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VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 MEDIA GUIDE





Dear media representative,

Welcome to Cologne and to the VELUX EHF FINAL4.

We are looking forward to welcoming media representatives from across Europe and worldwide to the seventh edition of the biggest event in club handball in the LANXESS arena.

Over two days the four best teams in Europe will once again compete for the VELUX EHF Champions league title and we are expecting the event to generate more media interest than ever before.

The VELUX EHF FINAL4 Media Team is made up of professional media staff from the EHF / EHF Marketing and our local partner Stadionwelt, as well as a large team of volunteers, who are all available to ensure that you have the best working conditions possible. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to ask – we are here to help!

In this media guide you will find all the essential information you need for the weekend as well as extensive information and statistics on the four teams competing.

Finally, we take great pleasure in inviting you to join us on Saturday evening for the Media Get-together, an event which is supported by the City of Cologne and the International Sports Press Association.

We hope you enjoy the weekend!

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1. General information

Important contact information

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Accreditation Hotline: +49 (0) 1516 338 8462

Accreditation Collection

You can collect your accreditation from the Accreditation Centre at the LANXESS arena, please bring your confirmation email from the EHF and photo ID. The Accreditation Centre is located in the north-west of the LANXESS arena outdoor area, access is from the western side entrances. If you have to cancel your participation in the VELUX EHF FINAL4, you must inform us by email to media@eurohandball.com.

Accreditation Centre Opening hours

Thursday, 26 May from 11:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Friday, 27 May from 08:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs

Saturday, 28 May from 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

Sunday, 29 May from 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs

For further information please call Accreditation Hotline +49 (0) 1516 338 8462

Arrival at the LANXESS arena

Arriving by taxi

Cologne central station to the LANXESS arena: Duration 10-15 min, about €10; Cologne Bonn Airport to the LANXESS arena: Duration 15 min, about €25; Düsseldorf Airport to the LANXESS arena: Duration 1 hour, about €75.

Arriving by car

Please note that the LANXESS arena will be sold out on all match days resulting in considerable traffic. Thanks to its central position in the Köln-Deutz district, the LANXESS arena is very easy to reach: just follow directions marked "Kölnarena" and "Kölnmesse". You will find the LANXESS arena immediately next to the Köln-Deutz railway station.

Parking

All media representatives can park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday free of charge in the LANXESS arena car parks P1, P2 and P4 (all open 24 hrs). Take a ticket on entry to the car park and then present this to the Media Centre Info Desk, where you will receive an exit ticket. Parking is available on a first come, first served basis.

Public transport

The LANXESS arena is located directly on the DB-Bahnhof "Bf Köln Messe / Deutz" and at the stops of the Cologne Transport (KVB) "Bf DEUTZ / LANXESS arena" (lines 3 and 4) or "Bf Deutz / Messe" (lines 1 and 9). From there it is only a short walk to the LANXESS arena.

Free-of-charge public transport

Please note that as a media representative you can travel free of charge on buses, trams and the metro in Cologne. You must have your accreditation with you to travel for free.

Media Pack

Journalists will be provided with a media pack containing the official magazine and media guide. This can be collected from the Media Info desk in the Media Centre on arrival.

Photographer and TV bibs

From 10:00 hrs on Friday, 27 May 2016, photographers and TV representatives can collect their bibs from the Media Info desk in the Media Centre for a deposit of €20. These bibs must be worn at all times in the arena and returned after the event. Please note that photographer bibs will only be allocated to those media representatives accredited as photographers.

Photographer briefing

All photographers must attend the briefings on Saturday at 14:00 and on Sunday at 13:30 hrs at the Media Centre where essential information regarding photographer positions, guidelines and timetable will be distributed. The briefing will take place in the press conference room of the Media Centre.

The Media Centre

The Media Centre is located at the “Clubraum West” inside the LANXESS arena, the entrance for media representatives is on the opposite side to the Accreditation Centre. The Media Centre is located close to the media seats and the mixed zone. The press conference room is directly next to the media working area. Workspaces will be available in the media working area. Food should not be consumed in the media working area. The press conference room is located in the Media Centre.

Opening hours

Friday, 27 May 2016 from 10:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs

Saturday, 28 May 2016 from 10:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs

Sunday, 29 May 2016 from 10:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs

Media seats

Media seats (with tables, cabled internet, wifi and electricity points) will be located in sectors 214 and 215 of the lower tier in the west of the LANXESS arena. Please note that there are a limited number of seats and these will be allocated prior to the event to written media representatives (your media seat number will be indicated on your accreditation). Additional TV observer places will also be available above blocks 212 and 213. There will be media volunteers available to show you to your seats.

Internet access

Wifi and cabled internet connections will be provided to enable you to work both in the media seats and the working room. You will receive a wifi password on arrival. Please note that cabled internet will also be offered in the media seats. The media internet connection must not be used for live broadcasting, for this you are required to order your own separate ISDN line. For TV uploads a separate connection is available – please contact the Host Broadcaster Centre next to Arena Control.

Mixed zone / Flash zone

The mixed zone / flash zone is located in the south-west of the LANXESS arena just next to the Media Centre and the press conference room. Selected rights owners and host broadcaster will have access to the flash zone by prior agreement with EHF Marketing GmbH. The mixed zone is divided into four areas: TV, radio, webTV and written media. These areas will be strictly separated. Photography is not permitted in the mixed zone.

Press conferences

The press conference room is located in the Media Centre “Clubraum West” of the LANXESS arena. The post-match press conferences will take place approximately 15 minutes after each match / winners’ ceremony. The head coaches and key players nominated by the EHF will attend the press conferences. Media representatives may ask questions directly at the end of the press conference. The press conferences will be conducted in English. Any questions in your native language should be directed at team representatives after the official end of the press conference.

Video recording

Recording video in the arena, the mixed zone and press conference room (including the use of live streaming services such as Periscope, Meerkat and Facebook Live) is only allowed with the express permission of EHF Marketing GmbH. An agreement must be reached PRIOR to the start of the event in the categories rights holder (RH), non-rights holder (NRH) or WebTV. Special stickers will be issued for equipment that is permitted to take video. Equipment used for video recording without permission will be removed. Written media are not permitted to record video in the arena. Contact EHF Media Manager, Miguel Mateo for further information ahead of the event.

Catering

Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available in the catering area of the Media Centre. This is located in the southwest of the Media Centre just next to the mixed zone. Media representatives will get a symbol integrated on their accreditation to indicate that they are permitted access to media catering. Please note that smoking is not permitted inside the LANXESS arena!

