on 30/31 May.

SG Flensburg-Handewitt took the title for a second year in succession in Hamburg in 2025 and now they begin their bid for an unprecedented third title in a row in the EHF's second-tier competition in group A. Group B is set to be fascinating, as 2025's beaten finalists Montpellier Handball find themselves drawn to face THW Kiel, the team they beat 32:31 in their semi-final in May.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS DEPTH OF EUROPEAN CLUB HANDBALL

Flensburg, Montpellier, and Kiel have all won the EHF Champions League in the past 11 years, as have HC Vardar 1961 — in 2017 and 2019 — and, back in the 1990s, IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun. Regulars of recent elite-level competition taking part, such as FC Porto, Fredericia Håndboldklub, or Kadetten Schaffhausen, highlights the incredible strength in depth of European club handball right across the continent, as teams from 17 countries make up the 32 taking part in the group matches.

MT Melsungen completed the EHF Finals Men 2025 line-up; they will be aiming to go further this time and are part of a mouthwatering group E alongside 2022 champions Sport Lisboa e Benfica — the only club to beat the German monopoly on the EHF European League trophy.

The Portuguese side reached the knockout stages last season but fell short of grabbing an EHF Finals ticket and will be desperate to put that right this time, yet the same is true of HC Kriens-Luzern, FENIX Toulouse, FC Porto, and IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun. The only thing we can be certain of is that those EHF Finals tickets will be like gold dust, and getting off to a good start in the group matches is key if you are going to take one!

Another exciting season is about to get underway. We look forward to working with you during the EHF European League Men 2025/26 season!

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EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE SEASON 2025/26



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FOLLOW THE #EHFEL COMMUNITY

Social media, app, newsletter – media have the opportunity to follow the EHF European League and the teams they cover on multiple digital channels.

THE EHFEL FAMILY MEETS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The official EHF European League accounts engage with fans and provide a steady stream of the most appealing content, keeping everyone informed on all the latest results and news.

In addition to dedicated EHF European League channels on Facebook ([EHF European League](#)), X ([@ehfel_official](#)), and Instagram ([@ehfel_official](#)), media can also check out the Home of Handball channels on YouTube ([The Home of Handball](#)), and TikTok ([@homeofhandball](#)).

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Live viewing is based on geo-locations, and EHFTV offers the flexibility of several subscription types: yearly, monthly, or pay-per-view. Game highlights and the 'EHF Originals' are available worldwide and free of charge.

TUNE IN TO YOUR TV BROADCASTER

Media will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Men 2025/26 group matches – no matter where they are. Broadcasters in over 30 territories across the continent have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition unfolds.

WHERE TO WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2025/26 LIVE BROADCASTERS



 AUT – DAZN	 ITA – PallamanoTV
 AUT – DYN	 JPN – DAZN
 AUT – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**	 KOS – Arena Sport
 BIH – Arena Sport	 MKD – MKRTV
 BRA – Xsports	 MNE – Arena Sport
 CRO – Arena Sport	 NEO – Ziggo
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2025/26 SEASON

Playing system and dates



Qualification	Group Matches	Main Round	Play-offs	Quarter-finals	EHF Finals
<div><div></div><div>v</div><div></div></div>	<div>8 groups with 4 teams each</div> <div><div>A</div><div>B</div><div>C</div><div>D</div><div>E</div><div>F</div><div>G</div><div>H</div></div> <div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div><div>The first and second ranked teams proceed to the Main Round carrying their results from the Group Matches with them.</div></div>	<div>4 groups with 4 teams each</div> <div><div>I</div><div>II</div><div>III</div><div>IV</div></div> <div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div>3rd</div><div>v</div><div>2nd</div></div><div><div>3rd</div><div>v</div><div>2nd</div></div><div><div>3rd</div><div>v</div><div>2nd</div></div><div><div>3rd</div><div>v</div><div>2nd</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>WPO</div><div>v</div><div>1stMR</div></div><div><div>WPO</div><div>v</div><div>1stMR</div></div><div><div>WPO</div><div>v</div><div>1stMR</div></div><div><div>WPO</div><div>v</div><div>1stMR</div></div></div>	<div>Semi-finals</div> <div><div><div></div><div>v</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>v</div><div></div></div></div> <div>3rd place match</div> <div><div><div></div><div>v</div><div></div></div></div> <div>FINAL</div> <div><div><div></div><div>v</div><div></div></div></div>
<div>1st leg: 30-31/8/2025</div> <div>2nd leg: 6-7/9/2025</div>	<div>R1: 14/10/2025</div> <div>R2: 21/10/2025</div> <div>R3: 11/11/2025</div> <div>R4: 18/11/2025</div> <div>R5: 25/11/2025</div> <div>R6: 2/12/2025</div>	<div>R1: 17/2/2026</div> <div>R2: 24/2/2026</div> <div>R3: 3/3/2026</div> <div>R4: 10/3/2026</div>	<div>1st leg: 31/3/2026</div> <div>2nd leg: 7/4/2026</div>	<div>1st leg: 28/4/2026</div> <div>2nd leg: 5/5/2026</div>	<div>30-31/5/2026</div>



EHF FINALS MEN

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30/ 31 May 2026

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13 DEBUTANTS, 8 GROUPS, 17 NATIONS, 27 TROPHIES WON

FACTS & FIGURES: NUMBERS AND STATS BEFORE THE START OF THE GROUP MATCHES

Like in the previous two seasons, 32 teams start in the group matches of the EHF European League Men 2025/26, playing for the 16 main round berths. The starting grid shines brighter than ever before, with five former EHF Champions League winners in the mix and a total of 27 European trophies won by the participants.

Here are interesting facts and figures before the group matches throw off:

1 team competing in the group matches played in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League last season: Fredericia Håndboldklub from Denmark, who are EHF European League debutants.

1 goal was the smallest margin in qualification: CS Minaur Baia Mare needed a penalty shootout to win 53:52 on aggregate against Stjarnan after both legs had ended in a draw.

2

past EHFEL champions play in the group matches: Sport Lisboa e Benfica (2022) and SG Flensburg-Handewitt (2024, 2025).

2 teams in the group matches have won the EHF European Cup (since 2020/21) or its predecessor EHF Challenge Cup: IK Sävehof (2014) and AHC Potaissa Turda (2017).

2 debutants in European club competitions are part of the group matches: Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp from Poland and HF Karlskrona from Sweden.

3 winners of the EHF Cup — the predecessor of the EHF European League — are playing in the 2025/26 group matches: Fraikin BM. Granollers (1995, 1996), SG Flensburg-Handewitt (1997), and THW Kiel (1998, 2002, 2004, 2019).

4 of the five EHF European League Men titles so far have been won by clubs from Germany.

4 — or all — participants of the EHF Finals 2025 appear in the group matches again in 2025/26, and two even share the same group: Montpellier Handball and THW Kiel meet in group B.

4 teams in the group matches are from Germany; three from Spain, France, Switzerland, Sweden; two from Croatia, Denmark, Portugal, Romania.

5

teams in the 2025/26 group matches have won the EHF Champions League in the past: Irun (1995), Montpellier (2003, 2018), Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020), Flensburg (2014), and Vardar (2017, 2019).

10 of the 12 teams that came through the qualification round won both legs.

12 teams from 10 different countries reached the group matches via the qualification round: two from Switzerland and Sweden, and one from Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Romania, Serbia, and Spain.

16 teams — the winners and runners-up from the eight groups — will proceed to the main round.

17 of the 32 teams in the 2025/26 group matches also played in this stage of the competition last season.

18

goals was the biggest aggregate margin in the qualification round, both at Bern vs Cakovec (73:55) and at Aarhus vs Madeira (74:56).

18 matches is the maximum a team at the EHF Finals 2026 will have played, depending on whether they played qualification and play-offs.

20 teams were seeded for the group matches, 12 spots were decided in the qualification round.

27

trophies in EHF competitions (since 1993/94, excluding EHF Trophy) have been won by the 32 group matches participants: 10 Champions League, seven EHF Cup, five Cup Winners' Cup, two European/Challenge Cup, two European League, and one EHF City Cup title.

81 goals for MT Melsungen made Ian Barrufet the top scorer of the EHF European League 2024/25.

96 group matches – six rounds with 16 matches each – will be played on Tuesday nights between 14 October and 2 December 2025.

148 matches will have been played when the winners of the European League Men 2025/26 are confirmed on Sunday 31 May 2026.

1,475 goals were scored in the 24 matches of the 2025/26 qualification round.

12,000 fans at Barclays Arena in Hamburg on the finals day of the 2024/25 season on 25 May 2025 make for the biggest ever attendance at EHF Finals (since 2021) so far.

I MIN & MAX

AGE AVERAGE

MT Melsungen	28.2
Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp	27.8
THW Kiel	27.3
HC Vardar 1961	27.0
CS Minaur Baia Mare	26.5
TATran Prešov	26.4
AHC Potaissa Turda	26.3
RD LL Grosist Slovan	26.0
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	25.9
Sport Lisboa e Benfica	25.7
HF Karlskrona	25.5
Recken - TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	25.4
FTC-Green Collect	25.4
RK Partizan AdmiralBet	25.3
Saint-Raphaël Var Handball	25.3
FENIX Toulouse	25.0
Kadetten Schaffhausen	25.0
<i>EHF European League</i>	25.0
Montpellier Handball	24.9
RK Nexø	24.9
Elverum Håndball	24.8
Fredericia Håndboldklub	24.2
FC Porto	24.2
Abanca Ademar León	24.1
IFK Kristianstad	23.9
BSV Bern	23.8
IRUDEK Bidasoa Iruñ	23.7
SAH - Aarhus	23.7
HC Kriens-Luzern	23.3
Fraikin BM. Granollers	23.2
Knattspyrnufélagið Fram	22.8
IK Sävehof	21.7
MRK Sesvete	21.6

HEIGHT AVERAGE

THW Kiel	194.7
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	194.4
MT Melsungen	193.9
FC Porto	193.1
SAH - Aarhus	192.7
AHC Potaissa Turda	192.5
RK Nexø	192.5
Fredericia Håndboldklub	192.0
Elverum Håndball	191.9
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Abanca Ademar León	187.2
IFK Kristianstad	187.0
FENIX Toulouse	187.0
HC Kriens-Luzern	186.5

YOUNGEST



26/06/2009

Petar Vori
MRK Sesvete

Petar Vori	CRO	MRK Sesvete	26/06/2009
Ben Zimmermann	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern	17/06/2009
Dino Oštrakovic	BIH	RD LL Grosist Slovan	25/11/2008
Alex Hallgrímsson	ISL	Knattspyrnufélagið Fram	10/11/2008
Emanuel Fištrovic	CRO	MRK Sesvete	14/09/2008
Martin Robles	ESP	Abanca Ademar Leon	02/09/2008
Petar Barišić	CRO	RK Nexe	30/08/2008
Sigurd Schaarup	DEN	Fredericia Håndboldklub	25/08/2008
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Mihovil Badric	CRO	MRK Sesvete	17/08/2008

OLDEST



04/11/1980

Carsten Lichtlein
MT Melsungen

Carsten Lichtlein	GER	MT Melsungen	04/11/1980
Isaias Guardiola	ESP	MT Melsungen	01/10/1984
Mihai Popescu	ROU	AHC Potaissa Turda	15/03/1985
Goce Georgievski	MKD	HC Vardar 1961	12/02/1987
Morten Balling	DEN	SAH - Aarhus	12/08/1987
Daymaro Salina	POR	FC Porto	01/09/1987
Marek Szpera	POL	Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp	09/09/1987
Radu Lazar	ROU	AHC Potaissa Turda	19/09/1987
Milan Kotrc	CZE	CS Minaur Baia Mare	23/05/1988
Rúnar Kárason	ISL	Knattspyrnufélagið Fram	24/05/1988

SHORTEST



162 cm

Mytchel Meslien
FENIX Toulouse

Mytchel Meslien	FRA	FENIX Toulouse	162
Erik Balenciaga	ESP	MT Melsungen	169
Romain Giraudeau	FRA	FENIX Toulouse	170
Ramiro Kull	SUI	BSV Bern	170
Martin Robles	ESP	Abanca Ademar Leon	170
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Baptiste Dubois	FRA	Montpellier Handball	173
Maixent Eveillard	FRA	Saint-Raphaël Var Handball	173

TALLEST



215 cm

Dainis Kristopans
MT Melsungen

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Þorsteinn Gunnarsson	ISL	FC Porto	208
Friedric Schmitt	GER	MT Melsungen	208
Uladzislau Kulesh	BLR	MT Melsungen	206
Anders Pedersen	DEN	Elverum Håndball	205
Emil Arthursson	SWE	HF Karlskrona	205
Sebastian Barbul	ROU	CS Minaur Baia Mare	205

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

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 of the EHF European League 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.

GROUP MATCHES AND MAIN ROUND

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the group matches:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) higher number of plus goals in all matches.

After completion of the group matches if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- d) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group matches if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of a responsible of each club.

PLAY-OFFS AND QUARTER-FINALS

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

- a) goal difference
- b) 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.



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GROUP A PREVIEW



DEFENDING CHAMPIONS TO FACE INTERESTING BLEND OF TEAMS

Two former EHF Champions League winners highlight group A: defending and back-to-back EHF European League champions SG Flensburg-Handewitt (2014) and IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun (1995). In the EHF European League 2024/25, Irun made it to the quarter-finals for the first time, but were stopped on their way to the EHF Finals by MT Melsungen. On the other hand, Flensburg became the first club to defend their trophy, beating Montpellier Handball in the final to cap an undefeated season with 12 victories and two draws.

The title holders look different – but have the same goal

Head coach Aleš Pajovic's team underwent many changes before the new season, notably with top stars such as Jim Gottfridsson, Mads Mensah and Kay Smits leaving. Among the new arrivals, who include Kent Robin Tønnesen from Paris Saint-Germain and Slovenian wing Domen Novak, one young German stands out: 21-year-old Marko Grgic, the top scorer in the Bundesliga 2024/25. As usual, Flensburg aim to return to the EHF Finals.



AHC Potaissa Turda, the runners-up in the Romanian league, played two EHF Challenge Cup finals in the past and won that trophy once — in 2018 — but now appear for the first time in the group stage of an EHF competition, after failing in the EHF European League qualification round three times and twice in the EHF Cup. Head coach Horatiu Gal's squad is almost all-Romanian. Facing three experienced sides, Turda seem to be the underdogs in this group.

An unpredictable force in group A

The two teams in group A that came through the qualification round also have European experience. After finishing fifth in the French league last season, Saint-Raphaël Var Handball qualified for their first European club competition since 2018/19. They reached the EHF Cup final in 2017/18, when they beat SC Magdeburg in the semi-finals before losing the final to Füchse Berlin. Now they are in their first EHF European League season, having beaten Mors-Thy from Denmark twice in qualification.



Bidasoa Irun also cruised through qualification, defeating Portuguese side ABC Braga with an aggregate result of 65:50. After winning the EHF Champions League in 1995, making it to another top-flight final in 1996, and winning the EHF Cup Winners' Cup in 1997, Irun returned to the international stage some years ago. They are now in their fourth consecutive EHF European League season, after finishing fourth in the Spanish league. Irun's roster changed significantly with seven arrivals and eight departures, making them an unpredictable force in group A.

Björn Pazen

I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP A

SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs AHC Potaissa Turda

No previous encounters in European competitions

SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Saint-Raphaël Var Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun

No previous encounters in European competitions

AHC Potaissa Turda vs Saint-Raphaël Var Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

AHC Potaissa Turda vs IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun

No previous encounters in European competitions

Saint-Raphaël Var Handball vs IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

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GK shirt: red

Priority 2

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Playing hall

GP Joule Arena
Campusallee 2
24941 Flensburg
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Capacity: 6,300

SG FLENSBURG— HANDEWITT



SG Flensburg-Handewitt were the first club to defend the EHF European League Men title since the competition's implementation, beating Montpellier in the 2025 final and going undefeated throughout the season. In December 2024 they parted ways with coach Nicolej Krickau and signed Aleš Pajovic. The three-time EHF Champions League winner (as a player with Ciudad Real) now starts his first full season at Flensburg.

After finishing fifth in the German league last year, Flensburg's roster has changed significantly.

- **SG Flensburg-Handewitt are the only club to have won five different EHF club trophies: City Cup, EHF Cup, Cup Winners Cup, Champions League, and European League**
- **Flensburg play their 31st consecutive season in EHF competitions, highlighted by winning the Champions League in 2014 as EHF FINAL4 debutants in Cologne**
- **both line players will leave after the 2025/26 season: team captain Johannes Golla returns to MT Melsungen and Lukas Jørgensen will join One Veszprém HC**
- **in 2023, Flensburg hosted the EHF Finals but missed out on qualifying for the final weekend after their elimination in the quarter-finals against Fraikin BM. Granollers**

Jim Gottfridsson left for Szeged, Mads Mensah returned to Denmark, Kay Smits transferred to Gummersbach, and Agust Pedersen to Hannover.

Among the new arrivals, two German internationals stand out: 21-year-old Marko Grgic, who was the top scorer in the Bundesliga 2024/25, arrived from Eisenach; and playmaker Luca Witzke arrived from Leipzig. Experienced Norwegian Kent Robin Tønnesen also joined Flensburg from Paris Saint-Germain, and Slovenian wing Domen Novak is new from Wetzlar.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 4

Winners (2): 2023/24, 2024/25

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2013/14

Runners-up (2): 2003/04, 2006/07

Semi-finals (1): 2005/06

Quarter-finals (9): 2004/05, 2008/09, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2020/21

EHF Cup

Winners (1): 1996/97

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (2): 2000/01, 2011/12

City Cup

Winners (1): 1998/99

German league: 3 titles (2004, 2018, 2019)

German cup: 4 titles (2003-05, 2015)



SAISON
2025/2026





ALEŠ PAJOVIC
Coach

 @pajo8

- former Slovenian international who took over in January 2025 after Flensburg had parted ways with Nicolej Krickau
- initially combined the job with his work as Austria national team coach, stepped down from that role in mid-May 2025
- his assistant Anders Eggert left to be head coach at KIF Kolding; Simon Henning stepped up from the youth academy
- a three-time EHF Champions League winner who played as left back for clubs like Celje, Ciudad Real, Kiel, and Magdeburg
- scored nearly 700 goals in 181 matches for the national team
- retired as a player at HSG Graz in 2018 and started his coaching career at the Austrian club

CL: 2006, 2008, 2009 (as player); EL: 2025 (as coach)
EURO: S 2004 (as player)

ARRIVALS

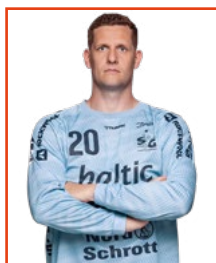
Marko Grgić (Eisenach/GER)
Kent Robin Tønnesen (PSG/FRA)
Patrick Volz (Sønderjyske/DEN)
Domen Novak (Wetzlar/GER)
Luca Witzke (Leipzig/GER)

DEPARTURES

Jim Gottfridsson (Szeged/HUN)
Jóhan á Plógv Hansen (Skanderborg/DEN)
August Pedersen (Hannover/GER)
Kay Smits (Gummersbach/GER)
Andreas Holst Jensen (unknown)
Marko Kopljár (retired)
Oskar Czertowicz (Gdansk/POL)
Mads Mensah (Skjern/DEN)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Benjamin	Buric	BIH	Goalkeeper	20/11/1990	Dobož, BIH	196
	2	Simon	Pytlík	DEN	Left back	11/12/2000	Svendborg, DEN	193
C	4	Johannes	Golla	GER	Line player	05/11/1997	Wiesbaden, GER	195
	5	Niclas	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right back	26/03/1994	Ringe, DEN	195
	6	Jonas	Rithaphorn	DEN	Left wing	18/09/2006	Haderslev, DEN	182
	13	Onno	Buschmann	GER	Right back	11/04/2007	Flensburg, GER	194
	16	Catalin	Haidu	ROU	Goalkeeper	13/07/2007	Targu Mures, ROU	197
	17	Marko	Grgić	GER	Centre back	11/09/2003	Eisenach, GER	198
	18	Moritz	Detlefsen	GER	Line player	25/01/2008	Flensburg, GER	203
	20	Kevin	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/06/1989	Tønder, DEN	200
	23	Kent Robin	Tønnesen	NOR	Right back	05/06/1991	Partille, SWE	195
	25	Lukas	Jørgensen	DEN	Line player	31/03/1999	Lejre, DEN	194
	27	Aksel	Horgen	NOR	Right wing	29/05/1996	Lørenskog, NOR	185
	28	Patrick	Volz	GER	Left wing	04/06/1999	Konstanz, GER	191
	31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left wing	24/01/1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190
	34	Thilo	Knutzen	GER	Left back	19/12/2004	Flensburg, GER	213
	43	Blaz	Blagotinšek	SLO	Line player	17/01/1994	Celje, SLO	203
	63	Domen	Novak	SLO	Right wing	26/04/1998	Ljubljana, SLO	181
	64	Lasse	Møller	DEN	Left back	11/06/1996	Gudme, DEN	199
	66	Marc	Koscielski	GER	Left back	20/05/2006		
	77	Luca	Witzke	GER	Centre back	03/04/1999	Moers, GER	192
	82	Arv	Kinsky	GER	Right wing	13/11/2005	Husum, GER	187



KEVIN MØLLER

 @kevinkam16

Goalkeeper

- returned after winning CL with Barça in 2021, had previously been with Flensburg from 2014-18; will return to Denmark and join GOG in the summer of 2026
- named MVP of the EHF Finals 2025 when Flensburg won the EL for a second year
- had the second-most saves in the EL 2024/25 season — 126, at a rate of over 32%
- appeared for Denmark in major championships but has mainly been back-up for first-choice goalkeepers Niklas Landin then Emil Nielsen

CL: 2021; EL: 2024, 2025

WCh: G 2021, 2023, 2025; OG: S 2020



EMIL JAKOBSEN

 @manfeldt98

Left wing

- started his career in his native Denmark at GOG before joining Flensburg in 2021
- was EL top scorer in 2020/21 with 96 goals; ended 2024/25 with a competition-leading shot efficiency of 87.3% (62 goals from 71 attempts)
- was crowned MVP and top scorer (18 goals) of the EHF Finals 2024
- named best left wing at the EHF Excellence Awards 2024 and 2025

EL: 2024, 2025

OG: G 2024, S 2020; WCh: G 2021, 2023, 2025; EURO: S 2024, B 2022



LASSE MØLLER

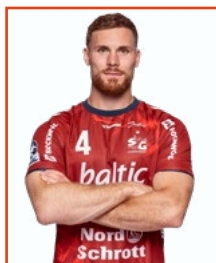
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Left back

- Danish international who began his youth career at GOG and was promoted at the senior team in 2013; joined Flensburg in 2020
- was Flensburg's top scorer when they won the EL in 2023/24, with 68 goals, and netted 61 times when they won the trophy again in 2024/25
- had his first match for the national team in 2017, but has not had the chance to feature in many international games

EL: 2024, 2025

WCh: G 2023



JOHANNES GOLLA

 @johgolla

Line player

- team captain who arrived from MT Melsungen in 2018; returns to Melsungen in 2026
- key defender who also plays attack; netted 57 times in the EL 2024/25; his career high in international club competitions is 65, in the CL 2021/22
- was named EHF EURO 2022 All-star line player
- made his national team debut in 2019; has over 100 caps and more than 350 goals

EL: 2024, 2025

OG: S 2024

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Playing hall

Turda Arena

Turda Strada Stadionului 14
401071 Turda
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Capacity: 3,183

AHC POTAISSA TURDA



AHC Potaissa Turda have qualified for the first time for a group stage of an EHF competition — though they did win the Challenge Cup 2017/18 which was played in a knockout format. Finishing runners-up to Dinamo Bucuresti in Romania earned them a spot in the group matches, after they failed to come through qualification in 2020/21 and 2022/23.

The triumph in the Challenge Cup made Potaissa Turda the fourth team from Romania to lift that trophy, after Steaua Bucharest, UCM Reșița, and HC Odorhei.

- the club was founded in 2000 and started out playing on asphalt schoolyards before moving into a proper hall in Cluj-Napoca in 2006
- Potaissa Turda's original key aim was to get children into handball and their youth department still plays an outstanding role in Romania
- since the 2013/14 season, Potaissa have consistently been among the top four teams in Romania and finished runners-up for the first time in 2020/21
- Turda's most experienced players are two (former) Romanian internationals — right back Radu Ghita and goalkeeper Mihai Popescu

In 2011, Turda were promoted to the first Romanian division, and in 2014/15 appeared in an EHF club competition for the first time, making it to qualification round 3 of the EHF Cup.

Head coach Horatiu Gal's squad is almost all-Romanian, with the exception of Iranian left back Mehran Rahnama Falavarjani, Serbian left back Ivan Masic, Georgian centre back Irakli Kbilashvili and Polish line player Mateusz Piechowski.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Qualification (2): 2020/21, 2022/23

Other

EHF European Cup

Last 16 (1): 2021/22

Round 3 (1): 2024/25

Challenge Cup

Winners (1): 2017/18

Final (1): 2016/17

Romanian league: —

Romanian cup: —





HORATIU GAL

Coach

- long-term Potaissa coach who was already in charge when the club promoted to the first division in Romania in 2011
- enters his ninth European season at the helm of the club
- led Potaissa to two Challenge Cup finals in consecutive seasons, winning the trophy the second time — in 2017/18, against AEK Athens
- was a centre back for Timisoara in his playing career, also spent eight years in Germany as player and coach

CC: 2018 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Ivan Masic (Buzau/ROU)

Rares Horotan (Baia Mare academy/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Dragos Hantaru (Vaslui/ROU)

Mohammadreza Oraei (Istres/FRA)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Alexandru	Bucataru	ROU	Goalkeeper	04/11/1995	Piatra Neamt, ROU	203
2	Luca	Spurio Pirani	ROU	Right wing	26/09/2007	Timisoara, ROU	192
3	Andrei	Hanc	ROU	Left wing	11/08/2007	Campia Turzii, ROU	176
4	Alexandru	Ghivil	ROU	Centre back	02/09/2001	Turda, ROU	189
5	Teodor	Pintoiu	ROU	Left back	20/09/1999	Turda, ROU	192
6	Paul	Grindean	ROU	Line player	15/10/2005	Bistrita, ROU	188
7	Mehran	Falavarjani	IRI	Left back	16/08/1998	Esfahan, IRI	198
8	Roland	Thalmaier	ROU	Right wing	15/09/1996	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	190
10	Irakli	Kbilashvili	GEO	Centre back	02/10/1998	Bagdati, GEO	189
12	Adrian	Bastiuera	ROU	Goalkeeper	20/09/2003	Tulcea, ROU	200
13	Radu	Ghita	ROU	Right back	22/11/1990	Bacau, ROU	189
15	Darius	Rusu	ROU	Right back	07/04/2004	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	194
16	Mihai	Popescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/03/1985	Gaesti, ROU	195
18	Mateusz	Piechowski	POL	Line player	01/03/1995	Plock, POL	210
C 19	Radu	Lazar	ROU	Left back	19/09/1987	Turda, ROU	201
20	Denis	Veres	ROU	Left wing	19/11/2003	Cluj Napoca, ROU	177
25	Ivan	Mosic	SRB	Left back	23/12/1994	Kragujevac, SRB	195
27	Rares	Horotan	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/07/2007	Baia Mare, ROU	192
53	George	Pintoiu	ROU	Left back	27/11/2004	Turda, ROU	198
66	Gabriel	Dumitriu	ROU	Line player	30/01/1996	Galati, ROU	192
71	Daniel	Pop	ROU	Right wing	10/02/2000	Turda, ROU	182



MIHAI POPESCU

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Goalkeeper

- Romanian former international who joined Potaissa in 2024
- started his senior career at Constanta before moving to France in 2015
- spent nine seasons at Saint-Raphaël, one of Potaissa's opponents in the EL 2025/26; finished runners-up with the French side in the EHF Cup 2017/18
- played more than 250 matches for Romania between 2001 and 2021



IVAN MOSIC

 @ivanmosic20

Left back

- Serbian international who was one of Potaissa's two new arrivals for 2025/26
- joined from Romanian league rivals Buzau, where he spent two seasons
- previously played in Spain, Finland, and Israel; played in the CL in 2018/19 with Spanish side Leon
- also represented the Serbia national team in beach handball



MATEUSZ PIECHOWSKI

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Line player

- Polish pivot who started his career in his birthplace Plock
- played a total of seven seasons in the CL with Wisla
- left Plock in 2020 and has since played in five different countries; arrived at Potaissa from Turkish side Besiktas in 2024
- made his national team debut for Poland in an EHF EURO Qualifier in March 2019



RADU GHITA

Right back

- experienced Romanian international who first played in a European cup competition in 2008/09 — with Bacau in the Challenge Cup
- has always played for Romanian clubs; joined Potaissa from Odorhei in 2017; helped Potaissa win the Challenge Cup in his first season with the club
- scored 29 goals in total, including 15 in one match against Ohrid, in the EC 2024/25
- made his national team debut for Romania in 2013

CC: 2018

GROUP A



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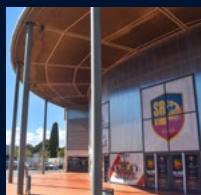
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Playing hall

Palais des Sports
JF Krakowski
Rue des Chataigniers
83700 Saint Raphaël
France
Capacity: 2,400

SAINT-RAPHAËL VAR HANDBALL



After finishing fifth in the French league season 2024/25, Saint-Raphaël Var Handball have qualified for their first European club competition season since 2018/19. In that season, they made it to the EHF Cup quarter-finals — a year after finishing runners-up in that competition.

Saint-Raphaël have previously played seven seasons in the EHF Cup. They missed out in the qualification stage for the EHF Champions League 2012/13, losing to eventual champions HSV Hamburg. Now, they participate in the EHF European League for the first time.

- **Saint-Raphaël's biggest domestic success was finishing second in the French league in the 2015/16 season; in 2011/12 and 2014/13, they were third**
- **goalkeeper Rangel da Rosa moved to Benfica and veteran Raphaël Caucheteux retired this summer**
- **three players are new in the squad: goalkeeper Jorge Perez (from Cangas) and wings Marc Leyvigne (Nancy) and Antonin Mohamed (Saran)**
- **Benjamin Braux and his assistant Charles Celhay previously worked together at Nancy, Massy and Tremblay, before arriving at Saint-Raphaël in 2022**

In the qualification round for the group matches, Saint-Raphaël Var Handball beat Mors-Thy from Denmark twice, clearly winning 80:64 on aggregate. Their best scorer, with 11 goals, was right wing Marc Leyvigne, who has arrived from Nancy in the off-season after being named best right wing of the second division in 2024/25.

Head coach Benjamin Braux, who is in his fourth season at the helm, is assisted by Charles Celhay, and their squad is composed of players from France, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, and Belgium.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Qualification (1): 2012/13

EHF Cup

Final (1): 2017/18

Semi-finals (1): 2016/17

Quarter-finals (4): 2010/11, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2018/19


French league: —

French cup: —





BENJAMIN BRAUX
Coach

 @benbraux

- arrived at Saint-Raphaël in 2022, after three seasons with Grand Nancy, two with Tremblay, and six with Massy
- started his coaching career when he was 27; led Nancy back to the first division in France after 18 years
- in the spring of 2025, he extended his contract with Saint-Raphaël for two more years, until 2027
- led Saint-Raphaël to the fifth place in the French league in 2024/25, earning their first European berth in six years

ARRIVALS

Marc Leyvigne (Nancy/FRA)
Antonin Mohamed (Saran/FRA)
Jorge Perez (Cangas/ESP)

DEPARTURES


Raphaël Caucheteux (retired)
Martial Caïs (Póvoa/POR)
Rangel da Rosa (Benfica/POR)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jorge	Perez	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/09/2000	Zaragoza, ESP	193
4	Andreas	Lang	SWE	Right back	01/09/1996	Sweden, SWE	191
5	Mathias	Burdet	FRA	Right back	24/09/2006	France, FRA	190
6	Enzo	Gorgibus	FRA	Left wing	26/06/2006	France, FRA	192
7	Antoine	Curcio	FRA	Right back	01/06/2006	France, FRA	189
8	Jonathan	Mapu	FRA	Line player	10/03/1998	Fréjus, FRA	181
9	Jose Maria	Marquez	ESP	Left back	20/12/1996	Spain, ESP	187
11	Marc	Leyvigne	FRA	Right wing	16/02/2001	France, FRA	178
12	Alexandre	Demaille	FRA	Goalkeeper	22/04/1993	Draguignan, FRA	196
13	Thibault	Dessites	FRA	Right wing	17/05/2005	France, FRA	187
14	Lazar	Maksovic	FRA	Left back	24/11/2004	Serbia, SRB	195
15	Quinten	Colman	BEL	Left back	15/10/1996	Belgium, BEL	190
16	Noé	Rataboul	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/07/2005	France, FRA	192
17	Benjamin	Bataille	FRA	Left back	25/07/1992	France, FRA	196
18	Ylan	Augustine	FRA	Line player	18/08/2004	France, FRA	198
23	Miguel	Neves	POR	Centre back	31/10/2000	Gondomar, POR	203
24	Arthur	Vigneron	FRA	Right wing	30/01/1995	St. Michel, FRA	182
27	Damian	Siuda	FRA	Line player	20/04/2007	Poland, POL	195
28	Sergio	Pérez	ESP	Centre back	31/08/2000	Spain, ESP	180
33	Antonin	Mohamed	FRA	Left wing	16/02/1999	France, FRA	182
C 36	Johannes	Marescot	FRA	Line player	04/04/1994	France, FRA	194
77	Maixent	Eveillard	FRA	Centre back	01/02/2005	France, FRA	173
91	Pierre	Luhern	FRA	Goalkeeper	09/08/1991	Fréjus, FRA	183
92	Lyrick	Cozier	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/09/2007	France, FRA	195
93	Micke	Brasseleur	FRA	Right back	16/04/1993	Paris, FRA	197
97	Drevy	Paschal	FRA	Left wing	16/07/2001	Angers, FRA	192



ALEXANDRE DEMAILLE

 @demaillea

Goalkeeper

- 1.96-metre-tall club legend who first joined Saint-Raphaël as a 14-year-old in 2007
- briefly played for two other clubs — Dunkerque (2015-17) and Nîmes (2022-24) — but returned to Saint-Raphaël each time after two seasons
- gained his first experience in a European club competition in 2011/12, in the EHF Cup
- won bronze with France at the 2013 Junior WCh



MIGUEL NEVES

 @miguel__neves23

Centre back

- Portuguese international, a mid-season signing by Saint-Raphaël in November 2024
- arrived from Norwegian side Bergen, which he had joined in 2022
- previously played for Aguas Santas and competed in the EL 2021/22
- prolific beach handball player, who took part in the ebt 2022 with Os Tigres, and in Portugal's home Beach Handball EURO 2023 with the national team



ANDREAS LANG

Right back

- Swedish international who arrived from Danish side Sønderjyske in 2024
- had spent three seasons at Sønderjyske, his first club abroad
- scored 75 goals in total for Alingsås in three European cup seasons with the Swedish club between 2018 and 2021
- part of the Sweden national team since January 2022; previously featured in various youth and junior national teams



MARC LEYVIGNE

 @marcleyvigne

Right wing

- talented wing who joined Saint-Raphaël at age 24 from Nancy in the summer of 2025
- scored 578 goals in total during his seven seasons at Nancy
- was named best right wing of the ProLigue, the French second division, in 2024/25
- scored 11 goals in total to help Saint-Raphaël beat Danish side Mors-Thy in the qualification round of the EL 2025/26

GROUP A



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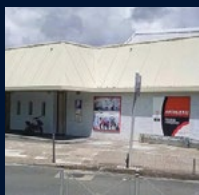
Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
GK shirt: black

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Polideportivo Municipal
Artaleku
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20304 Irun
Spain
Capacity: 2,800

IRUDEK BIDASOA IRUN



IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun were the only team in the qualification round to have won the EHF Champions League — they took the trophy in 1994/95 and made the final again the following year. They also won the EHF Cup Winners' Cup in 1997 and now embark on their 14th European cup season after finishing fourth in the ASOBAL league 2024/25.

