



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22
QUARTER-FINALS

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

After two Tuesday nights full of thrilling Last 16 action, the EHF European League Men 2021/22 is now ready for the quarter-finals. The competition is down to eight teams who are all striving for the same goal: qualifying for the EHF Finals Men 2022 on 28/29 May. The EHF European League is in its second season since its inauguration in 2020. The competition has fully lived up to expectations again, with a series of tough, intense, and energetic matches, featuring an eclectic mix of teams. Only eight are left and those teams know they are just 120 minutes away from a possible berth at the EHF Finals – it does not get much more exciting than this!

Looking at those eight teams still in the mix, it is our pleasure to see that they represent eight different nations. The best teams in this strong competition are not coming from one or just a few countries, and there is no better proof of the widespread strength of top men's club handball across the continent. So, we are going to witness eight mouth-watering encounters before we know which four teams will ultimately go for the title at the EHF Finals. Defending champions SC Magdeburg hope to add again to Germany's excellent track record in Europe's second-tier men's club handball competition after narrowly scraping through their Last 16 tie with a one-goal aggregate win over Sporting CP. Next up for the titleholders are HBC Nantes. The French side, who played at the EHF FINAL4 as recent as last season, eliminated EHF European League 2020/21 finalists Füchse Berlin with two wins.

RK Gorenje Velenje, who were in the EHF European Cup semi-finals last season, came through the Last 16 at the expense of USAM Nimes Gard thanks to a convincing home win in the first leg. The Slovenian champions now face SL Benfica, who staged a remarkable comeback on home court in Portugal when they downed Fenix Toulouse by two goals on aggregate having lost the first leg in France by four goals. Like Magdeburg, Polish side OrLEN Wisła Płock are eyeing a return to the EHF Finals. Płock excelled earlier while winning their group and kept the momentum going against German side TBV Lemgo Lippe in the Last 16 to set up a meeting with Kadetten Schaffhausen. The Swiss champions upset IK Sävehof in dramatic fashion: having won the home leg by six goals, they lost by the same margin in Sweden and just made it through based on the away goals rule.

Last but not least, RK Nexe qualified for the quarter-finals coming through a tense Balkan derby, winning both legs against RK Eurofarm Pelister. The Croatian side will next travel north to Denmark, as GOG earned two two-goal wins over former EHF Champions League winners Bidasoa Irun to advance from the Last 16. GOG are one of the three group winners from the group phase that are still in the race, alongside Płock and Magdeburg.

Looking at the four match-ups, it is clear that we are in for a treat with a plethora of big handball clubs aiming to make it through to the final stage. All four ties are guaranteed to bring unmissable entertainment and it goes without saying how excited we are to witness these games. We look forward to continue working with you during the quarter-finals!

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EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 GROUP PHASE



EIGHT TEAMS FROM EIGHT NATIONS AND HIGH-SCORING LAST 16

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE QUARTER-FINALS

For the first time since the EHF Cup updated format in the 2012/13 season, eight different nations are represented by the eight quarter-finalists in the second tier men's club competition. Only one German side survived the Last 16 — defending champions SC Magdeburg. They will face the only team in the European League Men quarter-finals that has been part of EHF FINAL4 before: HBC Nantes.

The Last 16 was a pure goal fest, with more than 900 goals in 16 matches, but the overall lowest scoring game of the season also took place in this stage. Here, we bring you the main facts and figures of the Last 16 and the quarter-finals.

0 goals was the difference in the pairing Kadetten versus Sävehof. Only the higher number of away goals confirmed Schaffhausen as quarter-finalists.

0 teams from the same country will face each other on the way to the EHF Finals on 28–29 May.

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German team made it to the quarter-finals: defending champions Magdeburg. Berlin and Lemgo lost in the Last 16. Last season, three German clubs were among the last eight teams and even made it to the EHF Finals.

1 goal decided Magdeburg's fate: Lukas Mertens scored the winning strike for 36:35 right before the final buzzer against Sporting.

1 team that previously contested the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne is still in contention for the European League Men 2021/22 title: HBC Nantes (EHF FINAL4 participants in 2018 and 2021).

1 former EHF Champions League winner is still part of the competition: Magdeburg, winners in 2002. Nantes were finalists in 2018.

2 teams won both legs of their Last 16 ties: GOG against Irun and Nexø against Pelister Eurofarm.

2

teams that were part of the EHF Finals 2021 in Mannheim are still part of the competition: defending champions Magdeburg and Plock.

2 times in the 16 Last 16 matches, more than 70 goals were scored.

2 coaches still in the competition are parallel national team coaches: Chema Rodriguez (Benfica/Hungary) and Javier Sabate (Plock/Czech Republic).

3 teams that were quarter-finalists in the 2020/21 season are back in this competition stage: defending champions Magdeburg, GOG and Plock.

3 players still in the competition were part of the EHF EURO 2022 All-Star Team, all from GOG: Danish right back Mathias Gidsel (currently injured), Viktor Hallgrímsson (Iceland/goalkeeper) and Oscar Bergendahl (Sweden/best defender). In addition, Magdeburg's Icelfarer Omar Ingi Magnússon was top scorer, with 59 goals.

4 teams made it from the first qualification round to the quarter-finals: GOG, Schaffhausen, Benfica and Nexø.

4 goals were the biggest aggregate margin of the eight Last 16 pairings, which underlines how close the competition is.

4 of the eight teams still in the competition qualified for previous EHF Finals: Magdeburg, Nantes, Velenje and Plock. Magdeburg and Nantes were finalists and will now face each other in two direct duels.

7 goals were the biggest gap in a single Last 16 match, when Velenje beat Nîmes 29:22 at home, ahead of three matches with a six-goal difference — twice in the pairing Schaffhausen versus Sävehof (32:26; 28:34) and once between Benfica and Toulouse (36:30).

8 countries — a number never seen since the competition was merged in the 2012/13 season — are represented by the eight quarter-final participants: Germany, Poland, Denmark, Slovenia, Switzerland, Portugal, France and Croatia, compared to six countries in 2020/21.

8 times in the 16 Last 16 matches, 60 or more goals were scored.

9 matches since the start of the group phase ended with 70 or more goals.

10

times in the 16 Last 16 matches, the home side was victorious. Two matches ended in a draw and four away victories occurred.

13 of the 134 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase ended in a draw.

15 was the lowest score of a team since the start of the group phase — Presov at 15:29 against Plock. The lowest score of a single team in the Last 16 was 21 goals, by Pelister Eurofarm against Nexe (21:22).

16 goals were the biggest gap since the start of the group phase, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30 in the group phase.

20 times in the old and merged format of the EHF Cup, German clubs won the trophy, including six from seven times in the new format with final tournaments (held in 2013–2019)

27

goals (13 in the first leg and 14 in the second leg) were scored by Benfica's Serbian back Petar Djordjic, making him the top scorer of the Last 16 ahead of Mohammad Sanad (Nimes/21) and Jerry Tollbring (GOG/20).

43 goals represented the lowest score of the Last 16 matches — and even the lowest score since the start of the group phase. That tally came in Nexe's 22:21 away win at Bitola.

45 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase were won by away teams.

46 was the highest score of a team in a single match since the start of the group phase, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30. The highest score in the Last 16 was 38 goals, scored by Toulouse against Benfica (38:34).

56 matches since the start of the group phase ended with 60 or more goals.

72 goals, in the match Toulouse versus Benfica (38:34), was the highest score of the Last 16, ahead of Magdeburg versus Sporting (71) and Benfica versus Toulouse (36:30).

76 of the 134 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase were won by home teams.

79 goals were scored by Jerry Tollbring (GOG) since the start of the group phase for him to be the top scorer still in the competition, ahead of Petar Djordjic (Benfica/77), Halil Jaganjac (Nexe/76) and Samuel Zehnder (Kadetten/72).

99 goals were scored by Mohamed Sanad (Nimes) since the start of the group phase, making him the current top scorer of the competition.

406 goals were scored by Benfica since the start of the group phase, making theirs the most efficient attack ahead of GOG (403).