Media Catering Opening hours

Friday, 27 May	from 14:00 to 23:00 hrs (Dinner 18:00-22:00 hrs)
Saturday, 28 May	from 10:00 to 23:00 hrs (Lunch 12:00-15:00 hrs / Dinner 17:00-21:30 hrs)
Sunday, 29 May	from 10:00 to 23:00 hrs (Lunch 12:00-15:00 hrs / Dinner 17:00-21:30 hrs)

2. Media Events

Friday, 27 May 2016

adidas handball #BeAheadBeFeared event, 10:00-11:30 hrs at DOCK.ONE., Cologne

All media representatives are invited to the opening of the adidas handball #BeAheadBeFeared event taking place at DOCK.ONE. in Cologne. The event will include the #BeAheadBeFeared Challenge and launch of the new Stabil Boost. A shuttle service will be provided by adidas to transport media representatives to and from Hotel RadissonBLU. The shuttle will depart at 09:45 hrs and return to the hotel at 11:30 hrs.

Team Media Call from 13:00 hrs in Hotel RadissonBLU, Messe-Kreisel 3, 50679 Cologne

Each team will be available for approximately 30 minutes. Five key players, coaches and team managers will be available for interviews and photographs.

13:00 – 13:15 hrs

Welcome and announcement of VELUX EHF Champions League 2015/16 All-star Team (fan vote)

13:15 – 13:45 hrs

THW Kiel

Domagoj Duvnjak, Dominik Klein, Niklas Landin, Dener Jaanimaa, Erlend Mamelund, Alfred Gislason (coach), Thorsten Storm (manager)

13:45 – 14:15 hrs

Paris Saint-Germain Handball

Nikola Karabatic, Daniel Narsisse, Thierry Omeyer, Luc Abalo, Henrik Møllgaard, Zvonimir Serdarusic (coach), Bruno Martini (manager)

14:15 – 14:45 hrs

KS Vive Tauron Kielce

Manuel Strelek, Tobias Reichmann, Michal Jurecki, Uros Zorman, Julen Aguinagalde, Talant Dujshebaev (coach), Radoslaw Wasiak (manager)

14:45 – 15:15 hrs

MVM Veszprém

Timuzsin Schuch, Aron Palmansson, Christian Zeitz, Máté Lékai, Andreas Nilsson, Xavi Sabaté (coach), Zsolt Sevinger (manager)

Open training for the media

Each team will hold a training session in the presence of media representatives (TV and photographers) for a minimum of the first 15 minutes on Friday 27 May 2016 in order to allow television footage to be filmed and players to be photographed. Teams may permit interviews to take place if they wish but this is not obligatory. Please note that training will NOT take place in the LANXESS arena. Shuttle service from RadissonBLU to the training sessions will be organised.

11:00 hrs MVM Veszprém	15:00 hrs THW Kiel	15:00 hrs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	15:30 hrs KS Vive Tauron Kielce
Halle Ostheim	Halle Bergischer Ring	Halle Ostheim	Halle SÜD
Hardtgenbuscher Kirchweg 100	Bergischer Ring 40	Hardtgenbuscher Kirchweg 100	Vorgebirgsstr. 76
51107 Cologne	51063 Cologne	51107 Cologne	50969 Cologne

Player Google Hangout from 18.00 to 19.00 hrs in the Media Centre

ehfTV.com commentator, Tom O'Brannagain, will host a Google Hangout in the Press Conference Room of the LANXESS arena on Friday, 27 May from 18:00-19:00 hrs. Taking part in the event will be Manuel Strlek from KS Vive Tauron Kielce, Mikkel Hansen from Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Igor Anic from THW Kiel and Gasper Marguc from MVM Veszprém. An invited audience will watch the event and specially selected fans will join the hangout. Media channels can also embed the Google Hangout in their own channels. All media representatives are invited to join the audience.

Saturday, 28 May 2016

VELUX EHF FINAL4 Media Get-together

From 20.30 hrs, Brauerei zur Malzmühle supported by City of Cologne and the International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

Join us on Saturday evening for a Kölsch and a typical German meal for the traditional Media Get-together, open to all media representatives. The EHF is very grateful to the City of Cologne and AIPS, the International Sports Press Association, for supporting this event. The evening will take place in the Brauerei zur Malzmühle in Cologne's old town from around 20.30 hrs or whenever you finish your work. The UEFA Champions League Final will be shown live at the event.

Remember to bring your media accreditation – no entry without accreditation will be possible. The Brauerei zur Malzmühle is accessible via the KVB line 1, 7 and 9.

Sign up at the Info Desk in the Media Centre.

Brauerei zur Malzmühle, Heumarkt 6, 50667 Cologne. Tel: +49 (0) 221 92160613, www.muehlenkoelsch.de

Sunday, 29 May 2016

EHF Media Call with President and Secretary General from 14:00 hrs

Jean Brihault, EHF President, and Michael Wiederer, EHF Secretary General will be available in the LANXESS arena Media Centre Press Conference Room from 14:00 hrs on Sunday for interviews and to meet media representatives. Specific interview requests should be submitted in advance to JJ Rowland, Head of EHF Media and Communications, rowland@eurohandball.com.

3. Media services

The VELUX EHF FINAL4 Media team will be available in the Hotel RadissonBLU on Friday, 27 May during the media call, to answer any questions you may have. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask at the Info Desk located in the Media Centre.

Media Portal

All media information including flash quotes, official line-ups, half-time statistics and final statistics and media news will be available in the EHF Media Portal. Go to bit.ly/ehfmediaportal to register and access the portal.

Free-of-charge photos

A limited photo service will be provided from the event, with photographs available to download for non-commercial use at www.flickr.com/ehfmedia.

Sharable/embeddable video content

Extensive video content and viral clips are made available at YouTube.com/ehftv and social media channels. This content is available for media outlets to share and embed on their own channels using the tools available on these channels. TV footage is also available exclusively for TV partners. Contact Miguel Mateo, EHF Media Manager for more information.

Live ticker

All matches will be available on the EHF's live ticker with up-to-the-second updates. The service can be accessed via the official website ehfFINAL4.com and also <http://ticker.ehf.eu>.

Statistics

The official line-ups, half-time statistics and final statistics after each match will be provided for all media representatives. All important statistics will be available at the Info Desk. Statistics will also be distributed to the media seats, photographer positions and TV studios.

4. Event coverage

Online: ehfCL.com, ehfFINAL4.com and Facebook

The VELUX EHF FINAL4 media team will provide extensive coverage on the official websites ehfCL.com and ehfFINAL4.com. Pictures, videos and much more will also be posted on the official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ehf.champions.league.