In the EHF European League Men 2024/25, Irun lost to MT Melsungen in the quarter-finals, being defeated by just one goal away and then losing by 10 on their home court.

- **Alejandro Mozas arrived as head coach in 2024 and also was assistant coach of the Spain junior national team when they won several medals**
- **Irun's squad changed significantly this summer with seven new arrivals and eight departures**
- **notable arrivals include the return of 37-year-old line player Iñaki (Ignacio) Peciña, who started his career at the club and joins from Chambéry in France**
- **world and European champion and EHF Champions League winner Julen Aguinalde is the club's sport director, his brother Gurutz is the club president**

Irun's roster is international, with players from Spain, Poland, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Serbia, France, and Chile. Argentinian goalkeeper Leonel Maciel and Chilean back Rodrigo Salinas have long been key players in their national teams.

In the qualification for the group matches, Irun beat Portuguese side ABC Braga twice for an aggregate victory of 65:50. Four different players all scored seven goals in those two matches, underlining the depth of this well-balanced squad.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 5

Quarter-finals (1): 2024/25

Last 16 (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 1994/95

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Champions Trophy

Runners-up: 1996/97

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (2): 1993/94, 2000/01

Quarter-finals (2): 2005/06, 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (1): 1996/97


Spanish league: 2 titles (1987, 1994)

Spanish cup: 2 titles (1991, 1996)





ALEJANDRO MOZAS
Coach

 @alex_mozas

- started as Bidasoa Irun coach ahead of the 2024/25 season
- previously coached at Alcobendas and Torrelavega, who he took charge of in 2018, helping them promote in 2021
- named the best coach in the Spanish league in 2021/22
- was the assistant coach of the Spain junior national team when they won the Men's 20 EHF EURO 2022 and the 2023 Junior WCh

ARRIVALS

Xavi Tuà (Logroño/ESP)
Xavi González (Anaitasuna/ESP)
Piotr Mielczarski (Guadalajara/ESP)
Mario Nevado (Nava/ESP)
Nacho Valles (Benidorm/ESP)
Iñaki Peciña (Chambery/FRA)
Pol Quiroga (Barça B/ESP)

DEPARTURES

Mikel Zabala (retired)
Tao Gey-Emparan (Valladolid/ESP, on loan)
Asier Iribar (Aranda/ESP, on loan)
Jon Ander Iribar (Zaragoza/ESP, on loan)
Asier Nieto (Cesson/FRA)
Pedro Pacheco (Saran/FRA)
Theodoros Boskos (Budai/HUN)
Pol Quiroga (Sinfín/ESP, on loan)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	David	Failde	ESP	Goalkeeper	07/09/2006	Lalín, ESP	196
2	Iñaki	Cavero	ESP	Right wing	27/04/1996	IRUN, ESP	183
3	Xavier	Tuà	ESP	Left wing	13/02/1998	Gava, ESP	184
4	Marko	Jevtic	SRB	Line player	17/10/2001	Banja Luka, BIH	196
5	Ignacio	Peciña	ESP	Line player	31/05/1988	Irun, ESP	200
6	Endika	Wamba	ESP	Left wing	30/04/2005	Irun, ESP	190
7	Francisco	Gastaminza	ESP	Right wing	07/09/2005	Irun, ESP	182
8	Xavier	Gonzalez	ESP	Right wing	10/12/2004	Pamplona, ESP	180
10	Eneko	Furundarena	ESP	Left back	30/04/2003	Usurbil, ESP	195
11	Esteban	Salinas Muñoz	ESP	Line player	18/01/1992	Viña del Mar, CHI	180
17	Rodrigo	Salinas Muñoz	CHI	Right back	25/02/1989	Viña del Mar, CHI	185
19	Julen	Múgica	ESP	Right back	03/09/2003	Renteria, ESP	190
21	Unai	Barreto	ESP	Left wing	15/04/2008	Bizkaia, ESP	182
22	Alexandre	Raix	FRA	Left back	03/02/2007	Bayonne, FRA	199
24	Piotr	Mielczarski	POL	Line player	31/08/2005	Liblin, POL	197
27	Mario	Nevado	ESP	Left back	31/07/2002	Madrid, ESP	192
28	Matheus	Da Silva	BRA	Line player	07/02/1998	Nova Iguaçu, BRA	199
C 31	Gorka	Nieto	ESP	Centre back	31/01/2002	Etxebarri, ESP	185
32	Dariel	García	CUB	Left wing	31/12/1996	La Habana, CUB	196
33	Jakub	Skrzyniarz	POL	Goalkeeper	06/06/1996	Lubin, POL	189
34	Ignacio	Valles	ESP	Centre back	18/09/1997	Madrid, ESP	182
40	Leonel	Maciel	ARG	Goalkeeper	04/01/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	193
97	Alberto	Díaz	ESP	Left back	06/09/2000	Alcala de H., ESP	195



LEONEL MACIEL

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Goalkeeper

- Argentinian international who joined the club in 2024 after two seasons with Sporting
- also played for CL winners Barça, in the 2021/22 season
- shares playing time between the posts with Polish international Jakub Skrzyniarz
- won the South and Central American Championship with Argentina in January 2020, has also represented his national team at the Olympics

CL: 2022



DARIEL GARCÍA RIVERA

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Left wing

- Cuban international, who arrived at Bidasoa Irun in 2021
- previously played in Spain for La Rioja and Guadalajara
- was Irun's fourth-best scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 36 goals; had scored 19 and 32 times in previous EL seasons
- long-term national team player; competed with Cuba at 2025 World Championship



GORKA NIETO

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Centre back

- born in Etxebarri, he made his debut for Irun in the 2019/20 season
- named team captain before the start of the 2023/24 season, when he was their top scorer in the Spanish league
- his older brother, Asier, was Irun's top scorer in the EL 2024/25 with 48 goals, but he has left the club
- on the M20 EHF EURO 2022 with Spain, is yet to make his debut for the senior side



RODRIGO SALINAS MUÑOZ

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Right back

- Chile national team player who arrived in Spain in 2010, and at Bidasoa Irun in 2017
- previously played for a wide range of clubs, including Badajoz, Huesca, Torrevieja and Granollers in Spain, CSM Bucuresti in Romania, and Nantes and Chartres in France
- was Granollers' top scorer with 128 goals when the club finished third in the ASOBAL league in 2013/14
- his younger brother, Esteban, also plays for Bidasoa as a line player

GROUP B PREVIEW



EHF FINALS 2025 PARTICIPANTS SET TO MEET AGAIN

Group B brings exciting clashes to the group matches, as 2024/25 semi-finalists and familiar opponents Montpellier Handball and THW Kiel meet again in the opening phase of the EHF European League 2025/26.

Last season, Montpellier only lost one match on their way to the EHF Finals, and on home soil lifted the French cup. However, by finishing third in the domestic league, Érick Mathé's team missed Machineseecker EHF Champions League qualification. Instead, they are aiming for their third EHF Finals appearance in four years, after 2023 and 2025. In 2024, they were close to reaching the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4, but lost to Kiel in the quarter-finals despite winning the first leg by nine goals. The squad has seen many changes, with several big names leaving, but also appealing new arrivals.

Big-name players gather in group B

Kiel made their EHF Finals debut in 2025, after winning the last edition of the EHF Cup Finals in 2019 on home ground — their fourth title in that competition. On domestic level, Kiel were fourth in the Bundesliga last year, missing out on qualifying for the EHF Champions League. Their only trophy in 2024/25 was the German Cup.

Coach Filip Jicha has had to restructure the central defence, as Patrick Wiencek finished his career and Hendrik Pekeler is ruled out until the end of 2025 with an Achilles tendon injury. Their replacements are Veron Nacinovic and Lukas Laube, but Kiel's most notable newcomer, Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas, tore the cruciate ligament in his knee last February. In 2026, he will form the goalkeeper duo with Andreas Wolff. Also, Emil Madsen is out for months after sustaining a knee injury in early October.

Two underdogs out to spring a surprise

Compared to these sides, European cup debutants REBUD KPR Ostrowia Ostrow Wielkopolski from Poland and Swiss runners-up BSV Bern are the underdogs. The team from Ostrów qualified directly for the group matches as the third-ranked side of the Polish league in 2024/25. The biggest name in the club is head coach Kim Rasmussen, who took over the team in 2023.

Bern took their best result in the Swiss league last season, finishing as runners-up behind champions Kadetten Schaffhausen. For the first time, they will be part of the group phase in an EHF competition after beating Croatian side Cakovec twice in qualification, including an impressive 42:27 win on home ground.

I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP B

Montpellier Handball vs Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp

No previous encounters in European competitions

Montpellier Handball vs THW Kiel 4-0-9 (365:393) 8:18

31.10.1999	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group A	19:23 (8:12)
28.11.1999	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:18 (12:6)
29.09.2007	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:34 (12:20)
15.11.2007	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:24 (18:14)
09.10.2011	THW Kiel vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	23:24 (14:10)
04.12.2011	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:34 (17:16)
19.10.2019	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	30:33 (16:17)
30.11.2019	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	33:32 (16:19)
30.09.2021	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (18:14)
23.02.2022	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, EHF Champions League – Group A	35:26 (19:13)
24.04.2024	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	39:30 (20:16)
02.05.2024	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, Machineseker EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:21 (17:12)
24.05.2025	THW Kiel vs Montpellier Handball, Maschinensucher EHF Finals – Semi-final	31:32 (17:16)

Montpellier Handball vs BSV Bern

No previous encounters in European competitions

Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp vs THW Kiel

No previous encounters in European competitions

Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow Wlkp vs BSV Bern

No previous encounters in European competitions

THW Kiel vs BSV Bern

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP B



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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: grey
Player short: orange
GK shirt: orange

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

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34090 Montpellier
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Capacity: 3,000

MONTPELLIER
HANDBALL

2025 is already a special year for Montpellier Handball. First, they won the French cup, beating Paris Saint-Germain. One week later, they made it to the final of the EHF European League. At the start of the new season, they won the French Champions Trophy, again defeating PSG. In his first year as successor to the legendary Patrice Canayer, new coach Érick Mathé has made a big impression.

In the previous European League season, Montpellier only lost one match on their way to the EHF Finals.

- **Montpellier are still the only French club to have won the EHF Champions League (2003 and 2018); they are one of three French clubs, alongside Saint-Raphaël and HBC Nantes, to have reached the final in the second tier**
- **before joining Montpellier, Érick Mathé was assistant coach for the French national team**
- **having won the French league 14 times, Montpellier are still record champions in their country, including 13 trophies in 15 years between 1998 and 2012**
- **Montpellier faced THW Kiel in knockout matches in the last two seasons: in 2024, they lost in the Machinseeker EHF Champions League quarter-finals; in 2025, they won in the EHF European League semi-finals**

They downed THW Kiel in the semi-final but could not keep SG Flensburg-Handewitt from lifting the trophy for a second straight season — and at the same time failed to become the first French winners of Europe's second-tier club competition.

Over the summer, many top players left Montpellier, including Karl Konan and Sebastian Karlsson (both joining PSG), and Yannis Lenne and Ahmed Hesham (both moving to One Veszprém HC). The list of arrivals, though, also include some of the biggest names, including EHF Champions League winner Rogerio Moraes from MT Melsungen, David Balaguer from PSG, and Jack Thurin from Aalborg Håndbold.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 4

Final (1): 2024/25

Semi-finals (1): 2022/23

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (2): 2002/03, 2017/18

Semi-finals (1): 2004/05

Quarter-finals (7): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2021/22, 2023/24

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2013/14

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998-2000, 2002-06, 2008-12)

French cup: 14 titles (1999-2003, 2005-06, 2008-10, 2012-13, 2016, 2025)





ÉRICK MATHE
Coach

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- joined Montpellier in July 2024 as successor to Patrice Canayer, who had led the team for the previous three decades
- worked as an assistant to Canayer from 2015-18 and was part of Montpellier's 2018 CL-winning coaching staff
- led Montpellier to the French cup title in May 2025, the club's first domestic trophy in nine years
- was assistant coach for the France national team in 2020-24, winning gold at the Tokyo OG and the EURO in 2024
- other head coach roles on a club level include Bordeaux (2011-14) and Chambéry (2018-24)

ARRIVALS

Benjamin Richert (Chambéry/FRA)
Léo Plantin (PSG/FRA)
David Balaguer (PSG/FRA)
Jack Thurin (Aalborg/DEN)
Agustin Casado (Veszprém/HUN)
Zvonimir Srna (Zagreb/CRO)
Rogerio Moraes (Melsungen/GER)

DEPARTURES

Dagur Gautason (Arendal/NOR)
Sindre Aho (Hamburg/GER)
Djorje Cikusa (Barça/ESP)
Jaime Fernandez (Burgos/ESP)
Sebastian Karlsson (PSG/FRA)
Karl Konan (PSG/FRA)
Varon Nacinovic (Kiel/GER)
Stas Skube (Slovan/SLO)
Yanis Lenne (Veszprém/HUN)
Ahmed Hesham (Veszprém/HUN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Diego	Simonet	ARG	Centre back	26/12/1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	189
5	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre back	20/05/1998	Lyon, FRA	189
10	Lucas	Pellas	SWE	Left wing	28/08/1995	Farsta, SWE	184
11	Zvonimir	Srna	CRO	Left back	18/01/1998	Dubrovnik, CRO	202
12	Charles	Bolzinger	FRA	Goalkeeper	14/12/2000	Sete, FRA	198
13	Rogerio	Moraes	BRA	Line player	11/01/1994	Abaetetuba, BRA	204
15	Jack	Thurin	SWE	Right back	09/06/1999	Skövde, SWE	200
18	Agustín	Casado	ESP	Centre back	21/05/1996	Almería, ESP	193
19	Arthur	Lenne	FRA	Line player	02/05/2001	Colmar, FRA	194
22	Benjamin	Richert	FRA	Right wing	18/04/1998	Strasbourg, FRA	187
25	Lucas	Guigon	FRA	Right back	18/07/2003	Montpellier, FRA	197
26	Hugo	Bryan	BRA	Left back	06/04/2003	Sao de Joao, BRA	194
27	Matéo	Caille	FRA	Line player	27/06/2004	Montpellier, FRA	197
C 28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right back	07/09/1990	Versailles, FRA	190
34	David	Balaguer	ESP	Right wing	17/08/1991	Barcelona, ESP	185
51	Arthur	Prida	FRA	Line player	02/04/2007	Arès, FRA	194
52	Justin	Soutoul	FRA	Right wing	27/11/2004	Montpellier, FRA	177
53	Louis	Agalède	FRA	Right wing	22/02/2007	Sélestat, FRA	180
54	Baptiste	Dubois	FRA	Left wing	24/06/2005	Montpellier, FRA	173
55	Pierre	Carbillet	FRA	Right back	13/02/2006	Dijon, FRA	192
56	Mathis	Becker	FRA	Left back	08/03/2005	Sarreguemines, FRA	199
57	Thibault	Dambacher	FRA	Right back	04/03/2005	Saverne, FRA	193
58	Adrien	Godard-Capdeville	FRA	Goalkeeper	07/08/2007	Barcelona, ESP	191
59	Noé	Calbry	FRA	Centre back	08/04/2008	Dunkerque, FRA	194
90	Leo	Plantin	FRA	Left wing	01/05/2003	Toulouse, FRA	186
92	Remi	Desbonnet	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/02/1992	Montpellier, FRA	182
93	Kylian	Prat	FRA	Left back	20/02/2004	Le Blanc Mesnil, FRA	193



REMI DESBONNET

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Goalkeeper

- French international who returned to Montpellier from Nîmes in 2022
- netted three times in a EL 2024/25 match against GOG (30:28), making him Montpellier's third-best scorer that match
- played all major events with France since EHF EURO 2022
- used to play beach handball, where he was a left wing; his brothers Nicolas and Sébastien are both beach handball internationals

WCh: S 2023, B 2025; EURO: G 2024



BRYAN MONTE

 @bryanmontte

Left back

- considered one of Brazil's most exciting talents in recent years; 2025/26 marks his third season in Europe after joining Montpellier in 2023 from Brazilian club Pinheiros
- netted 72 times in his debut CL season 2023/24; scored 45 goals in the EL 2024/25, making him Montpellier's second top scorer in the competition
- contributed 25 goals to be Brazil's third top scorer at the 2025 WCh



ROGERIO MORAES

 @rogeriomoraes11

Line player

- Brazilian international and two-time CL winner, who joined Montpellier in 2025 after three seasons at fellow EL contenders Melsungen in Germany
- arrived in Europe in 2015, first played for Kiel before joining Vardar the next year
- later joined Veszprém and Benfica, and won the EL with the Portuguese side in 2022
- in the past, he also competed in wrestling and did modelling work

CL: 2017, 2019; EL: 2022



VALENTIN PORTE

 @valhand28

Right back

- arrived in Montpellier from French league rivals Toulouse in 2016; won the CL in his second year with the club; also played the CL quarter-finals twice, in 2017 and 2023
- initially played on the right wing, but former France national team coach Claude Onesta moved him to right back
- scored 16 goals in EURO 2014 semi-final and final to help France win gold; retired from national team after Paris 2024 OG

CL: 2018

OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017, S 2023, B 2019; EURO: G 2014, 2024, B 2018

GROUP B



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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: red/white
Player short: red
GK shirt: dark blue

Priority 2

Player shirt: brown
Player short: brown
GK shirt: bright grey



Playing hall

Arena Ostrow

Andrzeja Kowalczyka 1
63-400 Ostrow Wielkopolski
Poland
Capacity: 2,500

REBUD KPR OSTROWIA OSTROW WLKP



Founded in the 1990s, the club from Ostrow make their debut in a European cup competition, having qualified directly for the group matches of the EHF European League. In the regular stage of the Polish league in 2024/25, they finished third behind Industria Kielce and Orlen Wisla Plock, and ultimately placed third after the championship play-offs.

Ostrow advanced from the domestic second division to the Superliga as recent as in 2022, and have quickly worked their way up the ranks in recent seasons.

- **Ostrow enter their first ever European season with four new additions, including Patryk Krok, who was named best right wing of the Polish league in 2024/25**
- **among the players who have left in the off-season was Bartłomiej Tomczak, who retired but remained with the club as their sports director**
- **Ostrowia is the historical name of a multi-section club that existed until 1996; its successors also include football and speedway clubs**
- **among the club's most notable ex-players is Krzysztof Lijewski, the long-term Polish international who started his career at Ostrow and later won the CL with Kielce**

Only three players of the current squad are not Polish, as Ivan Burzak (Ukraine), Miriani Gavashelishvili (Georgia), and Dzmitry Smolikau (Belarus) are the only foreigners in the squad.

The biggest name in the club is head coach Kim Rasmussen, who took over the team in 2023. The Dane won the EHF Champions League with CSM Bucuresti in 2016, after steering the Polish women's national team to the World Championship semi-finals in 2013 and 2015. He later coached the women's national teams of Hungary, Montenegro and South Korea.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

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Polish league: —


Polish cup: —





KIM RASMUSSEN

Coach

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- Danish coach who returned to Poland when joining Ostrow in 2023, his first coaching job in men's handball
- previously led the women's national team (2010-16) and club team Lublin (2020/21) in Poland
- won the CL with CSM Bucuresti in 2016 and guided the South Korea women's national team to gold in the 2022 Asian Championship
- also coached Rapid Bucuresti and Gloria Bistrita in Romania, and the national teams of Hungary and Montenegro
- his brother Lars Rasmussen was Danish international and scored 220 goals for the national team as a left wing

CL: 2016 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Dawid Frankowski (Kwidzyn/POL)
Patrik Krok (Szczecin/POL)
Kacper Ligazewski (Zabrze/POL)
Ivan Burzak (Baia Mare/ROU)
Miriani Gavashelishvili (Metaloplastika/SRB)

DEPARTURES

Krzysztof Łyżwa (Azoty-Puławy/POL)
Daniel Reznicky (Schaffhausen/SUI)
Dawid Szymkowiak (retired)
Bartłomiej Tomczak (retired)
Filip Rybarczyk (Gorzów/POL, on loan)
Sandro Mestric (Brest/POL)

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1	Mikolaj	Krekora	POL	Goalkeeper	23/10/1988	Wielun, POL	195
5	Kamil	Adamski	POL	Centre back	17/05/1995	Kalisz, POL	193
6	Przemyslaw	Urbaniaak	POL	Left wing	10/08/1998	Pulawy, POL	184
8	Robert	Kamyszek	POL	Left back	12/09/1995	Bydgoszcz, POL	200
9	Artur	Klopsteg	POL	Right wing	02/10/1995	Szamotuly, POL	184
11	Dawid	Frankowski	POL	Left wing	08/08/2006	Ostrów Wlkp., POL	179
13	Miriani	Gavashelishvili	GEO	Centre back	21/09/2000	Rustavi, GEO	193
17	Patryk	Marciniak	POL	Centre back	16/01/1999	Ostrów Wlkp., POL	180
18	Krzysztof	Misiejuk	POL	Line player	01/01/1994	Swiebodzice, POL	192
C 22	Mateusz	Wojciechowski	POL	Line player	25/06/1996	Kalisz, POL	173
23	Dzmitry	Smolikau	BLR	Right back	11/06/1994	Homel, BLR	182
27	Ivan	Burzak	UKR	Line player	22/02/1998	Melitopol, UKR	202
29	Marek	Szpera	POL	Right back	09/09/1987	Ostrów Wlkp., POL	191
43	Igor	Chojnacki	POL	Right back	12/02/2007	Warsaw, POL	188
55	Patryk	Krok	POL	Right wing	05/03/2002	Nowy Sacz, POL	179
68	Ksawery	Gajek	POL	Left back	07/06/1997	Ostrów Wlkp., POL	196
90	Jakub	Zimny	POL	Goalkeeper	11/12/2002	Ostrów Wlkp., POL	191
99	Kacper	Ligarzewski	POL	Goalkeeper	14/06/2001	Stade, POL	187



KACPER LIGARZEWSKI

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Goalkeeper

- Polish international, arrived at Ostrow in the summer of 2025 from Górnik Zabrze
- played the past two seasons in the EL with Zabrze; started his career at Gdansk, then spent three years in Piotrków before joining Zabrze in 2023
- played for various youth and junior national teams, meanwhile part of Poland's A team
- also a beach handball international, represented Poland at the EHF Beach Handball EURO in 2019 and 2021

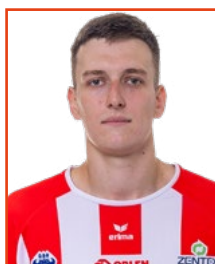


KAMIL ADAMSKI

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Centre back

- Polish international who joined Ostrow in 2021 from Kalisz, the only previous club in his career
- scored 242 goals in the Polish league in 2024/25, helping Ostrow finish third and earn the club's first European berth
- recently extended his contract with the club until 2028
- netted 11 times for the national team at the 2025 WCh where Poland finished 25th



IVAN BURZAK

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Line player

- Ukrainian international who joined Ostrow on a two-year deal in 2025 from Romanian side Baia Mare
- netted a personal best 30 times for Baia Mare in the EC 2024/25
- previously competed in the EL with another Polish side — Azoty-Pulawy, in 2022/23; also played two seasons in the CL with HC Motor
- known as a physically strong player who mainly excels in defence



DZIMITRY SMOLIKAU

Right back

- Belarusian international who enters his second season with Ostrow in 2025/26
- spent most of his career with HC Gomel in Belarus; gained his first European cup experience with the club in the Challenge Cup 2011/12
- moved abroad for the first time in 2021, joining Stal Mielec in Poland
- impressed by scoring 90 goals and dishing out 103 assists for Mielec in his first season in the Polish top division; joined Tarnów the following season

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Europaplatz 1
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Capacity: 10,285

THW KIEL



THW Kiel made their EHF European League debut in 2024/25 and made it to the semi-finals, where they lost in a narrow defeat to Montpellier Handball. They now have the chance to turn the tables against their French rivals in the 2025/26 group matches.

On domestic level, Kiel missed out on qualifying for the EHF Champions League as the fourth-ranked side in the Bundesliga. Their only trophy was winning the German Cup; at the start of the 2025/26 they lost the Super Cup final after a penalty shootout against Füchse Berlin.

- **THW Kiel have been a constant presence in European Cup competitions since 1994, winning both the EHF Champions League (2007, 2010, 2012, 2020) and the EHF Cup (1998, 2002, 2004, 2019) four times**
- **despite this long international history, they will have their first ever matches with Bern and Ostrów**
- **new arrival Veron Nacinovic will face his former club, Montpellier Handball, in the group matches**
- **after Patrick Wiencek ended his career, Rune Dahmke is new in the trio of team captains with Domagoj Duvnjak and Nikola Bilyk, as the first ever THW team captain born in Kiel**

Coach Filip Jicha has had some rebuilding to do in Kiel's defence. Patrick Wiencek has retired and remains with the club in an off-court role, and Hendrik Pekeler is out injured for the first few months of the 2025/26 season. Their replacements are Veron Nacinovic (from Montpellier Handball) and Lukas Laube (from TVB Stuttgart). Kiel's top transfer also needs to be patient before actually playing for the club: Gonzalo Pérez suffered a knee injury in February in his last season with Barça.

Overall, the squad is well-rehearsed and ready to fight for all trophies, with the long-term injured back players Nikola Bilyk and Harald Reinkind on their way back.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 2

Semi-finals (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (4): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2019/20

Final (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14

Semi-finals (7): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2021/22, 2023/24

EHF Cup

Winners (4): 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2018/19

Champions Trophy

Winners (1): 2006/07

German league: 23 titles (1957, 1962-63, 1994-96, 1998-2000, 2002, 2005-10, 2012-15, 2020-21, 2023)

German cup: 13 titles (1998-2000, 2007-09, 2011-13, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2025)





FILIP JICHA
Coach

 @filda39

- former Czech international who took over as head coach at THW Kiel in 2019 after one season as an assistant
- only the third THW head coach since 1993 — after Noka Serdarusic (1993-2008) and Alfred Gislason (2008-19)
- led Kiel to the domestic and CL titles in his first season in charge; first in handball to win the EHF FINAL4 as a player (2010, 2012) and coach (2020)
- twice the CL top scorer; ended his playing career at Barça in 2017 but most of it was spent at Kiel
- inducted into the EHF Hall of Fame in 2023; named IHF World Player of the Year for 2010

CL: 2010, 2012 (as player), 2020 (as coach);
EHF Cup: 2006 (as player), 2019 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (Barça/ESP)
Veron Nacinovic (Montpellier/FRA)
Lukas Laube (Stuttgart/GER)
Jesse Dahmke (Kiel youth/GER)
Rasmus Ankermann (Kiel youth/GER)

DEPARTURES

Tomas Mrkva (Leipzig/GER)
Patrick Wiencek (retired)
Henri Pabst (N-Lübbecke/GER)
Linus Kutz (Hagen/GER)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Gonzalo	Pérez de Vargas	ESP	Goalkeeper	10/01/1991	Toledo, ESP	188
C 4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre back	01/06/1988	Dakovo, CRO	198
6	Harald	Reinkind	NOR	Right back	17/08/1992	Tonsberg, NOR	197
7	Magnus	Landin	DEN	Left back	20/08/1995	Helsingør, DEN	200
11	Petter	Øverby	NOR	Line player	26/03/1992	Kongsvinger, NOR	200
12	Leon	Nowotny	GER	Goalkeeper	09/08/2005	Hamburg, GER	200
15	Jesse	Dahmke	GER	Right back	23/10/2004	Kiel, GER	193
20	Lukas	Laube	SUI	Line player	22/04/2000	Aarau, SUI	192
21	Eric	Johansson	SWE	Left back	28/06/2000	Eskilstuna, SWE	197
22	Rasmus	Ankermann	GER	Left back	31/07/2007	Kiel, GER	191
C 23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left wing	10/04/1993	Kiel, GER	189
24	Lukas	Zerbe	GER	Right wing	17/01/1996	Lemgo, GER	184
29	Johan	Rohwer	GER	Left back	09/02/2007	Kiel, GER	195
32	Ben Janos	Szilágyi	AUT	Left wing	18/10/2006	Kiel, GER	196
33	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	03/03/1991	Euskirchen, GER	198
45	Emil	Madsen	DEN	Right back	01/01/2001	Svendborg, DEN	194
C 53	Mykola	Bilyk	AUT	Left back	28/11/1996	Tunis, TUN	198
61	Hendrik	Pekeler	GER	Line player	02/07/1991	Itzehoe, GER	203
71	Elias	Ellesen	FAR	Centre back	19/05/2002	Torshavn, FAR	187
91	Bence	Imre	HUN	Right wing	15/10/2002	Budapest, HUN	185
93	Veron	Nacinovic	CRO	Line player	07/03/2000	Rijeka, CRO	204



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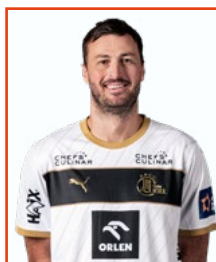
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Goalkeeper

- German international who returned in 2024, after playing for Kiel from 2016-19
- spent five years at Kielce — his only foreign club — and reached back-to-back CL finals; played for Wetzlar until 2016
- named German Handball Player of the Year in 2015 and 2016
- twice All-star goalkeeper of the EHF EURO — in 2016, when he led Germany to gold, and in 2024; also named in the 2023 WCh All-star Team

EC: 2019

EURO: G 2016; OG: S 2024, B 2016



DOMAGOJ DUVNJAK

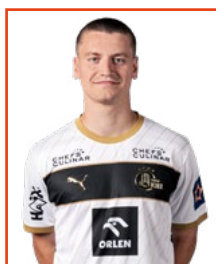
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Centre back

- former Croatian international who joined Kiel in 2014 after five seasons at Hamburg; won the CL with both clubs
- named 2013 IHF World Player of the Year and MVP of the EHF EURO 2020; All-star Team member at the EHF EURO 2014 and the 2013 and 2017 WChs
- retired from the national team after Croatia reached the 2025 WCh final; set the record for most matches played (272) and most goals scored (796) for Croatia

CL: 2013, 2020; EC 2019

OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, B 2013; EURO: S 2008, 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016

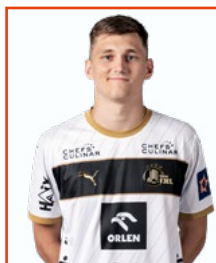


ELIAS ELLEFSEN Á SKIPAGØTU

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Centre back

- leader of a strong Faroese generation, arrived at Kiel in 2023 from Sävehof; was third-best scorer for Kiel in the EL 2024/25, with 47 goals
- scored 69 goals and became MVP when Faroe Islands won M18 European Open 2019
- top scorer and All-star Team player at 2023 Junior WCh; scored 23 goals in three matches during the Faroe Islands' impressive EHF EURO debut in January 2024
- was the 2023 IHF Young Male Player of Year



BENCE IMRE

@imreb19

Right wing

- Hungarian international who moved from FTC to Kiel in the summer of 2024; later named Hungarian player of the year for 2024
- Kiel's second top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 58 goals
- won silver at the 2023 Junior WCh; made his A team debut in the same year
- both his parents have won multiple Olympic medals — his father, Géza Imre, in fencing and his mother, Beatrix Kökény, in handball

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Player short: black
GK shirt: yellow

Priority 2

Player shirt: white
Player short: red
GK shirt: ocean blue



Playing hall

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Switzerland
Capacity: 2,500

BSV BERN



BSV Bern took their best result in the Swiss league season 2024/25, finishing as runners-up behind champions Kadetten Schaffhausen, after beating last season's EHF European League play-off contenders HC Kriens-Luzern in the semi-finals. Bern are three-time Swiss champions, though their last title came 40 years ago.

For the first time, Bern are part of a European group phase after beating Croatian side Cakovec twice in qualification, including an impressive 42:27 win on home ground and 18 goals in total from Levin Wanner.

- **BSV Bern enter the group matches with an almost all-Swiss squad, except for Hannes Nyström (SWE), Ardin Berisha (KOS), and Magnus Rasmussen (DEN)**
- **one player from Bern's rich talent pool left for Germany before this season: Swiss international Felix Aellen now plays for ThSV Eisenach**
- **Bern's last international appearance was two years ago, when they lost to FTC-Green Collect in European Cup 2023/24 round 3**
- **Bern have never met any of their three opponents in the 2025/26 group matches before**

Formerly his assistant coach, David Staudenmann took over from Martin Rubin as Bern's head coach last season. He also followed in the footsteps of his father, Geri, who was the coach when Bern took their last Swiss league title in 1985. Staudenmann has been involved with the club since he was 10 and became a coach after ending his playing career.