950 goals were scored in the 16 Last 16 matches, which means an outstanding average of 59.38 goals per match.

7,906 goals were scored in the 134 matches decided on court since the start of the group phase.

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT DECIDES WHEN TWO OR MORE 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.

LAST 16 AND QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

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

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

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

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

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play 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 scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

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

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

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

- 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 area.

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



PAIRINGS

I SL BENFICA (POR) VS RK GORENJE VELENJE (SLO)



First leg: Tuesday, 26 April at 20:45 CEST, Lisbon (POR)

Second leg: Tuesday, 3 May at 18:45 CEST, Velenje (SLO)



- SL Benfica won seven of their eight home games in the European League this season; their only loss came in the group phase against GOG (33:25)
- Chema Rodríguez it's in the second season as coach of the Portuguese side
- SL Benfica has seven Portuguese Championships and six Portuguese Cups in their museum
- Lazar Kukic and Petar Djordjic, a Serb connection, has been giving cards in the EHF European League and has taken the offensive process of the Eagles to another level
- the Portuguese team has a great mix of youth and experience, something that gives irreverence and at the same time serenity to this style of play
- Gorenje Velenje has so many local players in the squad
- Zoran Jovicic, Slovenian coach, is in his fourth season in charge of Velenje and last season led his team to the first place in the Championship
- the Slovenian team is showing a lot of competence in this European competition, especially at home
- Gorenje Velenje has four Slovenian Championships and two Slovenian Cups in their museum
- Domen Tajnik, a young talent, plays a lot and makes play and will always create enough of headache for any opponent

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

SL Benfica vs RK Gorenje Velenje 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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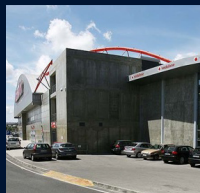
Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Pav. Luz No. 2
Av. General Norton Matos
1500-313 Lisboa
Portugal
Capacity: 1,540

SL BENFICA



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ HC Kriens-Luzern W24:31 (13:17)
vs HC Kriens-Luzern W29:18 (14:8)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen D31:31 (15:16)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen W33:28 (18:13)

GROUP B:

@ TBV Lemgo Lippe W29:30 (16:14)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi W38:35 (21:15)
@ Cocks W32:37 (18:15)
vs GOG L25:33 (10:17)
vs Cock W37:23 (17:12)
@ HBC Nantes D33:33 (16:17)
vs TBV Lemgo Lippe W35:30 (15:15)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi W27:32 (15:17)
@ GOG L39:38 (20:18)
vs HBC Nantes W31:30 (15:16)

LAST 16:

@ Fenix Toulouse Handball L38:34 (17:20)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball W36:30 (17:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Petar Djordjic (SRB)	77
2. Ole Rahmel (GER)	66
3. Lazar Kukic (SRB)	50
4. Rogerio Moraes (BRA)	39
5. Jonas Källman (SWE)	37

* group phase and Last 16 only

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. GOG	10	7	1	2	340:297	(43)	15
2. SL Benfica	10	7	1	2	336:311	(25)	15
3. HBC Nantes	10	5	3	2	304:266	(38)	13
4. TBV Lemgo Lippe	10	5	2	3	319:312	(7)	12
5. Cocks	10	1	1	8	257:311	(-74)	3
6. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	1	0	9	239:278	(-39)	2

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Qualification (1): 2008/09

EHF Cup

Group phase (2): 2016/17, 2019/20*

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/2

Challenge Cup

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

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

Portuguese league

7 titles (1961/62, 1974/75, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1988/89, 1989/90, 2007/08)

Portuguese cup

6 titles (1984/85, 1985/86, 1986/87, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2017/18)

Portuguese super cup

6 titles (1989, 1993, 2010, 2012, 2016)

*The season was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic





CHEMA RODRIGUEZ

Coach

- has transformed Benfica's way of playing since arriving as head coach prior to the 2020/21 season
- was assistant coach for Hungary's men's national team before moving to Lisbon
- as a player, he won two CL titles and one WCh title

EC trophies: CL 2008, 2009
WCh: G 2005 (as a player)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
77	Afonso	Marques	POR	Centre Back	21/04/2003	Lisboa, POR	186	80
22	Alexis	Borges	POR	Line Player	06/10/1991	Cuba, CUB	197	116
9	Arnau	Garcia	ESP	Left Back	12/06/1994	Granollers, ESP	197	95
11	Belone	Moreira	POR	Centre Back	01/06/1990	Lisboa, POR	180	78
19	Carlos	Martins	POR	Right Wing	14/06/1994	Moimenta da Beira, POR	176	76
30	Demis Cosmin	Grigoras	ROU	Right Back	30/06/1993	Vaslui, ROU	195	97
18	Diogo	Campos	POR	Left Wing	07/07/2004	Leiria, POR	181	80
39	Duarte	Pereira	POR	Right Wing	06/06/2003	Corroios, POR	176	70
50	Francisco	Pereira	POR	Centre Back	26/03/1999	Lamego, POR	190	93
27	Gabriel	Sequeira	POR		12/07/2006	Leiria, POR	180	70
57	Goncalo	Antunes	POR		18/10/2003	Corroios, POR	176	70
17	Guilherme	Silva	POR	Right Back	27/04/2005	Leiria, POR	181	74
41	Gustavo	Capdeville	POR	Goalkeeper	31/08/1997	Lisboa, POR	190	88
53	Joao	Bandeira	POR	Left Back	15/06/2006	Lisbon, POR	190	78
8	Jonas	Källman	SWE	Left Wing	17/07/1981	Växjö, SWE	200	93
90	Jorge	Pereira	POR	07/02/1995	Lamego, POR	186	90	
34	Jose Luciano	Costa	BRA	Left Back	19/02/2002	Acre, BRA	198	103
24	Lazar	Kukic	SRB	Centre Back	12/12/1995	Beograd, SRB	188	90
15	Lucas	Ribeiro	POR	Line Player	22/01/2002	Marinha Grande, POR	194	92
7	Mahamadou	Keita	FRA	Left Wing	18/07/1995	Paris, FRA	190	90
23	Ole	Rahmel	GER	Right Wing	19/11/1989	Achim, GER	190	92
C 13	Paulo	Moreno	CPV	Line Player	08/05/1992	Lisboa, POR	194	110
12	Pedro	Tonicher	POR	Goalkeeper	16/01/2003	Lisboa, POR	190	87
44	Petar	Djordjic	SRB	Left Back	17/09/1990	Sabac, SRB	196	96
16	Rodrigo	Ferreira	POR	Goalkeeper	17/04/2002	Lisboa, POR	190	90
31	Rogério	Moraes	BRA	Line Player	11/01/1994	Abaetetuba, BRA	204	122
25	Sergey	Hernandez	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/06/1995	Kropotkin, RUS	197	95
33	Tadej	Kljun	SLO	Right Back	18/04/2001	Postojna, SLO	196	86



JONAS KÄLLMAN

 @jonas_kallman

Left wing

- experienced Swedish international, among the tallest wing players in Europe
- joined Benfica in summer of 2021 after seven years with Pick Szeged
- spent more than a decade in Spain with Ciudad Real and Atlético Madrid before returning home (IFK Skövde) and signing with Szeged

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



ALEXIS BORGES

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Line player

- played for FC Porto, Barça and Montpellier
- won several titles in Portugal and Spain
- one of the most important players for Benfica in both attack and defence
- with his great mentality, he adds quality and a lot of experience to the team



PETAR DJORDJIC

 @djordjic17

Left back

- son of Zoran Djordjic, who represented Yugoslavia in five major tournaments
- known for his impulsive play and shooting power, he is a vital player for Benfica
- previously played in Germany for Wetzlar, Flensburg and Hamburg
- won the Belarusian championship with Meshkov Brest



OLE RAHMEL

Right wing

- German international who played for THW Kiel for three seasons before joining Benfica in 2020/21
- Benfica's best scorer in the European League 2021/22 group phase, with 60 goals
- began his professional handball career in Germany with VfL Gummersbach
- a true expert from the seven-metre line and renowned for his technical ability