Twitter: @EHF, @ehfcl and @ehf_live

The EHF's official Twitter channels carry all the latest news and information from the event. Live and behind-the-scenes coverage is provided on the ehf_live channel.

Instagram: @ehfcl

The official Instagram channel of the EHF Champions League features behind the scenes images and videos and showcases the highlights from matches and fans at the event.

Snapchat: ehf_live

New for the 2015/16 season, the EHF is one of the first major European sports federations to launch its own Snapchat account. You can follow it at "ehf_live".

Official hashtags: #EHFFINAL4 and #HelloCologne

Use the event's official hashtags when you are posting content to social media channels and join in the VELUX EHF FINAL4 conversation.

Live streaming

ehfTV.com will provide extensive coverage of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 including live and on-demand streaming as well as extensive behind-the-scenes reporting. Match commentary will be provided by Tom O'Brannagain.

VELUX EHF FINAL4 App

The official App of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 is available to download free-of-charge for both iOS and Android devices. The App contains all the latest information and news from the events and offers the ability to live stream the ehfTV.com coverage.

VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 broadcasters*

GER	Sky Germany	CRO	Hrvatski telekom	SUI	Teleclub
HUN	Sport TV	CRO	HRT	BEL	Eleven Sports
POL	NC+	MKD	MRT	ISL	365
POL	Eleven Sports	SVK/CZE	Sport1	FIN	YLE
FRA	beIN Sports	SLO	Sport TV	DEN	DR
EU/worldwide	ehfTV.com	TUR	Dsmart	DEN	Viasat
BIH/MNE/MKD/SRB	Arenasport	GRE	OTE Sport	MENA	beIN Sports
SWE	Viasat	POR	Sport TV	USA	beIN Sports
NOR	Viasat	ITA	Sportitalia	BRA	Esporte Interativo
ROU	Digi Sport	BLR	BYBRTC	Asia	Eleven Sports
ROU	Dolce Sport	ISR	Sport1		
ESP	Teledeporte	RUS	NTV+		

*as of 20 May 2016

5. Additional information

Storage of belongings

Media representatives will have the opportunity to deposit their personal belonging inside the Media Centre using the lockers provided. No liability can be taken for items deposited.

EHF Photo Project

The EHF will once again have its own team of professional photographers covering the VELUX EHF FINAL4. These photographers have special permission to access the court and other areas of the LANXESS arena to enable them to fully document the event for the EHF. They will be wearing white bibs and will be clearly identifiable.

Official name

The official name of the competition is the **VELUX EHF Champions League** and the **VELUX EHF FINAL4**. Please use these terms in your reporting of the event.

Media quiz

Complete the flyer available in your media bag and in the Media Centre for a chance to win VELUX EHF FINAL4 goodies. Entries should be returned to the Info Desk by Sunday at 12:00 hours.

Useful addresses

LANXESS arena

Willy-Brandt-Platz 3
50679 Cologne
+49 (0) 221 8021
contact@lanxess-arena.de
www.lanxess-arena.de

Brauerei zur Malzmühle (*Media Get-together*)

Heumarkt 6
50667 Cologne
+49 (0) 221 92160613
www.muehlenkoelsch.de

Hotel RadissonBLU (*Team Hotel*)

Messe-Kreisel 3
50679 Cologne
+49 (0) 221 277 200
info.cologne@radissonblu.com
www.radissonblu.de/hotel-koeln

Classic Hotel Harmonie (*Media Hotel*)

Ursulaplatz 13 – 19
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+49 (0) 221 16 57-0
www.classic-hotel-harmonie.de

6. Media timetable

Thursday 26 May 2016

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
11:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre opens	LANXESS arena
Approx. 15:30 hrs	Arrival of Team KS Vive Tauron Kielce	Hotel RadissonBLU
Approx. 17:25 hrs	Arrival of Team MVM Veszprém	Hotel RadissonBLU
Approx. 19:25 hrs	Arrival of Team Paris Saint-Germain Handball	Hotel RadissonBLU
Approx. 19:45 hrs	Arrival of Team THW Kiel	Hotel RadissonBLU
18:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre closes	LANXESS arena

Friday 27 May 2016

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
08:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre opens	LANXESS arena
10:00 hrs	Media Centre opens	Clubraum West LANXESS arena
10:00 hrs	adidas handball #BeAheadBeFeared event	DOCK.ONE.
11:00 hrs	Training MVM Veszprém	Halle Ostheim
first 15 minutes	open to TV cameras/photographers	
13:00 hrs	Media call opening	RadissonBLU
13:15 hrs	Media call THW Kiel	RadissonBLU
13:45 hrs	Media call Paris Saint-Germain Handball	RadissonBLU
14:15 hrs	Media call KS Vive Tauron Kielce	RadissonBLU
14:45 hrs	Media call MVM Veszprém	RadissonBLU
15:00 hrs	Training THW Kiel	Halle Bergischer Ring
first 15 minutes	open to TV cameras/photographers	
15:00 hrs	Training Paris Saint-Germain Handball	Halle Ostheim
first 15 minutes	open to TV cameras/photographers	
15:30 hrs	Training KS Vive Tauron Kielce	Halle SÜD
first 15 minutes	open to TV cameras/photographers	
18:00 hrs	Player Google Hangout	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
18:00 hrs	VELUX EHF FINAL4 Opening Party	LANXESS arena
20:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre closes	LANXESS arena
24:00 hrs	Media Centre closes	Clubraum West LANXESS arena

Saturday 28 May 2016

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
08:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre opens	LANXESS arena
10:00 hrs	Media Centre opens	Clubraum West LANXESS arena
14:00 hrs	Photographers briefing	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
15:15 hrs	SF - KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball	LANXESS arena
15 minutes after match	Press conference	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
18:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre closes	LANXESS arena
18:00 hrs	SF - THW Kiel vs MVM Veszprém	LANXESS arena
15 minutes after match	Press conference	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
20:30 hrs	Media Get-together	Brauerei zur Malzmühle
24:00 hrs	Media Centre closes	Clubraum West LANXESS arena

Sunday 29 May 2016

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
10:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre opens	LANXESS arena
10:00 hrs	Media Centre opens	Clubraum West LANXESS arena
13:30 hrs	Photographers briefing	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
14:00 hrs	EHF Media Call	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
15:15 hrs	Match for 3/4 place	LANXESS arena
15 minutes after match	Press conference	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
18:00 hrs	Accreditation Centre closes	LANXESS arena
18:00 hrs	VELUX EHF Champions League Final	LANXESS arena
19:45 hrs	Winners' Ceremony Photographers / ENG allowed on court	
15 minutes after ceremony	Press conference	Press conference room (LANXESS arena Media Centre)
24:00 hrs	Media Centre closes	Clubraum West LANXESS arena

7. Official EHF Rules of Conduct for ENG Crews

The following guidelines and rules of conduct for ENG Crews have been developed to make the job of ENG crews easier at EHF events. Upon receiving an accreditation and signing for an ENG bib, TV crews automatically agree to follow the Rule of Conduct for TV ENG crews.