In their first two international seasons, Bern made it to the semi-finals of the EHF Challenge Cup in 2005/06 and 2008/09. In 2010 and 2012, they made it to the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

EHF European Cup

Round 3 (1): 2023/24

Challenge Cup

Semi-finals (2): 2005/06, 2008/09

Last 16 (1): 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2009/10, 2011/12

Swiss league: 3 titles (1961, 1980, 1985)


Swiss cup: —





DAVID STAUDENMANN

Coach

 @davidstaudenmann06

- joined BSV Bern as a 10-year-old in 1993 and has never played or coached at another club
- played as right wing with Bern in various European cup competitions between 2005 and 2012
- is the team's head coach since 2024, previously worked as an assistant under Martin Rubin
- his father, Geri Staudenmann, also coached Bern and led the club to the last of their three Swiss league titles, in 1985
- runs his own communication agency specialised in medical topics, Santémedia, which he founded together with his father

ARRIVALS

Jonas Kalt (Aarau/SUI)
Luc Stettler (Steffisburg/SUI)

DEPARTURES

Dominik Weiss (Oppenweiler/GER)
Simon Getzmann (retired)
Claudio Vögtli (Basel/SUI)
Felix Aellen (Eisenach/GER)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Fabio	Brändle	SUI	Goalkeeper	29/07/2002	Solothurn, SUI	189
2	Nico	Eggimann	SUI	Centre back	28/04/2001	Langenthal, SUI	184
4	Nik	Jauer	SUI	Left wing	06/08/2001	Langenthal, SUI	178
6	Ramiro	Kull	SUI	Left wing	14/10/2007	Oberburg, SUI	170
9	Tim	Oesch	SUI	Right back	03/09/2007	Bern BE, SUI	188
12	Yannik	Fischer	SUI	Goalkeeper	30/01/2005	Langenthal, SUI	185
13	Michael	Kusio	SUI	Right back	31/08/1998	Bern BE, SUI	195
15	Samuel	Weingartner	SUI	Left back	07/10/1996	Ruswil, SUI	193
16	Mathieu	Seravalli	SUI	Goalkeeper	15/09/2004	Lausanne, SUI	198
17	Luc	Stettler	SUI	Centre back	15/06/2004	Bern BE, SUI	184
18	Levin	Wanner	SUI	Right wing	18/08/2000	Schaffhausen, SUI	183
19	Marco	Strahm	SUI	Left wing	19/12/1997	Jegenstorf, SUI	184
20	Hannes	Nyström	SWE	Line player	30/08/1995	Huddinge, SWE	198
C 21	Lucas	Rohr	SUI	Left back	16/10/1998	Bern BE, SUI	196
22	Matthias	Widmer	SUI	Line player	01/04/2002	Bern BE, SUI	192
23	Kaspar	Arn	SUI	Line player	29/05/1994	Bern BE, SUI	191
24	Jonas	Kalt	SUI	Left back	23/08/2000	Wettingen, SUI	202
25	Ivan	Corluka	SUI	Left back	25/09/2002	Ostermundigen, SUI	196
26	Jan	Allemann	SUI	Right wing	13/03/2002	Bern BE, SUI	183
27	Jan	Bieri	SUI	Goalkeeper	07/09/2006	Riggisberg, SUI	179
33	Leo	Schnyder	SUI	Right back	08/07/2005	Biel, SUI	180
34	Ardin	Berisha	KOS	Centre back	21/11/2003	LaChaux-de-Fonds, SUI	190
38	Alessandro	Lüthi	SUI	Centre back	25/07/2007	Langenthal, SUI	189
40	Magnus	Rasmussen	DEN	Right back	29/01/1999	Odense, DEN	192
41	Gabriel	Ottrubay	SUI	Left back	13/06/2005	Bern BE, SUI	193
52	Sandro	Gantner	SUI	Right back	17/06/1996	Richterswil, SUI	180
77	Mats	Hirt	SUI	Line player	19/05/2000	Basel, SUI	204



MATHIEU SERAVALLI

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Goalkeeper

- Swiss international, regarded one of the biggest goalkeeping talents of his country
- joined Bern's handball academy at age 14 and has already become a key player for the senior team at age 21
- played his last YAC event at the 2025 Junior WCh; had already made his senior national team debut for Switzerland at age 18 in 2023
- studies economics and management at a distant learning university



LUCAS ROHR

 @lucasrohr

Left back

- team captain and long-term Bern player who has been with the club since joining their youth department in 2010
- made his debut for the senior team in 2017
- gained his first European cup experience with Bern in the EHF Cup 2017/18
- dynamic and physically strong back court player, who is a key defensive asset



MICHAEL KUSIO

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Right back

- Swiss international who started his career in the youth ranks of Bern; joined Kadetten in 2021 and won the Swiss league title twice before returning to Bern in 2023
- scored 10 goals in the EL 2025/26 qualification round against Croatian side Cakovec
- was the second-best scorer, with 57 goals, at the M18 EHF EURO 2016
- at age 18, made his debut in the national team in June 2017; competed for Switzerland at the EURO in 2024 and the 2025 WCh



LEVIN WANNER

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Right wing

- Swiss international who joined Bern in 2023 after three years at Kriens-Luzern, where he played two EL seasons between 2021 and 2023
- scored 11 and seven goals, respectively, against Cakovec when Bern beat the Croatian side twice to qualify for the EL 2025/26 group matches
- had played for various YAC national teams since 2016 when he made his senior national team debut for Switzerland in 2020

GROUP C PREVIEW



THREE AMBITIOUS SIDES CHALLENGE FORMER FINALISTS

Three seasons ago, Fraikin BM. Granollers had an exceptional EHF European League campaign that saw them end the season in the final, against Füchse Berlin. That 2022/23 season marks the only one of a group C club to feature prominently in the EHF European League.

For RD LL Grosist Slovan, SAH – Aarhus and CS Minaur Baia Mare, the experience of the group matches is going to be almost entirely new. Slovan are on debut in the second-tier competition, Aarhus are playing their second season, and CS Minaur have made it to the group matches for the first time after contesting the qualification stage twice before 2025/26.

Building teams around local talents

All four teams follow the philosophy of building their team around local talents, and some exciting young players will feature in group C as a result — Spaniards who made the ASOBAL league All-star Team nominations for the first time, Slovenians who have had their debut appearances for the national team in recent years, Danes who have grabbed attention in the domestic league and now look to do so internationally and hungry Romanians who complement an experienced roster.

On the other hand, experienced players like Stas Skube (Slovan) and Jóhan á Plógv Hansen (SAH) have returned home — in Hansen's case to his second home but the country he chose to represent — to bolster the line-ups of their ambitious, (re)building clubs. At Granollers, 2013 world champion Antonio Garcia Robledo ended his career at the end of the 2024/25 season and is now assistant coach, while Slovan have welcomed their own national team stalwart Jure Dolenc as sports director.

Four experienced head coaches face each other

The only group C club to change head coach is CS Minaur, where Nuno Farelo has taken the reigns and will face three highly experienced coaches in Granollers' Antonio Rama Garcia, Slovan's Uros Zorman and Aarhus' Nick Rasmussen. It is the second head coach role of a top-level side for Farelo, who has been honing his craft across Europe, from Belarus to the Faroe Islands and in his native Portugal. The breadth of experience will serve Farelo and CS Minaur well as they debut in the group matches.

While Slovan and Granollers were seeded directly to the group matches, Aarhus and Baia Mare came through the qualification round. Aarhus took one of the biggest aggregate wins of the stage, and CS Minaur showed their mettle with the narrowest victory overall.

Courtney Gahan



I GROUP C HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP C

Fraikin BM. Granollers vs RD LL Grosist Slovan

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fraikin BM. Granollers vs SAH – Aarhus 1-0-1 (62:59) 2:2

21.03.2023	Fraikin BM. Granollers vs Skanderborg-Aarhus, EHF European League – Last 16	32:34 (12:20)
28.03.2023	Skanderborg-Aarhus vs Fraikin BM. Granollers, EHF European League – Last 16	25:30 (13:16)

Fraikin BM. Granollers vs CS Minaur Baia Mare

No previous encounters in European competitions

RD LL Grosist Slovan vs SAH - Aarhus

No previous encounters in European competitions

RD LL Grosist Slovan vs CS Minaur Baia Mare

No previous encounters in European competitions

SAH – Aarhus vs CS Minaur Baia Mare

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Playing hall

Palau d'Esports de Granollers

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08400 Granollers
Spain
Capacity: 5,260

FRAIKIN BM. GRANOLLERS



Fraikin BM. Granollers are one of the most experienced clubs in international competitions, with participation dating to the first European cup season in 1993/94. A club steeped in history, Granollers also have one of the longest records in Spain's ASOBAL league.

In 2022/23, Granollers sensationally reached the EHF European League final, where they were defeated by Füchse Berlin in what was their first international trophy match in 13 years. They made it to the EHF European League main round in 2024/25.

- the 2025/26 season marks Granollers' 16th in the second-tier competition, which they won twice under its former name, EHF Cup, in 1995 and 1996
- it was also in the 1990s that Granollers won their last Spanish title, taking the ASOBAL trophy in 1993/94
- having ended his playing career at the end of the 2024/25 season, club legend Antonio Garcia Robledo has stepped into the role of assistant coach
- two-time EHF EURO champion Adrià Figueras has returned to Spain and Granollers after six years in France, bolstering the line-up

The 2024/25 main round was a brutally close one for Granollers, as they lost twice — by one goal on both occasions — and drew once. One victory was not enough to position them in the knockout round and they exited the competition.

Granollers have seen eight departures and six new arrivals over the summer, most notable of which is Spain national team line player Adrià Figueras. The most impactful loss is that of Antonio Garcia Robledo, who was Granollers' top scorer in the European League 2024/25. Granollers can also count on exciting rising talents, such as backs Ferran Castillo and Pablo Urdangarin, who had breakout seasons in 2024/25.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 5

Runners-up (1): 2022/23

Main round (1): 2024/25

Qualification (2): 2021/22, 2023/24

Other

EHF Cup

Winners (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2015/16

Quarter-finals (2): 2004/05, 2017/18

Champions Trophy

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Cup Winners' Cup

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Spanish league: 10 titles (1959-1961, 1966-1968, 1970-1972, 1974)

Spanish cup: 3 titles (1958, 1970, 1974)





ANTONIO RAMA GARCIA

Coach

- a true club icon at Granollers; has never played or coached elsewhere, first joining the club aged 11
- became assistant to then head coach Carlos Viver in 2013; took over as head coach five years later
- led Granollers to the EHF Finals 2023, where they lost to Füchse Berlin in Granollers' first European final in 13 years
- chosen as best coach of the Spanish league three times — in 2017/18, 2022/23 and 2023/24
- got his first coaching licence at age 17; from 2025/26, assisted by former player Antonio Garcia

ARRIVALS

Bruno Reguart (Stuttgart/GER)
Luka Krivokapic (Cangas/ESP)
Juan Palomino (Barça/ESP)
Adrià Figueras (Chartres/FRA)
Josep Ernest Armengol (Barça/ESP)
Guillermo Fischer (Aranda/ESP)

DEPARTURES

Victor Romero (Sporting/POR)
Oriol Rey (Ohrid/MKD)
Ivan Montoya (Alicante/ESP)
Leo Abraho (Vöslau/AUT)
Biel Valera (Eivissa/ESP)
Roberto Rodriguez (Chambéry/FRA)
Andrés Moyano (Torrelavega/ESP)

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Luka	Krivokapic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/02/2002	Funchal, POR	196
6	Jordi	Deumal	ESP	Left wing	14/01/1994	St. Pere, ESP	191
7	Jaume	Espigulé	ESP	Left wing	27/07/2007	Barcelona, ESP	178
8	Tarcisio	Freitas	BRA	Left back	25/01/2000	Cariacica, BRA	193
11	Marcos	Fis	ESP	Right back	01/04/2007	Ciudad Real, ESP	188
13	Adrian	Figueras	ESP	Line player	31/08/1988	Barcelona, ESP	192
14	Bruno	Reguart	ESP	Centre back	25/05/2003	Barcelona, ESP	180
15	Ferran	Prieto	ESP	Line player	12/02/2004	Barcelona, ESP	183
17	Bernat	Povill	ESP	Right wing	14/10/2004	Granollers, ESP	180
18	Josep	Armengol	ESP	Line player	18/03/2003	Granollers, ESP	
21	Gerard	Domingo	ESP	Centre back	19/06/2003	Les Franqueses, ESP	188
29	Guillermo	Fischer	ARG	Line player	18/07/1996	Oberá, ARG	200
30	David	Carreño	ESP	Line player	04/04/2006	Benidorm, ESP	197
31	Jan	Duran	ESP	Left back	08/10/2006	Molins de Rei, ESP	192
32	Pablo	Guijarro	ESP	Left wing	03/11/2004	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	198
33	Ferran	Castillo	ESP	Back	03/03/2004	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	188
C 34	Sergi	Franco	ESP	Right wing	10/05/1999	Barcelona, ESP	189
35	Roger	Ferrer	ESP	Centre back	14/06/2007	St Maria de Pal., ESP	184
39	Pol	Chaves	ESP	Right wing	13/02/2006	La Roca del Vallès, ESP	191
44	Juan	Palomino	ESP	Left back	11/10/2001	Antequera, ESP	195
51	Pau	Panitti	ESP	Goalkeeper	18/07/2004	Mataró, ESP	194
77	Pablo	Urdangarin	ESP	Right back	06/12/2000	Barcelona, ESP	194



JORDI DEUMAL

 @jdeumal

Left wing

- joined Granollers in the summer of 2024 following seven seasons in France
- scored 32 goals in the EL 2024/25; last season was his first international club season
- nominated for ASOBAL league All-star Team 2024/25, scoring 82 goals in 30 matches
- spent his youth at the Palautordera academy then played for La Roca and Barça's reserve team before moving to France in 2017



FERRAN CASTILLO

 @fcastillo_33

Centre back

- exciting young talent, nominated as revelation of the ASOBAL league 2024/25
- also nominated as best centre back of the ASOBAL league 2024/25, though he is versatile on the back court
- one of Granollers' key scorers in the EL 2024/25, with 49 goals
- represented Spain on a YAC level; scored 20 goals in the semi-final and final on the path to the trophy at the M20 EHF EURO 2024



ADRIÀ FIGUERAS

 @adri_figueras

Line player

- Spanish international, returned to Granollers in 2025 after five years in France
- came through Barça's youth and reserve teams with brief appearances in the A side before his first stint at Granollers from 2014 to 2020
- ASOBAL league MVP in 2015/16 and 2017/18; ASOBAL All-star Team line player in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- as of September 2025, has scored 349 goals in 134 appearances for Spain

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; OG: B 2020, 2024; WCh: B 2021, 2023



PABLO URDANGARIN

Right back

- joined Granollers in 2023, coming from Barça, where he made his A team debut
- had a breakout season in 2024/25, contributing 41 goals to Granollers' EL campaign and being nominated as best right wing of the ASOBAL league
- played for Hannover and Nantes' youth teams before transferring to Barça
- son of former Spain player Iñaki Urdangarin

CL: 2022

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Kit colours

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

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Arena Stožice
Vojkova Cesta 100
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia
Capacity: 12,500

Alternative hall:

Hala Tivoli
Celovška cesta 25
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia
Capacity: 4,500

RD LL GROSIST SLOVAN



RD LL Grosist Slovan are back in European cup competitions after a wait of over a decade, having last played the Challenge Cup in 2010/11. The participation in the EHF European League comes following the first league and cup titles in the club's history, giving Slovan the status of Slovenian champions as they enter the 2025/26 season.

10 players that contributed to the 2024/25 domestic title have left, including the all-time top scorer for Slovenia, Jure Dolenc, who retired and stepped into the role of sports director at Slovan.

- **2025/26 is Slovan's fifth season in international club competitions; they previously played the Challenge Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup twice each**
- **after Slovan were crowned Slovenian champions for the first time ever at the end of the 2024/25 season, 10 players left or ended their careers and six arrived**
- **the squad is based around majority Slovenian players, although the side is led by team captain Ilija Brozovic from Croatia**
- **coach Uros Zorman won the EHF Champions League four times as a player and played over 200 matches for the national team**

There are notable names among the six newcomers, such as centre back Stas Skube, who raised the EHF Champions League trophy with Vardar in 2019 and brings a wealth of experience. Skube joins up and comes in the Slovenia national team, including regular in the line-up Stas Jovicic, who returned to Slovan ahead of last season, and new arrival Tadej Kljun.

Coming into his second season at the helm is Uros Zorman, whose work at Slovan parallels his role as head coach of Slovenia — a position he has held in tandem with his work on a club level since 2021.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

Challenge Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2009/10

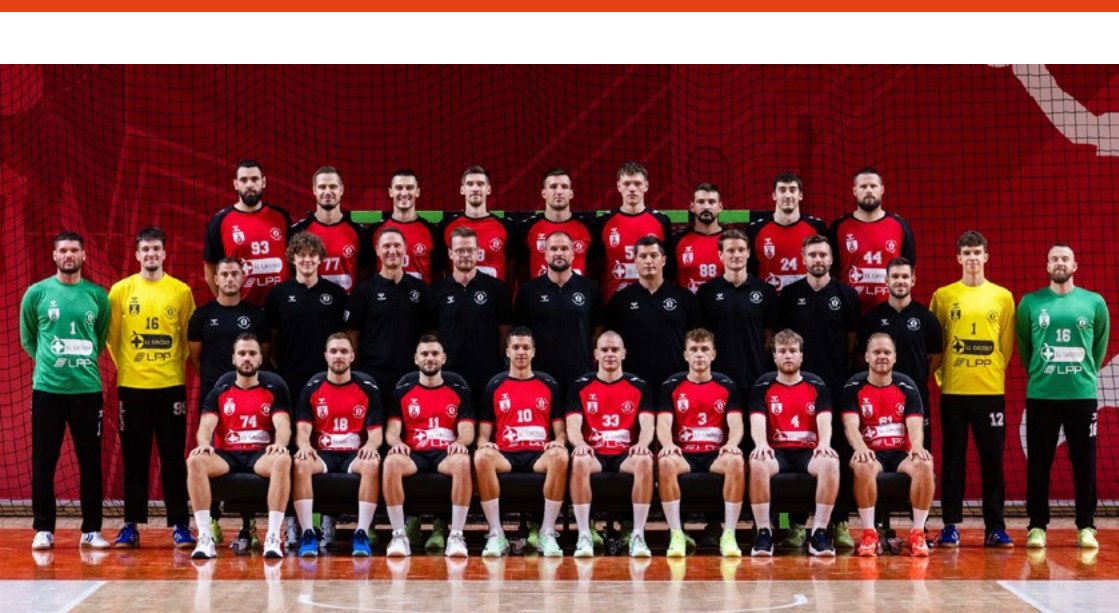
Last 16 (1): 2010/11

Cup Winners' Cup

Last 32 (2): 2003/04, 2006/07

Slovenian league: 1 title (2025)


Slovenian cup: 1 title (2025)





UROS ZORMAN

Coach

 @uros_zorman23

- former centre back who became head coach of Slovan, his first club as a player, in the summer of 2024
- started his coaching career as assistant to Talant Dujshabaev at his last playing club, Kielce; took his first head coach at Trimo Trebnje from 2020
- also head coach of the Slovenia national team, since 2021
- part of Slovenia's only men's CL title, scoring 30 goals towards Celje's 2003/04 triumph; also won the trophy with Ciudad Real and Kielce
- all-time record holder for most appearances for Slovenia, having retired with 225 caps and 523 goals

CL: 2004, 2008, 2009, 2016 (as player)

EURO: S 2004 (as player)

ARRIVALS

Vid Miklavc (Trebnje/SLO)
Lovro Višček (Trebnje/SLO)
Stas Skube (Montpellier/FRA)
Tadej Kljun (Balatonfüred/HUN)
Tim Cokan (Plock/POL)
Gal Marguč (Nexe/CRO)

DEPARTURES

Izidor Budja (Krka/SLO, on loan)
Nikolaos Tzortzinis (Velenje/SLO, on loan)
Jaka Malus (Vardar/MKD)
Alexander Perić (retired)
Jan Grebenc (retired)
Jure Dolenec (retired)
Grega Krečič (Olympiakos/GRE)
Darko Stojnić (Dugo Selo/CRO)
Vladimir Gošić (Dugo Selo/CRO)
Rok Zaponšek (Csurgó/HUN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Nebojša	Bojic	BIH	Goalkeeper	30/12/1996	Doboj, BIH	193
3	Stas	Jovicic	SLO	Left wing	06/12/2000	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	189
4	Lovro	Viscek	SLO	Centre back	06/12/2001	Ljubljana, SLO	185
6	Rok	Grabner	SLO	Left wing	07/09/2006	Postojna, SLO	182
10	Tim	Cokan	SLO	Right wing	07/06/2001	Celje, SLO	191
11	Kenan	Pajt	SLO	Right wing	30/10/1998	Vareš, BIH	182
12	Dino	Oštrakovic	BIH	Goalkeeper	25/11/2008	Gracanica, BIH	188
14	Leon	Ljevar	CRO	Left back	12/02/2001	Rijeka, CRO	198
16	Aljaz	Panjtar	SLO	Goalkeeper	20/08/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	183
18	Gal	Marguc	SLO	Right wing	16/11/1996	Celje, SLO	180
20	Tarik	Mlivic	SLO	Left back	21/04/2003	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	195
23	Tadej	Kljun	SLO	Right back	18/04/2001	Postojna, SLO	196
24	Vid	Miklavac	SLO	Centre back	19/05/2002	Izola, SLO	195
33	Adi	Mehmedcehajic	BIH	Left wing	20/06/2001	Tuzla, BIH	189
34	David	Kovacic	SLO	Line player	03/04/1995	Kranj, SLO	190
c 44	Ilija	Brozovic	CRO	Line player	26/05/1991	Split, CRO	197
55	Luka	Grginic	SLO	Line player	14/01/2008	Postojna, SLO	202
61	Stas	Skube	SLO	Centre back	15/11/1989	Novo Mesto, SLO	177
74	Bruno Vili	Zobec	CRO	Right back	29/01/1996	Zagreb, CRO	188
77	Gašper	Hrastnik	SLO	Right back	13/11/1992	Kranj, SLO	193
93	Stefan	Žabic	SLO	Line player	17/02/1999	Celje, SLO	203
99	Lian	Kamenica	SLO	Goalkeeper	30/01/2008	Ljubljana, SLO	193



STAS JOVICIC

 @stasjovicic

Left wing

- returned in 2024 after spending three seasons (2017–2020) with the club earlier
- first appeared in the EL with Trimo Trebnje, scoring his first goals in 2022/23
- regular member of the Slovenia national team whose first major event was the 2023 WCh; has 101 goals in 48 matches with the side as of September 2025
- son of Zoran Jovicic, a former player for Slovenia, now coach of Gorenje Velenje; his twin brother Enej is also playing the EL group matches, with Toulouse



STAS SKUBE

 @stas.skube

Centre back

- returned home after several years abroad to join Slovan ahead of the 2025/26 season; previously played for Montpellier, Meshkov Brest, Vardar, and Szeged
- made his senior league debut for Trebnje at 17; first appeared in the CL with Velenje
- his career high in international competitions is 81 goals in the EHF Cup 2014/15
- has made 33 appearances for Slovenia, scoring 61 goals; his older brother Sebastian also played for the national team

CL: 2019



ILIJA BROZOVIC

 @ibrozovic91

Line player

- experienced Croatian who arrived at Slovan in 2024 after nine years in Germany; mainly with Hannover (2017-24) after brief stints with Hamburg and Kiel
- started his career at Metković then spent four seasons with Zagreb (2011–2015), where he made his CL debut
- contributes in both attack and defence; his career high is 31 goals in the EL 2023/24
- a former Croatian international, who won two medals with the side

EURO: S 2020, B 2016



TADEJ KLJUN

 @tadejkljun

Right back

- new arrival at Slovan in 2025, returning home to Slovenia after four years abroad
- moved to Benfica in 2021 and played two seasons of the EL, then joined Balatonfüred
- started his career at Celje, scoring his first CL goals in 2018/19
- an up and comer in the national team, the 2025 WCh was his first major event
- counts 18 caps and a goal tally of 35 for Slovenia as of September 2025

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SAH – AARHUS



SAH - Aarhus are back for their second EHF European League season after their debut in 2022/23, when they reached the Last 16. There, SAH were knocked out by group rivals Fraikin BM. Granollers in a narrow aggregate battle decided by an overall three goals in the Spanish side's favour.

The club in its current iteration was formed in 2021 by a merger between Aarhus and Skanderborg. As such, there is technically no international history for the club prior to that.

- **SAH – Aarhus qualified for their second European League group matches campaign by defeating Marítimo de Madeira 74:56 on aggregate**
- **new arrivals include Denmark wing Jóhan á Plógv Hansen and the All-star Team line player of the Danish league the past two seasons, Andreas Søgaard**
- **the team captain is experienced centre back Morten Balling, who is one of only two players remaining from the club's first European League participation**
- **SAH was formed by merger in 2021; the biggest achievements of the two original sides were a Danish cup win for Aarhus in 2012 and a Cup Winners' Cup participation for Skanderborg**

Nick Rasmussen has been at the helm since day one, after serving as Skanderborg head coach from 2017 up to the merger. It was Rasmussen who steered SAH to their first European cup season in 2021/22.

Aarhus reached the 2025/26 group matches by way of one of the most decisive victories in the qualification round, as they defeated Madeira by 18 goals on aggregate. Although Aarhus won the second leg in Portugal 36:31, it was in the first leg that the difference was made, as the Danish side enjoyed a 38:25 victory.

SAH see themselves as a building club, founded on developing talent through the attached academy. They prioritise local talents and bolster the squad with experienced impact players.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 2

Last 16 (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

EHF Cup

Last 16 (1): 2008/09

Cup Winners' Cup

Last 16 (1): 1996/97

Danish league: —

Danish cup: 1 title (2012, as Århus Handball)





NICK RASMUSSEN

Coach

- appointed head coach of SAH - Aarhus in 2021, when Aarhus merged with Skanderborg
- named Danish men's coach of the year for 2021/22, after leading the new club to qualify for the EL in that first season
- was previously head coach at Skanderborg (2017-21)
- led Ribe-Esbjerg from 2012 to April 2014, then became a youth coach at Fredericia
- a former player who spent most of his on-court career at Fredericia; played one match for the national team, in 1992

ARRIVALS

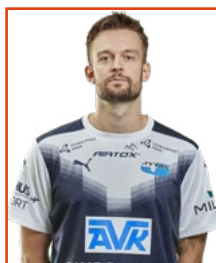
Johan á plogv Hansen (Flensburg/GER)
Andreas Søgaard (Esbjerg/DEN)
Sebastian Henneberg (Fredericia/DEN)
Simon Sejr (Aarhus HC/DEN)
Magnus K. Petersen (Nordsjælland/DEN)
Christoffer Dreyer (Ringsted/DEN)

DEPARTURES

Morten Hempel Jensen (Minden/GER)
Anton Bramming (Midtjylland/DEN)
Thor Christensen (BSV/DEN)
Frederik Arnoldsen (TTH/DEN)
Jonatan Mollerup (Høj/DEN)
Mikkel Lang (GOG/DEN)
Kristoffer Laursen (Aarhus HC/DEN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Simon	Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	29/06/1996	Aarhus, DEN	202
3	Kristján	Kristjánsson	ISL	Right back	25/12/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	198
5	Alexander	Jensen	DEN	Left wing	04/09/2007		
6	Kristian	Bonefeld	DEN	Centre back	16/07/1994	Vejle, DEN	195
7	Christoffer	Dreyer	DEN	Left back	16/03/2002	Svendborg, DEN	195
12	Magnus	Brandbyge	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/10/1996	Aarhus, DEN	196
14	Oscar	Hansen	DEN	Right back	19/10/2007	Skanderborg, DEN	184
15	Emil	Lærke	DEN	Left back	04/06/1999	Lejre, DEN	203
17	Andreas	Søgaard	DEN	Line player	28/06/1999	Skanderborg, DEN	192
C 20	Morten	Balling	DEN	Centre back	12/08/1987	Skive, DEN	186
21	Magnus	Petersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	04/09/2003	København, DEN	192
25	Jeppé	Cieslak	DEN	Left wing	01/04/2000	Lolland, DEN	183
26	Jóhan á Plógv	Hansen	DEN	Right wing	01/05/1994	Tórshavn, FAR	190
28	Morten	Dahlgaard	DEN	Line player	18/05/2004	Skanderborg, DEN	191
29	Silas	Frank	DEN	Right wing	16/02/2006	Haderslev, DEN	192
32	Fredrik	Olsson	SWE	Centre back	19/01/1996	Kloster, SWE	187
77	Sebastian	Henneberg	DEN	Centre back	18/02/1994	Viborg, DEN	197
	Casper	Fynbo	DEN	Line player	29/03/2006		
	Emil	Juul	DEN	Goalkeeper	15/04/2006		
	Gregers	Havnda	DEN	Line player	29/01/2008		
	Jeppé	Poulsen	DEN	Line player	28/04/2007		
	Mikkel	Bak	DEN	Right back	30/01/2006		
	Nikolai	Gram	DEN	Goalkeeper	12/05/2007		
	Nikolaj	Holm	DEN	Centre back	30/07/2008		
	Oliver	Møller	DEN	Left wing	03/02/2006		
	Snorre	Bang	DEN	Left back	03/11/2007		



EMIL LÆRKE

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Left back

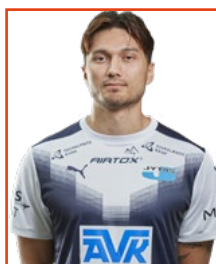
- arrived at SAH - Aarhus in 2024 after two seasons at TBV Lemgo in Germany
- netted 12 goals in the two qualification matches to be Aarhus' second top scorer in the stage behind Jóhan á Plógv Hansen
- started his professional career at GOG, debuting in the top league in 2017/18 and the EHF Cup in 2018/19; scored a career-high 53 goals in the EL 2021/22
- named All-star left back of the 2017 Youth WCh, where Denmark took bronze



ANDREAS SØGAARD

Line player

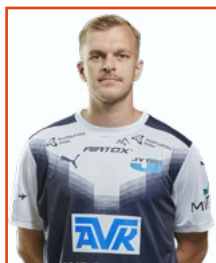
- new arrival at SAH - Aarhus, playing his first international club season this year
- named best line player in the Danish league for both 2023/24 and 2024/25; scored 153 field goals in the Danish league in 2023/24, ranking among the top 10
- returned to his home region after three years with Ribe-Esbjerg
- developed at Skanderborg academy; has breakthrough season at Skive in 2021/22



KRISTJÁN KRISTJÁNSSON

Right back

- joined SAH - Aarhus in the summer of 2024; one of the top scorers from the field in the Danish league 2024/25, with 146 goals
- came to Aarhus from four years with PAUC; played three seasons of the EL with PAUC
- started his professional career at IBV Vestmannaeyja, where he played up to 2020; made his international club debut with the side in 2018/19
- a fringe player for Iceland, who has appeared at two EHF EUROs and two WChs



JÓHAN Á PLÓGV HANSEN

 @johanphansen

Right back

- joined in 2025 after three seasons at Flensburg and two at Hannover in Germany
- Faroese by birth, he moved to Denmark aged 16 to join the Skanderborg academy
- transferred to Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (2015–2020), where he made his EHF Cup and CL debuts; had a breakout season in the CL 2018/19, scoring 67 goals
- opted to represent Denmark and made his first appearance in 2015; has 106 caps and 190 goals for the side as of September 2025

EL: 2024, 2025

EURO: S 2024, B 2022; OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025

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Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Sala Polivalenta
Lascar Pana

Bd. Unirii Nr.14 A
430272 Baia Mare
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Capacity: 2,218

CS MINAUR
BAIA MARE

CS Minaur Baia Mare joined the group matches line-up via the closest qualification round tie, with their clash against Icelandic side Stjarnan coming down to a penalty shootout after both matches ended regular time with a level score. That win was historic for the Romanian club, as Baia Mare will now debut in the group stage of the second-tier competition.

The two previous attempts, in the EHF Cup 2005/06 and EHF European League 2022/23, saw CS Minaur defeated in the qualification round.

- the 2025/26 season marks CS Minaur's 11th participation in European cup competitions and third in the second-tier competition
- in qualification, goalkeeper Darius Makaria made a crucial save and Milan Kotrc scored the deciding goal to give Minaur a 53:52 win over Stjarnan on aggregate
- along with new coach Nuno Farelo, CS Minaur welcomed six new players over the summer – five from other Romanian clubs and Mohamed Zein, younger brother of Veszprém back Ali Zein, from Egypt
- three players departed the squad, which is led by team captain Fotache Viorel

CS Minaur have a rich history in both domestic and international competitions. They were regulars in the Challenge Cup in the early 2000s and played the EHF Champions League 2015/16, after winning their most recent domestic titles. In 2020/21, following a four-year gap, CS Minaur returned to contest the European Cup.

Since 2020, CS Minaur have been a consistent international presence – aside from their last European League season, Baia Mare have played the European Cup every year. Twice, including 2024/25, they were knocked out in the quarter-finals. In 2021/22, they narrowly lost the final and in 2023/24 they made the semi-finals. With a new coach at the helm, Minaur aim to continue the upward trajectory and make 2025/26 an even more historic season.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 2

Qualification (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 2015/16

EHF Cup

Round 3 (1): 2005/06

EHF European Cup

Final (1): 2021/22

Semi-finals (1): 2023/24

Quarter-finals (2): 2020/21, 2024/25

Challenge Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2003/04, 2004/05

Romanian league: 3 titles (1988, 1999, 2015)


Romanian cup: 6 titles (1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2015)





NUNO FARELO

Coach

 @nunofarelo

- Portuguese coach who joined ahead of the 2025/26 season
- arrived from FC Porto, where he was head coach of the second team and U20 side; that was his fourth role at Porto, after an earlier stint from 2013 to 2017
- coached Faroese side VíF from 2022 to 2024; his earlier head coach roles were in lower-level leagues
- as assistant in A leagues, his record includes CSM Bucuresti, CB Nava, Meshkov Brest, and a brief period at Plock in 2016
- his time as assistant coach saw him supporting notable names such as Ricardo Costa, Manola Cadenas, Paulo Pereira and Dani Gordon

ARRIVALS

Mohamed Zein (Al Ahly/EGY)
Sebastian Barbul (Minaur academy/ROU)
Dragos China (Minaur academy/ROU)
Darius Makaria (Suceava/ROU)
David Moldovan (Minaur academy/ROU)
David Pavlov (Foscani/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Hayder Al-Khafadji (Kristianstad/SWE)
Ivan Burzak (Ostrow/POL)
Marcus Dahlin (Porto/POR)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Anton	Terekhov	UKR	Goalkeeper	28/07/1992	Lugansk, UKR	194
3	Robert	Nagy	ROU	Line player	06/07/1997	Baia Mare, ROU	192
4	Alexandru	Stanciu	ROU	Right Back	25/07/2006	Caracal, ROU	191
5	David	Moldovan	ROU	Right wing	30/05/2006	Baia Mare, ROU	183
6	Tudor	Botea	ROU	Left back	07/07/1997	Baia Mare, ROU	194
7	Mario	Racolta	ROU	Centre back	20/01/2005	Baia Mare, ROU	180
9	David	Pavlov	ROU	Right wing	25/03/2004	Constanta, ROU	178
10	Stefan	Cumpanici	ROU	Left back	12/10/1998	Bârlad, ROU	198
12	Cristian	Sincu	ROU	Goalkeeper	18/10/2005	Baia Mare, ROU	196
15	Milan	Kotrc	CZE	Left wing	23/05/1988	Prague, CZE	189
16	Darius	Makaria	ROU	Goalkeeper	02/02/1993	Baia Mare, ROU	192
20	Artem	Kozakevych	UKR	Right wing	02/10/1992	Volinska, UKR	182
24	Dragos	China	ROU	Left wing	24/07/2007	Baia Mare, ROU	185
35	Erik	Pop	ROU	Centre back	14/08/2002	Baia Mare, ROU	185
43	Stefan	Vujic	SRB	Centre back	06/07/1991	Rijeka, CRO	190
44	Anderson	Da Silva	BRA	Right back	20/05/1990	Castelo, BRA	190
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52	Lucas	Sabou	ROU	Left wing	25/10/2005	Baia Mare, ROU	184
66	Ovidiu	Ardelean	ROU	Left back	18/08/2003	Baia Mare, ROU	201
70	Sebastian	Barbul	ROU	Line player	16/11/2006	Baia Mare, ROU	205
98	Mohamed	Zeinelabedin	EGY	Line player	01/03/1998	Giza, EGY	193



MILAN KOTRC

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Left wing

- joined CS Minaur in 2020, arriving from Bergischer HC in Germany
- his only other previous club was his first: Dukla Praha, where he played 11 seasons and won one league title until his 2017 move to Germany
- scored the penalty that secured Minaur their qualification victory against Stjarnan
- has netted over 450 goals in the Romanian league; reached 55 caps and scored 76 goals for the Czechia national team



TUDOR BOTEA

 @tudorbotea6

Left back

- returned to Minaur in 2023 after three years in Bucharest, with Dinamo and CSM; made his EL debut with Dinamo; 2025/26 is his fourth international club season
- Minaur's top scorer in the qualification round, netting 10 goals
- born in Baia Mare, he came through the Minaur handball academy and played for the side from 2016 to 2020
- Romania's second top scorer in the EHF EURO 2026 Qualifiers, with 23 goals



STEFAN VUJIC

Centre back

- joined CS Minaur in 2021, his third club in Romania; arrived from two seasons at Dinamo Bucuresti (2019–21), after two at Steaua Bucuresti (2017–19)
- also played European cup competitions with Zagreb (2015–17) and Nantes (2012–14)
- born in Croatia, he has played for both the Croatia and Serbia national teams
- won silver with Croatia at the 2013 Mediterranean Games; was playing for Serbia by the Croatia-hosted EURO in 2018



ARTEM KOZAKEVYCH

 @kozakevych_20

Right wing

- arrived at Minaur in 2022 for his first venture outside his native Ukraine
- played eight seasons and made his CL debut with HC Motor Zaporozhye (2014–22); scored a personal best 61 goals in the CL 2018/19
- started his career at HC Portovik, playing the CC and EHF Cup with the side
- played the EHF EURO 2020 with Ukraine but is not a regular for the side; a long-standing member of the beach national squad

GROUP D PREVIEW



FAMILIAR NAMES MEET COMPETITION DEBUTANTS IN CLOSE GROUP

Former EHF Cup semi-finalists FC Porto face former Norwegian champions Elverum Håndball, Icelandic champions Knattspyrnufélagið Fram, and Swiss side HC Kriens-Luzern in what promises to be a tight group D. Porto were close to reaching their second EHF Finals in 2024/25, but lost in the quarter-finals against eventual finalists Montpellier Handball.