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Light

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black



Playing hall

Rdeca Dvorana
Saleska cesta 3
3320 Velenje
Slovenia
Capacity: 2,500

RK GORENJE VELENJE



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP C:

vs SC Magdeburg	L27:31 (14:13)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	L31:26 (18:14)
vs RK Nexe	W34:28 (19:14)
@ PAUC Handball	D26:26 (17:14)
@ RK Nexe	L31:23 (14:9)
vs IK Sävehof	L31:35 (15:16)
@ SC Magdeburg	L34:24 (20:12)
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W32:31 (16:15)
vs PAUC Handball	W33:32 (19:18)
@IK Sävehof	W27:28 (14:11)

LAST 16:

vs USAM Nimes Gard	W29:22 (15:12)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	L35:30 (18:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Tilen Sokolic (SLO)	57
2. Ibrahim Haseljic (BIH)	47
3. Domen Tajnik (SLO)	45
4. Matic Verdinek (SLO)	34
5. Timotej Grmsek (SLO)	30

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	1	0	317:267	(50)	19
2. IK Sävehof	10	6	0	4	313:297	(16)	12
3. RK Nexe	10	5	0	5	295:300	(-5)	10
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	10	4	1	5	284:306	(-22)	9
5. BM Logroño La Rioja	10	3	1	6	307:317	(-10)	7
6. PAUC Handball	10	1	1	8	290:319	(-29)	3

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (4): 2005/06, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2013/14

Main round (1): 2007/08

Group phase (2): 2004/05, 2017/18

EHF Cup

Final (1): 2008/09; Semi-final (2): 1994/95, 2014/15; Quar-

ter-final (3): 1996/97, 2010/11, 2011/12; Group phase: (1):

2019/20

EHF European Cup

Semi-final (1): 2020/21

Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-final (1): 2003/04; Quarter-final (1): 2004/05

Slovenian league

4 titles (2009, 2012, 2013, 2021)

Slovenian cup

2 titles (2003, 2019)





ZORAN JOVIČIČ

Coach

- former Slovenian international, at the helm in Velenje since 2018, previously worked at Slovan and Koper
- was a left wing, who gained his first international experience in the 1990s with Gradec in the EHF Cup
- played four seasons in total in the CL: for Lubljana, Kozina, and Koper
- played 140 matches and scored more than 400 goals for the Slovenian national team

EURO: S 2004 (as player)

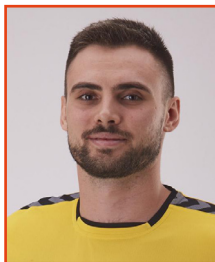
ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Aleks Kavcic (SLO)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
16	Aljaz	Panjtar	SLO	Goalkeeper	20/08/1991	Kranj, SLO	183	
12	Aljaz	Verboten	SLO	Goalkeeper	26/04/2002	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	183	
35	Branko	Predovic	SRB	Line Player	28/08/2002	Novi Sad, SRB	191	
C 18	David	Miklavcic	SLO	Right Back	29/01/1983	Ljubljana, SLO	195	
9	Domen	Tajnik	SLO	Centre Back	31/10/2000	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	182	
32	Emir	Taletovic	SLO	Goalkeeper	09/01/1990	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	187	
33	Enej	Slatinek Jovicic	SLO	Left Back	06/12/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	185	
8	Ibrahim	Haseljic	BIH	Right Wing	14/01/1998	Tuzla, BIH	192	
20	Jernej	Drobez	SLO	Line Player	06/01/2000	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	195	
11	Kenan	Pajt	SLO	Right Wing	30/10/1998	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	182	
26	Kristijan	Eskericic	CRO	Right Back	02/06/1994	Djakovo, CRO	197	
48	Matic	Ravnikar	SLO	Centre Back	22/01/2003	Celje, SLO	182	
25	Matic	Verdinek	SLO	Left Wing	13/04/1994	Celje, SLO	188	
34	Peter	Sisko	SLO	Left Back	16/02/2001	Novo Mesto, SLO	192	
34	Tarik	Mlivic	SLO	Left Back	21/04/2003	Celje, SLO	195	
13	Tarik	Velic	BIH	Right Back	08/01/2003	Sarajevo, BIH	198	
24	Tilen	Sokolic	SLO	Left Wing	05/09/1996	Koper, SLO	180	
28	Timotej	Grmsek	SLO	Right Back	19/05/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	192	
17	Urban	Starc	SLO	Line Player	01/02/2001	Trbovlje, SLO	196	

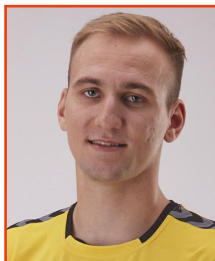


TILEN SOKOLIČ

 @tilensokolic

Left wing

- joined Velenje in summer of 2020 and scored 41 times in the club's run to the EHF European Cup semi-final, and 48 times in the EHF European League group phase
- started playing handball in Koper, had his first senior season in 2012
- member of youth and junior national team, part of All-star Team at youth WCh in 2015
- can also play at the backcourt position as a playmaker

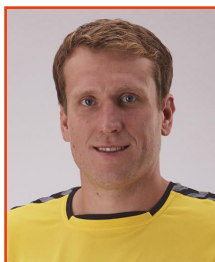


DOMEN TAJNIK

 @tajnik9

Centre back

- Slovenian back who came through the youth ranks of Velenje
- stepped in to replace Aleks Kavcic, who moved to HC PPD Zagreb, and scored 32 times in the group phase
- used to play for Slovenia's youth and junior national teams
- brother Jan is also a handball player



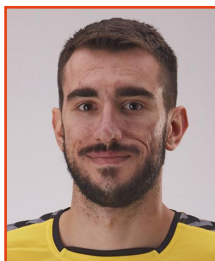
DAVID MIKLAVČIČ

 @davidmiklavcic


Right back

- returned from HC PPD Zagreb in 2018
- in his late 30s, a very experienced backcourt player, who is also the team captain
- played for several Slovenian clubs and had a one-year stint at HC Dinamo Minsk in Belarus
- tall and physically strong back with a fine variety of shots

WCh: B 2017



IBRAHIM HASELJIĆ

 @ibrahimhaseljic

Right wing

- Bosnian international, who arrived in Velenje at the start of the 2016/17 season
- started playing handball at the age of 12
- his first club was HC Gradačac, from where he joined Velenje
- member of Bosnia and Herzegovina national team, making his debut in the EHF EURO 2020 qualifiers in 2019

HBC NANTES (FRA) VS SC MAGDEBURG (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 26 April at 20:45 CEST, Nantes (FRA)

Second leg: Tuesday, 3 May at 20:45 CEST, Magdeburg (GER)



- HBC Nantes qualified for the Last 16 after placing third in group B, then eliminated Füchse Berlin in the first knockout stage (58:54 on aggregate)
- Nantes played against two German clubs already in this season of the European League. They lost and drew against Lemgo before beating Berlin twice
- this season is the seventh time Nantes have reached the quarter-finals of a European competition
- Nantes reached the EHF Cup Finals twice, in 2013 and 2016, and the EHF FINAL4 twice, in 2018 and 2021
- Valero Rivera is currently Nantes' top scorer, with 60 goals
- Magdeburg have yet to lose a game in the European League this season, as they finished first and undefeated in group C, before eliminating Sporting in the Last 16 (65:64 on aggregate)
- Magdeburg crossed paths with a French side once this season, in the group phase, and came out with two wins – 31:27 and 39:28 against PAUC
- Omar Ingi Magnússon and Kay Smits have each netted 47 times for Magdeburg
- the German side are the title holders in the European League, and have won both the EHF Champions League and the EHF Cup three times
- Magdeburg and Nantes have played against each other four times before. The German side won three of the mutual matches and Nantes earned a draw back in 2013

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg 0-1-3 (102:113) 1:7

24.02.2013	HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Group D	20:27 (8:13)
09.03.2013	SC Magdeburg vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group D	26:26 (14:17)
23.02.2020	HBC Nantes vs SC Magdeburg, EHF Cup – Group C	28:31 (9:15)
01.03.2020	SC Magdeburg vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Group C	29:28 (16:12)