1. ENG crews are obliged to produce a press identification card upon request.
2. The bib and the accreditation are only valid for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016.
3. ENG personnel are requested to wear the bib and accreditation at **ALL** times.
4. All ENG crews must use the stickers provided on their camera equipment.
5. The Host Broadcaster is acting on behalf of the European Handball Federation.
6. Only the Host Broadcaster is permitted onto the playing court.
7. The guidelines and instructions of the Host Broadcasters **MUST** be followed at all times.
8. ENG crews are not permitted to interfere/obstruct in the work of the Host Broadcaster.
9. Right holders have to stay in the positions designated to them during the games. Positions will be allocated based on space available with priority to the broadcasters from the nations of the teams playing.
10. At no time, before, during or after the match are ENG crews permitted to stay in the area behind the players' seats or behind the official table. They must place themselves in the position advised by the EHF.
11. Non-rights holders are not permitted to film during the matches.
12. ENG crews are only permitted in the TV area of the mixed zone.

Upon collection of the accreditation and bib, ENG personnel are obliged to follow the above-listed rules.

8. Official EHF Rules of Conduct for Photographers

The EHF has developed the following guidelines to make the job of photographers at its events easier. Upon receiving the accreditation and bib the photographer automatically agrees to follow the EHF guidelines of conduct for photographers.

1. Photographers are required to attend the briefings in the Media Centre at 14:00 hrs Saturday, 28 May and at 13:30 hrs on Sunday, 29 May.
2. Photographers are only allowed to enter the court following the match for 3/4 place and final when permitted to do so. There will be a roped off area clearly marked for photographers in front of the timekeepers' table.
3. Photographs can be taken during the player line-up. An area will be defined before the match for this purpose. Photographers may stand in this position until the pre-match procedure is over. They must then return to their designated position behind the advertising boards at the ends of the court.
4. Photograph bibs should be worn at all times. These will be issued as part of the accreditation process and are available from the Media Info Desk.
5. During the match all photographers should be at the ends of the court where seats are available behind the advertising system. Photographers will be advised before the match of any additionally designated areas where they may take photos looking down on the court.
6. It is not allowed to change ends during the game. This has to be done at the half-time or at the end of the match. If a photographer wishes to change ends during the half-time break, he/she must follow the routing system.
7. Photographers are not allowed to stand behind the players' seats or on the opposite side of the court.
8. Photographers have to remain seated and cannot change seats during the match.
9. Photographers are allowed to sit in front of the nets after the point where it is fixed to the advertising borders (fixed 3 metres each side of the goal).
10. Photographers are not allowed sit or stand in front of or to obstruct the view of the advertising boards.
11. Strobe light photography is not permitted.
12. Photographers are not allowed to enter the court during the celebration and awarding ceremony which follows the final until they are told to do so. An area in front of the timekeepers' table will be reserved for photographers and ENG crews.

Upon collection of your accreditation you are obliged to follow the above-listed rules.

9. Event information

Eurovision winner to take the stage

Topping the bill at this year's VELUX EHF FINAL4 will be the 2015 Eurovision song contest winner, Måns Zelmerlöw. The Swedish star, who won the contest in Vienna last year and more recently co-presented the Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm, will sing two songs from his new album 'Perfectly Damaged' - one song before the VELUX EHF Champions League final and one ahead of the winners' ceremony.

Also performing will be singer Ivy Quainoo, winner of the first season of 'The Voice of Germany'. She will perform a cover of David Bowie's 'Heroes' as part of the first opening show.

Official merchandising range

The new merchandising range for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 has been developed with the VELUX EHF Champions League premium sponsor JACK & JONES, the leading clothing and fashion brand. T-shirts, hoodies in both men's and women's styles as well as sports towels will be available to purchase exclusively at the LANXESS arena on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The range incorporates the key design elements of the VELUX EHF Champions League as well as the official event hashtag #HelloCologne. Prices range from €10 to €40.

2017 Ticket Sales

The ticket pre-sale for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 will take place on Saturday, 28 May and Sunday, 29 May at the LANXESS arena with online ticket sales beginning on Monday, 30 May at 09:00 hrs. Ticket prices are: Premium: €345; Category 1: €295; Category 2: €215; Category 3: €155 and Category 4: €75. To purchase a ticket for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2017 at the LANXESS arena, buyers must present a valid VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 ticket. Purchases will be limited to four tickets per person both on-site and online.

Play for Change returns as charity partner

The charitable foundation Play for Change has teamed up with the VELUX EHF FINAL4 organisers again as the event's charity partner. Play for Change, an organisation set up to enhance the lives of children and young people around the world by providing access to sports and education, has been present on the shirts of top EHF referees from the start of the 2014/15 season and made their premiere at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 last year. The charity will be offering shopping bags and wristbands at the merchandising stands as well as organising a tombola. For a small donation fans can do their bit to support children in disadvantaged areas.

The logo for ehfTV, featuring the lowercase letters 'ehf' in a white sans-serif font, followed by a vertical red line, and the uppercase letters 'TV' in a white sans-serif font, all contained within a dark grey rounded rectangular border.

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Season 2015/16

-  VELUX EHF FINAL4 teams
-  Teams eliminated in the knock-out
-  Teams eliminated in the group phase
-  Teams eliminated in the qualification





IFK Kristianstad
SWE



THW Kiel
GER



OrLEN Wisla Plock
POL



HC Meshkov Brest
BLR



KS Vive Tauron Kielce
POL



Chekhovskie Medvedi
RUS



Tatran Presov
SVK



HC Motor Zaporozhye
UKR



HCM Baia Mare
ROU



MVM Veszprém
HUN



MOL-Pick Szeged
HUN



HC Vojvodina Novi Sad
SRB



Besiktas JK
TUR



HC Vardar
MKD



HC Metalurg
MKD



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Facts and figures after the quarter-finals

Exactly 200 matches since the start of the qualification - more than ever - have been played in the VELUX EHF Champions League so far – and the last four will decide everything in Cologne on 28/29 May, which team will follow the now dethroned champions FC Barcelona Lassa.

Here are the most important facts and figures on the 2015/16 season of the competition.