Coach Magnus Andersson and his team finished second in the Portuguese league 2024/25, below Sporting CP. Among the new arrivals at Porto this season are two Swedish players: Linus Persson and Marcus Dahlin. The only newcomer with EHF Champions League experience is Spanish international Pol Valera, who joined Porto from Barcelona. However, Porto suffered the loss of key players Victor Iturriza and Fábio Magalhães.



Newcomers return to Europe after almost two decades

Like Porto, Fram had a direct spot in the group matches. They won the Icelandic handball championship for the 11th time in 2024/25, but it was their first title since 2013. They played in the EHF European League group phase almost two decades ago, in 2006/07.

Elverum are back in the group matches after a one-year absence, having lost in the 2024/25 qualification to eventual EHF Finals participants MT Melsungen. This time the Norwegian runners-up won both qualification matches against Bathco Bm. Torrelavega: 67:56 on aggregate. Elverum were Norwegian champions 10 times between 2012 and 2022 and played eight seasons in the EHF Champions League, before Kolstad Håndball snatched the trophy in the last three years.



Third time lucky with a new coach?

The second team in this group arriving from qualification is HC Kriens-Luzern, reaching the group matches for a third year in a row. They defeated RK Gorenje Velenje in the qualification round: 59:50 on aggregate. In both matches, Luca Sigrist was their top scorer with seven goals.

After narrowly failing to proceed to the play-offs in 2023/24, the Swiss did make it in 2024/25. Even though they won the first leg against Limoges Handball 36:29, they went out following their 36:28 away defeat. Kriens-Luzern start the current season under former assistant coach Thomas Zimmerman, who has taken over from Zeljko Musa.



Björn Pazen

I GROUP D HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP D

FC Porto vs Knattspyrnufélagið Fram

No previous encounters in European competitions

FC Porto vs Elverum Håndball 2-0-1 (95:89) 4:2

31.08.2013	FC Porto Vitalis vs Elverum Handball Herrer, VELUX EHF CL – Qualification Group 4	29:28 (13:13)
17.09.2020	FC Porto vs Elverum Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:30 (16:12)
04.03.2021	Elverum Handball vs FC Porto, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:38 (11:16)

FC Porto vs HC Kiens-Luzern

No previous encounters in European competitions

Knattspyrnufélagið Fram vs Elverum Håndball

No previous encounters in European competitions

Knattspyrnufélagið Fram vs HC Kriens-Luzern

No previous encounters in European competitions

Elverum Håndball vs HC Kriens-Luzern

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP D




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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: blue/white
Player short: blue or white
GK shirt: black

Priority 2

Player shirt: pink
Player short: pink
GK shirt: grey



Playing hall

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4350419 Porto
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Capacity: 2,225

FC PORTO



FC Porto were close to reaching their second EHF Finals in 2024/25, but lost in the quarter-finals against eventual finalists Montpellier Handball. Three years earlier, Porto had been eliminated by Montpellier in their last EHF Champions League play-offs. Their biggest international success was qualification for the EHF Cup Finals 2019 in Kiel, when they finished third.

Coach Magnus Andersson remains in charge after rejoining Porto in 2024 for his second stint at the helm; he previously led the club between 2018 and 2023.

- **FC Porto are 24-time Portuguese champions but have been passed by Sporting Clube de Portugal in the past two seasons**
- **Porto were founded in 1893 and are nicknamed the 'Dragons' (Dragões) after the mythical creature on their crest; the handball department started in 1932**
- **the current squad includes players from seven different countries: Colombia, Cuba, France, Iceland, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden**
- **coach Magnus Andersson was part of the famous 'Bengan Boys', the national team nicknamed after their coach Bengt Johansson**

Among the new arrivals at Porto this season are two Swedish players: Linus Persson, arriving from Danish side GOG, and Marcus Dahlin, who played for CS Minaur Baia Mare in Romania. The only newcomer with EHF Champions League experience is Spanish international Pol Valera, who joined Porto from Barça.

The biggest losses among the seven players who left the club are powerful line player Victor Iturriza and Fábio Magalhães, who has joined domestic league rivals ABC Braga this summer.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 2

Quarter-finals (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF Champions League

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2018/19

Group Phase (2): 2014/15, 2016/17

Last 16 (3): 1998/99, 2010/11, 2011/12

Cup Winner's Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2000/01, 2001/02

Portuguese league: 24 titles (1954, 1957-60, 1963-65, 1968, 1999, 2002-04, 2009-15, 2019, 2021-23)

Portuguese cup: 9 titles (1976-77, 1979-80, 1994, 2006-07, 2019, 2021)





MAGNUS ANDERSSON

Coach

 @virusmagnus

- Swedish coach who returned to FC Porto in 2024 after one year away, previously led the team between 2018 and 2023
- also coached German side Göppingen for three years and won the EHF Cup twice in that spell
- former centre back, who won three Olympic silver medals as part of the legendary Swedish 'Bengan Boys'
- his achievements as player also include four EHF EURO trophies and two gold medals at the World Championship

EC: 2016, 2017 (as coach)

WCh: G 1990, 1999, S 1997, 2001, B 1993, 1995; EURO: G 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002; OG: S 1992, 1996, 2000 (as player)

ARRIVALS

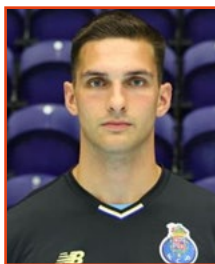
Linus Persson (GOG/DEN)
Pol Valera (Barça/ESP)
Timmy Petit (Limoges/FRA)
Marcus Dahlin (Baia Mare/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Fábio Magalhães (ABC/POR)
David Fernández (Caserio/ESP)
Victor Iturriza (Kuwait SC/KWT)
Pedro Valdés (Dinamo/ROU)
Diogo Oliveira (Dunkerque/FRA)
Pedro Salvador (Póvoa/POR)
Jakob Mikkelsen (unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
5	Borsteinn	Gunnarsson	ISL	Left back	13/11/2002	Iceland, ISL	208
8	Miguel	Oliveira	POR	Field player	13/01/2004	Valongo, POR	200
9	Pol	Valera	ESP	Centre back	19/08/1998	La Garriga, ESP	187
12	Sebastian	Abrahamsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	13/05/1990	Säve, SWE	195
13	Freddy	Lafontan	CUB	Left back	12/06/2005	Habana, CUB	197
14	Rui	Silva	POR	Centre back	28/04/1993	Guimarães, POR	185
C 15	Daymaro	Salina	POR	Line player	01/09/1987	Matanzas, CUB	200
18	Vasco	Costa	POR	Left back	02/12/2005	Matosinhos, POR	196
19	Mamadou	Diocou	ESP	Right wing	10/02/2000	Fassada, SEN	182
21	Leonel	Fernandes	POR	Left wing	12/03/1998	Vila Real, POR	191
22	Hugo	Carvalho	POR	Right wing	22/12/2007	Paredes, POR	187
23	Bernardo	Sousa	POR	Goalkeeper	23/02/2006	Valongo, POR	201
24	Antonio	Martínez	ESP	Right wing	17/05/2003	Leon, ESP	180
28	José	Ferreira	POR	Right wing	24/06/2005	Porto, POR	183
33	Diogo	Rêma	POR	Goalkeeper	17/03/2004	Vila Nova de Gaia, POR	189
37	Linus	Persson	SWE	Right back	16/04/1993	Fleninge, SWE	190
41	Marcus	Dahlin	SWE	Right back	29/05/1991	Odsma, SWE	203
44	Jesus	Hurtado	COL	Line player	16/05/2002	Buenaventura, COL	203
71	Pedro	Oliveira	POR	Left wing	04/07/2002	Valongo, POR	188
86	Ricardo	Brandão	POR	Line player	28/04/2004	Aveiro, POR	195
92	Timmy	Petit	FRA	Line player	16/10/2000	Baie Mahault, FRA	198
95	Francisco	Oliveira	POR	Centre back	09/11/2007	Valongo, POR	196
96	Pedro	Antunes	POR	Goalkeeper	26/09/2007	Vila Nova de Gaia, POR	190
97	Luís	Fernandes	POR	Left back	25/07/2006	Fafe, POR	198
98	Dinis	Silva	POR	Left wing	11/05/2005	Vila Nova da Telha, POR	181
99	Eduardo	Costa	POR	Line Player	29/04/2005	Fafe, POR	198



DIOGO RÊMA

 @diogorema16

Goalkeeper

- talented goalkeeper who has been a part of Porto's squad since the start of his professional career in 2020
- recorded the fourth-most saves of all goalkeepers in the EL 2024/25 season — 109
- became an asset to Portugal's national team at a young age and starred at the EURO 2024 and 2025 WCh
- was part of the All-star Team at the M18 EHF EURO 2022



POL VALERA

 @polvalera

Centre back

- Spanish international who arrived at Porto from Barça in the summer of 2025
- had joined Barça in January 2023 from Granollers, where his younger brother, Biel Valera, is still playing
- scored 61 goals in two EL seasons with Granollers between 2021 and 2023, then won the CL with Barça in 2024
- won bronze with Spain at his first participation in a WCh, in 2023

CL: 2024
WCh: B 2023



RUI SILVA

 @ruiisilva14

Centre back

- Portuguese international who has spent his entire career so far with domestic clubs
- previously played for Xico and five years for Porto's rivals Sporting, before ultimately joining Porto in 2015
- intelligent athlete and excellent playmaker, valuable asset for club and national team
- scored crucial goal for Portugal to help them qualify for Tokyo 2020 Olympics; part of the team that finished fourth at 2025 WCh, Portugal's best result so far



MAMADOU DIOCOU

 @diocou

Right wing

- Senegal-born Spanish wing, who has been on loan with Porto since January 2023
- was Porto's second top scorer in the EL 2024/25 season, with 50 goals
- moved from Senegal to Spain at age nine, worked his way up through the youth department of Barça
- played for Barça in their title-winning CL 2020/21 season; also played on loan for Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Logroño La Rioja

CL: 2021

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Kit colours

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Player shirt: blue
Player short: white
GK shirt: black/blue/purple

Priority 2

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue/white
GK shirt: black/blue/purple



Playing hall

Lambhagahöllin
Úlfarsbraut 126
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Capacity: 1,850

KNATTSPYRNUFÉLAGIÐ FRAM



Knattspyrnufélagið Fram started out as a Reykjavík-based football club, but with a successful handball department. They won the Icelandic handball championship for the 11th time in 2024/25, but it was their first title since 2013.

After the regular season, they ranked fourth, then eliminated Haukar in the quarter-finals and 2024 champions Hafnarfjörður in the semi-finals. Fram went on to claim three clear victories over Valur in the best-of-five series; they also won the Icelandic cup 2025.

- Knattspyrnufélagið Fram is a multi-sports club with a long history in handball, winning their first of meanwhile 11 domestic titles in 1950
- Fram's only participation in the EHF Champions League was in the 2006/07 season, when they lost all their six group matches
- the biggest international success followed in the next season, 2007/08, when they made it to the Last 16 of the EHF Challenge Cup
- Fram played their first European cup matches in October 2001, against Paris Saint-Germain in round 3 of the Challenge Cup

Their best-known player is Rúnar Kárasón, who left Fram in 2009 to play for nine years in Germany and two in Denmark, before he first returned to Vestmannaeyjar, then in 2023 to his home club Fram. The 37-year-old left-hander just extended his contract until 2026, but will also be the head of administration and a youth coach for the club.

One of the best Fram players of the 2024/25 season, Tryggvi Gardar Jonsson, left for Austrian side Alpla HC Hard before the 2025/26 season. Reynir Thor Stefánsson moved to Germany, joining fellow EHF European League participants MT Melsungen.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 2006/07

EHF Cup

Round 3 (1): 2008/09

Round 2 (1): 2009/10

Challenge Cup

Last 16 (1): 2007/08

Round 3 (2): 2001/02, 2004/05

Icelandic league: 11 titles (1950, 1962-64, 1966, 1967, 1970, 1972, 2006, 2013, 2025)

Icelandic cup: 2 titles (2000, 2025)





EINAR JÓNSSON

Coach

- former Fram player who returned as head coach in 2021 after an earlier stint
- ahead of the 2024/25 season, he extended his contract for two more years, as it now runs until 2026
- coached both the men's and the women's team of Fram in 2023/24; is also responsible for the development of the club's youth players
- led the women's team of Molde from the second to the top division in Norway between 2013 and 2015
- played with Fram in the Challenge Cup in 2001/02

ARRIVALS

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DEPARTURES

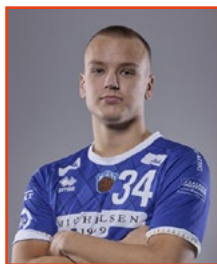
Reynir Þór Stefánsson (Melsungen/GER)

Tryggvi Garðar Jónsson (Hard/AUT)

Þorsteinn Gauti Hjálmarsson (Sandefjord/NOR)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Arnór	Daðason	ISL	Goalkeeper	07/12/2003	Reykjavik, ISL	196
2	Alex	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Left wing	10/11/2008	Reykjavik, ISL	181
4	Sigurður	Jónsson	ISL	Line player	15/08/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	193
5	Rúnar	Kárason	ISL	Right back	24/05/1988	Reykjavik, ISL	196
6	Torfi	Halldórsson	ISL	Left back	06/01/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	196
7	Max	Stenlund	ISL	Right back	25/04/2007	Reykjavik, ISL	195
C 8	Magnús	Øder Einarsson	ISL	Centre back	28/09/1997	Selfoss, ISL	191
9	Marel	Baldvinsson	ISL	Left back	10/09/2006	Reykjavik, ISL	193
10	Theodór	Sigurðsson	ISL	Left wing	04/05/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	180
12	Garpur	Gylfason	ISL	Goalkeeper	22/01/2005	Reykjavik, ISL	183
13	Eiður	Valsson	ISL	Right wing	16/09/2005	Reykjavik, ISL	179
14	Lúðvík	Arnkelsson	ISL	Centre back	16/05/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	190
16	Breki	Árnason	ISL	Goalkeeper	21/07/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	198
17	Tindur	Ingólfsson	ISL	Left back	10/03/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	188
18	Daniel	Reynisson	ISL	Line player	14/10/2005	Akureyri, ISL	188
19	Dánjal	Ragnarsson	FAR	Left back	13/03/2001	Tórshavn, FAR	194
21	Kjartan	Júlíusson	ISL	Right back	05/05/2004	Reykjavik, ISL	195
22	Dagur	Möller	ISL	Line player	26/03/2003	Reykjavik, ISL	191
24	Arnar	Magnússon	ISL	Right wing	24/02/1994	Reykjavik, ISL	186
27	Erlendur	Guðmundsson	ISL	Line player	14/10/2001	Reykjavik, ISL	197
34	Ívar	Styrmisson	ISL	Left wing	28/10/2000	Reykjavik, ISL	183
38	Kristófer	Gíslason	ISL	Line player	26/01/2008	Reykjavik, ISL	204
47	Arnþór	Sævarsson	ISL	Centre back	05/06/2005	Reykjavik, ISL	182



ÍVAR LOGI STYRMISSON

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Left wing

- former Icelandic youth international, has previous European cup experience
- played with ÍBV Vestmannaeyjar in the EHF Cup in 2018/19; later joined ÍF Grótta before arriving at Fram in 2022
- was his team's third top scorer, with 22 goals, when Iceland took bronze at the M17 European Open in 2017
- his brother, Hákon, is a left wing at Hagen in Germany and the Iceland national team



DÁNJAL RAGNARSSON

@danjalragnarsson

Left back

- Faroese international who returned to Iceland and joined Fram on loan in 2025 after a year with VÍF in his home country
- previously played briefly for Skanderborg, and for Vestmannaeyjar until 2024
- was VÍF's best scorer in the EC 2024/25, with 13 goals
- netted 32 times at the M17 European Open in 2017, far more than anyone else on the team; meanwhile part of the Faroe Islands senior national team



MAGNÚS ÓÐER EINARSSON

@magnusoder

Centre back

- Fram team captain who arrived at the club in 2022 from domestic rivals Selfoss
- just before the 2025/26 season, he extended his contract until 2027
- has European cup experience from his time at Selfoss, when they played in the EHF Cup in 2019/20
- struggled with a knee injury in the build-up to the 2025/26 season but was expected to be ready in time for the EL group matches



RÚNAR KÁRASON

@runarkarason

Right back

- former Icelandic international who, at 37, is the most player Fram's squad
- returned to the club of his youth in 2023; had joined Fram at age six in 1994 and stayed with them for the next 15 years
- spent nine seasons in Germany with clubs like Fühse, Löwen, and Hannover; also played in Denmark before moving back to Iceland in 2021 and joining Vestmannaeyjar
- combines playing at Fram with coaching their youth teams

GROUP D



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Kit colours

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Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: purple

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Tørringen Arena
Hamarvegen 112
2418 Elverum
Norway
Capacity: 2,500

ELVERUM HÅNDBALL



Elverum were Norwegian champions 10 years in a row until 2022, but have seen Kolstad picking up the trophy since. In the 2024/25 season, Elverum lost both play-off finals against the team from Trondheim.

After failing in the EHF European League 2024/25 qualification against eventual semi-finalists MT Melsungen, Elverum this time won both qualifiers against Bathco Bm. Torrelavega from Spain, with a clear aggregate result of 67:56. Their top scorer was Hungarian Dominik Mathe, who has returned to the club, with 13 goals in total.

- **Børge Lund has been Elverum coach since 2020; the former assistant coach of the Norwegian national team won the EHF Champions League with THW Kiel**
- **Elverum's best result in Europe is reaching the Cup Winners' Cup 2010/11 quarter-finals, where they lost to eventual champions VfL Gummersbach**
- **Elverum's top talent, Patrick Helland Anderson, transferred to Danish champions Aalborg in the summer of 2025**
- **the biggest names among the new arrivals are two players who have returned to Elverum: Kevin Gulliksen and Domink Mathe**

Except for Mathe and fellow Hungarian Péter Lukács, the current squad consists only of players from Norway, Sweden, and Iceland.

Elverum play the European League group matches for a second time, after their participation in 2023/24. They previously played eight consecutive seasons in the EHF Champions League. Twice, in 2021 and 2022, they proceeded to the play-offs, but saw their journey come to an end there, against Barça and Paris Saint-Germain, respectively.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Group matches (1): 2023/24

Qualification (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF Champions League

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Group Phase (5): 2015/16, 2016/2017, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

EHF Cup

Group Phase (1): 2012/13

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2010/11


Norwegian league: 13 titles (1995, 2008, 2012-19, 2021, 2022)

Norwegian cup: 5 titles (2010, 2019-22)





BØRGE LUND
Coach

 @louboega

- Norwegian former centre back who took over from Michael Apelgren as Elverum head coach in the summer of 2020
- Elverum is his second job as head coach after Bodø; also worked as an assistant with the Norwegian national team
- spent most of his playing career in Germany, competing for teams like THW Kiel, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, and Füchse Berlin
- won the CL with Kiel at the inaugural EHF FINAL4 in 2010
- retired from playing in 2016; played more than 200 matches and scored 390 goals for Norway between 2000 and 2014

EC trophies: CL 2010 (as player)

ARRIVALS

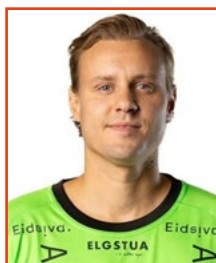
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Tryggvi Thorisson (Sävehof/SWE)
Sondre Gjerdalen (Arendal/NOR)
Dominik Mathe (PSG/FRA)
Kevin Gulliksen (Holstebro/DEN)
Marius Bakkedal Andersen (Elverum youth/NOR)
Albert Myreng Elverhøy (Elverum youth/NOR)
Viljar August Watne Guttormsen (Elverum youth/NOR)
Einar Johansen (Elverum youth/NOR)

DEPARTURES

Sindre Heldal (PSG/FRA)
Patrick Helland Anderson (Aalborg/DEN)
Mathias Larson (Löwen/GER)
Kristian Hubert Larsen (Fredericia/DEN)
Kasper Thorsen Lien (Stuttgart/GER)
Endre Langaas (Bodø/NOR)
Scott Wolkoff (Bodø/NOR)
David Lillegrend (Bodø/NOR)
Håkon Ekren (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Rickard	Frisk	SWE	Goalkeeper	03/12/1992	Stockholm, SWE	191
3	Mounir	Chehri	ALG	Left wing	04/06/1999	Fredrikstad, NOR	179
4	Mario	Matic	NOR	Centre back	23/07/1994	Stavanger, MKD	180
5	Anders	Pedersen	DEN	Line player	20/09/1998	Holstebro, DEN	205
6	Simen	Søgaard	NOR	Right wing	01/09/1999	Bærum, NOR	180
11	Mikkel	Solheim	NOR	Left back	19/03/2005	Langhus, NOR	188
12	Marius	Bakkedal-Andersen	NOR	Goalkeeper	21/02/2007	Elverum, NOR	195
13	Tryggvi	Þórisson	ISL	Line player	18/06/2002	Selfoss, ISL	200
17	Erik	Toft	NOR	Left back	14/11/1992	Elverum, NOR	192
19	Oscar	Starck	SWE	Line player	19/06/2004	Stockholm , SWE	196
20	Sondre	Gjerdalen	NOR	Line player	30/08/1999	Lillehammer , NOR	195
21	Eirik	Soløst	NOR	Left wing	19/10/2005	Elverum, NOR	185
23	Dominik	Mathe	HUN	Right back	01/04/1999	Nyiregyhaza, HUN	201
24	Vegard	Øien	NOR	Goalkeeper	08/07/1994	Elverum, NOR	191
C 25	Kristian	Stranden	NOR	Left back	23/05/1997	Stavanger, NOR	201
27	Péter	Lukács	HUN	Centre back	30/07/2002	Budapest , HUN	190
30	Einar	Johansen	NOR	Centre back	25/02/2008	Elverum, NOR	180
31	Albert	Elverhøy	NOR	Right back	01/07/2007	Elverum, NOR	204
32	Viljar	Guttormsen	NOR	Line player	31/08/2007	Elverum, NOR	194
34	Kevin	Gulliksen	NOR	Right wing	09/11/1996	Oslo, NOR	180
45	Benjamin	Berg	NOR	Right back	16/03/2003	Lillestrøm, NOR	198



RICKARD FRISK

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Goalkeeper

- Swedish international who joined Elverum in 2024 from Alingsås
- had several crucial stops and a save rate of 34% when Elverum beat Torrelavega in the EL 2025/26 qualification round
- previously played five European seasons, including one in the CL, with Alingsås
- had a stint in-between at Danish sides Kolding and Holstebro before returning to Alingsås in 2021

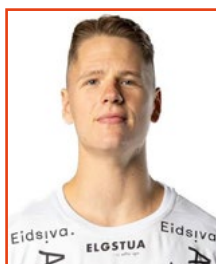


ERIK TOFT

 @eriktoft

Left back

- Norwegian international who returned in 2024 after a seven-year spell in Denmark
- played five seasons for Mors-Thy — including one in the EL, in 2021/22 — and two for Kolding in the meantime
- scored 10 times for Elverum against Torrelavega in the EL 2025/26 qualification round
- made his debut in a European club competition in the 2010/11 season — with Elverum in the EHF Cup; first played for the Norway national team in 2020

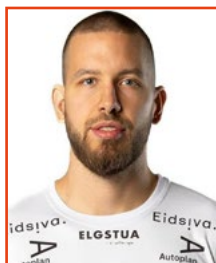


PÉTER LUKÁCS

 @lukacspepe27

Centre back

- Hungarian international who arrived at Elverum in 2023 on loan from Veszprém
- scored 11 goals in Elverum's wins over Torrelavega in the EL 2025/26 qualification
- a versatile and inspiring centre back, who came through the famous NEKA academy and has three seasons of CL experience
- won silver with the Hungarian under-21 national at the 2023 Junior WCh, where he was one of the team's top scorers; made his senior national team debut in 2024



DOMINIK MATHE

 @mathedominik

Right back

- Hungarian international who returned to Elverum in 2025, after an earlier stint in 2020-22 when he scored 114 CL goals for the Norwegian club
- played for PSG in 2022-24 before his planned move to Kielce was cancelled due to a knee injury; spent his recovery time at Elverum
- was the team's top scorer, with 13 goals, in the EL 2025/26 qualification round
- first played for the Hungary national team in 2019

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GK shirt: magenta

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Playing hall

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Capacity: 4,060

HC KRIENS-LUZERN



For the third time in a row, HC Kriens-Luzern have qualified for the EHF European League group matches. In 2023/24, they just missed out on a place in the main round. But last season, their journey ended in the play-offs, following a narrow defeat against Limoges Handball.

Facing former Slovenian champions RK Gorenje Velenje in this season's qualification was a challenge, but Kriens-Luzern achieved two wins and an aggregate result of 59:50. In both matches, Luca Sigris was their top scorer with seven goals each time.

- **HC Kriens-Luzern's star is line player Marin Sipic, silver medallist with Croatia at the 2025 WCh and player of the season in the Swiss league 2023/24**
- **in domestic competitions, Kriens-Luzern won the cup but lost in the league's semi-final to BSV Bern**
- **two of the club's youngsters move(d) to Germany: Gino Steenaerts to Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2025, Luca Sigris to MT Melsungen in 2026**
- **2025/26 is the eighth international season for the club**

Thomas Zimmerman has succeeded Croatian coach Zeljko Musa on the bench of Kriens-Luzern this season; Zimmerman had previously worked as assistant coach with the team since 2018.

Kriens-Luzern's transfers over the summer include Serbian international Marko Milosavljevic, who played for EHF Champions League 2024/25 semi-finalists HBC Nantes, Swiss national team goalkeeper Jannis Scheidiger, and Jerome Müller arrived from HBW Balingen-Weilstetten in his native Germany.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 5

Play-offs (1): 2024/25

Group Matches (1): 2023/24

Qualification (2): 2020/21; 2021/22

Other

EHF Cup

Qualification (2): 2014/15, 2017/18

Challenge Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Swiss league: –

Swiss cup: 2 titles (2023, 2025)





THOMAS ZIMMERMANN

Coach

- former Swiss international who has been part of HC Kriens-Luzern's coaching staff since 2019
- took over from Zeljko Musa as head coach in 2025, while also staying in his role as assistant to Switzerland national team head coach Andy Schmid
- started playing handball at Kriens in 1990 and worked his way up from the youth department to the senior team
- left in 2002 and played for several other Swiss clubs, including EL 2025/26 contenders BSV Bern, before returning and ultimately ending his playing career at Kriens

ARRIVALS

Jerome Müller (Balingen/GER)
Marko Milosavljevic (Nantes/FRA)
Jannis Scheidiger (Aarau/SUI)
Marc Bader (Amicitia/SUI)
Wyatt Aellen (Emmen/SUI)
Ben Zimmermann (Pilatus/SUI)
Quentin Fuchs (Pilatus/SUI)
Marc Bader (Amicitia/SUI)

DEPARTURES

Gino Steenaerts (Löwen/GER)
Dimitrij Küttel (Kadetten/SUI)
Finley Röttges (Amicitia/SUI)
Sandro Obranic (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sven	Näf	SUI	Goalkeeper	22/08/2004	Willisau, SUI	185
4	Wyatt	Aellen	SUI	Right wing	17/07/2005	Luzern, SUI	187
8	Luca	Sigrist	SUI	Centre back	04/10/2005	Luzern, SUI	186
9	Valentin	Wolfisberg	SUI	Right back	07/12/2004	Luzern, SUI	197
10	Milos	Orbovic	SRB	Right back	02/11/1993	Vrbas, SRB	193
11	Radojica	Cepic	MNE	Left back	29/07/2002	Pljevlja, MNE	194
12	Lou	Wey	SUI	Goalkeeper	29/05/2008	Zug, SUI	185
14	Marko	Milosavljevic	SRB	Left back	13/09/1998	Belgrad, SRB	197
15	Moritz	Oertli	SUI	Centre back	29/01/2001	Luzern, SUI	188
16	Kevin	Bonnefoi	FRA	Goalkeeper	03/12/1991	Toulon, FRA	190
C 17	Jerome	Müller	GER	Right back	15/10/1996	Werschweiler, GER	186
19	Nils	Epp	SUI	Right wing	11/07/2007	Altdorf, SUI	180
21	Ramon	Schlumpf	SUI	Left wing	02/11/1998	Zürich, SUI	187
22	Marin	Šipic	CRO	Line player	29/04/1996	Bad Soden, GER	190
23	Gino	Delchiappo	SUI	Back	07/08/1998	Luzern, SUI	192
24	Marc	Bader	SUI	Back	08/02/2001	Zürich, SUI	192
25	Jonas	Schelker	SUI	Centre back	09/04/1999	Ravensburg, GER	184
27	On	Langenick	SUI	Left wing	17/09/2001	Luzern, SUI	183
38	Jannis	Scheidiger	SUI	Goalkeeper	08/08/2002	Basel, SUI	193
40	Ben	Zimmermann	SUI	Wing	17/06/2009	Luzern, SUI	172
41	Quentin	Fuchs	SUI	Back	02/06/2008	Luzern, SUI	180
43	Neil	Röttges	SUI	Right back	05/05/2007	Luzern, SUI	178
44	Ylian	Sfar Gandoura	FRA	Line player	07/05/2008	Luzern, SUI	180
50	Rino	Hochuli	SUI	Right wing	04/06/2006	Luzern, SUI	181
57	Ammar	Idrizi	SUI	Right wing	17/09/2001	Sursee, SUI	183

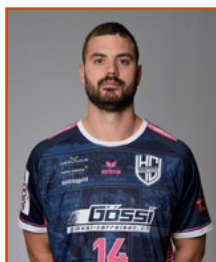


KEVIN BONNEFOI

 @bonnefoikevin

Goalkeeper

- French international who joined Kriens-Luzern in 2023 for his first club abroad
- arrived from Montpellier, which he had joined after they won the CL in 2018; then spent the 2018/19 season on loan with Toulouse and Nantes
- best goalkeeper of the French league in 2015/16 when playing for Cesson-Rennes
- made his national team debut for France in May 2021 but is not a regular call-up

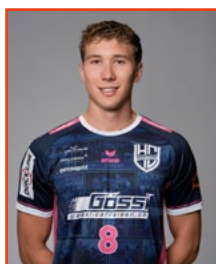


MARKO MILOSAVLJEVIC

 @markomilosavljevic

Left back

- Serbian international who arrived from CL contenders Nantes in 2025
- had joined the French club midway through the 2023/24 season from Leon; played in the EL with the Spanish side in 2021/22
- gained first European cup experience with Serbian club Zeleznicar in the Challenge Cup 2019/20
- scored 55 goals in 26 matches for the Serbia national team (as of September 2025)



LUCA SIGRIST

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Centre back

- among the biggest talents of Swiss handball, at 20 already a regular international
- netted 87 times and finished third on the overall top scorers list in the EL 2024/25, despite Kriens being eliminated in the play-offs
- scored 14 times in the qualification round for the EL 2025/26 against Velenje
- arrived at the club as a youth player in 2022, set to join MT Melsungen in 2026
- made his national team debut for Switzerland in November 2024



MARIN ŠIPIC

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Line player

- joined Kriens-Luzern in 2022 for his first club outside of Croatia
- contributed 78 goals as Kriens-Luzern's second top scorer to the club's run to the EL 2024/25 play-offs
- previously played three seasons in the CL with HC Zagreb
- Croatian international who won silver at the EURO in 2022 and the 2025 WCh

EURO: S 2022; WCh: S 2025

GROUP E PREVIEW

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS MEET INTERESTING OPPOSITION



The only non-German winners of the EHF European League face a German team that competed at the EHF Finals 2025, a group matches debutant, and a big name from Hungary in group E. Sport Lisboa e Benfica, the winners in 2021/22, are set to take on MT Melsungen, HF Karlskrona, and FTC-Green Collect in their attempt to make it to the main round.



The 2024/25 season was Melsungen's best in their club history. In the German Bundesliga they finished third; they were German cup finalists, losing to THW Kiel; and they qualified for the EHF Finals in Hamburg for the first time, where they finished fourth after losing to SG Flensburg-Handewitt and Kiel. Melsungen saw a few key players leave over the summer, including last season's EHF European League top scorer Ian Barrufet (back to Barça), Rogerio Moraes (Montpellier Handball), and Elvar Örn Jonsson (SC Magdeburg).

Big ambitions and a big signing

After failing to qualify for the inaugural EHF European League season in 2020/21, Benfica have always been part of the group matches. In addition to their 2022 trophy, they made it to the play-offs in 2024/25, when they lost to Danish side GOG. Last season, Jota Gonzalez's team finished third in the Portuguese league. The biggest signing of the summer was wing Mikita Vailupau, who arrived from One Veszprém HC.



Vailupau will know group matches opponents FTC. It is the fifth European cup season for the men's team of the Hungarian club. In their first European League season, 2022/23, FTC made it to the Last 16, but were outclassed by Montpellier. One year later, they qualified for the semi-finals of the EHF European Cup, but were defeated by Olympiacos from Greece. FTC finished the Hungarian league in 2024/25 ranked third, behind Veszprém and OTP Bank - PICK Szeged, and qualified directly for the group matches of the EHF European League. This was their best result after promotion to the first Hungarian league in 2018.