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Kit colours

Light

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Player short: light grey
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow
or coral

Dark

Player shirt: dark grey
Player short: dark grey
Goalkeeper shirt: blue



Playing hall

H Arena
5 rue Andre Tardieu
44200 Nantes
Capacity: 5,902

HBC NANTES



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP B:

@ Cocks	W28:40 (14:18)
vs TBV Lemgo Lippe	L27:28 (10:12)
vs GOG	W27:24 (11:8)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi	W31:35 (15:20)
@ GOG	D29:29 (16:14)
vs SL Benfica	D33:33 (16:17)
vs Cocks	W36:25 (17:12)
@ TBV Lemgo Lippe	D37:37 (17:20)
@ Benfica	L31:30 (15:16)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi	W10:0
LAST 16	
vs Füchse Berlin	W25:24 (10:12)
@ Füchse Berlin	W30:33 (15:14)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Valero Rivera (ESP)	60
2. Aymeric Minne (FRA)	42
3. Thibaud Briet (FRA)	37
4. Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	31
5. Théo Monar (FRA)	31

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. GOG	10	7	1	2	340:297	(43)	15
2. SL Benfica	10	7	1	2	336:311	(25)	15
3. HBC Nantes	10	5	3	2	304:266	(38)	13
4. TBV Lemgo Lippe	10	5	2	3	319:312	(7)	12
5. Cocks	10	1	1	8	257:311	(-74)	3
6. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	1	0	9	239:278	(-39)	2

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Cup

Runners-up (2): 2012/13, 2015/16

Quarter-final (1): 2013/14

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Qualification round 3 (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

EHF Champions League

Final (1): 2017/18

Semi-final (1): 2020/21

Quarter-final (1): 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2016/17

French Cup

one title (2017)





ALBERTO ENTRERRIOS

Coach

- Spanish former international and three-time CL winner
- worked at Nantes as assistant to Thierry Anti for three years before taking over as head coach prior to 2019/20 season
- played for Nantes until retirement in 2016, after spells at Ademar, Barcelona and Ciudad Real in his native Spain
- No. 3 on all-time top scorers list of Spanish national team, with 726 goals in 240 matches
- his younger brother Raul also played for Barça until retiring in 2021

EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009; CWC 1999, 2003 WCh: G 2005, 2013, B 2011; EURO: S 2006, B 2000; OG: B 2008

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
22	Alban	Simonnet	FRA	Centre Back	04/01/2004	Orléans, FRA	190	85
9	Alexander	Shkurinskiy	RUS	Left Back	11/04/1995	Krasnodar, RUS	190	78
8	Alexandre	Cavalcanti	POR	Left Back	27/12/1996	Almada, POR	203	102
12	Andreas	Hofmann	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/06/2001	Marseille, FRA	185	87
15	Aymeric	Minne	FRA	Centre Back	20/04/1997	Melun, FRA	186	85
2	Baptiste	Damatin-Bertrand	FRA	Left Wing	29/04/2000	Saint Maurice, FRA	177	81
19	David	Balaguer	ESP	Right Wing	17/08/1991	Barcelona, ESP	185	91
10	Dragan	Pechmalbec	FRA	Line Player	05/01/1996	Cahors, FRA	194	94
16	Emil	Nielsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	10/03/1997	Aarhus, DEN	195	120
23	Enzo	Handjou	FRA	Line Player	27/01/2002	Paris, FRA	195	111
24	Ernest	Pineau	FRA	Right Back	30/01/2003	Rochefort, FRA	198	84
27	Guéno��	Gaillard	FRA	Left Back	18/05/2001	Toulon, FRA	190	85
21	Joris	Limousin	FRA	Right Wing	06/10/2000	Nantes, FRA	180	75
17	Kiril	Lazarov	MKD	Right Back	10/05/1980	Veles, MKD	195	99
6	Linus	Persson	SWE	Right Back	16/04/1993	Helsingborg, SWE	191	95
28	Lucas	De la Breteche	FRA	Centre Back	19/11/2001	Saint-Nazaire, FRA	193	85
16	Mickael	Robin	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/05/1985	Strasbourg, FRA	190	82
5	Milan	Milic	SRB	Right Back	14/05/1998	Krusevac, SRB	198	82
14	Pedro	Portela	POR	Right Wing	06/01/1990	Leiria, POR	186	82
4	Rok	Ovnicsek	SLO	Centre Back	29/01/1995	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	183	88
2	Ruben	Marchan	ESP	Line Player	20/09/1994	Manzanares, ESP	202	110
25	Sebastian	Vellenoweth	GBR	Left Back	10/03/2002	Pembury, GBR	195	92
26	Th��o	Monar	FRA	Line Player	06/06/2001	Fort de France, FRA	198	95
3	Thibaud	Briet	FRA	Left Back	14/12/1999	Rouen, FRA	205	95
C 7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22/02/1985	Barcelona, ESP	185	83



EMIL NIELSEN

 @emilnielsen97

Goalkeeper

- 2021/22 is his third and last season with Nantes, having joined the French club in 2019 after two seasons at Skjern in his native Denmark
- it took him only a couple of months to settle as No. 1 goalkeeper in Nantes; played his first EHF FINAL4 in June 2021
- made international headlines in March 2018, when his numerous saves helped Skjern upset Veszprém in Last 16 of CL 2017/18 season
- started professional career in 2015/16 at Aarhus and was awarded best goalkeeper of Danish league right in his first season

WCh: G 2021



VALERO RIVERA

Left wing

- CL winner and world champion, who returned to Nantes from Barcelona in summer of 2018, after earlier spell with French club in 2010-16
- Nantes' best scorer in European League 2021/22 group phase, with 51 goals
- top scorer of EHF EURO 2016, with 48 goals, and best left wing of WCh 2015
- his father, Valero Rivera sr., has been coach of Barcelona, Spain and Qatar

EC trophies: CL 2005; EHF Cup 2003
WCh: G 2013; EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; OG: B 2020



AYMERIC MINNE

 @aymericminne

Left back/centre back

- talented back, who signed for Nantes in summer of 2019 after four seasons in Aix
- initially an offensive player, but has made huge progress as a defender as well
- scored a personal-best 54 goals CL 2020/21, including eight in Nantes' crucial 34:31 away win at Kielce in the play-offs in April 2021
- made team debut for France in EHF EURO qualifier against Greece in April 2021



KIRIL LAZAROV

Right back

- Macedonian back, one of the all-time greats of the sport, who joined Nantes in 2017 and is still a leading player at age 41 going into 2021/22 season
- scored more than 1,000 CL goals and was competition's top scorer in 2006 and 2008, won title with Barça in 2015
- scored 300 goals in total in three CL seasons at Barça (2014-17)
- best scorer at single EHF EURO (61 goals in 2012) and WCh (92 goals in 2009)

CL 2015



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Dark

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



Playing hall

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39114 Magdeburg
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Capacity: 7,800

SC MAGDEBURG



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP C:

@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W27:31 (14:13)
vs PAUC Handball	W31:27 (18:18)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	D29:29 (13:16)
vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W33:31 (16:15)
vs RK Nexø	W32:26 (19:14)
@ IK Sävehof	W26:29 (11:11)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W34:24 (20:12)
@ PAUC Handball	W28:39 (13:20)
vs IK Sävehof	W31:25 (17:13)
@ RK Nexø	W24:28 (11:11)

LAST 16:

@ Sporting CP	D29:29 (16:13)
vs Sporting CP	W36:35 (21:19)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Kay Smits (NED)	47
Ómar Ingi Magnussen (ISL)	47
3. Lukas Mertens (GER)	44
4. Michael Damgaard (DEN)	41
5. Philipp Weber (GER)	33

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	1	0	317:267	(50)	19
2. IK Sävehof	10	6	0	4	313:297	(16)	12
3. RK Nexø	10	5	0	5	295:300	(-5)	10
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	10	4	1	5	284:306	(-22)	9
5. BM Logroño La Rioja	10	3	1	6	307:317	(-10)	7
6. PAUC Handball	10	1	1	8	290:319	(-29)	3