- 0 teams have defended their title since the creation of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne in the 2009/10 season, and this story will continue as Barcelona had been eliminated by Kiel in the quarter-finals.
- 0 teams won both legs of the quarter-finals.
- 0 Spanish teams in the VELUX EHF FINAL4 for the first time.
- 1 team will have their debut in Cologne: Paris Saint-Germain qualified for the first time for this pinnacle event, after the French champions were eliminated twice in a row by Veszprém in the 2014 and 2015 quarter-finals.
- 1 former EHF Champions League winner only has made it to Cologne: THW Kiel (2007, 2010, 2012). So the mathematical chances for a new winner are at 75%.
- 1 nation makes its debut at the VELUX EHF FINAL4: Dener Jaanimaa (Kiel) is the first ever Estonian to come so far in the Champions League.
- 1 player can defend his personal title won in 2015: Nikola Karabatic. PSG's top scorer led FC Barcelona to the trophy one year ago and even was awarded MVP of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2015.
- 1 coach has won the EHF Champions League with two different clubs so far: Alfred Gislason (2002 with SC Magdeburg, 2010 and 2012 with Kiel). If Kielce or PSG take the trophy in 2016, Talant Dujšebaev, respectively Noka Serdarušić would be the second in history.
- 1 Croat will win the trophy in Cologne, as in every team at least one player comes from Croatia. Vori (PSG), Brozović, Duvnjak (both Kiel), Buntić, Čupić, Šego, Strleč (all Kielce) Alilović, Šlišković and Sulić (all Veszprém) are on court.
- 1 man has won the EHF Champions League as a player (1994 with Santander) and as a coach (2006, 2008, 2009 with Ciudad Real): again Talant Dujšebaev.
- 1 pair of brothers will fight for the trophy in Cologne: Nikola and Luka Karabatic.
- 1 Icelandic coach – at least – had been involved in all six VELUX EHF FINAL4 so far: Besides Alfred Gislason (now sixth time with Kiel) it were Dagur Sigurdsson with Füchse Berlin (2012) and Guðmundur Guðmundsson with Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2011).
- 2 Spanish coaches are part of the FINAL4 although no Spanish team made it to Cologne: Javier Sabate (Veszprém) and Talant Dujšebaev (Kielce). Two more Spanish coaches (Xavi Pascual/Barcelona and Raul Gonzalez/Vardar) were eliminated in the quarter-finals, two more (Juan Carlos Pastor/Szeged and Manuel Cadenas/Plock) in the Last 16.
- 2 players of the FINAL4 participants have scored more than 100 goals so far – the same as last season: Mikkel Hansen (PSG/121) and Momir Ilić (Veszprém/105). Besides, Kiril Lazarov (Barcelona, 109) and Dean Bombac (Szeged, 101) have netted in more than 100 times.
- 3 former or current top scorers of the EHF Champions League are on court in Cologne: Nikola Karabatic (2006/07 - 89 goals for Kiel) Mikkel Hansen (2011/12 - 98 goals for Kobenhavn) and Momir Ilić (2013/14 - 103 goals for Veszprém, 2014/15 - 114 goals for Veszprém).
- 3 times the defending Champions League champions had been eliminated in the quarter-finals now: Kiel (2011) and Barcelona (2012 and 2016).
- 4 nations are represented by 22 Men's EHF Champions League winner's titles: Spain (14 titles, including all from 1994 to 2001), Germany (6 titles, including four from six in Cologne), France (Montpellier) and Slovenia (Celje).
- 4 different nations are (for the second time in a row) represented by the four VELUX EHF FINAL4 participants: France, Germany, Poland and Hungary. Seven nations had been represented by the eight quarter-finalist including two German teams.
- 4 times Thierry Omeyer has won the EHF Champions League so far to be the most successful participants of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 – 2003 with Montpellier and 2007, 2010, 2012 with Kiel.

- 5 straight times THW Kiel have now qualified for the VELUX EHF FINAL4. Being at Cologne for the sixth time; the German record champions are record participants.
- 6 times now Alfred Gislason will coach Kiel at Cologne. Javier Sabate (as head coach of Veszprém) and Noka Serdarsusic (PSG) are new on the benches in Cologne, while it is Talant Dujšebaev's (Kielce) 5th participation.
- 6 former or current IHF World Handball Players of the Year will be on court in Cologne: Nikola Karabatic (PSG, 2007 & 2014), Thierry Omeyer (PSG, 2009), Daniel Narcisse (PSG, 2012), Mikkel Hansen (PSG, 2011), Slawomir Szmal (Kielce, 2010), Domagoj Duvnjak (Kiel, 2013). In addition, Kielce coach Talant Dujšebaev was awarded twice in 1994 and 1996.
- 7 nations so far had been represented in the VELUX EHF FINAL4 tournaments since 2010: Germany (eleven participants in total including 2015), Spain (8), Poland and Hungary (each 3), Russia, Denmark, France (each 1).
- 12 times (including 2016) Kiel have been part of an EHF Champions League semi-final and lead this statistic ahead of Veszprém (6) and Kielce (3) and PSG (1, all including 2016).
- 12 different clubs since 2009 have qualified for the VELUX EHF FINAL4 since 2010: Kiel (6 times) Barcelona (5), Ciudad Real/Atletico, Veszprém, Kielce (each 3), Hamburg (2), Füchse Berlin, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Flensburg, AG København, Chekhov, Paris (each 1).
- 15 matches since the start of the group phase ended with a draw, three of them in the quarter-finals.
- 16 different nations are represented in the squads of the four FINAL4 participants: GER, ESP, HUN, POL, CRO, NOR, SWE, DEN, ISL, SRB, FRA, SLO, BIH, EST, MNE, UKR - 9 different at Kiel and Veszprém, 6 at Paris and Kielce.
- 17 matches since the start of the group phase had ended by a margin of +10 or more goals.
- 22 goals was the biggest margin in one match of this Champions League season when Porto beat Vojvodina in the group phase 37:15.
- 30 points were taken by Veszprém in 18 matches to have the highest number of all FINAL4 participants.
- 31 teams representing 20 countries have been part of the VELUX EHF Champions League 2015/16 season including the qualification tournaments.
- 39 goals in one match was the season's lowest score so far, when Skjern beat Metalurg 20:19.
- 65 times, more than 60 goals were scored in all matches since the start of the group phase.
- 65 times in all matches since the start of the group phase, were the away teams the victors, two times it occurred in the quarter-finals.
- 68 matches since the start of the group phase had been attended by 5,000 or more spectators, seven in the Last 16.
- 76 goals in one match was the season's highest score so far, when Zaporozhye beat La Rioja 39:37.
- 116 times in all matches since the start of the group phase, were the home teams the victors, three times it occurred in the quarter-finals.
- 121 goals were scored by Mikkel Hansen (PSG) so far.
- 441 goals have been conceded by PSG with the best defence of all FINAL4 participants.
- 547 goals were scored so far by Kielce with the best attack of all FINAL4 participants.
- 11,276 goals have been scored in all 200 VELUX EHF Champions league matches so far. 248 in the qualification, 9,619 in the group phase, 249 in the play-off matches of Groups C+D, 704 in the Last 16 matches and 456 in the quarter-finals. In average 56,38 goals were scored in every match.
- 15,200 fans attended Zagreb's two matches against PSG in group phase and the quarter-final and the group phase match against Veszprém to be the season's highest attendance so far.
- 19,750 will attend each of the four matches of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in the sold-out LANXESS Arena in Cologne.