Debutants arrived in group E through qualification



The only team in group E advancing from the qualification round is HF Karlskrona. For the first time, the Swedish side have qualified for a European club competition, after they beating Polish side KGHM Chrobry Glogow twice in qualification, finishing the round with an aggregate advantage of 70:65. The hero of the crucial second qualification match on home ground was Faroese international Tróndur Mikkelsen, who arrived from Kristiansand Toppåhåndball (Norway) at the start of the season. He scored 11 goals in that match and 15 in total against Glogow.

Björn Pazen

I GROUP E HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP E

MT Melsungen vs FTC-Green Collect

No previous encounters in European competitions

MT Melsungen vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica 1-0-2 (82:77) 2:4

11.02.2017	MT Melsungen vs SL Benfica, EHF Cup – Group D	32:22 (15:11)
25.03.2017	SL Benfica vs MT Melsungen, EHF Cup – Group D	26:24 (12:14)
15.02.2020	SL Benfica vs MT Melsungen, EHF Cup – Group A	29:26 (16:11)

MT Melsungen vs HF Karlskrona

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Green Collect vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Green Collect vs HF Karlskrona

No previous encounters in European competitions

Sport Lisboa e Benfica vs HF Karlskrona

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Capacity: 4,300

MT MELSUNGEN



The 2024/25 season was MT Melsungen's best in their club history. In the German Bundesliga they finished third, just below the two Machineseker EHF Champions League finalists Füchse Berlin and SC Magdeburg; they were German cup finalists — but lost to THW Kiel; and qualified for the EHF Finals in Hamburg for the first time, and finished fourth.

In 2014/15 and 2016/17, Melsungen qualified for the quarter-finals of the EHF Cup. In 2020/21 they missed out on qualification for the EHF European League group phase.

- head coach Roberto Parrondo Garcia is one of the few who have won the EHF Champions League both as coach (Vardar) and as player (Ciudad Real)
- Melsungen will miss at least seven regulars due to injury at the start of the group matches, including goalkeeper Nebojsa Simic and Hans Aaron Mensing
- the height gap between MT's smallest and tallest players, Erik Balenciaga (1.69 metres) and Dainis Kristopans (2.15m), is 46 centimetres
- in the EHF European League 2024/25 season, Melsungen faced three different German clubs: THW Kiel, VfL Gummersbach, and SG Flensburg-Handewitt

The biggest names among their seven new arrivals this season are Swedish centre back Olle Forsell Schefvert (from Rhein-Neckar Löwen), Hungarian goalkeeper Kristóf Palasics (from One Veszprém HC), and Spanish line player Ruben Marchan (from Paris Saint-Germain).

On the other hand, last season's EHF European League top scorer Ian Barrufet returned to his home club in Barcelona, while Rogerio Moraes transferred to Montpellier Handball and Elvar Örn Jonsson joined SC Magdeburg.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Semi-finals (1): 2024/25

Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2014/15, 2016/17

German league: –

German cup: –





ROBERTO GARCIA PARRONDO

Coach

- former Spanish international who is one of the few to have won the CL both as player and as coach
- joined Melsungen since 2021; had started his coaching career as assistant with Vardar's women's team and the North Macedonia men's national side in 2017
- took over Vardar's men's team in 2018, won the CL in his first season; then coached Egypt from 2019-23, leading them to two African Championships and their first Olympic semi-final
- played for various Spanish clubs and was part of the golden generation at Ciudad Real until moving to Szeged in 2013

CL: 2008, 2009 (as player), 2019 (coach); CWC: 2005;
EHF Cup: 2014 (as player)
WCh: B 2011 (as player)

ARRIVALS

Olle Forsell Schefvert (Löwen/GER)
Kristóf Palasics (Vezprém/HUN)
Reynir Thor Stefánsson (Fram/ISL)
Rubén Marchán (PSG/FRA)
Uladzislau Kulesh (Hannover/GER)
Laszlo Bartucz (Tatabanya/HUN)

DEPARTURES

Adam Morawski (Kielce/POL)
Rogerio Moraes (Montpellier/FRA)
Elvar Örn Jonsson (Magdeburg/GER)
Jonathan Svensson (HØJ/DEN)
Ian Barrufet (Barça)
Felix Danner (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Ruben	Marchan	ESP	Line player	20/09/1994	Manzanares, ESP	204
4	Nikolaj	Enderleit	DEN	Right back	21/06/1997	Kolding, DEN	197
5	Leander	Altena	GER	Centre back	01/06/2006	Remscheid, GER	180
6	Erik	Balenciaga	ESP	Centre back	10/05/1993	Zarautz, ESP	169
7	David	Mandic	CRO	Left wing	14/09/1997	Ljubuski, BIH	187
8	Adrián	Sipos	HUN	Line player	08/03/1990	Szombathely, HUN	198
10	Dainis	Kristopans	LAT	Right back	27/09/1990	Ludza, LAT	215
11	Dimitri	Ignatow	GER	Right wing	30/11/1998	Kijewka, KAZ	174
13	Leon	Stehl	GER	Right wing	29/08/2006	Kassel, GER	185
16	Nebojsa	Simic	MNE	Goalkeeper	19/01/1993	Bar, MNE	192
18	Florian	Drosten	GER	Left wing	18/06/2004	Wermelskirchen, GER	187
20	Uladzislau	Kulesh	BLR	Left back	28/05/1996	Homel, BLR	206
21	Arnar	Arnarsson	ISL	Line player	14/03/1996	Reykjavík, ISL	201
23	Marti	Soler	ESP	Left wing	28/04/2003	barcelona, ESP	198
24	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left back	27/12/1996	Almada, POR	201
25	Olle	Forsell	SWE	Centre back	13/08/1993	Halmstadt, SWE	197
29	Friedrich	Schmitt	GER	Left back	03/10/2004	Reinbek, GER	208
32	Kristóf	Palasics	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/04/2002	Kistarcsa, HUN	199
33	Aaron	Mensing	DEN	Left back	11/11/1997	Gråsten, DEN	201
36	Pawel	Krawczyk	POL	Goalkeeper	07/07/2005	Warsaw, POL	190
40	Isaias	Guardiola	ESP	Right back	01/10/1984	Petrer, ESP	200
44	Jonas	Riecke	GER	Right back	11/01/2005	Groß-Umstadt, GER	196
53	Bruno	Eickhoff	GER	Line player	30/12/2003	Hamburg, GER	200
61	Laszlo	Bartucz	HUN	Goalkeeper	05/11/1991	Orosháza, HUN	197
71	Mohamed	Darmoul	TUN	Centre back	04/02/1998	Sousse, TUN	183
C 73	Timo	Kastening	GER	Right wing	25/06/1995	Stadthagen, GER	180
80	Carsten	Lichtlein	GER	Goalkeeper	04/11/1980	Würzburg, GER	202
91	Sadou	Ntanzi	FRA	Centre back	07/01/2000	Longjumeau, FRA	183



KRISTÓF PALASICS

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Goalkeeper

- new arrival from Veszprém, although he spent most of his time on loan; his loan periods saw him appear in the EL 2024/25 with Benfica and EL 2023/24 with La Rioja
- joined Veszprém as a youth player, signing with the club in 2018
- part of the Hungary A national team line-up for the first time at the 2023 WCh but properly debuted with the side in the EHF EURO Qualifiers a few months later
- now a crucial player for the national team; won silver at the 2023 Junior WCh



NIKOLAJ ENDERLEIT

 @nikolajenderleit

Right back

- arrived in 2024, Melsungen are the 28-year-old's first club outside his native Denmark
- scored 49 goals in the EL 2024/25, making him the side's second top scorer behind the overall competition leader Ian Barrufet
- in Denmark, played for Holstebro, Ribe-Esbjerg and Kolding; first appeared in European cup competitions with Kolding, scoring three goals in the CL 2015/16
- played in Denmark's YAC teams but is yet to break into the senior side



DAINIS KRISTOPANS

 @dainiskristopans

Right back

- Latvian international who arrived at Melsungen from PSG in 2023; in 2024/25, netted 43 goals in the EL and 110 in the Bundesliga
- at 215 cm, one of the tallest players in the game
- had his international breakthrough at Meshkov Brest, then joined Vardar in 2017 and helped them win the CL title for the second time two years later
- transferred to PSG partway through the 2019/20 season

CL: 2019



TIMO KASTENING

 @timokastening

Right wing

- team captain and German international who moved to Melsungen in 2020; scored 42 goals in the EL 2024/25 and 111 in the Bundesliga
- made his Bundesliga debut with Hannover at age 18, his only previous club
- awarded German Handball Player of the Year in 2019
- made his national team debut in 2019 but was not part of the 2024 OG silver medal; won M18 EHF EURO 2012 and M20 EHF EURO 2014, and bronze at 2015 junior WCh

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Playing hall

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Velencei út 39-41
2030 Érd
Hungary
Capacity: 2,200

FTC–GREEN COLLECT



It is the fifth European cup season for FTC in the men's competitions. In their first EHF European League season, 2022/23, FTC made it to the Last 16, but were outclassed by Montpellier Handball. One year later, the Budapest-based club qualified for the semi-finals of the EHF European Cup, but were defeated by Olympiacos from Greece.

FTC finished the Hungarian league in 2024/25 ranked third, below One Veszprém HC and OTP Bank - PICK Szeged, and therefore qualified directly for the group matches of the EHF European League.

- in 2024/25, FTC–Green Collect were eliminated in the EHF European League qualification round by Danish side Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- there have been few changes to the roster over the summer; the top signing was Hungarian international Péter Tóth, arriving from Csurgó
- FTC have not faced any of their three group opponents before in an European cup competition
- the handball department of the Ferencvaros club – nicknamed 'Fradi' – celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2025

This was their best result after promotion to the first Hungarian league in 2018. FTC have only been Hungarian men's champions once, in 1956, and they won the Hungarian cup in 1963.

FTC head coach is former Hungarian international István Pásztor, who was Hungarian champion with Veszprém 12 times and won the cup 11 times. The two most prolific players of the all-Hungarian squad are playmaker Máté Lékai and left back Bence Nagy, who has been FTC's best scorer in the Hungarian league five times in a row.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Last 16 (1): 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF European Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2023/24

Cup Winners' Cup

Round 3 (1): 2009/10


Hungarian league: 1 title (1956)

Hungarian cup: 1 title (1963)





ISTVÁN PÁSZTOR
Coach

 @pasztoristvan15

- a former left wing who became head coach of FTC in 2022
- in the 2024/25 season, led the side to their first podium finish in the Hungarian league since 2010/11, placing third
- started his coaching career with Hungary's YAC teams before taking the role at FTC
- reached 215 caps for Hungary as a player; three-time Hungarian player of the year, in 1996, 1999 and 2001
- on a club level, spent his career with Veszprém and Balatonfüred; was part of the Veszprém line-up that reached the CL final for the first time, in 2001/02

CWC: 2008 (as player)

ARRIVALS

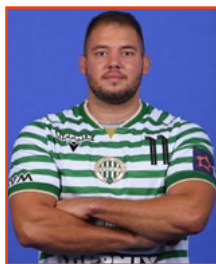
Péter Tóth (Csurgó/HUN)
Tamás Koller (Dabas/HUN)
Richárd Csanálosi (NEKA/HUN)

DEPARTURES

Máté Ónodi-Jánoskúti Máté (Nîmes/FRA)
Jakub Mikita (PLER/HUN)
Ádám Tóth (PLER/HUN)

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2	Péter	Tóth	HUN	Right wing	28/06/2000	Békéscsaba, HUN	183
3	Ákos	Török	HUN	Field player	22/06/2004	Budapest, HUN	194
8	Bence	Bodó	HUN	Back	23/01/2005	Mezőtúr, HUN	182
9	Dániel	Füzi	HUN	Line player	09/08/1996	Veszprém, HUN	183
11	Bence	Nagy	HUN	Left back	05/07/1995	Budapest, HUN	196
12	Ádám	Balogh	HUN	Goalkeeper	14/03/2006	Budapest, HUN	188
18	Richárd	Csanálosi	HUN	Right wing	12/10/2005	Eger, HUN	177
21	Sándor	Oláh	HUN	Field player	06/12/2006	Debrecen, HUN	183
22	Mátyás	Gyori	HUN	Centre back	02/02/1997	Debrecen, HUN	192
C 23	Dávid	Debreczeni	HUN	Line player	23/09/1992	Budapest, HUN	195
24	Ádám	Borbély	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/06/1995	Debrecen, HUN	198
25	Boldizsár	Kovács	HUN	Right wing	23/01/2007	Budapest, HUN	187
27	Gábor	Ancsin	HUN	Right back	27/11/1990	Békéscsaba, HUN	202
31	Dominik	Bredák	HUN	Field player	01/09/2006	Budapest, HUN	186
33	Tamás	Koller	HUN	Left back	30/09/1992	Budapest, HUN	197
34	Miklós	Karai	HUN	Line player	22/09/2002	Budapest, HUN	195
35	Márk	Mészáros	HUN	Centre back	15/01/2007	Budapest, HUN	191
39	Ádám	Juhász	HUN	Right wing	29/06/2005	Budapest, HUN	190
44	Viktor	Praimer	HUN	Left back	25/04/2001	Budapest, HUN	194
66	Máté	Lékai	HUN	Centre back	16/06/1988	Budapest, HUN	190
67	Kristóf	Gyori	HUN	Goalkeeper	25/06/2000	Debrecen, HUN	185
77	Kristóf	Csörgö	HUN	Centre back	17/03/2004	Eger, HUN	187
94	Bendegúz	Bujdosó	HUN	Right wing	10/12/1994	Székesfehérvár, HUN	181
96	Ádám	Horváth-Garaba	HUN	Field player	07/12/2007	Budapest, HUN	191
99	Péter	Kovacsics	HUN	Left wing	13/06/1994	Nagyatád, HUN	190



BENCE NAGY

 @nbence11

Left back

- arrived at FTC from Tatabánya in 2019; previously played for Budakalasz, Gyöngyös, and PLER, and made his European cup debut with Budakalasz in 2017/18
- scored his personal record of 98 goals in the EL 2022/23 and contributed 46 goals as FTC reached the semi-finals of the European Cup 2023/24
- top scorer of the Hungarian league three times: in 2015/16, 2021/22 and 2023/24
- has played for the Hungary A team but is not a regular member of the team



MÁTÉ LÉKAI

 @lekaimate

Centre back

- joined FTC in 2022 after eight years with Veszprém; reached the CL final three times
- made his Hungarian league debut for PLER in 2005/06; moved to Szeged in 2010 then to Celje in 2012, before arriving at Veszprém in 2014
- named Hungarian handball player of the year for 2017
- long-time national team player who announced his retirement from the side in September 2025; finished with a record of 592 goals in 198 matches

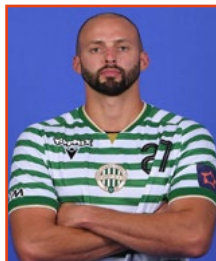


MÁTTYÁS GYÖRI

 @gyorimatyi

Centre back

- joined FTC in 2024; has played for Hungary but is not a regular in the national team
- started his career at Békés; also played for Balatonfüred, Veszprém, and Tatabánya
- a big talent early on, his career has been hindered by injuries; took silver and was All-star left back at M18 EHF EURO 2014, then All-star centre back at 2017 Junior WCh
- twice named Hungarian junior player of the year, for 2016 and 2017; top scorer of the Hungarian league in 2016/17



GÁBOR ANCSIN

 @ancsingabor27

Right wing

- Hungarian international who returned to FTC from Tatabánya ahead of the 2024/25 season; was with FTC the first time in 2018/19
- had stints with Szeged (2011–16) and Veszprém (2016–18); joined Tatabánya in 2019
- 2009–11 was his only period outside Hungary — with Rhein-Neckar Löwen in Germany, but he was out on loan to Friesenheim
- played 113 matches and scored 226 goals for Hungary as of September 2025

EHF Cup: 2014

GROUP E



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Player short: white
GK shirt: white

Priority 2

Player shirt: beige
Player short: beige
GK shirt: black



Playing hall

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Capacity: 1,540

SPORT LISBOA E BENFICA



Sport Lisboa e Benfica are the only non-German winners of the EHF European League trophy since its introduction in 2020/21. In 2022, they hosted the EHF Finals and stunned SC Magdeburg in the final.

After failing to qualify for the inaugural EHF European League season, Benfica have always been part of the competition, so 2025/26 marks their sixth season. In addition to their 2022 trophy, they made it to the Last 16 and, after the format change in 2023, to the play-offs one time each. Last season, they lost to GOG in the play-offs.

- the biggest signing of this summer was Belarusian wing Mikita Vailupau, who arrived from One Veszprém HC; Vailupau has been the top scorer of the SEHA Liga
- Benfica count on a strong and experienced goalkeeper duo, with Portuguese international Gustavo Capdeville and Brazilian No. 1 Rangel de Rosa
- one of the most interesting stories in Benfica's squad is Stiven Tobar Valencia, born in Colombia but holder of an Icelandic passport; he joined Benfica from Valur
- Benfica won the Portuguese Super Cup at the end of August, defeating Madeira SAD 26:18

In the 2024/25 season of the Portuguese league, Benfica finished third. They also ended the 'championship round' in the same spot, below champions Sporting Clube de Portugal and runners-up FC Porto. In total, Benfica have been Portuguese champions seven times — but have been waiting for title No. 8 for 17 years now.

Spanish coach Jota González has been with Benfica since 2023, after working as an assistant to Raul Gonzalez at Paris Saint-Germain. Since April 2025, González is also the coach of the Poland men's national team, succeeding Marcin Lijewski.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 6

Winners (1): 2021/22

Play-offs (1): 2024/25

Last 16 (1): 2022/23

Group matches (1) 2023/24

Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

Qualification (1): 2008/09

EHF Cup

Group phase (2): 2016/17, 2019/20 (*season cancelled due to pandemic*)

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Challenge Cup

Runners-up (2): 2010/11, 2015/16

Semi-finals (2): 2007/08, 2014/15

Portuguese league: 7 titles (1962, 1975, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 2008)

Portuguese cup: 6 titles (1985-87, 2011, 2016, 2018)





JESÚS JAVIER GONZÁLEZ

Coach

- Spanish coach who arrived at Benfica in 2023 after five years with PSG in France as assistant coach under Raul Gonzalez
- also works as head coach of the Poland men's national team, since April 2025
- led La Rioja in his first head coach role for 11 years (2007–18); steered the side to their first European cup competition based on the 2008/09 domestic results
- started his coaching career as assistant at Valladolid; also worked with YAC teams at the club
- named best coach of the ASOBAL league in 2010/11 and again in 2012/13

ARRIVALS

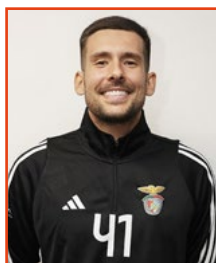
Rangel da Rosa (Saint-Raphaël/FRA)
Pau Oliveras (Saran/FRA)
Kristian Olsen (Ystad/SWE)
Alejandro Barbeito (Créteil/FRA)
El Korchi (Ciudad de Logroño/ESP)
Mikita Vailupau (Veszprém/HUN)
Reinier Taboada (Fredericia/DEN) and
Javi Rodríguez (Barça)

DEPARTURES

Kristóf Palasics (Melsungen/GER)
Gabriel Sequeira (Póvoa/POR, on loan)
Ole Rahmel (retired)
Rui Baptista (Nava/ESP, on loan)
Filip Taleski (Vardar/MKD)
Demis Grigoras (Tatabánya/HUN)
João Bandeira (Nava/ESP, on loan)
Egon Hanusz (Cesson-Rennes/FRA)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Miguel	Sanchez-Migallon	ESP	Left wing	08/02/1995	Ciudad Real, ESP	200
4	Christopher	Hedberg	SWE	Right wing	08/08/1992	Karlstad, SWE	193
5	Gabriel	Cavalcanti	POR	Left back	30/04/2004	Almada, POR	197
6	Miguel	Mendes	POR	Centre back	03/03/2008	Almada, POR	190
7	Stiven	Valencia	ISL	Left wing	27/10/2000	Cali, ISL	184
9	Pau	Oliveras	ESP	Left back	11/12/1998	Barcelona, ESP	183
10	Kristian	Olsen	DEN	Right back	21/03/2000	Faaborg, DEN	198
C 11	Bélone	Moreira	POR	Centre back	01/06/1990	Lisboa, POR	180
15	Alejandro	Barbeito	ESP	Centre back	08/08/2001	Barcelona, ESP	182
16	Rangel	da Rosa	BRA	Goalkeeper	11/05/1996	Seara, BRA	191
20	Fábio	França Silva	POR	Line player	29/01/2001	Rio Meão, POR	186
21	Aldo	Pagliotta	ESP	Line player	02/09/2006	Barcelona, ESP	191
22	Alexis	Borges	POR	Line player	06/10/1991	Villa Clara, CUB	198
23	Ismael	El Korchi	ESP	Centre back	19/03/2001	Alcalá de Henares, ESP	195
24	Ander	Izquierdo	ESP	Centre back	01/05/2000	Pamplona, ESP	182
25	Edijeso	Quaresma	POR	Centre back	26/05/2006	Água Grande, STP	175
31	Gustavo	Sousa	POR	Left wing	02/02/2006	Porto, POR	180
41	Gustavo	Capdeville	POR	Goalkeeper	31/08/1997	Lisboa, POR	190
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right wing	30/07/1995	Vitebsk, BLR	187
65	Bernardo	Almeida	POR	Goalkeeper	14/06/2005	Vila Franca, POR	188
97	Reinier	Taboada	CUB	Left back	02/06/1997	Havana, CUB	193
99	Javier	Rodríguez Moreno	ESP	Line player	22/07/2002	Madrid, ESP	200



GUSTAVO CAPDEVILLE

Goalkeeper

- Portuguese international, returned to Benfica in 2019 after two seasons at Madeira, has otherwise always played for Benfica
- with Madeira, reached the European Cup semi-finals in 2017/18 and final in 2018/19
- part of all the Portugal's biggest achievements in recent years — returning to the EHF EURO in 2020, qualifying for the 2020 OG and reaching the 2025 WCh semi-finals
- made 66 saves at a rate of 30 per cent at the 2025 WCh

EL: 2022



BÊLONE MOREIRA

 @belone_moreira

Centre back

- Benfica's top scorer in the EL 2024/25 of those remaining in the line-up, with 43 goals; a stalwart in the club's line-up, having played for the side since 2015
- contributed 41 goals to Benfica's EL title win in 2021/22
- first appeared on an international club level with Belenenses in the EHF Cup 2008/09
- part of the Portugal team that made the long-awaited return to the EHF EURO in 2020 and WCh in 2021; his last appearance after 36 caps was in April 2022

EL: 2022



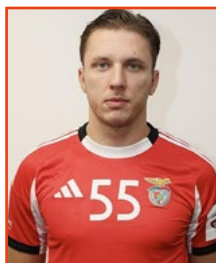
ALEXIS BORGES

 @alexisborges22

Line player

- Cuban-born former Portuguese international, who joined Benfica in 2021 from Montpellier HB, where he spent one season
- a key force in attack and defence; scored 35 goals in the EL 2024/25; won the EL in his first season with Benfica and scored 42 goals that international season
- previously spent six seasons with FC Porto and one year on loan with Barça
- debuted for Portugal in 2017; retired in 2024 after 65 caps and 110 goals

EL: 2022



MIKITA VAILUPAU

 @mikitavailupau

Right wing

- new arrival at Benfica, coming from three seasons at Veszprém
- came to international prominence around the 2019/20 season, when he netted 51 goals for Meshkov Brest in the CL and was second top scorer of the EURO
- third top scorer of the CL 2020/21, when he reached a career-high of 93 goals
- made his Belarus national team debut in 2015

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Kit colours

Priority 1

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

Priority 2

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

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Capacity: 2,619

HF KARLSKRONA



For the first time ever, HF Karlskrona have qualified for an EHF European club competition, after beating Polish side Chrobry Glogow twice in qualification for the EHF European League 2025/26, finishing the round with an aggregate win of 70:65. Best shooter was new arrival Trondúr Mikkelsen — the centre back contributed 15 goals in total.

Karlskrona were founded in 1938 as Hästö IF, the predecessor of HIF Karlskrona. When HIF and Karlskrona Handboll merged three years ago, the club continued under their current name — HF Karlskrona.

- **HF Karlskrona were founded in the 1930s and were a club mainly for Swedish navy soldiers until the 1950s**
- **one of their biggest summer transfers was the signing of Icelandic international Arnór Viðarsson, who previously played for Fredericia and Bergischer HC**
- **Viðarsson's compatriot Olafur Gudmundsson is the most experienced player in the young squad; he has played in Iceland, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland**
- **the squad is composed of players from five nations: Estonia, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Serbia, and Sweden**

Head coach Mathias Ekstrand played in the past for Hammarby IF, where his coaching career also began, followed by four seasons at Tyresö. The 2025/26 season is his sixth as Karlskrona's head coach. Since April 2025, Ekstrand is also coach of the Swedish youth national team.

Ekstrand steered Karlskrona into the Swedish league play-offs in 2024/25, but the club lost in the quarter-finals to Sävehof after finishing fourth in the regular season.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

Swedish league: —


Swedish cup: —





MATHIAS EKSTRAND

Coach

 @mathiasekstrand

- Swedish coach who became in charge of Karlskrona in 2020
- in the autumn of 2025, began a tandem role as head coach of the Sweden boys' 2010/11 generation
- from 2023 to after the summer 2025 YAC competitions, he worked as assistant coach of the Sweden men's 2006/07 generation
- started his coaching career at Tyresö Handboll in Sweden's second division; was assistant from 2016 to 2018 then became head coach in 2018

ARRIVALS

Trondur Mikkelsen (Kristiansand/NOR)
Emil Hansson (Drammen/NOR)
Arnor Vidarsson (Frederica/DEN)
Emil Arthursson (Drott/SWE)
Jonathan Andersson (Ystad/SWE)

DEPARTURES

Fredrik Hellgren (Tyresö/SWE)
Phil Döhler (Sandefjord/NOR)
Linus Andersson (retired)
Dagur Kristjánsson (Vinslöv/SWE)
Thorgils Baldursson (Valur/ICE)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
C	1	Uros	Tomic	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/08/1992	Knjazevac, SRB	192
	2	William	Svahn	SWE	Line player	25/11/2004	Karlskrona, SWE	200
	3	Filip	Psajd	SWE	Left wing	22/06/1999	Växjö, SWE	184
	4	Luka	Sotra	SWE	Left back	22/04/2005	Knivsta, SWE	190
	5	Axel	Söderqvist	SWE	Left back	06/03/2001	Växjö, SWE	195
	6	Markus	Viitkar	EST	Line player	14/01/1998	Tallin, EST	192
	7	Isak	Larsson	SWE	Centre back	07/01/2003	Kristianstad, SWE	185
	8	Hugo	Sivertsson	SWE	Right back	27/06/2001	Halmstad, SWE	195
	10	Albin	Stenberg	SWE	Line player	05/05/1994	Halmstad, SWE	190
	11	Tróndur	Mikkelsen	FAR	Centre back	01/07/2000	Tórshavn, FAR	190
	12	Melvin	Hildingsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	24/06/2005	Ronneby, SWE	188
	13	Olafur	Gudmundsson	ISL	Left back	13/05/1990	Hafnarfjordur, ISL	194
	16	Emil	Arthursson	SWE	Goalkeeper	28/01/2000	Helsingborg, SWE	205
	20	Arnór	Viðarsson	ISL	Left back	13/03/2002	Vestmannaeyjar, ISL	190
	22	Karl	Jönsson	SWE	Right wing	04/02/2001	Jönköping, SWE	193
	30	Emil	Hansson	SWE	Right wing	24/04/1996	Kristianstad, SWE	181
	35	Ville	Johnsson	SWE	Line player	08/09/2006	Karlskrona, SWE	190
	73	Noah	Martinsson	SWE	Left wing	22/04/2004	Karlshamn, SWE	180
	77	Jonathan	Andersson	SWE	Right back	18/01/2004	Ystad, SWE	190
	94	Tobias	Nordahl	SWE	Left back	28/04/1994	Karlshamn, SWE	194



UROS TOMIC

 @urke_tomic

Goalkeeper

- team captain who arrived at Karlskrona in 2018 from one season at Arendal in Norway
- gained his only previous international club experience in the EHF Cup 2017/18
- first left his native Serbia to play in Türkiye, where he spent one season each with Gençlebirliği (2014/15), Zagnos (2015/16), and Bursa Nilüfer (2016/17)
- started his career at Zaječar from 2009 to 2013 then moved to Morava Velika Plana for 2013/14; played for Serbia's YAC teams but has not graduated into the A side

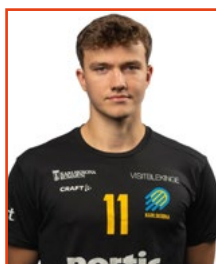


OLAFUR GUDMUNDSSON

 @oligudmund

Left back

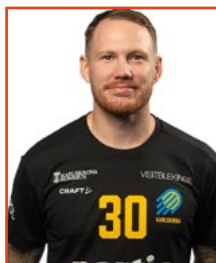
- Iclander who joined Karlskrona in 2023, returning to Sweden, where he previously played for Kristianstad; has now played for nine clubs in six countries outside Iceland
- was with Kristianstad from 2012-14 and again from November 2015 to 2021 — by far his longest-term club; the gap was his time in Hannover in Germany
- scored over 50 goals three CL seasons in a row for IFK; his record is 58 in 2018/19
- has just under 150 caps for Iceland; started his career at Hafnarfjörður



TRÓNDUR MIKKELSEN

Centre back

- Faroese international who arrived at Karlskrona ahead of the 2025/26 season
- scored 15 goals in the two-leg qualification round, including 11 in the decisive second match versus Chobry Glogow; this is his first European cup season
- played for Skjern's YAC teams and Nyborg in Denmark; Viking, Ryger and Kristiansand in Norway; and Neistin in Faroe Islands
- part of the Faroe Islands team that qualified for the EHF EURO 2024 and 2026



EMIL HANSSON

 @emilhansson

Right wing

- new arrival in 2025, returning to his native Sweden from Drammen HK in Norway
- contributed 12 goals in the two-leg EL 2025/26 qualification round; scored 33 goals for Drammen in the European Cup 2024/25
- previously part of IFK Kristianstad's squads for the EHF Cup 2014/15 and CL 2015/16; also played for Eskiltuna, Helsingborg, Bergischer HC, and TIF Viking
- represented Sweden on a YAC level; best defender of the M19 European Open 2015

GROUP F PREVIEW



FOUR CONTENDERS ENTER TIGHT RACE TO MAIN ROUND

The battle for the top two spots in group F promises to be one of the most unpredictable in the EHF European League group matches this season. Two-time EHF Champions League winners HC Vardar 1961 are up against FENIX Toulouse and MRK Sesvete, who also competed in the group matches last season, as well as returning side IFK Kristianstad, as the four teams are determined to be involved in the race for the top two.



Vardar's quality and squad depth is impressive. As of the start of the season they are led by legendary former wing player Ivan Cupic, who took over as head coach from Guillermo Milano during the summer. The pressure is on for the Croatian coach to perform well both in the Macedonian Superleague as well as on European level. The revamped squad has been strengthened with two hands full of new signings, including the likes of Nicolas Bono, Jaka Malus and Filip Taleski.

Stakes are high for all participants

After Toulouse's impressive 2024/25 season, the stakes are high for the new campaign, and the French club is aiming to at least replicate the success of reaching the EHF European League play-offs last year. Danijel Andjelkovic's squad boasts both youth and experience, and Toulouse certainly are aiming for a spot in the main round.



Kristianstad are on par with Toulouse in terms of quality on paper, although the Swedish club did the chance to show their strength in the group matches, after they lost in qualification round to Fraikin BM. Granollers. But now they are back in the EHF European League group matches and are looking to go further. The club may appear to lack the necessary experience to go far in the competition at first glance, but their young and talented squad is likely to cause problems for their any rival on the court.

Building on the experience from last season

Sesvete are also back in the group matches following their debut last season. The club overcame the challenge posed by MRK Dugo Selo in a Croatian derby in the qualification round in order to secure their place in group F. With Igor Vori back on the bench, who replaced Željko Babić in mid-September after the newly appointed coach stepped down from his role, Sesvete will build on their experience from last season. Back then their journey ended after the group matches, so the aim is to prolong their stay and get to the main round in 2025/26.



Filip Mishov

I GROUP F HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP F

IFK Kristianstad vs HC Vardar 0-0-8 (206:250) 0:16

04.10.2015	IFK Kristianstad vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:30 (13:15)
20.02.2016	HC Vardar vs IFK Kristianstad, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	38:36 (21:19)
25.09.2016	IFK Kristianstad vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	23:28 (12:15)
12.03.2017	HC Vardar vs IFK Kristianstad, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:29 (17:13)
04.11.2017	IFK Kristianstad vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	23:26 (10:15)
02.12.2017	HC Vardar vs IFK Kristianstad, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:15 (14:8)
22.09.2018	HC Vardar vs IFK Kristianstad, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:25 (19:10)
23.02.2019	IFK Kristianstad vs HC Vardar, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	30:32 (17:16)

IFK Kristianstad vs FENIX Toulouse

No previous encounters in European competitions

IFK Kristianstad vs MRK Sesvete

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Vardar 1961 vs FENIX Toulouse 1-0-1 (50:46) 2:2

30.01.1999	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs Sporting Toulouse 31, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	26:19 (12:7)
07.02.1999	Sporting Toulouse 31 vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	27:24 (14:12)

HC Vardar 1961 vs MRK Sesvete

No previous encounters in European competitions

FENIX Toulouse vs MRK Sesvete

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

Priority 1

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Player short: white
GK shirt: dark grey

Priority 2

Player shirt: navy blue
Player short: navy blue
GK shirt: orange



Playing hall

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Västra Storgatan 1
29154 Kristianstad
Sweden
Capacity: 4,800

IFK KRISTIANSTAD



The Swedish club endured a difficult campaign last season, as Anders Hallberg's squad faced an early elimination in the national play-offs and also missed out on reaching the EHF European League group matches, after being eliminated by Fraikin BM. Granollers in the qualification round.

Now, the club is targeting improvement, both domestically and on the European stage, with Anders Hallberg still at the helm and a young roster at his disposal, led by the former Industria Kielce left back Elliot Stenmalm and the talented centre back Axel Månsson.

- **IFK Kristianstad are nine-time champions of Sweden, with the most recent title won in 2023**
- **reaching the quarter-finals back in 2020/21 is the club's biggest success in EHF European League**
- **they competed in the EHF Champions League for five straight seasons, with reaching the Last 16 in 2017/18 the standout result**
- **they count on a young and talented squad led by Anders Hallberg**
- **the legendary Markus Olsson, who is the club's all-time top scorer, retired at the end of last season**

Reaching the EHF European League quarter-finals back in 2020/21 is IFK Kristianstad's greatest achievement in the second-tier club competition, while the last time the Swedish club played in the group matches was back in 2023/24.