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

EHF European League

Winners (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

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

Champions Cup (forerunner of CL)

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

EHF Champions Trophy

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

German league (11)

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


German cup (7)

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





BENNET WIEGERT
Coach

 @bennetwiegert

- former German international on the left wing, who played for Magdeburg from 1998-2013, except for three years
- won the CL with the club as a player in 2002, and the inaugural EHF European League as a coach in 2021
- replaced Ger Sveinsson as head coach of Magdeburg in December 2015; previously worked as director of the club's youth academy
- his father, Ingolf, won Olympic gold as a player in 1980 and later was also Magdeburg coach

EC trophies: CL 2002 (as player); EL 2021 (as coach)

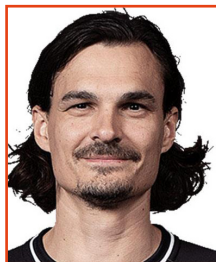
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33	Carl Philipp	Haake	GER	Left Wing	30/04/2002	Magdeburg, GER	185	
C 24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	190	
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06/05/1992	Eskilstuna, SWE	179	
7	Ellias	Ruddat	GER	Left Wing	12/02/2002	Magdeburg, GER	186	
36	Felix	Eißing	GER	Right Wing	14/10/2002	Magdeburg, GER	191	
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30/07/1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191	
66	Janik	Patzwaldt	GER	Goalkeeper	22/05/2001	Magdeburg, GER	192	
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29/09/1988	Lemvig, DEN	195	
31	KayKirstenEvert	Smits	NED	Right Back	31/03/1997	Geleen, NED	186	
35	Luka	Baumgart	GER	Right Back	05/08/1999	Magdeburg, GER	193	
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22/03/1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182	
21	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13/11/1991	Kongsvinger, NOR	194	
23	MagnusSaugstrup	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	12/07/1996	Aalborg, DEN	195	
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26/06/1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18/07/1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	
34	Michael	Damgaard	DEN	Left Back	18/03/1990	Lolland, DEN	192	
1	Mike	Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/02/1995	Maribo, DEN	207	
95	Moritz	Preuß	GER	Line Player	22/02/1995	Dachau, GER	194	
1	Niclas	Behrendt	GER	Goalkeeper	11/01/2002	Wittorf, GER	192	
39	Ole	Schramm	GER	Left Back	28/12/1999	Magdeburg, GER	193	
14	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12/03/1997	Selfoss, ISL	184	
41	Oskar	Schöll	GER	Centre Back	24/03/2001	Magdeburg, GER	181	
20	Philipp	Weber	GER	Left Back	15/09/1992	Schönebeck, GER	194	
3	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	24/03/1988	Goreczno, POL	202	
42	Renars	Uscins	GER	Left Back	29/04/2002	Dessau, GER	189	
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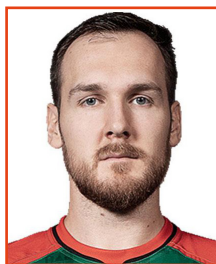


JANNICK GREEN

Goalkeeper

- Danish goalkeeper, set to join PSG in summer of 2022
- played CL with two different clubs: Aalborg and Bjerringbro, before arriving in Magdeburg in 2014
- undisputed No. 1 at Magdeburg since Dario Quenstedt moved to THW Kiel in 2019
- his mother was Danish international, his father coached him at Lemvig

EC trophies: EL 2021
OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2013



CHRISTIAN O'SULLIVAN

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Centre back

- team captain of Magdeburg and key player for Norwegian national team
- arrived from Swedish side IFK Kristianstad in 2016 at SCM, has meanwhile extended his contract until 2024
- his motto for handball is: "I want to make my teammates better"
- son of a British handball international, he was asked to become captain of the GB team for 2012 London Olympics but he did not want to change citizenship

EC trophies: EL 2021
EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019

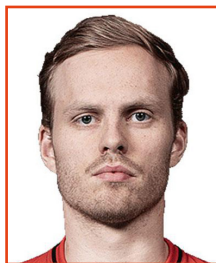


MAGNUS SAUGSTRUP

Line player

- joined Magdeburg after impressive season with Aalborg, reaching CL final in 2020/21
- arrived at Aalborg at the age of 18 - and played more than 250 matches for the club
- was the X-factor for Denmark at the WCh 2021, scoring 29 goals, 17 of them in the knock-out stage; EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament

WCh: G 2021; OG: S 2021; EURO: B 2022



ÓMAR INGI MAGNÚSSON

@omaringim

Right back

- Icelandic back, who joined Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg, respectively
- was top scorer of German Bundesliga and second-best EL scorer in 2020/21
- forms back-court duo with fellow Icelandic player Gisli Kristjánsson
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18, was top scorer of EHF EURO 2022

EC trophies: EL 2021

I RK NEXE (CRO) VS GOG (DEN)



First leg: Tuesday, 26 April at 20:45 CEST, Nasice (CRO)

Second leg: Tuesday, 3 May at 18:45 CEST, Gudme (DEN)



- Nexe qualified for the quarter-finals after two wins over Eurofarm Pelister in a Balkan derby Last 16
- this is Nexe's first time in the quarter-finals of the EHF European League; in the 2017/28 season they played the quarter-finals of the EHF Cup, losing to eventual champions Füchse Berlin 44:45 aggregate
- the Croatian vice-champions have had one of their best seasons so far, which included a domestic championship win against PPD Zagreb — their first defeat of Zagreb in 15 years
- with 72 goals so far, Halil Jaganjac is among the five top scorers of the competition
- playing at home in Kralj Tomislav hall, Nexe have strong support from the stands
- Nexe's signature is their strong defence and fast breaks
- Denmark's representatives secured their quarter-final spot thanks to a Last 16 win over Bidasoa Irun
- GOG are undefeated at home this season
- GOG played the quarter-finals last season, losing to Orlen Wisla Plock 56:58 on aggregate; the team's best result in European competitions was second place in the Cup Winners' Cup 1994/95
- with 79 goals scored, Jerry Tollbring sits among the top three scorers of the competition
- GOG have fast and efficient attack, passing the 30-goal mark in nine of their 12 matches in the European League Men 2021/22

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

RK Nexe vs GOG 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Dark

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Goalkeeper shirt: grey



Playing hall

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Capacity: 2,000

RK NEXE



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów
vs Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów

W23:28 (6:17)
W32:28 (16:12)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
GROUP C:

L33:27 (16:14)
W32:26 (15:11)

@ PAUC Handball

W29:30 (14:17)

vs IK Sävehof

W39:31 (18:15)

@ RK Gorenje Velenje

L34:28 (19:14)

vs BM Logroño La Rioja

W31:30 (14:15)

vs RK Gorenje Velenje

W31:23 (14:9)

@ SC Magdeburg

L32:26 (19:14)

vs PAUC Handball

W33:29 (17:12)

@ IK Sävehof

L33:23 (16:12)

@ BM Logroño La Rioja

L31:30 (14:15)

vs SC Magdeburg

L24:28 (11:11)

LAST 16:

vs HC Eurofarm Pelister

W29:26 (12:10)

@ HC Eurofarm Pelister

W21:22 (11:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	76
2. Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	61
3. Marin Jelinic (CRO)	39
4. Predrag Vejin (SRB)	36
5. Mario Tomic (CRO)	27

* group phase only

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PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final (1): 2017/18

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

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

Round 3 (7): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14,
2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20

Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Croatian league: -

Croatian Cup: -





BRANKO TAMŠE

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

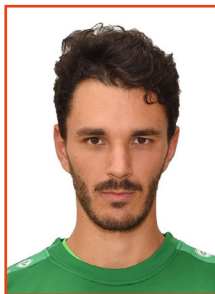
Fahrudin Melic (MNE)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Karlo Godec (CRO)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	
4	Aleksandar	Bakic	MNE	Left Wing	03/09/2000	Berane, MNE	194	88	
21	Alen	Blažević	CRO	Left Back	29/03/1986	Našice, CRO	200	105	
22	Andraž	Velkavrh	SLO	Centre Back	31/05/1996	Koper, SLO	190	95	
20	Borna	Manci Micevic	CRO	Right Back	20/11/1997	Osijek, CRO	208	110	
1	Dominik	Kuzmanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	18/08/2002	Zagreb, CRO	191	88	
77	Dorian	Markušić	CRO	Centre Back	17/03/1997	Zagreb, CRO	188	84	
44	Edi	Vesligaj	CRO	Goalkeeper	30/06/1993	Našice, CRO	193	90	
7	Fran	Mileta	CRO	Right Wing	14/08/2000	Rijeka, CRO	181	72	
87	Gianfranco	Pribetic	CRO	Line Player	28/04/2000	Rijeka, CRO	195	96	
45	Halil	Jaganjac	CRO	Left Back	22/06/1998	Rijeka, CRO	200	95	
19	Ivan	Vida	CRO	Right Wing	14/03/1995	Zagreb, CRO	186	86	
28	Janko	Kevic	CRO	Centre Back	21/04/1986	Zagreb, CRO	188	88	
27	Luka	Moslavac	CRO	Left Back	08/03/1998	Virovitica, CRO	195	93	
17	Marin	Greganic	CRO	Left Wing	18/07/2000	Našice, CRO	182	70	
18	Marin	Jelinic	CRO	Left Wing	07/12/1996	Metkovic, CRO	194	93	
33	Mario	Tomic	CRO	Line Player	22/06/1988	Zagreb, CRO	191	93	
29	Mateo	Rodin	CRO	Right Back	21/07/1992	Metkovic, CRO	196	95	
47	Miha	Kavcic	SLO	Line Player	19/06/1998	Ormož, SLO	190	89	
16	Mihailo	Radovanovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	18/12/1992	Cacak, SRB	194	86	
12	Moreno	Car	CRO	Goalkeeper	22/04/1996	Rijeka, CRO	184	79	
10	Predrag	Vejin	SRB	Right Back	17/12/1992	Apatin, SRB	196	95	
44	Fahrudin	Melic	MNE	Right Wing	22/07/1984	Prijepolje, MNE	183	90	
C	9	Saša	Barišić Jaman	SLO	Left Back	10/11/1982	Brežice, SLO	200	93
	23	Tomislav	Severec	CRO	Left Back	29/06/1997	Zagreb, CRO	191	95

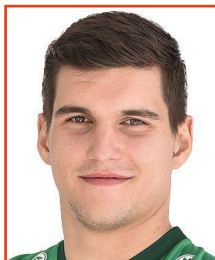


MIHAILO RADOVANOVIC

 @radovanovic_mihailo92

Goalkeeper

- Serbian goalkeeper, who started his handball career in his hometown club Cacak
- joined Nexe in 2018 and has formed a goalkeeper duo with Moreno Car since
- also played for Partizan, Bietigheim, Suhr Aarau and Ramat Hasharon
- had his first European season in 2008, playing Challenge Cup with Cacak
- was part of Serbia's youth and junior national teams



HALIL JAGANJAC

 @haliljaganjac45

Left back

- joined Nexe as a 20-year-old in 2018 after stints with Metalurg and PSG, where he played in the second team for a season
- Nexe's best scorer in the European League 2021/22 group phase, with 68 goals
- finished as the top scorer of the SEHA league in his breakthrough season with Metalurg in 2017/18
- first called up to Croatia's national team by Lino Cervar in 2017; was part of the EHF EURO 2018 squad



ANDRAŽ VELKAVRH

 @andrazvelkavrh

Centre back

- born in Koper, Slovenia, started playing handball aged 10
- played for Koper, Izola, Maribor and Azoty Puławy
- joined Nexe after a short period at Mors-Thy Handbold
- has a bachelor's degree in Economics



PREDRAG VEJIN

 @predrag_vejin10

Right back

- Serbian player who started playing handball at 12
- played football and basketball before deciding on handball
- joined Nexe from Orlen Wisla Plock
- also played for Metaloplastika, Ademar Leon, Dunkerque, Al Jazira, Metalurg, Železničar and Ramat Hasharon

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Kit colours

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

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



Playing hall

Phønix Tag Arena
Stærkaervej 1
5884 Gudme
Denmark
Capacity: 1,756

GOG



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško L33:29 (16:12)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W36:25 (18:14)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs Mors-Thy Håndbold W30:24 (16:12)
@ Mors-Thy Håndbold D27:27 (14:16)

GROUP B:

@ Chekhovskie medvedi W32:39 (15:22)
vs Cocks W46:30 (22:12)
@ HBC Nantes L27:24 (11:8)
@ SL Benfica W25:33 (10:17)
vs HBC Nantes D29:29 (16:14)
vs TBV Lemgo Lippe W34:28 (15:10)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi W27:26 (15:14)
@ Cocks W23:34 (13:22)
vs SL Benfica W39:38 (20:18)
@ TBV Lemgo Lippe L39:35 (19:17)

LAST 16:

@ Bidasoa Irun W28:30 (12:13)
vs Bidasoa Irun W33:31 (20:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	79
2. Emil Madsen (DEN)	66
3. Simon Pytlick (DEN)	58
4. Emil Lærke (DEN)	39
5. Oscar Bergendahl (SWE)	32

* group phase only

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. GOG	10	7	1	2	340:297	(43)	15
2. SL Benfica	10	7	1	2	336:311	(25)	15
3. HBC Nantes	10	5	3	2	304:266	(38)	13
4. TBV Lemgo Lippe	10	5	2	3	319:312	(7)	12
5. Cocks	10	1	1	8	257:311	(-74)	3
6. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	1	0	9	239:278	(-39)	2

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

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

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

European League

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (3): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06

Group Phase (1): 2018/19

Cup Winners' Cup

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Quarter-finals (2): 1993/94, 1997/98

Danish league

7 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004,
2007)

Danish cup

10 titles (1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997,
2002, 2003, 2005, 2019)





NICOLEJ KRICKAU
Coach

 @nicolej_krickau

- replaced Jakob Larsen as head coach in the summer of 2017
- before that worked at Skanderborg
- known for his ability to develop young players
- has taken GOG back to the top of Danish handball

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
4	Anders	Beuschau	DEN	Line Player	04/03/2001	Odense, DEN	196	103
22	Anders	Zachariassen	DEN	Line Player	04/09/1991	Sonderborg, DEN	192	110
1	Atal	Lakanval	DEN	Goalkeeper	14/01/2003	Svendborg, DEN	193	119
23	Christopher Sundsgaard	Dreyer	DEN	Left Back	16/03/2002	Svendborg, DEN	194	100
15	Emil Buhl	Lærke	DEN	Left Back	04/06/1999	Lejre, DEN	203	108
43	Emil La Cour	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	13/02/2001	Svendborg, DEN	176	74
11	Emil Wernsdorf	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	01/01/2001	Svendborg, DEN	194	94
C 77	Frederik Kiehn	Clausen	DEN	Left Back	29/06/1995	Svendborg, DEN	197	102
29	Hjalte	Lykke	DEN	Right Back	05/10/2004	Aarhus, DEN	177	68
9	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13/09/1995	Rimbo, SWE	182	80
26	Joachim Lyng	Als	DEN	Left Wing	07/04/2003	København, DEN	200	96
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11/05/1994	Svendborg, DEN	183	82
5	Lasse Mathias	Pedersen	DEN	Centre Back	08/03/2002	Assens, DEN	196	96
14	Lukas Lindhard	Jørgensen	DEN	Line Player	31/03/1999	Lejre, DEN	193	115
28	Mads Jacob Kragh	Thomsen	DEN	Line Player	13/10/2002	Favrskov, DEN	202	108
19	Mathias	Gidsel	DEN	Right Back	08/02/1999	Herning, DEN	190	93
6	Mathias Rhode	Larson	DEN	Centre Back	09/03/2001	Favrskov, DEN	186	85
12	Matthias Rene Rex	Dorgelo	DEN	Goalkeeper	31/10/2002	Odense, DEN	200	108
34	Morten Toft	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/10/1984	Lejre, DEN	184	95
17	Oscar	Bergendahl	SWE	Line Player	08/03/1995	Vallda, SWE	192	110
27	Simon Bak	Ostensen	DEN	Right Back	18/10/2002	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	193	94
2	Simon Bogetoft	Pytlick	DEN	Left Back	11/12/2000	Svendborg, DEN	193	98
30	Torbjoern Sittrup	Bergerud	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/07/1994	Drammen, NOR	199	110
16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24/07/2000	Reykjavik, ISL	203	115
31	Viktor	Vlastos	DEN	Right Wing	24/09/2000	Grækenland, DEN	177	78