Semi-final 1 Preview


**KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs
Paris Saint-Germain Handball**
Saturday 28 May, 15:15 hrs

Referees: Lars Geipel and Marcus Helbig / GER

EHF Delegates: Rui Coelho / POR

Bozidar Djurkovic / SRB



A premiere on holy handball ground

Neither KS Vive Tauron Kielce nor Paris Saint-Germain Handball, contenders of the first semi-final, have made it to the final of a VELUX EHF Champions League before and for PSG it is their first-ever time at the showpiece event that is the VELUX EHF FINAL4.

Despite their lack of experience of the final weekend the French champions go to Germany as favourites against Kielce. But the team from Poland will try hard to end their Cologne curse, as they always lost their semis so far.

Paris Saint-Germain Handball are one of the highest-class debutants ever at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 and although 2016 is the maiden voyage of the French champions at the LANXESS arena, many experts consider Nikola Karabatic & Co. as strong favourites to win the trophy.

Karabatic can make FINAL4 history in Cologne as he would become the first player since the final weekend format started back in the 2009/10 season to defend the title. In the six seasons since, not one single player has held on to the title but Karabatic can. In the 2015 edition he led FC Barcelona to their eighth title in a Most Valuable Player performance before the 2014 IHF World Handball Player of the Year transferred to the French capital.

As Barcelona were eliminated by Kielce at the quarter-final stage this year, Karabatic is now the last survivor of that winning team still in the tournament.

Goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer, like Karabatic, was in the squad of the last (and so far the only French side) to win this competition as they took the honours with Montpellier in 2003 which also included former goalkeeper and current PSG manager Bruno Martini.

Since 2003, Karabatic has added two more trophies (2007 with Kielce and 2015 with Barcelona) to his cabinet, while Omeyer could be heading for his fifth title after winning the EHF Champions League with Kielce a further three times (2007, 2010, 2012).

But standing in their way is an experienced Kielce squad eager to make the next step in Cologne after the Polish champions lost at the semi-final stage twice in their last two participations – both against Barcelona.

“I hope that our time has come now,” says Kielce coach Talant Dujšebaev, who is coaching at his fifth VELUX EHF FINAL4, but who has never taken glory, with Ciudad Real (2010, 2011), Atletico Madrid (2012) or Kielce (2015).

As a player, the last but one time Dujšebaev became an EHF Champions League winner was in the 2007/08 finals against THW Kiel – the final international matches of Noka Serdarušić as THW Kiel coach, who is now back in the spotlight as PSG coach, so there could be a delayed opportunity for Serdarušić to take revenge against Dujšebaev.

Serdarušić can count on a world-class squad including former IHF World Handball Players Karabatic, Omeyer, Mikkel Hansen and Daniel Narcisse; while in this ranking Kielce can claim just one, goalkeeper Sławomir Szmal.

The final step on the road to Cologne was similar for both semi-finalists, as they each gained a draw and a win in the quarter-finals, but PSG were already clear after their first leg, away at HC PPD Zagreb, as they won 28:20 against the Croatian side.

Kielce's journey was much more nervous, not confirming their qualification until the final attack in the second leg at home against SG Flensburg-Handewitt, taking a 29:28 win on the night, following a 28:28 draw in the first leg in Germany.

Paris won their respective group phase in an impressive way, beaten only at Flensburg and by MVM Veszprém in Group A, topping their group and qualifying straight through to the quarter-finals, skipping the last 16.

Kielce finished runners-up in Group B below Barcelona, but then had no problems with HC Meshkov Brest in the Last 16.

The biggest strength of the Polish champions is their defence and their experience, while PSG count on two of the best scorers in the EHF Champions League so far this season with Hansen topping the ranking thanks to 121 strikes in 16 matches and Karabatic with 88 goals. The best Kielce striker is EHF EURO 2016 All-Star Team member Michal Jurecki (85).

The semi-final in Cologne is the first competitive match between the two sides. The only time they duelled so far was in a friendly match in Krakow last summer, when the final result was a 32:32 draw.

Now, one of the opponents will make it to their first VELUX EHF Champions League final in history and with it one coach can make history too.

If one of these semi-finalists win the trophy, either Dujšebaev or Serdarusic would follow Kiel's coach Alfred Gislason and become the second-ever to win the Men's EHF Champions League with two different clubs.



Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce

No previous encounters in European competitions

KS Vive Tauron Kielce



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When you win all the matches in the group phase two times and you gain a place in the history books of the Champions League, it is really a shock to lose the first game in the next edition of the contest. Kielce had to swallow a bitter pill in Szeged after a weak performance in defence and unsuccessfully trying to bridge the gap they had allowed their rivals.

Further matches in the group affirmed that this season was not going to be that kind for the Polish champions. After the first five rounds Kielce had only two victories, two draws and a loss. To make matters worse their next duel with Vardar turned out to be a total disaster. Talant's boys brought back from Skopje a ten-goal defeat, 24:34! But since that moment Kielce got a grip and began to play much better. They won seven from eight matches left and achieved an historic first victory over Barcelona. They had a huge chance to gather a full set of wins, but in the very last moments of the battle in Kristianstad Tobias Reichmann missed a penalty that gave away another draw, 35:35. The scapegoat winger fully made up for his blooper and in the last match against Szeged he gave the club the one and only lead a few seconds before the final whistle scoring an empty-net goal.

During the season they lost their previous captain Grzegorz Tkaczyk due to his shoulder injury, but they also regained the centre back Mariusz Jurkiewicz who debuted at the beginning of March after ten months of struggle with his knee ligaments. Although he still did not play in the Last 16 against HC Meshkov Brest, his team comfortably reached the quarter-finals after winning both legs. Kielce reached their third FINAL4 ticket (and second consecutive) after two thrilling quarter-final legs with Flensburg as only the last minute goal of Krzysztof Lijewski prevented the teams from going to a penalty throw shoot-out.