However, surpassing or even matching their best result will take a lot of effort, given the fierce competition in group F. Although one thing is certain — underestimating IFK Kristianstad's talent would be a costly mistake, as their squad possesses the potential to surprise anyone, if given the chance.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 5

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

Group matches (1): 2023/24

Qualification (2): 2022/23, 2024/25

Other

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2017/18

Group phase (4): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20

EHF Cup

Group phase (1): 2013/14

Swedish league: 9 titles (1941, 1948, 1952, 1953, 2015-18, 2023)

Swedish cup: 1 title (2023)





ANDERS HALLBERG

Coach

- former centre back who was appointed head coach of Kristianstad in 2024
- had started coaching at Hallby two years earlier, after retiring as a player at Norwegian side Sandefjord in 2021/22
- spent over 13 years of his playing career at Lugli, scoring more than 1,000 goals and setting the record for most matches played for the club
- also played for Bjerringbro in Denmark and for Runar and ultimately Sjøndal in Norway
- won gold at the 2007 Junior WCh and silver at the M20 EHF EURO in 2006, but played just three matches in total for the senior national team, in 2013

ARRIVALS

William Höghelm (Sporting/POR)
Hayder Al-Khafadji (Baia Mare/ROU)
Liam Kjellman (Vinslöv/SWE)

DEPARTURES

Andreas Cederholm (retired)
Sasser Sonn (PAUC/FRA)
Zoran Bosic (Skövde/SWE)
Hugo Frank (Vinslöv/SWE)
Elias Karlsson (Åhus/SWE)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Victor	Bang	DEN	Goalkeeper	30/07/1999	Frederiksbund, DEN	198
3	Elliot	Stenmalm	SWE	Left back	04/05/2002	Växjö, SWE	200
4	Markus	Olsson	SWE	Left back	31/03/1990	Karlshamn, SWE	186
c 6	Philip	Henningsson	SWE	Left back	14/06/1995	Hörby, SWE	196
7	Axel	Månsson	SWE	Centre back	10/05/2005	Löddebygden, SWE	178
9	Anton	Hallbäck	SWE	Right back	15/01/1996	Göteborg, SWE	186
10	William	Höghjelm	SWE	Line player	30/11/1999	Torslanda, SWE	186
12	Victor	Hedberg	SWE	Goalkeeper	01/12/2000	Lund, SWE	188
14	Albin	Leyman	SWE	Left wing	02/04/2003	Bäckaskog, SWE	180
16	Ossian	Oredsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	05/06/2008	Sölvesborg, SWE	172
20	Emil	Frend-Öfors	SWE	Left wing	13/09/1994	Gideonsberg, SWE	193
22	Einar	Aðalsteinsson	ISL	Left back	08/02/2002	Reykjavik, ISL	192
28	Theo	Ivarsson	SWE	Left back	22/05/2006	Kristianstad, SWE	193
30	Anton	Halén	SWE	Right wing	28/11/1990	Helgum, SWE	192
40	Ludvig	Svanström	SWE	Line player	09/03/2006	Skepparslöv, SWE	176
41	Benjamin	Frank	SWE	Left wing	20/09/2006	Kristianstad, SWE	190
42	Albin	Selin	SWE	Right wing	17/11/2001	Hel Trefaldighet, SWE	173
43	Love	Barnestam	SWE	Right wing	07/09/2007	Åhus, SWE	190
44	Noah	Kjellman	SWE	Left back	20/04/2007	Kristianstad, SWE	183
45	Hannes	Ohlsson	SWE	Right back	08/03/2007	Kristianstad, SWE	182
46	Herman	Josefsson	SWE	Line player	22/02/2003	V Skepparslöv, SWE	195
47	Svante	Björman	SWE	Goalkeeper	07/09/2006	Österåker, SWE	195
49	Isaac	Biel Nielsen	SWE	Right back	19/01/2004	Åhus, SWE	185
97	Hayder	Al-Khafadi	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/09/1997	Ångered, SWE	180



VICTOR BANG

 @skjellerupbang

Goalkeeper

- signed with Kristianstad in 2023 after two seasons at another Swedish side, Skövde
- started his career at GOG, the club in his native Denmark which he had already joined as a youth player
- the EHF Cup 2018/19 marked his first appearance in a European cup competition; GOG missed the quarter-finals on goal difference
- played with Denmark at the M18 and M20 EHF EUROs in 2016 and 2018



PHILIP HENNINGSSON

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Left back

- returned to Kristianstad in 2021 after one season with Wetzlar in Germany
- previously played five seasons for IFK, after arriving from Ystad in 2015; had started to play handball at age seven at Lågan
- scored 87 goals in his first two CL seasons with Kristianstad, between 2016 and 2018
- made his debut for the Sweden national team in 2017, won EHF EURO silver in 2018

EURO: S 2018



AXEL MÅNSSON

Centre back

- talented playmaker who combines creativity, tactical intelligence, and outstanding game management; joined Kristianstad from Lugi in the summer of 2024
- was top scorer of the Swedish league, with 169 goals, in his last season with Lugi; then netted 147 times in his first season with Kristianstad
- named All-star centre back of the M18 EHF EURO 2022, where Sweden took silver; meanwhile added to the squad of the senior national team



WILLIAM HÖGHJELM

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Line player

- one of Kristianstad's new arrivals in 2025, joining from CL contenders Sporting
- spent one season in Portugal, after one season with Nantes in France
- had his breakthrough at Redberglids IK, becoming the line player with the most goals scored in the Swedish league in two straight seasons
- played for several Sweden YAC national teams but has not become a regular yet for the senior team

GROUP F



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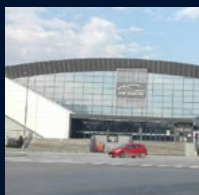
Kit colours

Priority 1

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

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Sport Center Jane Sandanski

Bul. Asnom No. 1
1000 Skopje
North Macedonia
Capacity: 5,000

HC VARDAR 1961



The two-time EHF Champions League winners are back in the EHF European League group matches, following a dramatic defeat to eternal rivals HC Eurofarm Pelister in the final round of the Macedonian league last season. However, HC Vardar 1961 did win the domestic cup.

Now Ivan Cupic is taking over as head coach. The Croatian former wing player spent five years in Skopje during his playing career and was part of the club's golden years, which includes his buzzer-beater in the EHF Champions League final in 2017.

- the two-time EHF Champions League winners – in 2017 and 2019 – are back in the group matches, and this time with a new coach: Ivan Cupic
- Vardar are 15-time Macedonian champions, but just failed to add title No. 16 last season and finished runners-up to HC Eurofarm Pelister
- club icon Stojanche Stoilov has left his role of assistant coach after the end of last season
- 10 new signings joined the club over the summer, including Milosz Walach and Filip Taleski, as Vardar aim to take the next steps on the European ladder

With 10 new signings and the likes of Jaka Malus, Nicolas Bono and Filip Taleski spearheading the list of new additions, the newly-appointed coach is tasked with winning the Super League title domestically and securing a place in the EHF European League quarter-finals, according to the club's president Mihajlo Mihajlovski.

Furthermore, Vardar's squad depth places them as one of the favourites to progress from group F, especially with their passionate and faithful supporters behind them at the Jane Sandanski arena in Skopje.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Qualification (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (2): 2016/17, 2018/19

Semi-finals (1): 2017/18

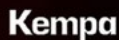
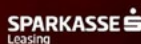
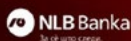
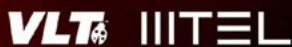
Quarter-finals (3): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-finals (3): 1998/99, 2004/05, 2010/11

Macedonian league: 15 titles (1999, 2001-04, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015-19, 2021, 2022)

Macedonian cup: 17 titles (1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2014-18, 2021-23, 2025)





IVAN CUPIC

Coach

- Croatian legend who returned to Vardar as coach in 2025; started his coaching career with a brief stint as assistant at Zagreb in 2024, after retiring as a player at that club
- next led Croatian side Metkovic in early 2025, then signed with Vardar
- spent five years at Vardar (2016-21) as a player, and in total 16 years abroad, in a career that also included stops at Velenje, Löwen, and Kielce
- became the first player to win the EHF FINAL4 two years in a row: in 2016 with Kielce, in 2017 with Vardar; won the CL again with Vardar in 2019

CL 2016, 2017, 2019

OG: B 2012; EURO: S 2008, 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016;

WCh: S 2009, B 2013

ARRIVALS

Milosz Walach (Kielce/POL)
Mahamadou Keita (Puente Genil/ESP)
Filip Taleski (Benfica/POR)
Jaka Malus (Slovan/SLO)
Nicolas Bono (Ivry/FRA)
Uros Mitrovic (Toulouse/FRA)
Marek Marciniak (Azoty-Pulawy/POL)
Wiktor Jankowski (Kalisz/POL)
Kristian Anastasovski (Tikvesh/MKD)
Haruki Kawada (Japan)

DEPARTURES

Marko Srdanovic (Vojvodina/SRB)
Stefan Petric (Ohrid/MKD)
Matija Nikolic (Vojvodina/SRB)
Mladen Krsmancic (unknown)
Tomislav Jagurinovski (Dessau/GER)
Achref Margheli (Tunis/TUN)
Mihail Alarov (Alkaloid/MKD)
Lars Kooij (Bergischer HC/GER)

I TEAM ROSTER

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1	Marko	Bogdanovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	30/03/2001	Skopje, MKD	183
2	Mario	Stojanovski	MKD	Left wing	08/09/2004	Skopje, MKD	182
4	Nicolas	Bono	ARG	Centre back	16/08/1997	Buenos Aires, ARG	179
C 9	Goce	Georgievski	MKD	Right wing	12/02/1987	Skopje, MKD	185
10	Mahamadou	Keita	FRA	Left wing	18/07/1995	Paris, FRA	190
12	Miguel	Espinha Ferreira	POR	Goalkeeper	20/07/1993	Lisboa, POR	190
13	Uros	Mitrovic	SRB	Right back	13/09/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	198
14	Mario	Tankoski	MKD	Centre back	28/08/1998	Struga, MKD	190
17	Kristijan	Stamenkovic	MKD	Right back	22/03/2005	Skopje, MKD	188
18	Milan	Lazarevski	MKD	Line player	09/02/1997	Skopje, MKD	193
21	Marek	Marciniak	POL	Right wing	21/09/1995	Bydgoszcz, POL	188
24	Dmytro	Horiha	UKR	Left back	08/10/1997	Kyiv, UKR	196
25	Milosz	Walach	POL	Goalkeeper	23/11/2001	Rzeszow, POL	196
27	Kristijan	Anastasovski	MKD	Line player	12/04/1997	Mak. Kamenica, MKD	185
28	Filip	Taleski	MKD	Left back	28/03/1996	Krusevo, MKD	200
41	Haruki	Kawada	JPN	Centre back	03/08/2005	Ibaraki, JPN	176
66	Jaka	Malus	SLO	Centre back	15/06/1996	Celje, SLO	190
71	Miguel	Pinto	POR	Right wing	26/04/1999	St.MariadaFeira, POR	194
77	Alen	Kjosevski	MKD	Right wing	07/06/2001	Skopje, MKD	183
78	Wiktor	Jankowski	POL	Line player	12/10/2001	Plock, POL	200
87	Vuko	Borozan	MNE	Left back	09/04/1994	Cetinje, MNE	202
99	Vasil	Gogov	MKD	Goalkeeper	11/03/2000	Strumica, MKD	190

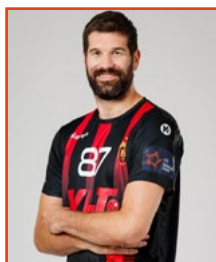


FILIP TALESKI

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Left back

- Macedonian international who rejoined Vardar in 2025 after two seasons with Benfica
- previously spent three seasons at Vardar, from 2020-23; also played for German clubs, including Löwen, in the past
- had his breakout season in 2016/17, scoring 41 goals for Metalurg in the CL
- scored 54 and 63 goals, respectively, for the Macedonian YAC national teams at the M18 and M20 EHF EUROs in 2014; made his senior national team debut in 2013



VUKO BOROZAN

Left back

- Montenegrin international who returned to Vardar in 2024 after five years
- has played for five clubs since, including Veszprém, Zagreb, and his youth club Lovcen
- was named Sports Person of the Year in Montenegro after winning the CL with Vardar for the first time, in 2017
- a classical shooter from the left back position with a huge power, made his national team debut for Montenegro in 2014

CL: 2017, 2019



JAKA MALUS

 @jmalus

Centre back

- Slovenian who joined Vardar in 2025 after a year at RD LL Grosist Slovan
- previously played the EL in 2022/23 with Frisch Auf Göppingen, and the CL for eight seasons with Celje Pivovarna Lasko and HC Meshkov Brest
- scored 44 goals for Göppingen as they finished third at the EHF Finals 2023
- represented Slovenia several times in youth and junior events and in senior qualification tournaments, but still waiting for major championship debut



GOCE GEORGIEVSKI

Right wing

- former international and the most experienced player in the squad; became team captain after club icon Stojanche Stoilov retired in 2023
- made his CL debut nearly two decades ago — in 2006/07 when playing for Metalurg; is a product of the renowned Metalurg academy
- left Metalurg in 2015, played in Toulouse and Bucharest before joining Vardar in 2020
- scored 280 goals for the Macedonian national team between 2007 and 2023

CC: 2019

GROUP F



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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: sky blue

Priority 2

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: pink



Playing hall

Palais des Sports André
Brouat
3 rue Pierre Laplace
31000 Toulouse
France
Capacity: 4,226

FENIX TOULOUSE



FENIX Toulouse's modest history of featuring in EHF club competitions was enriched last season, when they made it to the EHF European League play-offs, comparable to their Last 16 achievement from 2021/22.

Furthermore, Danijel Anđelković's squad finished fourth in France's top tier, only behind Montpellier Handball, HBC Nantes and Paris Saint-Germain, which speaks volumes about their quality. The Serbian coach can work with a well-balanced squad with a perfect blend of experience and youth.

- the 2025/26 season marks **FENIX Toulouse's fourth campaign in the EHF European League**
- upon their three previous appearances, they reached the Last 16 and the play-offs once
- Toulouse defeated FC Porto 30:28 in the return leg of the play-offs last season, but that was not enough to make up a seven-goal defeat from the first leg
- finishing fourth in the French domestic league earned Toulouse another ticket to the EHF European League
- Danijel Anđelković leads an exciting squad for his fifth season at the helm

Among the notable players are 35-year-old left wing Nemanja Ilić as one of their top scorers last season with 46 goals, and 24-year-old centre back Casper Käll, who scored 33 times. On the other hand, talented right back Uros Mitrović left Toulouse over the summer and joined HC Vardar 1961 — one of the teams Toulouse will meet in the 2025/26 group matches.

The squad set the bar high last season with their performance, both domestically and on the European stage, and now Toulouse will aim to take the next step.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 4

Play-offs (1): 2024/25

Last 16 (1): 2021/22

Group phase (1): 2020/21

Other

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 1998/99

French league: –

French cup: 1 title (1998)





DANIJEL ANDJELKOVIC
Coach

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- former Serbian international, who took over as head coach of Toulouse in 2021 after six years as assistant at the club
- says he has been hugely influenced by Philippe Gardent, the previous head coach whom he had assisted since 2015
- was a centre back, who ended his playing career in 2016 after six years at Toulouse; also played six years for Szeged
- named best coach of the French league three times — in 2022, 2023, and 2025

ARRIVALS

Pontus Brolin (Savehög/SWE)
Hugo Jund (Chartres/FRA)
Enej Slatinek Jovicic (Velenje/SLO)
Ernest Pinneau-Rossi (Nancy/FRA)

DEPARTURES

Matthieu Marmier (Dunkerque/FRA)
Casper Käll (GOG/DEN)
Uros Mitrovic (Vardar/MKD)
Antoni Doniecki (Créteil/FRA)
Yassine Belkaied (Tremblay/FRA)
Maxime Gilbert (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jef	Letkens	BEL	Goalkeeper	12/08/1990	Hasselt, BEL	194
2	Romain	Girardeau	FRA	Right wing	02/03/2000	La Tronche, FRA	170
4	Erwin	Feuchtmann	GER	Left back	02/05/1990	Punta arenas, CHI	190
5	Gabriel	Nyembo	CGO	Line player	16/06/1997	Strasbourg, FRA	190
6	Jules	Gougeon	FRA	Centre back	06/04/2007	Orléans, FRA	184
7	Téo	Jarry	FRA	Left wing	03/03/2000	Toulouse, FRA	183
8	Hugo	Jund	FRA	Line player	07/07/2001	Lyon, FRA	194
9	Jeremy	Robert	FRA	Line player	08/03/2004	Saint Benoit, FRA	193
11	Edouard	Kempf	FRA	Right wing	20/03/1998	Mulhouse, FRA	178
12	Simon Acke	Möller	SWE	Goalkeeper	02/07/2000	Eutin Tyskland, SWE	190
13	Bakary	Diallo	FRA	Field player	03/12/1994	Créteil, FRA	188
17	Uros	Kojadinovic	SRB	Right back	26/09/2000	Subotica, SRB	186
18	Pontus	Brolin	SWE	Left back	25/12/2000	Kloster, SWE	193
C 19	Nemanja	Ilic	SRB	Left wing	11/05/1990	Belgrad, SRB	176
20	Timeo	Albouy	FRA	Left wing	01/11/2003	Rodez, FRA	184
23	Gonçalo	Vieira	POR	Left back	27/04/1999	Maia Porto, POR	190
24	Ernest	Pineau	FRA	Right back	30/01/2003	Rochefort, FRA	199
25	Martin	Guibert	FRA	Right back	09/01/2005	St. Jean d'Angely, FRA	190
33	Enej	Jovicic	SLO	Left back	06/12/2000	Koper, SLO	185
47	Cyprien	Sol	FRA	Line player	23/02/2006	Clamart, FRA	203
55	Niko	Mindegia	ESP	Centre back	19/07/1988	SantEsteban, ESP	184
86	Gabriel-Rares	Marchis	ROU	Goalkeeper	28/05/2005	Oradea, ROU	190
89	Louis	Marquet-Baures	FRA	Right back	25/07/2006		
90	Siméo	Renaud	FRA	Left back	03/01/2007	Chatellerault, FRA	192
97	Mytchel	Meslien	FRA	Centre back	10/01/2006	Schoelcher, FRA	162
	Rafael	Pinot-Peyrusse	FRA		14/12/2006		
	Simon	De Valors	FRA		25/11/1995		
	Zachary	Dermigny	FRA		25/05/2008		



JEF LETTENS

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Goalkeeper

- former Belgian international who has been playing for Toulouse since 2019; had the third-most saves in the EL 2024/25 season — 115, at a rate of 30.83%
- left Belgium in 2015 to play for Saran, and later Cesson-Rennes, in France
- originally set to join Nantes in 2019, but that club ultimately decided to sign Danish goalkeeper Emil Nielsen instead
- played at the 2023 WCh for Belgium but has meanwhile retired from the national team



NEMANJA ILIC

 @ilicnemanja19

Left wing

- experienced Serbian left wing who has been with Toulouse since 2013, except for four months on loan at Barça in 2018/19
- was the club's second top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 46 goals; was top scorer (202 goals) and All-star left wing of the French league in 2022/23
- his younger brother, Vanja, is also a left wing playing in France, for Chartres; both are internationals for Serbia



ERWIN FEUCHTMANN

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Left back

- experienced Chilean international with German roots, who has been playing at Toulouse since 2021; was the team's top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 48 goals
- has played for clubs in six different countries since arriving in Europe in 2007
- has scored more than 550 goals in his first 100 matches for Chile
- his granddad, Friedrich Feuchtman, moved from Germany to Chile in the 1930s; his brothers, Emil and Harald, are also Chilean internationals



EDOUARD KEMPF

 @edouardkempf11

Right wing

- started playing handball aged four before joining Paris Saint-Germain at 18
- made the headlines as a 19-year-old when he scored six goals in less than 10 minutes against Vesprém in a CL 2017/18 group match
- joined Toulouse in 2020 — first on loan, but signed with them permanently in 2022; was among the club's leading scorers in the EL 2024/25, with 30 goals
- named best right wing of the 2017 Youth WCh

GROUP F



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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: orange

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

High school Jelkovec
Vladimira Strahuljaka
Street 1 S
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Capacity: 1,800

MRK SESVETE



MRK Sesvete are back in the EHF European League group matches after featuring as debutants last season. But unlike last term, they had to overcome the challenge posed by their Croatian domestic rivals of MRK Dugo Selo in the qualification round, in order to book a ticket for the next phase.

After losing the first leg, Sesvete mounted a full comeback on home court and secured a dominant victory in the end, with Zlatko Raužan and Patrik Hršak being their top scorers across both legs.

- **MRK Sesvete enter their second season in the EHF European League group matches**
- **they finished third in the Croatian league last season, only behind RK Nexa and HC Zagreb**
- **Željko Babic initially took over from Igor Vori as head coach for the 2025/26 season, but he left mid-September with Vori returning to the bench**
- **the club's biggest success in an EHF club competition so far has been reaching the EHF European Cup quarter-finals in 2022/23**

Initially, Željko Babic only took over as head coach from Igor Vori last April, with Vori staying in the club in an off-court role as technical director. However, in September Babic stepped down from his role, with Vori taking place on the bench again.

The former Croatian international leads a young squad, with only one player over 30 in the roster. Even though Sesvete secured their first win in the competition's group matches last season, they will be eager for more this time around, and given the competition, it will be a tough mission.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 3

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Qualification (1): 2021/22

Other

EHF European Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Round 3 (1): 2023/24

Croatian league: –

Croatian cup: –





IGOR VORI
Coach

 @igorvori09

- decorated former Croatian international who was inducted in the Hall of Fame at the EHF Excellence Awards 2024
- returned as head coach in mid-September 2025, having already led the team for two years until March 2025
- took over again when his successor, Željko Babić, stepped down for personal reasons early in the 2025/26 season
- worked as assistant to national team coach Lino Červar at the EHF EURO 2020, where Croatia won silver
- ended his career as a line player at Zagreb in 2018; played in four other countries — France, Spain, Germany and Italy

CL: 2013 (as player)

WCh: G 2003, S 2005, 2009, B 2013; OG: G 2004, B 2012;

EURO: S 2008, 2010, B 2012 (as player)

ARRIVALS

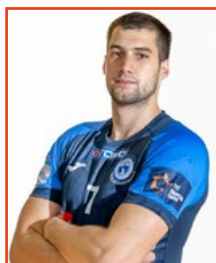
Tin Baković (Čakovec/CRO)
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Petar Lulić (Athens/GRE)
Nevio Knežević (Dubrava/CRO)

DEPARTURES

Marino Marić (Budai/HUN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Filip	Peric	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/12/1998	Zagreb, CRO	190
7	Patrik	Hršak	CRO	Left back	14/07/2002	Zagreb, CRO	194
11	Ivan	Dumencic	CRO	Centre back	10/07/1990	Zagreb, CRO	191
12	Nikola	Kahlina	CRO	Goalkeeper	05/08/2004	Zagreb, CRO	201
13	Josip	Tomic	CRO	Centre back	24/03/2006	Zagreb, CRO	193
15	Filip	Turcic	CRO	Right wing	06/09/1998	Zagreb, CRO	199
16	Marko	Kropek	CRO	Goalkeeper	05/06/2008	Zagreb, CRO	187
17	Zlatko	Raužan	CRO	Line player	14/02/2002	Zagreb, CRO	189
C 18	Mislav	Šuker	CRO	Line player	13/09/1996	Zagreb, CRO	195
19	Tonci	Ivanišević	CRO	Left back	06/03/2004	Split, CRO	196
23	Nevio	Knezovic	CRO	Right back	11/05/2004	Split, CRO	199
25	Petar	Lulic	CRO	Line player	18/09/2002	Bjelovar, CRO	192
27	Nikola	Finek	CRO	Left wing	19/09/1999	Zagreb, CRO	186
32	Mihael	Udovicic	CRO	Left wing	01/08/2006	Zagreb, CRO	193
33	Borna	Pavelic	CRO	Left wing	25/02/2008	Zagreb, CRO	177
34	Andrija	Karacic	CRO	Centre back	29/05/2008	Zagreb, CRO	193
35	Vice	Badurina	CRO	Line player	01/08/2008	Zagreb, CRO	195
36	Emanuel	Fištrovic	CRO	Right wing	14/09/2008	Varaždin, CRO	190
37	Petar	Vori	CRO	Right back	26/06/2009	Zagreb, CRO	194
38	Josip	Badric	CRO	Left back	17/08/2008	Zagreb, CRO	188
39	Mihovil	Badric	CRO	Line player	17/08/2008	Zagreb, CRO	188
40	Maksimilijan	Molc	CRO	Right wing	03/02/2004	Zagreb, CRO	188
55	Leon	Pavicic	CRO	Right back	09/05/2006	Zagreb, CRO	195
77	Matej	Svržnjak	CRO	Right back	16/01/2003	Zagreb, CRO	193
93	Ivan	Iveljic	CRO	Goalkeeper	30/07/2008	Zagreb, CRO	183
94	Tin	Bakovic	CRO	Centre back	27/01/2004	Zagreb, CRO	179
99	Josip	Topic	CRO	Right wing	02/07/1999	Zagreb, CRO	182



PATRIK HRŠAK

 @h.patrik26

Left back

- started his career in Dugo Selo and transferred to Sesvete before the 2021/22 season
- scored a crucial seven from seven when Sesvete came from behind to beat Dugo Selo in the EL 2025/26 qualification round
- was Sesvete's best scorer, and third-best overall, in the 2023/24 season of the Croatian league, netting 139 times in 25 games
- has been part of Croatia's YAC national teams; won silver at M19 EHF EURO 2021



IVAN DUMENCIC

 @duma11

Centre back

- started his career in Sesvete and returned to the club in 2021
- also played for clubs like Dubrava, Borac, Nexe, Gyöngyös, Al Rayyan, and Al Jazira
- was among the team's best scorers in the EL 2024/25, with 23 goals
- one of the most decorated beach handball players, winning three world and two European titles and being named MVP of the 2024 WCh



ZLATKO RAUŽAN

 @zlatko.rauzan

Line player

- long-term Sesvete player, shares line position with team captain Mislav Šuker
- was the club's leading scorer in their EL 2024/25 campaign, with 31 goals — his personal best in a single European season
- netted 11 times to help Sesvete beat fellow Croatian side Dugo Selo 64:56 on aggregate in the EL 2025/26 qualification round
- has been part of the wider squad of the Croatia national team



MISLAV ŠUKER

Line player

- team captain and defence boss, who has been playing for Sesvete since October 2018
- started to play handball at Croatian league rivals Dugo Selo; also played for Dubrava and Varazdin
- crucial defensive player for Sesvete, but also decent goal scorer: netted 35 times in the EC 2022/23, when the club reached the quarter-finals
- made his European debut in 2017/18 with Dubrava in the EHF Cup

GROUP G PREVIEW



FORMER TOP-FLIGHT PARTICIPANTS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

While the line-up of the EHF European League 2025/26 group matches includes a bunch of clubs with EHF Champions League experience, there is only one club which competed there as recent as last season: Fredericia Håndboldklub. After their continental top-flight debut in 2024/25, the Danish side now headline group G, ready to take on TATRAN Prešov, Recken - TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, and IK Sävehof for the two main round spots.

Still, 2025/26 is Fredericia's first season in the EHF European League and the squad has undergone several changes in the off-season. Their experienced coach, Gudmundur Gudmundsson, will lead the side when they try to build on the learnings from last season in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League group phase.

Both quality and experience needed to go far

Hannover are among the obvious favourites to advance from group G. Coach Christian Prokop's squad displayed their quality by eliminating the EHF European Cup 2024/25 winners, HC Alkaloid, in the qualifying round with wins across both legs. Recken possess both the quality and the experience to go far in the competition, and the young and talented duo of Renars Uscins and Justus Fischer are expected to be a problem for any defence in the EHF European League this season.



Sävehof, Challenge Cup winners in 2014, cruised past HK Malmö with ease in a Swedish derby in the qualification round to reach the EHF European League group matches for the third consecutive season. Despite the fact that Sävehof boast a fairly young squad, they are a team with a lot of potential, able to compete for the top two places in group G. Interestingly, Sävehof and Hannover met in the EHF European League 2023/24 play-offs. And while Hannover won their home leg by four goals, Sävehof made up the deficit by winning the return leg 34:25 to advance to the quarter-finals.

Great support from the home crowd

Slovakian champions TATRAN Prešov are back in the EHF European League group matches for a second year in a row and their goal is clear: improving from last season when they did not record a single win in their group. With former player Radoslav Antl at the helm and with the rich experience on their side given their regular appearances in the EHF club competitions, Prešov could make life difficult for their opponents in group G — especially when backed by their great support from the crowd in their home games.



Filip Mishov

I GROUP G HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP G

Fredericia Håndboldklub vs TATRAN Prešov

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredericia Håndboldklub vs Recken – TSV Hannover-Burgdorf

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredericia Håndboldklub vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

TATRAN Prešov vs Recken – TSV Hannover-Burgdorf

No previous encounters in European competitions

TATRAN Prešov vs IK Sävehof 0-1-3 (115:122) 1:7

10.10.2010	IK Sävehof vs TATRAN Prešov, EHF Champions League – Group B	33:32 (16:11)
06.03.2011	TATRAN Prešov vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:31 (15:15)
12.10.2019	TATRAN Prešov vs IK Sävehof, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	23:28 (10:16)
23.11.2019	IK Sävehof vs TATRAN Prešov, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	30:29 (16:16)

Recken – TSV Hannover-Burgdorf vs IK Sävehof 1-0-1 (59:64) 2:2

26.03.2024	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf vs IK Sävehof, EHF European League – Play-offs	34:30 (18:14)
02.04.2024	IK Sävehof vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, EHF European League – Play-offs	34:25 (18:14)

GROUP G



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Kit colours

Priority 1

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

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Middelfart Sparekasse

Arena

Vestre Ringvej 100
Fredericia
Denmark
Capacity: 2,400

FREDERICIA HÅNDBOLDKLUB



Fredericia Håndboldklub wrote a new chapter in the club's history last season with a debut appearance in European club competition, playing in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League group phase. Although they finished bottom of the table in group A and failed to reach the play-offs, Fredericia did secure one victory — beating Orlen Wisla Plock at home.

At the same time, FHK were eliminated early in Denmark's play-offs, failing to defend their runner-up position from the 2023/24 season. Their last domestic title dates to the 1980s.

- debutants in the EHF European League, making only their second appearance in EHF club competitions
- the club and head coach Gudmundur Gudmundsson, who had joined Fredericia in 2022, went separate ways in September 2025; former assistant coaches Jesper Houmark and Michael Wollesen took over
- German line player Evgeni Pevnov and Spanish line player Rolando Uríos are the only non-Scandinavians in the roster
- Fredericia's squad is young, with 14 players aged 21 or under

A summer of changes followed, with the likes of Reiner Taboada Dranquet and Einar Þorsteinn Ólafsson leaving, but with Rolando Uríos joining from BM Logroño La Rioja. The core of the squad, led by Anders Kragh Martinusen and Martin Bisgaard, remains the same; Bisgaard was named All-star left wing of the Danish league last season.

The change with the most impact, though, happened only in mid-September, as the club terminated its cooperation with head coach Gudmundur Gudmundsson, replacing him with his former assistant, Jesper Houmark. Still, the squad are capable of challenging any opponents and FHK will be hoping to use last season's experience to help them progress from the group in their debut season in the competition.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 2024/25


Danish league: 5 titles (1975-79)

Danish cup: 7 titles (1971-74, 1976, 1977, 1982)





JESPER HOUMARK
Coach

 @houmarkgod

- former assistant to Gudmundur Gudmundsson, taking over the head coach position after Fredericia and Gudmundsson parted ways in mid-September 2025
- forms coaching duo with another former assistant, Michael Wollesen, but he carries the final responsibility
- has been with Fredericia since 2016; started his coaching career at the youth departments of Herning and Aarhus
- led Denmark's under-17 team to gold at the 2011 EYOF
- also had a stint as Britain men's national team coach
- works as sports instructor at Vejle Sports Secondary School

ARRIVALS

Sander Heieren (Holstebro/DEN)
Kalle Møller (Fredericia youth/DEN)
Kristian Hübert Larsen (Elverum/NOR)
Rasmus Q. Andersen (Fredericia youth/DEN)
Rolando Uríos González (La Rioja/ESP)
Pelle Segertoft (Önnered/SWE)

DEPARTURES

Thorsten Fries (Kolding/DEN)
Lasse Balstad (GOG/DEN)
Anton Filtenborg (retired)
Sebastian Henneberg (Skanderborg/DEN)
Reinier Taboada (Benfica/POR)
Nikolaj Nielsen (retired)
Rasmus Peluffo (retired)
Mads Emil Møller (Tønder/DEN)
Einar Ólafsson (Hamburg/GER)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sebastian	Frandsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/05/1994	Aarhus, DEN	204
3	Jonas	Kristensen	DEN	Centre back	09/08/2002	Hillerød, DEN	194
5	Kristian	Larsen	NOR	Line player	22/03/2000	Sandefjord, NOR	197
7	Kasper	Andersen	DEN	Right wing	20/12/1993	Viborg, DEN	193
9	Martin	Bisgaard	DEN	Left wing	19/01/1995	Aarhus, DEN	189
10	Rasmus	Andersen	DEN	Left back	11/04/2006	Fredericia, DEN	187
12	Rasmus	Storm	DEN	Goalkeeper	10/06/2005	Odense, DEN	194
14	Frederik	Jægerum	DEN	Left wing	06/02/2004	Århus, DEN	187
15	Mads	Andersen	DEN	Left back	14/12/1996	Nykøbing Mors, DEN	194
16	Sander	Heieren	NOR	Goalkeeper	23/10/1998	Sande, NOR	195
18	Malthe	Hejsel	DEN	Centre back	06/06/2004	Haderslev, DEN	196
20	Fredrik	Mossestad	NOR	Right wing	26/11/1993	Bergen, NOR	193
23	Rolando	Uríos	ESP	Line player	10/04/1999	La Habana, CUB	194
24	Kalle	Møller	DEN	Goalkeeper	24/03/2008	Karup J, DEN	195
31	William	Moberg	SWE	Centre back	25/03/2000	Partille, SWE	183
40	Jeffrey	Asamoah-Larsen	DEN	Right back	01/08/2008	Kolding, DEN	190
41	Evgeni	Pevnov	GER	Line player	13/02/1989	Tashkent, UZB	198
50	Oscar	Nordentoft	DEN	Right back	19/01/2008	Aalborg, DEN	190
60	Hjalte	Bromerholm	DEN	Left wing	22/11/2004	Ribe, DEN	190
70	Julius	Poulsen	DEN	Right wing	22/04/2004	Køge, DEN	175
80	Gustav	Carlsen	DEN	Line player	12/10/2003	vejle, DEN	190
90	Mads	Laulund	DEN	Line player	12/04/2008	Haderslev, DEN	190
91	Kasper	Palmar	SWE	Right back	27/10/2003	Ystad, SWE	197
C 93	Anders	Martinusen	DEN	Right back	18/05/1993	Odder, DEN	188
95	Pelle	Segertoft	SWE	Left back	08/04/2004	Gøteborg, SWE	200
99	Sigurd	Schaarup	DEN	Centre back	25/08/2008	Roskilde, DEN	190



SANDER HEIEREN

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Goalkeeper

- new arrival at Fredericia in 2025, coming from Holstebro; joined Holstebro in 2022
- made the second highest number of saves in the Danish league 2024/25: 312
- gained his first international club experience with Drammen HK in his home country Norway; named All-star goalkeeper of the Norwegian league in 2020/21 and 2021/22
- as of September 2025, has nine caps for Norway; made his debut in 2021 and appeared in two matches at the EHF EURO 2022



MARTIN BISGAARD

Left wing

- 2025/26 is his eighth season with Fredericia; previously played for Odder and Aarhus
- was among the team's best scorers in the CL 2024/25, with 52 goals; named best left wing of the Danish league 2024/25, scored 112 goals in the domestic season
- second only to right wing Kasper Young for most appearances for Fredericia; was closing in on 250 matches before the 2025/26 season start
- made his A national team debut in May 2025, aged 30



WILLIAM ANDERSSON

Centre back

- joined Fredericia, his first club outside Sweden, in 2024; arrived from Sävehof
- came through the Sävehof academy then moved to Alingsås HK in 2017, where he played until returning to Sävehof in 2022
- scored 43 goals in the CL 2024/25 — one less than his personal record of 44 netted in the EL 2023/24
- scored his first international club goals in the Challenge Cup 2019/20 for Alingsås



ANDERS MARTINUSEN

 @andersmartinussen

Right back

- team captain who arrived at Fredericia in 2020, coming from Aarhus Håndbold, where he started his career; had a breakthrough in the Danish league in 2016/17
- of the players remaining at the club, Fredericia's top scorer in the CL 2024/25, with 53 goals; 2024/25 was his first European cup season
- played a crucial role in Fredericia making it into their debut CL season, scoring 181 goals in Danish league 2023/24 and ranking sixth overall

GROUP G



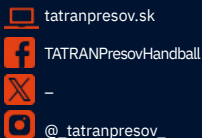
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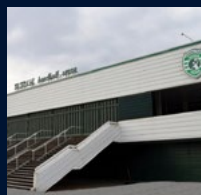
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Playing hall

TATRAN Handball Arena
Jana Pavla II 2
08001 Prešov
Slovakia
Capacity: 4,056

TATRAN PREŠOV



The reigning Slovakian champions are back in the EHF European League group matches for a second season in a row, but with the hopes of improving from last season's poor campaign. They failed to win a single group match last season, but did retain the title in Slovakia's top-tier and ended the season on a high.