EMIL MADSEN

 @emil_madsen11

Right back

- playing in his third European season with GOG
- team's best scorer in European League 2021/22 group phase with 60 goals, including a 14-goal outing in a stunning 46:30 win over Cocks in October 2021
- became even more important to GOG after fellow right back Mathias Gidsel was ruled with a knee injury in January 2022



JERRY TOLLBRING

 @tollbring

Left wing

- moved to the club in the summer of 2021, scored 59 times in the group phase
- before that played at Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- won three domestic championships at IFK Kristianstad in Sweden
- was part of the Swedish national side that earned a silver medal at EHF EURO 2018

EURO: S 2018



TORBJÖRN BERGERUD

 @tsbergerud

Goalkeeper

- joined the club in the summer of 2021
- saved more shots (90) than any other goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2020
- had breakthrough at EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, where Norway reached semi-finals
- played for Drammen, Lund, Holstebro and Flensburg before joining GOG

WCh: S 2017, S 2019; EURO: B 2020



MORTEN OLSEN

Centre back

- one of a few players in the GOG squad that are near the end of their careers
- still has one of the best shots from the floor
- started his career in GOG and has returned to 'his' club
- has won three gold medals with Denmark's national team

OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, G 2021

I KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN (SUI) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)



First leg: Tuesday, 26 April at 18:45 CEST, Schaffhausen (SUI)

Second leg: Tuesday, 3 May at 20:45 CEST, Plock (POL)



- Kadetten went all the way from the first qualification round to the quarter-finals, eliminating Vojvodina and Granollers before entering the group phase and then Sävehof in the Last 16
- the Swiss side were extremely lucky, as they only proceeded to the quarter-finals thanks to the number of away goals after winning 32:26 at home and losing 28:34 at Sävehof
- the top scorer for Schaffhausen is left wing Samuel Zehnder, with 91 goals (including the qualification matches) — 11 of them in the Last 16 — ahead of their top transfer, Spanish EHF EURO 2022 finalist Joan Canellas (62 goals)
- in the quarter-final, Canellas will face three Spanish countrymen — David Fernandez, Niko Mindegia and Abel Serdio — and Plock's Spanish coach Xavi Sabate
- the biggest international success of the 11-time Swiss champions was reaching the EHF Cup finals in 2010, where they were defeated by Lemgo. Kadetten also made it to the Last 16 in the EHF Champions League twice
- Plock eliminated German side Lemgo in the Last 16 (31:28 at Lemgo; 28:28 at home) after winning group A. Their balance since the start of the group phase is impressive, with 10 victories, one draw and only one defeat (at home against Berlin)
- Russian left back Sergei Mark Kosorotov is currently Plock's overall top scorer with 65 goals, ahead of Polish wing Michal Daszek (55)
- Plock have already beaten a Swiss side twice in the group phase — 2020/21 Swiss champions Winterthur
- last season, Plock were part of the premiere of the EHF finals at Mannheim, when they finished fourth after defeats against Magdeburg (semi) and Löwen (3/4 placement match). In 2020/21, they eliminated GOG in the quarter-finals
- Plock are playing their fourth quarter-final in EHF club competitions after the EHF Cup 1993/94, Cup Winners' Cup 1996/97 and European League 2020/21

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Orlen Wisla Plock 1-0-3 (100:112) 2:6

17.11.2016	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:26 (15:12)
26.11.2016	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:25 (12:14)
21.09.2019	Orlen Wisla Plock vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	27:23 (16:12)
17.11.2019	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	24:27 (11:10)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ Vojvodina

L26:20 (16:9)

vs Vojvodina

W34:23 (17:9)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs Fraikin BM. Granollers

W36:33 (21:17)

@ Fraikin BM. Granollers

W27:32 (13:16)

GROUP D:

@ Sporting CP

L29:28 (9:12)

vs HC Eurofarm Pelister

D28:28 (16:11)

@ Grundfos Tatabánya KC

L31:23 (15:11)

vs USAM Nimes Gard

D25:25 (15:13)

vs AEK Athens HC

W30:26 (18:10)

@ AEK Athens HC

W28:31 (15:17)

vs Sporting CP

W26:24 (10:11)

@ HC Eurofarm Pelister

L27:26 (15:12)

@ USAM Nimes Gard

D33:33 (14:16)

vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC

W32:26 (19:17)

LAST 16:

vs IK Sävehof

W32:26 (13:14)

@ IK Sävehof

L34:28 (19:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Samuel Zehnder (SUI)	61
2. Joan Cañellas (ESP)	32
3. Luka Maros (SUI)	31
4. Jonas Schelker (SUI)	29
5. Dimitrij Küttel (SUI)	27

* group phase only

FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. USAM Nimes Gard	10	5	2	3	290:274	(16)	12
2. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	2	3	271:248	(23)	12
3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	4	3	3	282:277	(5)	11
4. Sporting CP	10	5	1	4	290:279	(11)	11
5. AEK Athens HC	10	4	0	6	274:283	(-9)	8
6. Grundfos Tatabánya KC	10	3	0	7	254:300	(-46)	4

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

Group phase (9): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Cup Winners' Cup

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

Quarter-finals (1): 2005/06

Swiss league

11 titles (2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19)

Swiss cup

9 titles (1998/99, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2015/16, 2020/21)





ADALSTEINN EYJÓLFSSON

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
C 6	Dimitrij	Küttel	SUI	Right Back	18/02/1994	Aarau, SUI	192	92
10	Donát	Bartók	HUN	Right Back	13/07/1996	Szeged, HUN	191	104
16	Dragan	Jerkovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	08/12/1975	Metkovic, CRO	190	85
11	Ephrahim	Jerry	NED	Left Back	27/05/1996	Geldrop, NED	196	100
8	Erik	Schmidt	GER	Line Player	28/12/1992	Mainz, GER	204	115
	Gregor	Rilak	SUI	Line Player	29/01/2001	Baar ZG, SUI	197	120
12	Ignacio	Biosca	ESP	Goalkeeper	17/07/1995	Barcelona, ESP	193	92
7	Joan	Cañellas	ESP	Left Back	30/09/1986	St. MariadePalau, ESP	198	110
21	Jonas	Schelker	SUI	Centre Back	09/04/1999	Ravensburg, SUI	182	84
9	Jonas	Schopper	GER	Line Player	05/02/1999	Singen am Hohentwiel, GER	186	105
1	Kristian	Pilipovic	AUT	Goalkeeper	10/12/1994	Dakovo, CRO	192	94
20	Luka	Maros	SUI	Left Back	20/03/1994	Zürich, SUI	196	101
26	Lukas	Herburger	AUT	Line Player	19/12/1994	Bregenz, AUT	197	103
15	Marvin	Lier	SUI	Left Wing	08/09/1992	Zürich, SUI	186	83
18	Maximilian	Gerbl	SUI	Right Wing	25/06/1995	Basel, SUI	178	73
13	Michael	Kusio	SUI	Right Back	31/07/1998	Bern, SUI	195	100
	Nicolas	Waldvogel	SUI	Left Back	07/01/2003	Zürich ZH, SUI	187	86
24	Nik	Tominec	SUI	Right Wing	26/03/1991	Luzern, SUI	188	88
	Noe	Hottinger	SUI	Goalkeeper	29/10/2001	Meilen ZH, SUI	192	82
	Patrice	Bührer	SUI	Centre Back	19/01/1998	Schaffhausen, SUI	185	86
14	Philip	Novak	SUI	Line Player	11/04/1999	Schaffhausen, SUI	198	107
	Sadok Ben	Romdhane	SUI	Right Back	02/12/2001	Romanel-sur-Lausanne, SUI	190	83
4	Samuel	Zehnder	SUI	Left Wing	29/02/2000	Einsiedeln, SUI	183	83
5	Torben	Matzken	GER	Centre Back	01/02/2000	Mons, GER	188	89
19	Zoran	Markovic	SUI	Left Back	06/05/1995	Schaffhausen, SUI	197	103