TOP SCORERS

Michał Jurecki	85
Karol Bielecki	68
Ivan Cupic	65

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 13

Semi-final (2): 2012/13, 2014/15 (third ranked in VELUX F4)

Last 16 (5): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14

Last 32 (2): 1996/97, 1998/99

Group matches (3): 1999/2000, 2003/04, 2010/11

Other

11 participations in other ECs

Polish league: 13 titles (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012-2016)

Polish cup: 12 titles*

**as of 20 May 2016*

EHF Champions League club records



Biggest win:	35:23 (16:13) v FC Porto Vitalis POR (h), 29.09.2013
Biggest defeat:	30:41 (19:19) v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN (h), 15.11.2003
Longest winning run:	11 matches (25.09.2014 - 15.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (25.09.2014 - 15.03.2015)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (13.02.2010 – 27.03.2010) 5 matches (19.02.2011 – 09.10.2011)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (26.09.2010 – 27.11.2010)
Most goals:	38 v Orlen Wisla Plock POL 38:30W (h), 23.02.2014
Most goals opponent:	41 v Fotex KC Veszprém HUN 30:41L (h), 15.11.2003
Most goals both teams:	72 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 40:32L (a), 27.11.1999
Fewest goals:	21 v HC Bosna BH Gas BIH 25:21L (a), 27.02.2010 21 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	20 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012 20 v HC Vardar MKD 20:22W (a), 11.04.2015 20 v HC Vardar MKD 23:20W (h), 28.11.2015
Fewest goals both teams:	41 v HC Metalurg MKD 21:20W (h), 24.11.2012

EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage Reached
1999/00 KS Iskra-Lider Market POL	6	3	0	3	173:186	-13	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2003/04 KS 'Vive' Kielce POL	6	2	1	3	159:177	-18	5:7	3rd Gr. G	
2009/10 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	5	1	6	345:344	+1	11:13	Last 16	
2010/11 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	10	1	2	7	276:300	-24	4:16	6th Gr. A	
2011/12 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	6	1	5	345:336	+9	13:11	Last 16	
2012/13 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	469:400	+69	28:4	Third Place	
2013/14 KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	12	7	1	4	362:331	+31	15:9	Last 16	
2014/15 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	16	14	0	2	483:439	+44	28:4	Third Place	
Total	90	52	6	32	2612:2513	+99	110:70		



Quarter-final results

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt D28:28 (14:13)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W29:28 (14:13)

Last 16 results

@ HC Meshkov Brest W32:28 (12:14)
vs HC Meshkov Brest W33:30 (14:14)

Group Phase results

@ MOL-Pick Szeged L31:30 (17:14)
vs Montpellier HB W30:23 (12:11)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen D32:32 (19:15)
vs IFK Kristianstad W35:27 (20:12)
vs FC Barcelona Lassa D30:30 (14:17)
@ HC Vardar L34:24 (18:14)
@ KIF Kolding København W25:33 (13:12)
vs KIF Kolding København W33:31 (13:14)
vs HC Vardar W23:20 (10:6)
@ FC Barcelona Lassa W31:33 (19:16)
@ IFK Kristianstad D35:35 (17:19)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen W28:27 (12:10)
@ Montpellier HB W27:32 (16:17)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged W27:26 (12:16)

Nations represented in the squad: 6

	POL 11
	CRO 4
	ESP 1
	GER 1
	SLO 1
	MNE 1

Former EHF Champions League winners

Uros Zorman

Celje 2003/04, Ciudad Real 2007/08, 2008/09

Tobias Reichmann

Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12

Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	Gls
13	Julen	Aguinagalde Akizu	ESP	Line Player	12/8/82	Irun, ESP	195	116	55
14	Karol	Bielecki	POL	Left Back	1/23/82	Sandomierz, POL	202	101	68
21	Denis	Buntic	CRO	Right Back	11/13/82	Ljubuski, BIH	198	93	47
10	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	3/24/88	Goreczno, POL	202	100	9
27	Ivan	Cupic	CRO	Right Wing	3/22/86	Metkovic, CRO	178	75	65
4	Michal	Grabowski	POL	Right Wing	11/28/97	Kielce, POL	188	87	
15	Mateusz	Jachlewski	POL	Left Wing	12/27/84	Gdynia, POL	185	88	21
5	Michal	Jurecki	POL	Left Back	10/27/84	Koscian, POL	198	110	85
19	Mariusz	Jurkiewicz	POL	Left Back	2/3/82	Lubin, POL	199	103	1
11	Mateusz	Kus	POL	Line Player	7/14/87	Piekary Sl., POL	200	100	2
20	Krzysztof	Lijewski	POL	Right Back	7/7/83	Ostrów Wlkpl. POL	198	94	47
22	Pawel	Paczkowski	POL	Right Back	6/14/93	Swiecie, POL	195	93	5
9	Tobias	Reichmann	GER	Right Wing	5/27/88	Berlin, GER	188	85	56
17	Manuel	Strlek	CRO	Left Wing	12/1/88	Zagreb, CRO	182	84	45
6	Grzegorz	Tkaczyk	POL	Left Back	12/22/80	Warszawa, POL	194	94	6
2	Branko	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	4/20/98	Niksic, MNE	197	82	2
23	Uros	Zorman	SLO	Centre Back	1/9/80	Kranj, SLO	189	96	33
1	Slawomir	Szmal	POL	Goalkeeper	10/2/78	Strzelce Opolskie, POL	190	90	
16	Marin	Sego	CRO	Goalkeeper	8/2/85	Mostar, BIH	194	100	



Talant Dujshabaev

coach

- most awarded figure in the club
- during his long-standing playing career won plenty of trophies with three different national teams (CIS, Russia, Spain)
- has successfully continued as a coach for the last 10 years, known for his impulsiveness
- joined Kielce in the half of the 2013/14 season, replacing Bogdan Wenta
- changed the playing style of Kielce placing greater emphasis on aggressive defence

EC Trophies: CL 1994, 2006, 2008, 2009 (last 3 as coach), EHF Cup 1993, Cup Winners' Cup 2002, 2003
OG: G 1992, B 1996, 2000, WCh: G 1993, EURO: S 1996, 1998, B 2000

**Sławomir Szmaj****goalkeeper**

- 2009 World Handball Player of the Year
- one of the key players in the Polish national champions' defence
- spent several years in German Bundesliga playing for TuS N-Lübbecke and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- competed in three VELUX EHF FINAL4 events with Löwen in 2010/11 and twice with Kielce in 2012/13 and 2014/15
- on the court a hardworking Titan, beyond it always keen on handball initiatives for kids