Retired Prešov left wing Radoslav Antl is at the helm, while his son Marco, also a left wing, now plays for the club. Over the summer talented Montenegrin centre back Andrej Dobrkovic joined.

- **TATRAN Prešov are 19-time champions of Slovakia, including in 2024/25**
- **they made their European club debut in the inaugural season of the EHF Champions League, in 1993/94**
- **reached the European Cup quarter-finals in 2023/24, losing both matches to FTC-Green Collect**
- **squad is drawn from 10 different nations: Belarus, Brazil, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia**

Dobrkovic arrived from Hungarian club Dabas, adding creativity in the squad, which is a mixture of young and experienced players.

TATRAN Prešov have only missed one season of the European League, in 2023/24, when they played the EHF European Cup Men. However, they have never progressed from the group matches and have won only a handful of games across their four previous appearances.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 5

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Group phase (3): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2004/05

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2005/06

EHF European Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2023/24

Slovakian league: 19 titles (2004, 2005, 2007-2019, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025)

Slovakian cup: 18 titles (2002, 2004, 2005, 2007-2018, 2020, 2023, 2024)





RADOSLAV ANTL

Coach

- returned as head coach of Prešov in March 2025, replacing Ratko Djurkovič
- previously led the side from December 2021 to November 2022, after spending eight years with the club as a player (2009–2016 and 2004/05)
- assistant for the Slovakia men from 2018 to 2022 and head coach of the national YAC teams from 2023 to 2025; also coached Košice (2019–2021)
- a former left wing who was part of the Slovakia national team; twice named Slovak player of the year
- also played for two different clubs in Zurich and had a stint with Arac Kyushu in Japan from 2001 to 2003

ARRIVALS

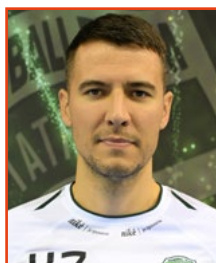
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Tim Jenko Bogdanič (Komló/HUN)
Andrej Dobrkovič (Dabas/HUN)
Jakub Valent (Topolčany/SVK)
Filip Jurkovič (Modra/SVK)
Ivan Ereš (Odorheiu/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Gašper Horvat (Hamm/GER)
Yosdany Rios (Famagusta/CYP)
Nikola Malivojevič (Anaitasuna/ESP)
Tomáš Fec (Lovosice, CZE)
Patrik Hruščák (Košice/SVK)
Maroš Varga (Košice/SVK)
Daniil Radčenko (retired)

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Damián	Mital	SVK	Left wing	01/10/2005	Svidnik, SVK	180
4	Igor	Karlov	RUS	Centre back	16/12/1994	Lubeck, RUS	193
5	Jakub	Valent	SVK	Left back	26/02/2008	Brous, France, FRA	197
8	Tim	Bogdanic	SLO	Right back	21/02/1994	Ljubljana, SLO	185
10	Andrej	Dobrkovic	MNE	Centre back	20/04/2004	Bar, MNE	186
11	Erik	Fenár	SVK	Right wing	03/02/2004	Prešov, SVK	178
16	Danilo	Mihaljevic	MNE	Goalkeeper	23/12/1997	Cetine, MNE	190
17	Jakub	Kravcák	SVK	Left back	09/12/2002	Prešov, SVK	195
18	Josef	Hozman	CZE	Right wing	26/07/1998	Vansdorf, CZE	180
19	Daniel	Polanský	SVK	Right back	03/01/2004	Prešov, SVK	198
24	Dávid	Turek	SVK	Left back	26/05/2004	Košice-Šaca, SVK	193
28	Marco	Antl	SVK	Left wing	03/06/2003	Prešov, SVK	181
33	Aliaksei	Ushal	BLR	Line player	15/03/1990	Minsk, BLR	201
34	Filip	Jurkovic	SVK	Line player	22/07/2003	Pezinok, SVK	196
44	Lucas	Barros	BRA	Field player	19/07/1988	Araxa, BRA	196
C 47	Lukáš	Urban	SVK	Left back	22/06/1995	Prešov, SVK	201
55	Peter	Kimák-Fejko	SVK	Line player	23/07/2002	Prešov, SVK	189
66	Pavel	Hernandez	CUB	Left back	20/09/1991	Matanzas, CUB	188
69	Ivan	Eres	CRO	Goalkeeper	07/03/1998	Ljibuski, BIH	193
73	Igor	Chupryna	SVK	Goalkeeper	25/04/1990	Illicivsk, UKR	197
95	Matúš	Mitošinka	SVK	Goalkeeper	10/01/2004	Bratislava, SVK	197
98	Savo	Slavuljica	SRB	Right back	13/08/1998	Vrbas, SRB	186



LUKÁŠ URBAN

 @lukasurban47

Left back

- team captain who is in his 12th season at Prešov; has spent almost his entire career with the club, except for short stints at Tatabánya in Hungary and Chartres in France
- scored a personal best 45 goals for Prešov in the European Cup 2023/24
- first made it onto the scoreboard in an international club competition in the EHF Cup 2014/15; also has CL experience gained with Prešov
- part of the Slovakia national team, but did not play the home EHF EURO in 2022



PAVEL HERNANDEZ

 @pavelhandball

Left back

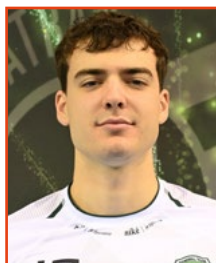
- joined Prešov in 2020 from Portuguese side SC Horta
- scored his personal record of 40 goals in the EL that first season; was his side's second top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 25 goals in the six matches played
- renewed his contract with Prešov ahead of the 2024/25 season, partly due to the shared goal with the club of becoming a Slovakian citizen
- started his career at Matanzas in his native Cuba, before moving to Europe in 2016



IGOR KARLOV

Centre back

- arrived at Prešov in the summer of 2024, coming from one season at Malaga; was Prešov's top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 28 goals — his personal best
- played for Fyllingen Bergen from 2020 into October 2021, when he moved to his first Spanish club, Burgos; transferred to Malaga for the 2023/24 season
- played three CL seasons with Chekhovskie Medvedi in his native Russia, from 2017-20
- debuted in international club competitions with Krasnodar in the EHF Cup 2013/14



ANDREJ DOBRKOVIC

 @andrej_d_5

Centre back

- a young talent to watch who arrived at Prešov ahead of the 2025/26 season; debuting in European cup competitions this year
- came from Hungarian club Dabaš; also spent one season with Vardar, in 2022/23
- moved from his hometown Bar to the Celje academy aged 14
- part of the EHF Respect Your Talent programme thanks to his standout performances with Montenegro at the M20 EHF EURO 2024

GROUP G



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Kit colours

Priority 1

Player shirt: orange
Player short: dark green
GK shirt: green

Priority 2

Player shirt: beige
Player short: beige
GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

Swiss Life Hall
Ferdinand Wilhelm Fricke
Weg 8
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Germany
Capacity: 4,097

RECKEN – TSV HANNOVER–BURGDORF



The German club is back in the EHF European League after a one-year absence. Recken secured a place after eliminating EHF European Cup 2024/25 winners HC Alkaloid in the qualification round, winning 66:55 on aggregate. Right wing Marius Steinhauser impressed with 16 goals over both legs, while line player Justus Fischer followed him with 12.

However, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf ended the previous season with a six-match losing streak, and finishing sixth in the Bundesliga. There was plenty of change over the summer.

- **fourth appearance in EHF club competitions, after two seasons in the Men's EHF Cup in 2013/14 and 2018/19**
- **reached the EHF Cup quarter-finals in 2018/19, eliminated in an all-German duel by Füchse Berlin**
- **head coach Christian Prokop has been in charge since 2021 after stepping down as German men's national team coach**
- **the roster is predominantly German, with a few Scandinavian players**

Experienced trio Uladzislau Kulesh, Tilen Strmljan and Martin Hanne left, among others, while Leif Tissier, Sindre Aho and August Baskar Pedersen joined from HSV Hamburg, Montpellier, and SG Flensburg-Handewitt respectively.

In their previous season in the European League, 2023/24, Recken reached the play-offs – eliminated by IK Sävehof, who are now group opponents this season.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 2

Play-offs (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Group phase (1): 2013/14

German league: –

German cup: –



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CHRISTIAN PROKOP

Coach

- head coach at Hannover since July 2021; previously led the Germany men's national team, from 2017 to 2020
- his biggest achievement with Germany was fourth place at the 2019 IHF World Championship
- was named Bundesliga Coach of the Year in 2016 when working in Leipzig; on the top level, also coached Essen
- prior to that, worked with lower-level and youth teams
- a former back, he played for numerous German clubs and the Germany B team

ARRIVALS

Daniel Weber (Hannover youth/GER)
Luis Rodriguez (Hannover youth/GER)
August Pedersen (Flensburg/GER)
Sindre Aho (Montpellier/FRA)
Leif Tissier (Hamburg/GER)
Maxim Orlov (Potsdam/GER)

DEPARTURES

Vlad Kulesh (Melsungen/GER)
Vincent Büchner (Eisenach/GER)
Tilen Strmljan (Ohrid/MKD)
Martin Hanne (Göppingen/GER)
Koray Ayar (Besiktas/TUR)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
7	Leif	Tissier	GER	Centre back	17/12/1999	Hamburg, GER	183
9	Vilhelm	Poulsen	FAR	Right back	20/08/1999	Tórshavn, FAR	190
10	Renars	Uscins	GER	Right back	29/04/2002	Cesis, LAT	189
11	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left back	01/03/2002	Kreuztal, GER	193
14	Ole	Kurok	GER	Line player	30/08/2006	Gehrden, GER	192
15	Thorge	Lutze	GER	Centre back	07/01/2005	Göttingen, GER	189
16	Simon	Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	03/01/1997	Holstebro, DEN	194
17	August	Pedersen	NOR	Left wing	24/06/1994	Notodden, NOR	181
C 19	Marius	Steinhauser	GER	Right wing	06/02/1993	Karlsruhe, GER	186
22	Marian	Michalczik	GER	Centre back	01/02/1997	Ahlen, GER	198
26	Jonathan	Edvardsson	SWE	Centre back	07/04/1997	Partille, SWE	189
27	Sindre	Aho	NOR	Centre back	20/07/1997	Sandefjord, NOR	181
35	Joel	Birlehm	GER	Goalkeeper	25/04/1997	Herford, GER	198
39	Lukas	Stutzke	GER	Left back	14/01/1998	Leverkusen, GER	193
44	Thomas	Solstad	NOR	Line player	26/02/1997	Ski, NOR	194
46	Johannes	Thiel	GER	Right back	13/02/2005	Lingen, GER	195
54	Justus	Fischer	GER	Line player	06/02/2003	Hannover, GER	193
56	Hannes	Feise	GER	Left wing	05/06/1996	Neustadt a. Rbge., GER	200
58	Daniel	Weber	GER	Right wing	04/01/2003	Bremervörde, GER	181
80	Luis	Rodriguez	GER	Line player	22/11/2004	Hamburg, GER	190
86	Bela	Wellmann	GER	Right wing	25/02/2005	Hannover, GER	184
92	Fabrice-Joel	Wolf	GER	Centre back	22/04/2005	Hannover, GER	188



JOEL BIRLEHM

 @joelbirlehm

Goalkeeper

- arrived at Hannover in 2024 after two years with Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- came through the youth teams at Minden and graduated into the A side; then played for Lübbecke (2017–2019) and Leipzig (2019–2022)
- has made 21 appearances for Germany as of September 2025, after his debut in November 2021; third keeper behind Andreas Wolff and David Späth
- part of the German generation that took the silver medal at the M20 EHF EURO 2016



JUSTUS FISCHER

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Line player

- born in Hannover, played for other clubs on a youth level and joined Hannover in 2017
- Hannover's third top scorer in the Bundesliga 2024/25, with 157 goals; netted 12 goals in the two EL 2025/26 qualification matches
- had his first appearance for Germany's A side in April 2023
- of the same generation as Renars Uscins, with whom he won the 2023 Junior WCh and M19 EHF EURO 2021; was the All-star line player at the Junior WCh



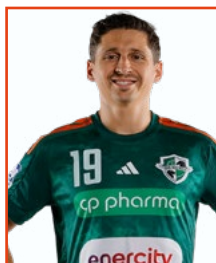
RENARS USCINS

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Right back

- arrived at Hannover in 2022 after developing at Magdeburg; fifth top scorer of the Bundesliga 2024/25, with 213 goals; scored 39 goals in the EL 2023/24
- made his national team debut in April 2023 and rapidly became a key player; has 169 goals in 41 matches for Germany as of September 2025
- IHF Young Player of the Year and German player of the year for 2024; named in the 2024 OG and M19 EHF EURO 2021 All-star Teams
- born in Latvia but grew up in Saxony-Anhalt; his father played handball for Latvia

OG: S 2024



MARIUS STEINHAUSER

 @steini19

Right wing

- team captain who arrived at Hannover in 2022 after five seasons with Flensburg
- second top scorer for Hannover and seventh overall in the Bundesliga 2024/25, netting 196 goals; had one 16-goal outing in April
- scored 16 goals in the EL 2025/26 qualification round, netting 11 goals in one match; his career high in international competitions is 44 in the CL 2019/20
- has played for three clubs in this career; before Flensburg, was with Löwen

EHF Cup: 2013

GROUP G



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Kit colours

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Player short: black
GK shirt: dark green

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

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Sweden
Capacity: 4,500

IK SÄVEHOF



IK Sävehof are playing their fifth consecutive season in the EHF European League, although they did not progress past qualification round 2 in 2022/23 when they were knocked out by Montpellier Handball. The Swedish club reached the Last 16 in 2021/22, and the quarter-finals in 2023/24, when they lost to eventual winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt.

However, last season, they did not progress past the group matches, recording two victories and four defeats. But the young and ambitious team is back to leave their mark on the 2025/26 season.

- **IK Sävehof are eight-time Swedish champions, with the most recent title won in 2024**
- **Linus Ekman is one of the youngest head coaches across European club competitions, aged only 32**
- **known for their emphasis on developing talented players, Sävehof have a young squad with only one player over 30 years old, Magnus Persson**
- **Sävehof won the Challenge Cup in 2013/14, their biggest European success to date**

Sävehof won a Swedish derby against HK Malmö in qualification for the current season, winning 33:24 away and securing their place in the group matches with a 38:36 home win. Right back Magnus Persson was the top scorer with 10 goals across both legs.

Given IK Sävehof's talent across the squad, it is hard to look past the Swedish club as one of the favourites to top group G.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 5

Quarter-finals (1): 2023/24

Last 16 (1): 2021/22

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Qualification (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2011/12

Group phase (4): 2005/06, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2019/20

EHF Cup

Last 16 (1): 2006/07

EHF Challenge Cup

Winners (1): 2013/14

Semi-finals: 2002/03


Swedish league: 8 titles (2004, 2005, 2010-12, 2019, 2021, 2024)

Swedish cup: 1 title (2022)





LINUS EKMAN
Coach

 @linusekman

- former Sävehof player who became head coach in 2024 after Michael Apelgren left to join Szeged in Hungary
- served as assistant coach for four seasons up to the promotion; has also coached the club's youth teams
- arrived at the club as a 16-year-old in 2009, progressing through the ranks as a player
- part of the Challenge Cup 2013/14 squad that won Sävehof's only European trophy so far

CC: 2014 (as player)

ARRIVALS

Tom Poyet (Nîmes/FRA)
Birgir Steinn Jónsson (Afturelding/ISL)
Truls Grøtta (Malmö/SWE)
Jesper Røisland (Nærbø/NOR)
Fabian Blomberg (Sävehof youth/SWE)
Janne Delkvist (Sävehof youth/SWE)
Erik Andersson (Sävehof youth/SWE)
Thure Frederiksen (Sävehof youth/SWE)
Emil Nork (Sävehof youth/SWE)
Oliver Lagerkvist (Sävehof youth/SWE)

DEPARTURES

Óli Mittún (GOG/DEN)
Adam Blanche (Kolstad/NOR)
Tryggvi Thorisson (Elverum/NOR)
Emil Berlin (Sporting/POR)
Pontus Brolin (Toulouse/FRA)
Gustaf Wedberg (Nîmes/FRA)
Erik Follin (Kropsskultur/SWE)
Alexander Hambalek (Hallby/SWE)
Johan Rahm (no new club)
Olle Ek (retired)
Emil Johannisson (AMO/SWE, on loan)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Oscar	Sävinger	SWE	Goalkeeper	13/06/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	197
4	Leon	Halén	SWE	Left wing	25/05/2006	Partille, SWE	186
5	Alexander	Bergqvist	SWE	Left wing	16/02/2007	Partille, SWE	179
7	Tom	Poyet	FRA	Line player	29/11/1999	Nimes, FRA	190
8	Birgir Steinn	Jónsson	ISL	Left back	11/12/1999	Reykjavík, ISL	195
9	Thure	Frederiksen	SWE	Centre back	08/06/2007	Sävedalen, SWE	188
10	Magnus	Persson	SWE	Right back	17/12/1990	Halmstad, SWE	192
12	Erik	Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/03/2007	Skogslyckan, SWE	195
14	Tobias	Trommler	SWE	Line player	06/07/2004	Partille, SWE	191
15	Sebastian	Durlanu	SWE	Centre back	24/05/2004	Craiova, ROU	181
16	Arvid	Norén	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/02/2004	Partille, SWE	197
C 17	Sebastian	Spante	SWE	Left wing	26/07/2000	Haga, SWE	177
18	Emil	Nork	SWE	Right back	25/09/2007	Skärstad, SWE	197
19	Oliver	Lagerkvist	SWE	Left back	06/12/2007	Bankeryd, SWE	194
21	David	Sandberg	SWE	Left back	10/05/1998	Säve, SWE	197
22	Viggo	Möller	SWE	Right back	23/03/2008	Partille, SWE	198
24	Fabian	Blomberg	SWE	Centre back	24/10/2006	Barcelona, ESP	185
25	Malte	Celander	SWE	Right wing	18/03/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	192
28	Janne	Delkvist	SWE	Line player	28/04/2006	Nylöse, SWE	191
30	Simon	Larland	SWE	Goalkeeper	07/06/2007	Partille, SWE	191
31	Axel	Eriksson	SWE	Right wing	26/02/2008	Partille, SWE	183
43	Arvid	Uusvoog	SWE	Right wing	02/08/2005	Partille, SWE	178
47	Ísak	Vedelsbøl	FAR	Line player	18/10/2004	Copenhagen, DEN	197
77	Jesper	Røisland	NOR	Right back	02/01/2004	Stavanger, NOR	195
90	Truls	Grøtta	NOR	Centre back	13/08/1997	Molde, NOR	188

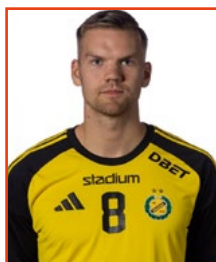


OSCAR SÄVINGER

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Goalkeeper

- a product of the IK Sävehof youth ranks; had a period on loan to Redbergslids and a stint at Torslanda, but has otherwise been with Sävehof
- in Swedish league 2022/23 finals, saved 19 of the last 38 shots in match four of five
- became the number one in goal after Simon Möller left for Toulouse in 2024
- called up to the Sweden national team for the first time in April 2024, but yet to make a major championship debut



BIRGIR STEINN JÓNSSON

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Left back

- new arrival from Iceland ahead of the 2025/26 season, on his first venture abroad
- played the European Cup with his previous club, Afturelding, in 2023/24; had joined Afturelding from Gróttu in 2023
- consistently among leading scorers in Icelandic league over previous three seasons
- stands at 195cm; coach Ekman said part of his appeal for Sävehof was to add some size to the team



TRULS GRØTTA

Centre back

- new arrival from HK Malmö — the side Sävehof defeated in the EL 2025/26 qualification round; Sävehof's top scorer in the qualification, with 11 goals
- named All-star left back for the Swedish league 2024/25; Malmö's top scorer of the season, with 142 goals; had joined Malmö from Halden in his native Norway
- after moving to Halden to chase an elite career, decided to stop playing and spent a season coaching before returning to the court after the year off



MAGNUS PERSSON

Right back

- arrived at Sävehof in 2024 from Malmö; 2025/26 is his ninth international season
- also played for Drott; Alingsås, winning the Swedish league in 2012/13; and Gummersbach in Germany, where he spent two seasons
- one of the top scorers of the CL 2013/14 while with Drott, scoring 67 goals; scored 81 times including qualification that season — his personal record
- played EHF EURO 2014 and 2015 WCh with Sweden but not a national team regular

GROUP H PREVIEW



AMBITIOUS TEAMS READY FOR TIGHT RACE TO MAIN ROUND

Ambition is the name of the game in group H, where RK Nexe and RK Partizan AdmiralBet in particular have been steadily building their rosters in the last two years. EHF European League debutants Partizan were rewarded for those efforts last season, as they reclaimed the Serbian league title after over a decade. They also made it to the EHF European Cup quarter-finals, where they were eliminated by eventual finalists Athens.

On the other hand, 2024/25 saw Nexe and Kadetten Schaffhausen, who have both participated in every edition of the European League since its inception in 2020/21, make their earliest exit from the competition ever. Both were knocked out in the group matches, and aim to restore their international status in 2025/26.

Experienced coaches will guide the way

Abanca Ademar León also bowed out of the European League in the group matches stage in 2024/25. However, for the Spanish side, being part of the group matches has to be considered a success, as it marked their best international result since 2020/21.

All four clubs have worked with their head coach for at least one season. Croatian coach Hrvoje Horvat joined Kadetten in 2023 — the same year Djordje Cirkovic and Daniel Gordo Ríos returned to the clubs that played a pivotal role in their earlier careers. For Cirkovic, that meant going back to Partizan, a club he represented as a player. For Gordo Ríos, it was a return to León, where he has had numerous different roles in the past. Nexe started with coach Krešo Ivankovic in 2024.

All four clubs have a core of local players

One additional factor will be at play in the clashes between Nexe and Kadetten, on both a tactical and personal level, as Horvat led Nexe for seven years and has crossed paths with Ivankovic working with Croatia's youth teams.

The four clubs have a core of local players, whether they are talented youngsters or have many years of experience behind them. Two of Poland's most exciting rising talents will be on show in group H, with 22-year-old goalkeeper Marcel Jastrzebski having arrived at Nexe ahead of this season and 21-year-old right back Patryk Wasiak coming into his third year with León. Other up-and-comers to watch in group H include Partizan right back Simo Sijan, who made his Serbia national team debut earlier in 2025 and is also 21 as the season begins.

Courtney Gahan

I GROUP H HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP H

Kadetten Schaffhausen vs RK Nexø 1-1-0 (64:60) 3:1

14.11.2009	RK Nexø vs Kadetten SH Handball, EHF Cup – Round 3	30:30 (8:13)
22.11.2009	Kadetten SH Handball vs RK Nexø, EHF Cup – Round 3	34:30 (12:15)

Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Abanca Ademar León 0-2-3 (137:140) 2:8

06.10.2007	Kadetten Schaffhausen GCZ vs C.B.M. Ademar León, EHF Champions League – Group C	29:29 (18:15)
07.11.2007	C.B.M. Ademar León vs Kadetten Schaffhausen GCZ, EHF Champions League – Group C	31:30 (18:11)
05.09.2009	Kadetten SH Handball vs Reale Ademar, EHF Champions League – Qualification Group Q	27:27 (15:14)
24.09.2017	Abanca Ademar León vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF CL – Group C	29:28 (14:13)
16.11.2017	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Abanca Ademar León, VELUX EHF CL – Group C	23:24 (10:15)

Kadetten Schaffhausen vs RK Partizan AdmiralBet

No previous encounters in European competitions

RK Nexø vs Abanca Ademar León 1-0-1 (62:62) 2:2

24.11.2013	RK Nexø vs Reale Ademar León, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	34:29 (18:14)
30.11.2013	Reale Ademar León vs RK Nexø, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	33:28 (15:13)

RK Nexø vs RK Partizan AdmiralBet

No previous encounters in European competitions

Abanca Ademar León vs RK Partizan AdmiralBet 3-0-1 (119:108) 6:2

08.10.2011	Reale Ademar León vs RK Partizan Beograd, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	33:28 (20:12)
04.12.2011	RK Partizan Beograd vs Reale Ademar León, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	24:27 (10:14)
13.10.2012	RK Partizan vs Reale Ademar León, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:31 (17:15)
23.02.2013	Reale Ademar León vs RK Partizan, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:23 (14:10)

GROUP H




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Kit colours

Priority 1

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Player short: black
GK shirt: yellow

Priority 2

Player shirt: black
Player short: orange
GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

BBC Arena
Schweizersbildstrasse 10
8207 Schaffhausen
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Capacity: 3,500

KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN



Few clubs can rival Kadetten Schaffhausen's record of participation in European cup competitions — dating to the inception in 1993/94, Kadetten have been part of every season except one, in 2002/03. That stellar participation record is due to their dominance on a domestic level, which has seen Kadetten take the Swiss league title 15 times, including four straight titles from 2022.

Kadetten are well-seasoned in the EHF European League, having played every year since the new-form competition launched in 2020/21.

- **2025/26 marks the 30th season for Kadetten in European cup competitions**
- **Croatian coach Hrvoje Horvat is entering his third season with Kadetten; he will face his former club Nexé in the group matches**
- **Kadetten added two domestic trophies to their extensive collection in 2024/25, winning both the Swiss league and Super Cup**
- **on a European level, Kadetten's best result is a second-place finish in the EHF Cup 2009/10, when they lost the final to German side Lemgo**

Their results have been on something of a downward trajectory however, with quarter-final appearances in the first two seasons, a berth in the play-offs stage in 2023/24, and, in 2024/25, an exit after the group matches. In 2025/26, they look to return to the higher rankings.

The team has not undergone any drastic changes over the summer, with a small number of arrivals and departures. Among the arrivals is Swiss international Dimitrij Küttel, who was diagnosed with lymphoma at the end of 2020 and returns to Kadetten after a stint at Kriens-Luzern. Another national team player joining the line-up is Bosnian Josip Peric, who made it to the quarter-finals of the European Cup 2024/25 with his former club Olympiacos.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (including 2025/26): 6

Quarter-finals (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Play-offs (1): 2023/24

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (2): 2010/11, 2011/12

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-finals (2): 2007/08, 2008/09

Quarter-finals (1): 2005/06

Swiss league: 15 titles (2005-07, 2010-12, 2014-17, 2019, 2022-25)

Swiss cup: 10 titles (1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2021, 2024)





HRVOJE HORVAT

Coach

- Croatian coach who arrived at Kadetten in the summer of 2023 after a short stint at German club Wetzlar
- head coach of the Croatia men from 2021 to 2023; left a head coach role at Nexø (2016–2021) to focus on the national team
- assistant for the national side under Lino Cervar for three years; started his coaching career at Dubrava and with Croatia's YAC teams
- former indoor and beach handball player; won several medals at major beach handball competitions, including WCh gold
- son of legendary Croatian playmaker Hrvoje "Cveba" Horvat

ARRIVALS

Leon Bergmann (Fivers/AUT)
Josip Perić (Olympiacos/GRE)
Daniel Reznicky (Ostrow/POL)
Dimitrij Küttel (Kriens/SUI)
Lukas Saueressig (Kreuzlingen/SUI)

DEPARTURES

Mehdi Ben Romdhane (Pfadi/SUI)
Donat Bartok (retired)
Kassem Awad (HØJ/DEN)
Julien Meyer (Chartres/FRA)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Kristian	Pilipovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	10/12/1994	Dakovo, CRO	191
2	Lucas	Meister	SUI	Line player	16/08/1996	MuttENZ, SUI	196
3	Yari	Prince	SUI	Left wing	23/01/2006	Schaffhausen, SUI	190
4	Lukas	Saueressig	GER	Centre back	09/06/1997	Balingen, GER	192
5	Leon	Bergmann	AUT	Goalkeeper	17/04/2004	Graz, AUT	196
6	Odinn Thor	Rikhardsson	ISL	Right wing	23/10/1997	Reykjavic, ISL	183
7	Manoy	Ugiagbe	SUI	Left back	10/01/2006	Winterthur, SUI	185
8	David	Hrachovec	CZE	Right wing	01/08/2003	Valasske Mezirici, CZE	188
9	Dimitrij	Küttel	SUI	Right back	18/02/1994	Gersau SZ, SUI	191
10	Josip	Peric	BIH	Centre back	05/06/1992	Zagreb, CRO	180
11	Julian	Kemmerling	GER	Left wing	12/01/2007	Stühlingen, GER	184
12	André	Strauss	GER	Goalkeeper	01/11/2005	Schaffhausen, SUI	187
13	Juan	Castro	ESP	Centre back	31/10/1990	Leon, ESP	190
14	Lukas	Hedinger	SUI	Right back	10/01/2003	Schlieren, SUI	196
15	Marvin	Lier	SUI	Left wing	08/09/1992	Zürich ZH, SUI	186
16	Gwendal	Dussey	SUI	Goalkeeper	15/08/2006	Nyon, SUI	188
17	Adam	Petric	CRO	Line player	25/05/2005	Schaffhausen, SUI	204
18	Ariel	Pietrasik	POL	Left back	21/10/1999	Lodz, POL	202
19	Zoran	Markovic	SUI	Left back	06/05/1995	Neuhausen, SUI	197
C 20	Luka	Maros	SUI	Left back	20/03/1994	Dübendorf ZH, SUI	196
22	Patrik	Martinovic	CRO	Right back	29/08/2000	Rijeka, CRO	188
23	Silas	Müller	SUI	Centre back	17/08/2005	Schaffhausen, SUI	188
24	Milan	Lutz	GER	Right wing	21/06/2008	Singen, GER	186
25	Vilius	Marcinkevicius	LTU	Left back	17/09/2006	Schaffhausen, SUI	194
26	Manuel	Speicher	GER	Left back	24/02/2006	Singen Hohentwiel, GER	186
77	Daniel	Režnický	CZE	Line player	26/03/1998	Prague, CZE	190



KRISTIAN PILIPOVIC

Goalkeeper

- Croatian-Austrian goalkeeper who joined Kadetten from Nexen in 2018
- moved to Wisla Plock for the 2022/23 season but returned to Kadetten in December 2022, swapping places with Ignacio Biosca
- started his professional career at Fivers in Austria, then moved to Nexen in 2017
- initially played for the YAC and senior national teams of Austria, before opting to represent Croatia; made his first appearance for Croatia at the EHF EURO 2022



JOSIP PERIC

 @josipperic18

Centre back

- new arrival at Kadetten, joining from Olympiacos ahead of the 2025/26 season
- Bosnian international who has played for clubs in eight different countries
- first played in a European cup competition with Izvidac, in the EHF Cup 2008/09
- part of his national team's line-up on their only WCh appearance, in 2015; also played the EHF EUROs in 2020 and 2022



LUCAS MEISTER

 @meister_lucas

Line player

- returned to Kadetten ahead of the 2024/25 season after two years at SC Magdeburg
- started his professional career at Kadetten before moving to Germany, joining GWD Minden in 2019 then SCM in 2022; won the CL in his first season with Magdeburg
- first appeared in European cup competitions with Kadetten; played four seasons of the CL with the side from 2014 and now counts six seasons in the top flight
- a regular in the Swiss national team, who made his debut with the side in 2015

CL: 2023



ODINN THOR RIKHARDSSON

 @odinnrikhards

Right wing

- arrived at Schaffhausen in 2022 from KA Akureyrar; was the EL 2022/23 top scorer, with 110 goals, in his first season with Kadetten
- played for GOG, Holstebro, and Gummersbach before returning to Iceland
- was with several Icelandic clubs before venturing abroad for the first time in 2018
- has played the last three major championships with Iceland; All-star right wing of the M20 EHF EURO 2016 and 2015 Youth WCh

GROUP H



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Kit colours

Priority 1

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

Priority 2

Player shirt: mint
Player short: black
GK shirt: orange



Playing hall

OS Kralja Tomislava
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31500 Nasice
Croatia
Capacity: 2,000

RK NEXE



Some clubs shuffle between different European cup competitions; others, like RK Nexe, become synonymous with one. The Croatian club have played every edition of the second-tier competition since 2008, when they first participated in the EHF Cup.

The standout international year for Nexe was 2021/22, when they made it to the EHF Finals in Lisbon. They lost the semi-final to SC Magdeburg, who would go on to win the Champions League the following year, and the 3/4 placement match to Orlen Wisla Plock.

- **RK Nexe are playing their 18th season in the second-tier European cup competition and fifth straight in the EHF European League**
- **Krešo Ivanković, head coach since 2024, remains at the helm and will work with a new assistant coach and new goalkeeper coach this season**
- **four players left the club over the summer, including Gal Marguč, who returned home to Slovenia to join fellow EHF European League side Slovan**
- **the team captain is right back and club stalwart Borna Manci Micević**

In 2024/25, Nexe were knocked out after the group matches. Prior to that, they reached the quarter-finals of either the EHF European League or the EHF cup twice, and the play-offs or Last 16 three times.

The disappointing result in 2024/25, which marked Nexe's earliest exit from the competition since 2019/20, does not reflect how the team has been changing in recent years. Big names in Croatian handball have arrived at the club since 2024, including former national team player Manuel Štrlek and current Tin Lucin.