JOAN CAÑELLAS

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Left back

- joined Kadetten from Pick Szeged in the summer of 2021
- started his career at Granollers before playing for Barça, Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid in Spain; Hamburg and Kiel in Germany; and Vardar, where he won the CL in 2017
- made his senior national team debut in October 2008
- top scorer at EHF EURO 2014, with 50 goals
- his younger brother Marc is also a professional handball player

EC trophies: CL 2017

EURO: G 2020, G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011



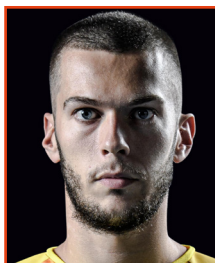
ERIK SCHMIDT

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Line player

- the 204 cm German line player arrived in Schaffhausen in the summer of 2020 to replace injured Zoran Markovic
- played for four Bundesliga clubs: Friesenheim, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Füchse Berlin and SC Magdeburg
- has experience of four previous seasons at this level, including two EHF Cup finals with Füchse Berlin
- one of the surprises at EHF EURO 2016, where Germany won gold, but has not played for the national team since 2017

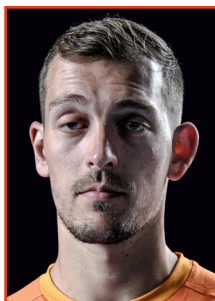
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018
EURO: G 2016



KRISTIAN PILIPOVIC

Goalkeeper

- Croatian-born Austrian goalkeeper started his professional career at Fivers
- Austrian international also played for Austria's younger age category teams
- at the age of 23, joined Nasice in Croatia to gain international experience
- joined Kadetten in 2018 and became a Swiss champion in his first season
- forms the goalkeeper duo with Spaniard Ignacio Biosca



MARVIN LIER

@marvinlier

Left wing

- arrived in the summer of 2021 from Pfadi Winterthur
- had a short-term contract from October 2019 until spring 2020 at former CL winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt to replace injured Hampus Wanne
- won the Swiss championship with Winterthur in 2021
- is a Swiss international who has played 67 matches for the senior team since 2012
- bronze medallist at the Universiade 2015 in Gwangju with the Swiss students' national team



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

ORLEN WISLA PŁOCK



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta W25:14 (7:6)
@ HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta L26:20 (14:9)

GROUP A:

@ Pfadi Winterthur W23:35 (11:18)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball W33:29 (19:17)
vs Füchse Berlin L24:28 (14:15)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball W24:30 (13:13)
vs Bidasoa Irun W28:29 (11:16)
vs Bidasoa Irun W33:26 (19:14)
vs Pfadi Winterthur W35:27 (16:9)
@ Tatran Presov W15:29 (8:13)
vs Tatran Presov W33:29 (15:16)
@ Füchse Berlin W29:30 (15:16)

LAST 16:

@ TBV Lemgo Lippe W28:31 (15:13)
vs TBV Lemgo Lippe D28:28 (12:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Michal Daszek (POL)	53
2. Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	50
3. Abel Serdio (ESP)	40
4. Lovro Mihic (CRO)	40
5. Dmitry Zhitnikov (RUS)	37

* group phase only

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Orlen Wisła Płock	10	9	0	1	311:258	(53)	18
2. Füchse Berlin	10	8	0	2	314:269	(45)	16
3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265	(27)	13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286	(0)	7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308	(-68)	4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338	(-67)	2

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (5): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19

Group Phase (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

Group Matches (5): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09

Qualification (1): 2012/13

EHF European League

Fourth place: 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final: 1993/94

EHF Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final: 1996/97

Polish league

7 titles (1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011)

Polish cup

9 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008)





XAVIER SABATE

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Uros Mitrovic (SRB)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

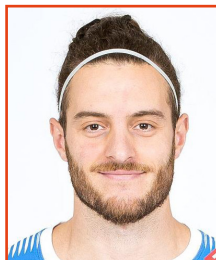
No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
17	Abel	Serdio	ESP	Line Player	16/04/1994	Avilés, ESP	195	115
1	Adam	Morawski	POL	Goalkeeper	17/10/1994	Ciechanów, POL	193	94
16	Admir	Ahmetasevic	BIH	Goalkeeper	05/06/1994	Gracanica, BIH	195	98
14	David	Fernández	ESP	Right Back	14/04/1996	Valladolid, ESP	196	90
89	Dmitry	Zhitnikov	RUS	Centre Back	20/11/1989	Zvolen, RUS	197	100
23	Dominik	Mierzwicki	POL	Right Wing	08/07/1999	Plock, POL	182	78
9	Jan	Jurecic	SLO	Right Wing	26/10/1994	Novo mesto, SLO	186	80
20	Krystian	Witkowski	POL	Goalkeeper	01/12/1999	Mielec, POL	200	103
25	Krzysztof	Komarzewski	POL	Right Wing	18/09/1998	Gdansk, POL	188	86
19	Leon	Šušnja	CRO	Line Player	05/08/1993	Siroki Brijeg, CRO	204	113
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25/08/1994	Zagreb, CRO	180	74
5	Marek	Dacko	POL	Line Player	29/03/1991	Bartoszyce, POL	198	104
C 3	Michał	Daszek	POL	Right Back	27/06/1992	Tczew, POL	180	70
44	Mikolaj	Czaplinski	POL	Left Wing	08/11/2000	Plock, POL	188	82
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12/07/1983	Priboj, CRO	196	110
55	Niko	Mindegia	ESP	Centre Back	19/07/1988	Santesteban, ESP	182	85
8	Oliwier	Kaminski	POL	Right Back	24/04/2004	Plock, POL	190	76
26	Przemyslaw	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20/01/1987	Ciechanów, POL	184	83
99	Sergei Mark	Kosorotov	RUS	Left Back	16/06/1999	Moscow, RUS	200	95
22	Szymon	Rybicki	POL	Goalkeeper	19/11/1997	Plock, POL	184	77
6	Tin	Lucin	CRO	Left Back	16/08/1999	Rijeka, CRO	196	94
21	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10/02/1998	Veszprém, HUN	197	89
13	Uros	Mitrovic	SRB	Right Back	13/09/2004	Nowy Sad, SRB	199	96



SERGEI MARK KOSOROTOV

Left back

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



NIKO MINDEGIA

 @nikomindegia

Centre back

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014
EURO: S 2016, B 2014



ADAM MORAWSKI

 @loczek1994

Goalkeeper

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



MICHAŁ DASZEK

 @michaldaszek

Right wing

- arrived at Płock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- Płock's best scorer in the European League 2021/22 group phase, with 42 goals
- was best wing and MVP of the Polish league in 2018/19
- won bronze with Poland at WCh 2015 and played at Olympics the following year

WCh: B 2015

TOP SCORERS 2021/22

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	USAM Nimes Gard	99
2	Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL)	TBV Lemgo Lippe	89
3	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	GOG	79
4	Petar Djordjic (SRB)	SL Benfica	77
5	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	76
6	Samuel Zehnder (SUI)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	72
7	Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (FAR)	IK Sävehof	70
8	Agustín Casado (ESP)	BM Logroño La Rioja	66
	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG	66
	Ole Rahmel (GER)	SL Benfica	66
11	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister	64
12	Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	RK Nexe	61
13	Rune Schrøder (DEN)	IK Sävehof	60
	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes	60
	Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	IK Sävehof	60
16	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG	58
	Nemanja Ilic (SRB)	Fenix Toulouse Handball	58
18	Kristján Örn Kristjánsson (ISL)	PAUC Handball	55

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