Ahead of the current season, Nexe welcomed only one new player: Polish goalkeeper Marcel Jastrzebski. The rising talent brings great promise to reinforce the line-up in a crucial area.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (including 2025/26): 6

Semi-finals (1): 2021/22

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Play-offs (1): 2023/24

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Other

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2017/18

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

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

Croatian league: –

Croatian cup: –





KREŠO IVANKOVIĆ

Coach

- RK Nexe head coach since April 2024, succeeding Veselin Vujovic; first came to Nexe as assistant to Vujovic
- led Dubrava and Croatia men's YAC teams in the past; won silver at the M19 EHF EURO in 2021 and bronze at the 2023 Youth WCh
- a former centre back who played for his hometown club Zagreb as well as Celje, Wetzlar, Constanta, and Cuenca, among numerous others
- played 15 games for the Croatia national team, but never featured at a major event

ARRIVALS

Marcel Jastrzebski (Plock/POL)

DEPARTURES

Moreno Car (Poreč/CRO)
Gal Marguč (Slovan/SLO)
Stjepan Javorček (Osijek/CRO)
Antun Šarić (Osijek/VRO)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Aleksandar	Bakic	MNE	Left wing	03/09/2000	Andrijevisa, MNE	194
5	Loris	Hromin	CRO	Right wing	13/04/2006	Zadar, CRO	181
7	Mislav	Grgic	BIH	Centre back	23/07/1998	Split, CRO	193
8	Ibrahim	Haseljac	BIH	Right wing	14/01/1998	Tuzla, BIH	192
9	Lucian	Krajcar	CRO	Left back	21/08/2001	Rijeka, CRO	196
11	Petar	Barišic	CRO	Right wing	30/08/2008	Nasice, CRO	185
12	Predrag	Serdar	CRO	Goalkeeper	27/12/2006	Nasice, CRO	198
13	Petar	Krupic	CRO	Right back	09/08/2004	Rijeka, CRO	185
16	Mihailo	Radovanovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	18/12/1992	Cacak, SRB	194
17	Matko	Moslavac	CRO	Left back	15/02/2007	Virovitica, CRO	190
C 20	Borna	Manci Micevic	CRO	Right back	20/11/1997	Osijek, CRO	208
21	Ivan	Barbic	CRO	Left wing	01/10/2002	Rijeka, CRO	184
23	Karlo	Peric	BIH	Line player	19/12/2006	Mostar, BIH	201
24	Tin	Kuže	CRO	Centre back	01/09/2001	Osijek, CRO	183
26	Manuel	Štrlek	CRO	Left wing	01/12/1988	Zagreb, CRO	185
27	Luka	Moslavac	CRO	Left back	08/03/1998	Virovitica, CRO	195
33	Aleksandar	Cenic	ESP	Right back	11/01/2003	Leskovac, SRB	200
34	Ognjen	Cenic	SRB	Centre back	30/07/2006	Leskovac, SRB	190
39	Leon	Vucko	CRO	Line player	09/01/1995	Zagreb, CRO	192
41	Tin	Lucin	CRO	Left back	16/08/1999	Rijeka, CRO	196
44	Krešimir	Kozina	CRO	Line player	25/06/1990	Derventa, CRO	196
75	Marcel	Jastrzebski	POL	Goalkeeper	14/03/2003	Lubin, POL	196



MARCEL JASTRZEBSKI

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Goalkeeper

- new arrival at Nexø in 2025; this is his first club outside his native Poland; played for Orlen Wisła Płock from 2022 to 2025, after starting his career with SMS ZPRP Kielce
- gained attention with a 19-save outing versus Magdeburg in the CL 2022/23
- first called up to the national team in March 2023; reached 100 caps in 2025
- this will be his fourth international club season, after three in the CL with Płock



MANUEL ŠTRLEK

 @strlekmanuel26

Left wing

- joined Nexø in 2023, coming from Veszprém; also played for Kielce and Zagreb
- played a part of the CL 2024/25 with Berlin, replacing Jerry Tollbring; joined the German club in November 2024 and ended up in the CL final
- 2025/26 is his 18th European cup season; personal record is 75 goals in CL 2021/22
- All-star Team left wing of the EHF EURO 2010 and 2016, and of the CL 2015/16, when he won the trophy with Kielce

EC trophies: CL 2016

OG: B 2012; WCh: B 2013; EURO: S 2010, B 2012, 2016



TIN LUCIN

 @tin_lucin

Left back

- arrived at Nexø in 2024; his previous club was Wisła Płock, who he joined in 2021
- spent two years at Leon (2019–21), one of Nexø's opponents in the group matches
- had a breakout season in the EL 2020/21, reaching the 50-goal mark for the first time; scored 80 goals in the CL 2022/23 and 76 in the CL 2023/24
- a Croatian international who was part of the side that took 2025 WCh silver

WCh: S 2025



KRESIMIR KOZINA

 @kkozina44

Line player

- returned to Nexø in 2024 after 11 years abroad; previously with Nexø from 2011–13
- spent nine years in Germany with Göppingen (2017–24), Füchse Berlin (2016/17) and Flensburg (2015/16); Hard (2013–15) in Austria was his first team outside Croatia
- part of the Croatia line-up that took bronze at the EHF EURO 2016, but not a regular in the side
- won the 2009 Youth WCh title with Croatia

EURO: B 2016

GROUP H



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Player short: white
GK shirt: pink

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

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

ABANCA ADEMAR LEÓN



In the late 1990s and early 2000s, Abanca Ademar León were regulars in the final stages of European cup competitions. The Spanish side raised the Cup Winners' Cup twice and have been fighting to return to that top level internationally since.

In the EHF European League, in 2024/25, León were knocked out in the group matches. But contesting that stage was not to be taken for granted, as it was Ademar's first group matches participation since 2020/21, when they exited in the Last 16.

- **Leon are playing the EHF European League for the fourth time, after featuring in the first two editions in 2020/21 and 2021/22, then returning in 2024/25**
- **they have played the EHF Champions League 12 times and the qualification for the top flight once**
- **Daniel Gordo Ríos has been head coach since 2023; he is on his third stint overall with the club and second as head coach**
- **in 2024/25, Ademar finished as runners-up in the Spanish Copa del Rey after last reaching the final in 2020/21**

Leon are led by Daniel Gordo Ríos, whose international coaching experience is broad and encompasses three continents — just like his squad. Iranian goalkeeper Saeid Barkhordari and Brazilian Rodrigo Quost complement a roster of almost entirely Spanish players. One European exception is right back Patryk Wasiak, who faces the test of whether he can develop to expectations.

In terms of Spanish talents, Gonzalo Pérez Arce's return home is big news for León. The wing is a prolific scorer and brings considerable international experience to the line-up.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 4

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

Group matches (1): 2024/25

Qualification (1): 2021/22

Other

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

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (2): 1998/99, 2004/05

Runners-up (2): 2000/01, 2006/07

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2010/11


Spanish league: 1 title (2001)

Spanish cup: 1 title (2002)





DANIEL GORDO RÍOS
Coach

 @danielgordorios

- former goalkeeper who is now an experienced coach with a rich international career; has led various clubs, from Al Ahly in Egypt to Meshkov Brest in Belarus
- returned to León in 2023; his first head coach role was with the club, from 2013 to 2015
- led Brest in the CL 2021/22; previously coached the Faroe Islands and Brazil, winning continental medals with them; was in charge of Türkiye for one year until January 2025
- first a sport director and coach at the Castilla and León Handball Federation from 2007 to 2015, then became assistant coach at León in 2011

ARRIVALS

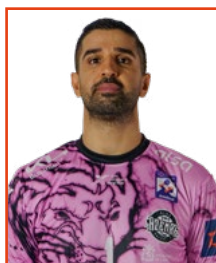
Gonzalo Pérez Arce (Bietigheim/GER)
Aitor Albizu Erigüen (Anaitasuna/ESP)
Samuel Saiz Moreno (Aranda/ESP, back from loan)

DEPARTURES

Carlos Álvarez Domínguez (Sporting/POR)
Marwan Hatem (Al-Ahly/EGY)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Saeid	Barkhordari	IRI	Goalkeeper	07/05/1989	Isfahan, IRI	190
2	Oscar	Lindqvist	SWE	Left back	09/02/2002	Onsala, SWE	195
3	Javier	Miñambres	ESP	Centre back	15/10/2004	León, ESP	185
4	Martín	Robles	ESP	Right wing	02/09/2008	León, ESP	170
7	Patryk	Wasiak	POL	Right back	31/10/2004	Lodz, POL	194
8	Dario	Sanz	ESP	Left wing	28/12/2003	León, ESP	185
9	Adrián	Fernández	ESP	Centre back	15/06/1994	Avilés, ESP	188
C 10	Rodrigo	Pérez Arce	ESP	Centre back	04/10/1995	León, ESP	180
13	Rubén	Rozadal	ESP	Line player	04/03/2002	Gijón, ESP	192
14	Sergio	Sánchez	ESP	Left wing	14/05/2007	León, ESP	190
16	Alvaro	Pérez	ESP	Goalkeeper	09/03/2005	Valladolid, ESP	195
17	Alvaro	Duarte	ESP	Right wing	29/01/2002	Oviedo, ESP	180
19	Gonzalo	Pérez Arce	ESP	Right wing	20/07/1998	Leon, ESP	175
21	Raúl	García	ESP	Left wing	17/03/2007	León, ESP	175
23	Alex	Lodos	ESP	Left back	26/06/2002	León, ESP	190
24	Samuel	Saiz	ESP	Left back	09/02/2005	Xirivella, ESP	200
30	Aitor	Albizu	ESP	Left back	09/02/2001	Estella, ESA	185
33	Alberto	Martin	ESP	Line player	15/12/2001	Madrid, ESP	193
66	Eduardo	Fernández	ESP	Right back	06/03/1997	La Bañeza, ESP	186
73	Rodrigo	Benites	BRA	Line player	30/01/1992	Blumenau, BRA	194
98	Marcos	García	ESP	Goalkeeper	12/07/2007	Oviedo, ESP	190



SAEID BARKHORDARI

 @saeid_barkhordari_1

Goalkeeper

- arrived at León in 2022; the most experienced of León's goalkeeping trio
- after playing for multiple clubs in Iran, first moved to Spain in 2019 to join Guadalajara
- left Guadalajara for Qatari side Al Arabi mid-season in 2020/21, then joined León
- ahead of the 2025/26 season, had made 960 saves in 121 ASOBAL league matches
- part of Iran's team at the 2015 WCh — one of only two appearances at the global event



RODRIGO PÉREZ ARCE

 @roodri10_pa

Centre back

- back at León for his second spell with the club, rejoining in 2023; spent six years with the side between 2013 and 2019, debuting in the ASOBAL league that first season
- his only other Spanish club was Nava; also spent one season in France with Cherbourg
- of the players remaining from last season, was León's top scorer in the EL 2024/25, with 30 goals — his personal record in an international competition
- represented Spain on a YAC level; older brother of right wing Gonzalo



PATRYK WASIAK

 @patrykwasiak7

Right back

- a product of Kielce's youth academy, he joined Ademar León in the summer of 2023
- turning 21 in October 2025, considered one of the most exciting talents from Poland
- has scored 79 goals in his two ASOBAL seasons so far; netted 15 in the EL 2024/25
- represented Poland at various youth championships and has been called up to the A side but is yet to debut at a major tournament
- son of former Poland and Kielce player Radostaw Wasiak



GONZALO PÉREZ ARCE

 @gonzaloperez_19

Right wing

- back at León ahead of the 2025/26 season after one year at Bietigheim in Germany and two with Orlen Wisła Płock
- started his career at León, playing the ASOBAL league from 2016 to 2022; scored 576 goals in 140 matches and was named All-star right wing in 2020/21
- came through Spain's YAC teams; won silver at the 2017 Youth WCh, as of September 2025, has four caps and 11 goals with the A side — all in 2021

GROUP H



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Kit colours

Priority 1

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Player short: black
GK shirt: yellow

Priority 2

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



Playing hall

Sports Center Vozdovac
Crnotravska 4
11000 Beograd
Serbia
Capacity: 1,900

RK PARTIZAN ADMIRALBET



They are the only EHF European League debutants in group H but that does not limit RK Partizan AdmiralBet's ambition. The side aim to continue an upward trend after taking their first Serbian league title since 2011/12 last season.

The past four seasons have seen Partizan playing the European Cup. In 2024/25, they reached the quarter-finals, where they were knocked out by eventual finalists AEK Athens. In previous years, they exited in the earlier rounds.

- **2025/26 is Partizan's first season in the EHF European League but 25th in European cup competitions overall**
- **the side have never played an international final, but reached the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1998/99 and 2001/02 and the Challenge Cup 2010/11**
- **2024/25 was a great year; the European Cup quarter-finals was Partizan's best international result in over a decade and they also returned to the domestic throne**
- **Djordje Cirkovic, who played for Partizan himself, has been head coach since the summer of 2023**

Partizan reached the group matches through the qualification special path, where they overthrew Czech side HCB Karvina with two confident wins for an aggregate result of 61:53.

After already bolstering their line-up for recent seasons, Partizan made more moves ahead of 2025/26, welcoming numerous new arrivals. Several players came from other Serbian clubs, a few arrived from Romania and Russian back Sergei Ivanov joined. On the other hand, sharpshooter Petar Djordjic, the top scorer of the European League 2021/22 while with Benfica, ended his career.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2025/26): 1

Other

EHF Champions League

Group phase (4): 1999/2000, 2003/04, 2011/12, 2012/13

EHF European Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2024/25

Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-finals (2): 1998/99, 2001/02

Quarter-finals (1): 2004/05

Challenge Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2010/11


Serbian league: 10 titles (1993-95, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2025)

Serbian cup: 9 titles (1993, 1994, 1998, 2001, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2024)





DJORDJE CIRKOVIC
Coach

 @dorde3

- joined Partizan ahead of the 2023/24 season, returning to Serbia after several years abroad
- previously coached in European cup competitions at Constanta (2019–2022) and Eurofarm Rabotnik (2018/19)
- a former player who appeared in international club competitions with Partizan and Novi Sad
- won both the Serbian league and cup with Partizan as a player and has now repeated the feat as coach of the side, taking the cup in 2023/24 and the league in 2024/25

ARRIVALS

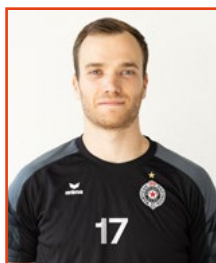
Andrej Trnavac (Vojvodina/SRB)
Sergei Ivanov (CSKA/RUS)
Marko Nikolić (Krka/SLO)
Strahinja Stanković (Constanta/ROU)
Vladimir Jevtić (Vranje/SRB)
Gabriel Ilie (Constanta/ROU)
Liviu Caba (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
Petar Ivanić (Obilić/SRB)
Simo Šijan (Vojvodina/SRB)
Jovan Jevremović (Dinamo/SRB)

DEPARTURES

Saeid Heidarirad (Pelister/MKD)
Petar Đorđić (retired)
Marko Vasić (Vranje/SRB)
Miodrag Ćorsović (Dijon/FRA)
Mihajlo Radojković (Ramat/ISR)
Stevan Vujović (Al-Nasr/UAE)
Luka Barjaktarović (Metaloplastika/SRB)
Đorđe Petrović (Kikinda/SRB)
Radan Kovačević (Kikinda/SRB)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Nikola	Kurtic	SRB	Left wing	11/06/2008	Priboj, SRB	180
5	Nikola	Crnoglavac	SRB	Right back	22/04/1992	Kraljevo, SRB	195
6	Liviu	Caba	ROU	Left back	21/06/2000	Timisoara, ROU	198
C 7	Mladen	Sotic	SRB	Left wing	05/02/1995	Belgrade, SRB	186
10	Gabriel	Ilie	ROU	Left back	11/03/1999	Galati, ROU	197
12	Jovan	Jevremovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	09/11/2005	Kragujevac, SRB	192
13	Uros	Stankovic	SRB	Right back	09/11/2006	Belgrade, SRB	189
14	Sergei	Ivanov	RUS	Right back	16/10/2000	Krasnodar, RUS	198
16	Andrej	Trnavac	SRB	Goalkeeper	13/12/1998	Belgrade, SRB	187
17	Miha	Kotar	SLO	Centre back	06/03/1999	Trebnje, SLO	184
C 19	Nikola	Zecevic	SRB	Left back	10/03/2002	Priboj, SRB	199
20	Nemanja	Ratkovic	SRB	Line player	11/12/1996	Novi Sad, SRB	194
21	Simo	Sijan	SRB	Left back	31/08/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	186
22	Ivan	Micic	SRB	Line player	22/09/2000	Belgrade, SRB	188
25	Veljko	Popovic	SRB	Centre back	18/02/2000	Belgrade, SRB	190
26	Marko	Nikolic	SRB	Left wing	01/11/1998	Krusevac, SRB	189
31	Strahinja	Stankovic	SRB	Right wing	12/06/1991	Vrbas, SRB	185
33	Vladimir	Jevtic	SRB	Line player	19/11/1995	Valjevo, SRB	201
41	Petar	Ivanic	SRB	Line player	23/08/2005	Belgrade, SRB	190
61	Nikola	Zoric	SRB	Goalkeeper	30/09/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	197
77	Lazar	Andjelkovic	SRB	Right wing	28/12/2001	Zajecar, SRB	182



MIHA KOTAR

 @mihakotar17

Centre back

- arrived at Partizan ahead of the 2024/25 season, from Slovenj Gradec; gained his first international club experience with Gradec, playing the European Cup 2022/23
- represented Slovenia on a YAC level; reached the M18 EHF EURO 2016 semi-finals but not part of the line-up when they won the M20 EHF EURO 2018
- has an identical twin brother Marko, who plays for Trimo Trebnje, and an older brother Matic, who took silver at the 2015 Youth WCh; all three are centre backs



IVAN MICIC

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Line player

- born in Belgrade, started to play handball in his youth at Partizan in 2012 and has never played for another club since
- a true leader of the team — both on and off the court
- made his European debut with Partizan in the Challenge Cup in 2018
- scored 18 goals for Partizan in the European Cup 2024/25, his personal best tally in a single European season



NIKOLA CRNOGLAVAC

 @crni_15

Right back

- joined Partizan in the summer of 2024; netted 134 goals in the Serbian league 2024/25 and was named best right back of the season
- has appeared internationally with three clubs from outside Serbia: Besiktas in Türkiye (2021/22), Constanta (2017–2019) and Tatabanya (2015/16)
- had a breakthrough year in the EHF Cup 2018/19, scoring 41 goals for Constanta
- first called to the Serbia national team in October 2017; has played two EHF EUROs with the side, in 2018 and 2020



STRAHINJA STANKOVIC

 @strahinja31

Right wing

- new arrival ahead of the 2025/26 season, coming from CSM Constanta
- spent four years with the Romanian side, playing the EL from 2021/22 to 2024/25
- started his career with Vojvodina, played eight European cup seasons with Vojvodina sine 2012/13 and won eight domestic titles with the side
- scored his career-high goal count in the CL 2015/16, netting 29 times



HISTORY

I CHAMPIONS 1994–2025

EHF European League Men

2025	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
2024	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
2023	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2022	SL Benfica (POR)
2021	SC Magdeburg (GER)

Men's EHF Cup

2020	<i>no title awarded due to coronavirus pandemic</i>
2019	THW Kiel (GER)
2018	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2017	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
2016	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
2015	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2014	Pick Szeged (HUN)

Men's EHF Cup

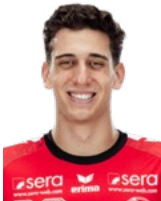
2012	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
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2010	TBV Lemgo (GER)
2009	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2008	HSG Nordhorn (GER)
2007	SC Magdeburg (GER)
2006	TBV Lemgo (GER)
2005	Tusem Essen (GER)
2004	THW Kiel (GER)
2003	FC Barcelona (ESP)
2002	THW Kiel (GER)
2001	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
2000	Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)
1999	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
1998	THW Kiel (GER)
1997	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
1996	BM Granollers (ESP)
1995	BM Granollers (ESP)
1994	Aliza Avidesa (ESP)

Men's Cup Winners' Cup

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

I TOP SCORERS 2024/25*

81 goals



Ian Barrufet
MT Melsungen

#	Player	Club	Goals
1	Ian Barrufet (ESP)	MT Melsungen	81
2	Tobias Grøndahl (NOR)	GOG	79
	Ihor Turchenko (UKR)	Limoges Handball	79
4	Marin Šipic (CRO)	HC Kriens-Luzern	78
5	Luca Sigrist (SUI)	HC Kriens-Luzern	69
6	Miro Schluroff (GER)	VfL Gummerbach	68
7	Emil Madsen (DEN)	THW Kiel	67
8	Seif El-Deraa	Limoges Handball	65
9	Lukas Jørgensen (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	64
	Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	Montpellier Handball	64

I TOP SCORERS 2020–25*

Season	Player	Club	Goals
EHF European League 2024/25	Ian Barrufet (ESP)	MT Melsungen	90
EHF European League 2023/24	Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	Dinamo Bucuresti	95
EHF European League 2022/23	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	110
EHF European League 2021/22	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	109
	Petar Djordjic (SRB)	SL Benfica	109
EHF European League 2020/21	Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG	96

** starting from group phase/group matches; qualification not included*

I ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020–25*

1	Füchse Berlin GER	60	45	3	12	1843:1597	+246	93:27	(4)	77,50%
2	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	42	35	3	4	1481:1210	+271	73:11	(4)	86,90%
3	Montpellier Handball FRA	44	31	2	11	1310:1181	+129	64:24	(4)	72,73%
4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	58	29	6	23	1696:1688	+8	64:52	(6)	55,17%
5	RK Nexe CRO	60	29	5	26	1757:1741	+16	63:57	(6)	52,50%
6	Sporting CP POR	50	28	3	19	1473:1391	+82	59:41	(4)	59,00%
7	SC Magdeburg GER	32	28	2	2	1032:844	+188	58:6	(2)	90,63%
8	GOG DEN	42	25	4	13	1344:1269	+75	54:30	(3)	64,29%
9	Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR	46	25	2	19	1463:1418	+45	52:40	(5)	56,52%
10	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	32	23	2	7	964:879	+85	48:16	(2)	75,00%
11	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	32	23	1	8	949:828	+121	47:17	(2)	73,44%
12	IK Sävehof SWE	32	18	1	13	1010:956	+54	37:27	(4)	57,81%
13	FENIX Toulouse FRA	34	16	5	13	972:958	+14	37:31	(4)	54,41%
14	HBC Nantes FRA	26	16	4	6	812:728	+84	36:16	(2)	69,23%
15	IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun ESP	36	14	3	19	1070:1064	+6	31:41	(4)	43,06%
16	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	34	12	5	17	881:906	-25	29:39	(3)	42,65%
17	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP	26	13	2	11	838:809	+29	28:24	(3)	53,85%
18	USAM Nîmes Gard FRA	24	11	5	8	675:650	+25	27:21	(2)	56,25%
19	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	26	13	1	12	816:769	+47	27:25	(2)	51,92%
20	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	16	13	0	3	517:444	+73	26:6	(1)	81,25%
21	THW Kiel GER	14	11	2	1	457:395	+62	24:4	(2)	85,71%
25	MT Melsungen GER	16	9	2	5	486:441	+45	20:12	(2)	62,50%
30	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI	18	8	2	8	569:562	+7	18:18	(3)	50,00%
33	Skanderborg-Aarhus DEN	12	8	0	4	366:338	+28	16:8	(2)	66,67%
34	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	18	6	4	8	526:544	-18	16:20	(3)	44,44%
35	IFK Kristianstad SWE	20	7	1	12	562:598	-36	15:25	(3)	37,50%
37	TATRAN Prešov SVK	36	7	0	29	892:1084	-192	14:58	(5)	19,44%
39	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf GER	12	6	1	5	359:358	+1	13:11	(2)	54,17%
40	FC Porto POR	14	6	1	7	421:403	+18	13:15	(2)	46,43%
48	FTC-Green Collect HUN	12	3	3	6	377:407	-30	9:15	(2)	37,50%
49	Elverum Handball NOR	6	3	0	3	192:181	+11	6:6	(2)	50,00%
55	HC Vardar 1961 MKD	6	2	1	3	163:187	-24	5:7	(2)	41,67%
67	MRK Sesvete CRO	6	1	0	5	172:188	-16	2:10	(2)	16,67%
NR	Fredericia Håndboldklub DEN	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	Saint-Raphaël Var Handball FRA	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	Knattspyrnufélagið Fram ISL	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	Rebud KPR Ostrovia Ostrow POL	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	AHC Potaissa Turda ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	RD LL Grosist Slovan SLO	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	RK Partizan AdmiralBet SRB	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	BSV Bern SUI	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	HF Karlskrona SWE	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

- **bold** = part of 2025/26 group matches

- (x) = number of seasons played, including 2025/26

- x% = winning percentage

* last updated after 2024/25 season; qualification matches not included for any season

I ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020–25*

BIGGEST WIN

28	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
24	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
23	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
21	IK Sävehof SWE vs Pfadi Winterthur SUI	41:20 (21:11), 14.11.2023
20	Skjern Handbold DEN vs MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	42:22 (21:10), 24.10.2023
19	SC Magdeburg GER vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	41:22 (21:11), 09.02.2021
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL @ HC Metalurg MKD	19:38 (9:16), 14.02.2021
19	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
19	VfL Gummersbach GER @ FH Hafnarfjörður ISL	21:40 (12:19), 15.10.2024
18	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020

BIGGEST HALF-TIME LEAD

20	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
16	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
16	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
14	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
13	Sporting CP POR vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023
13	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ HCB Karvina CZE	31:41 (11:24), 15.10.2024
12	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020
12	HC CSKA RUS vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	32:24 (21:9), 01.12.2020
12	Montpellier HB FRA vs FTC HUN	43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023
12	IK Sävehof SWE vs REBI Balonmano Cuenca ESP	40:27 (21:9), 28.11.2023
12	MOL Tatabanya KC HUN vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:24 (20:8), 05.12.2023

* last updated: 25 May 2025 (after EHF Finals Men 2025); qualification matches not included for any season

MOST GOALS

52	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
46	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
46	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
46	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
45	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD	45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021
45	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	45:31 (22:16), 13.02.2024
45	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
44	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs MOL Tatabanya KC HUN	44:27 (22:13), 22.10.2024
44	VfL Gummersbach GER @ MOL Tatabanya KC HUN	29:44 (13:23), 18.02.2025

MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

85	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP	43:42 (26:22), 18.02.2025
82	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
79	SL Benfica POR vs SC Magdeburg GER	40:39 (15:14, 32:32), 29.05.2022
78	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
77	GOG DEN vs SL Benfica POR	39:38 (20:18), 01.03.2022
77	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
76	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
76	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
76	Montpellier HB FRA vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	40:36 (22:18), 07.02.2023
76	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
76	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	45:31 (22:16), 13.02.2024

FEWEST GOALS

15	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
16	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
18	RK Nexe CRO @ HC CSKA RUS	29:18 (15:8), 24.11.2020
18	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ CSM Constanta ROU	29:18 (15:8), 14.11.2023
19	Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN @ HC Eurofarm Pelister	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
19	HC Metalurg MKD vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	19:38 (9:16), 14.02.2021
19	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs FENIX Toulouse Handball FRA	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
19	AEK Athens HC GRE @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	30:19 (10:8), 08.03.2022
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica POR	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
19	HV Lovcen-Cetinje MNE vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	19:35 (12:15), 24.10.2023
19	HV Lovcen-Cetinje MNE @ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
19	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024

FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

40	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
40	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
42	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	22:20 (12:11), 13.12.2022
43	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs RK Nexe CRO	21:22 (11:11), 05.04.2022
43	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024
44	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
45	RK Nexe CRO vs Montpellier HB FRA	22:23 (8:10), 17.11.2020
45	USAM Nimes Gard FRA vs TATRAN Prešov SVK	25:20 (12:11), 09.02.2021
45	Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	21:24 (11:9), 11.02.2021
45	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Sporting CPO POR	24:21 (12:13), 16.02.2021
45	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs RK Trimo Trebnje SLO	24:21 (10:12), 16.02.2021
45	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica POR	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
45	Vojvodina SRB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	24:21 (11:8), 05.03.2024

BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO WIN A MATCH

-6	Sporting CP POR @ Fuchse Berlin GER	31:32 (19:13), 20.02.2024
-5	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf GER @ Górnik Zabrze POL	29:32 (19:14), 05.12.2023
-4	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	33:32 (15:19), 13.04.2021
-4	Pfadi Winterthur SUI @ TATTRAN Prešov SVK	29:33 (16:12), 16.11.2021
-4	Kadetten Schaffhausewn SUI @ Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	24:25 (14:10), 06.12.2022
-3	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	30:32 (18:15), 23.02.2021
-3	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP @ Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	34:35 (20:17), 27.02.2021
-3	Alingsas HK SWE vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	30:29 (14:17), 02.03.2021
-3	Sporting CP POR vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	29:28 (9:12), 19.10.2021
-3	SL Benfica POR @ Cocks FIN	32:37 (18:15), 16.11.2021
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO @ IK Sävehof SWE	27:28 (14:11), 08.03.2022
-3	FENIX Toulouse Handball FRA vs SL Benfica POR	38:34 (17:20), 29.03.2022
-3	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs TM Benidorm ESP	35:30 (16:19), 25.10.2022
-3	PAUC Handball FRA vs FTC HUN	33:30 (14:17), 22.11.2022
-3	Bidasoa Irun ESP vs HC Motor	26:22 (9:12), 22.11.2022
-3	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs TATTRAN Prešov SVK	30:28 (13:16), 06.12.2022
-3	Ystads IF HF SWE @ PAUC Handball FRA	34:36 (18:15), 06.12.2022
-3	Sporting CP POR @ Skjern Handbold DEN	28:30 (15:12), 06.12.2022
-3	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs SL Benfica POR	31:29 (15:18), 14.02.2023
-3	Fuchse Berlin GER vs CSM Constanta ROU	35:31 (16:19), 05.03.2024
-3	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	36:27 (16:19), 22.10.2024
-3	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Limoges Handball FRA	27:31 (16:13), 22.10.2024
-3	FH Hafnarfjörður ISL vs IK Sävehof SWE	34:30 (15:18), 22.10.2024

BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO DRAW A MATCH

-7	Valur ISL vs FC Porto POR	27:27 (9:16), 15.10.2024
-6	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	25:25 (16:10), 17.11.2020
-5	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD @ Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	28:28 (16:11), 26.10.2021
-5	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL vs CSM Constanta ROU	29:29 (14:19), 21.11.2023
-4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	30:30 (17:13), 02.02.2021
-4	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs SL Benfica POR	27:27 (11:15), 03.05.2022
-4	FTC HUN vs Valur ISL	33:33 (14:18), 06.12.2022

MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF

27	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 1st half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
26	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN – 2nd half	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
26	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP – 1st half	43:42 (26:22), 18.02.2025
25	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
25	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
24	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 1st half	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
24	FTC HUN @ Valur ISL – 2nd half	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
24	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE – 1st half	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023

MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

48	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP – 1st half	43:42 (26:22), 18.02.2025
45	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN – 2nd half	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
42	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 2nd half	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
42	GOG DEN vs RK Nexe CRO – 1st half	37:37 (22:20), 03.05.2022
42	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 2nd half	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
42	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
42	GOG DEN vs HC Kriens-Luzern SUI – 2nd half	39:36 (19:14), 15.10.2024
41	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 1st half	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
41	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER – 2nd half	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
41	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	31:39 (16:25), 29.11.2022
41	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Dinamo Bucuresti ROU – 2nd half	38:32 (18:11), 25.05.2024

FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF

5	Alingsas HK SWE vs HC CSKA RUS – 1st half	23:31 (5:16), 16.02.2021
6	Alingsas HK SWE @ SC Magdeburg GER – 2nd half	36:21 (18:15), 23.02.2021
6	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs USAM Nimes Gard FRA – 1st half	21:26 (6:15), 19.10.2021
6	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR – 1st half	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
7	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
7	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs FENIX Toulouse Handball – 2nd half	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
7	HC Izvidac BIH @ Dinamo Bucuresti ROU – 1st half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
7	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ Sporting CP POR – 1st half	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023
7	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 2nd half	19:35 (12:15), 24.10.2023
7	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 2nd half	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
7	FH Hafnarfjordur ISL vs FENIX Toulouse FRA – 1st half	25:29 (7:14), 26.11.2024

FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

15	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR – 1st half	16:24 (6:9), 22.10.2024
18	RK Nexe CRO vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	22:23 (8:10), 17.11.2020
18	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs AEK Athens HC GRE – 1st half	30:19 (10:8), 08.03.2022
18	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica PORF – 1st half	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
18	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 2nd half	25:24 (15:16), 28.11.2023
18	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER vs Górnik Zabrze POL – 1st half	27:23 (10:8), 05.03.2024
19	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN – 2nd half	21:19 (11:10), 10.02.2021
19	TATRAN Prešov SVK vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 2nd half	22:20 (12:11), 13.12.2022
19	Vojvodina SRB vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	24:21 (11:8), 05.03.2024
19	RK Nexe CRO vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER – 2nd half	19:24 (11:13), 26.03.2024



LONGEST WINNING RUN

SC Magdeburg GER	14 matches (01.12.2020 – 26.10.2021)
Füchse Berlin GER	12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)
Füchse Berlin GER	10 matches (18.04.2023 – 13.02.2024)
Frisch Auf Göppingen	9 matches (13.12.2022 - 18.04.2023)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	8 matches (20.10.2020 – 20.02.2021)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	8 matches (23.11.2021 - 29.03.2022)
HBC Nantes FRA	8 matches (14.11.2023 – 05.03.2024)
SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	8 matches (25.05.2024 – 26.11.2024)

LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

SC Magdeburg GER	27 matches (01.12.2020 – 28.05.2022)
SG Flensburg-Handewitt	16 matches (25.05.2024 – 25.05.2025)
Füchse Berlin GER	12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)
THW Kiel GER	12 matches (08.10.2024 – 29.04.2025)
Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	11 matches (17.11.2020 – 30.03.2021)
Orlen Wisla Plock POL	11 matches (23.11.2021 – 03.05.2022)

LONGEST LOSING RUN

Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021)
Besiktas Aygaz TUR	10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
Cocks FIN	8 matches (19.10.2021 - 22.02.2022)
TATRAN Prešov SVK	8 matches (26.10.2021 – 01.03.2022)
Pfadi Winterthur SUI	8 matches (30.11.2021 - 17.10.2023)
IFK Kristianstad SWE	8 matches (13.04.2021 - 05.12.2023)
Górnik Zabrze POL	8 matches (20.02.2024 – 19.11.2024)
TATRAN Prešov SVK	8 matches (21.02.2023 – 26.11.2024)

LONGEST RUN WITHOUT W/IN

Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN	12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021)
RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	12 matches (21.11.2023 – 19.11.2024)
Besiktas Aygaz TUR	10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
HC Metalurg MKD	9 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)
Cocks FIN	9 matches (19.10.2021 - 01.03.2022)
PAUC Handball FRA	9 matches (19.10.2021 – 01.03.2022)
Górnik Zabrze POL	9 matches (20.02.2024 – 26.11.2024)
RK Nexø CRO	9 matches (05.03.2024 - 26.11.2024)

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