WCh: S 2007, B 2009, 2015

**Marin Sego****goalkeeper**

- his first stop in Poland was Wisła Płock when he came from Zagreb in 2012 and stayed until 2014
- like in Płock with Marcin Wichary also in Kielce he has a strong competition in goal from a Polish national team goalkeeper - Szmaj
- before his move to Poland spent half of his career in Bosnia Herzegovina, and half in Croatia
- before his first FINAL4 start in 2015 was most successful with Zagreb, where he helped his club to progress twice to the CL quarter-finals

EURO: S 2010

**Manuel Strlek****left wing**

- his arrival in Kielce in 2012 were his first steps abroad, after leaving his boyhood club Zagreb
- started gathering CL experience in 2006
- together with his fellow countryman Cupic on the other side, they soon created an extremely effective duet of wingers
- All-star team left wing at the EHF EURO 2010

OG: B 2012, WCh: G 2013, B 2011, EURO: B 2012, 2016

**Mateusz Jachlewski****left wing**

- joined Kielce already in 2006 from Gdansk
- 2012/13 CL season was the best so far for him in his European Cup career scoring 32 goals
- part of the Polish team that won silver at the 2007 World Championship in Germany in the LANXESS arena
- youngest Polish handball player to take part in the Olympic Games (Beijing 2008)

WCh: S 2007

**Michał Jurecki****left back**

- Kielce's powerful left back returned to Poland in 2010 after a three-season stint in Germany and spells at HSV Hamburg and TuS N-Lübbecke
- All-star Team left back at the EHF EURO 2016
- under his steel covering the Polish tank hides a cheerful nature and a volcano of energy exploding in the most thrilling moments of the game
- since 2015/16 the new captain of the team

WCh: S 2007, B 2009, 2015

**Karol Bielecki****left back**

- Poland's biggest handball icon
- spent eight seasons in the Bundesliga playing for Magdeburg and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- after losing sight in his left eye in an accident in 2010, the 33-year-old has made a remarkable comeback to his current steady form
- known for his ability to score from long-range shots

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2007
WCh: S 2007, B 2009, 2015

**Piotr Chrapkowski****left back**

- nominally at left back, but thanks to his talent and cleverness quite often used by Dujšebaev on other positions, even wing
- ambitious and versatile player, effective in attack and solid in defence
- before joining Kielce in 2013, he used to play for Kielce's biggest domestic rival, Orlen Wisła Płock
- in the summer of 2014 he climbed the highest peak of Africa, Kilimanjaro

WCh: B 2015

**Mariusz Jurkiewicz****left back / centre back**

- signed for Kielce in the summer of 2015 after two seasons with rivals from Płock
- transformed from the typical defender into comprehensive player able to threaten his rivals with distance throws
- after a long time spent in Spain, he returned to his homeland and soon became Płock's key player and a pillar of the Polish national team
- his best European achievement was the CL final in 2012 with Atletico Madrid

WCh: B 2009, 2015

**Uros Zorman****centre back**

- one of the best playmakers in the game
- on the hunt for his fourth CL success
- not known for scoring lots of goals, but his movement and passes provide ample space for his teammates in attack
- long-standing captain of Slovenian national team, famous for his charisma, he is known for his work in youth handball and for organising youth summer camps

EC Trophies: CL: 2004, 2008, 2009
EURO: S 2004

**Grzegorz Tkaczyk****centre back**

- won the EHF Cup in 2007 with SC Magdeburg with Bogdan Wenta as coach
- scored over 1,000 goals in the German Bundesliga
- also played at the 2011 VELUX EHF FINAL4 with Rhein Neckar Löwen
- part of the silver medal winning team in the LANXESS arena at the 2007 World Championship.

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2007
WCh: S 2007

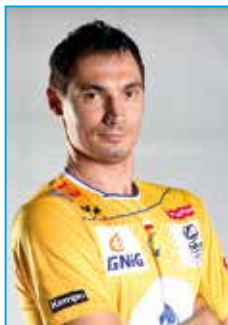
**Julen Aguinalalde****line player**

- one of the world's top line players
- All-Star team line player of the 2013 WCh in Spain and EHF EURO 2014 in Denmark
- nominated for World Handball Player of the Year 2012
- joined Kielce from Atlético Madrid in 2013 for his first foreign league experience
- five VELUX EHF FINAL4 appearances (2010-2016)

WCh: G 2013, B 2011, EURO: B 2014, S 2016

**Mateusz Kus****line player**

- 2015/16 season was his first in Kielce after eight years spent in Azoty Puławy
- still waiting for first international successes, but he made a debut in the Polish national team in April 2016 during the Olympic qualification
- replaced Kielce's defensive pillar Piotr Grabarczyk thus is used rather in the defence than in the attack
- scored his first CL goal against Vardar at Skopje in the 2015/16 group phase

**Krzysztof Lijewski****right back**

- wanted to be a basketball player, but under the influence of his father and older brother Marcin, he chose handball
- joined Kielce in 2012 after seven successful years spent in Germany with Hamburg and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- best right back of EHF EURO 2014
- most versatile player in the team, clever in attack and vigilant in defence

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2007
WCh: S 2007, B 2009, 2015

**Denis Buntic****right back**

- born in Ljubuski, traditional handball city of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- played for Izvidac, Zagreb, Koper and Ademar Leon in the past
- joined Kielce in the summer of 2011 and one year later reached his first FINAL4 with the club
- set his scoring record in the EC in 2009/10 with Ademar (57 goals)

OG: B 2012, EURO: S 2010, B 2012, WCh: S 2005, 2009

**Ivan Cupic****right wing**

- second best goal scorer at the London 2012 Olympics
- named on the All-Star team at the 2009 WCh
- despite losing one finger in an accident in 2008 remained an important player of each team he has played including the national team
- sharing the position with the new face in the club, German Tobias Reichmann.

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

**Tobias Reichmann****right wing**

- started his career at SC Magdeburg
- played three seasons in Kiel and two in Wetzlar before he transferred to Kielce in 2014 as the first German player in the Polish league
- All-Star team right winger of the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland
- shares his position with Croatian Ivan Cupic
- winner of the IHF Super Globe in 2011 as part of THW Kiel

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
EURO: G 2016

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Having set the bar high in the transfer market last summer, Paris Saint-Germain Handball's thoughts can only be on a serious challenge for the VELUX EHF Champions League trophy this season. Veszprém brought an end to their challenge at the quarter-final stage two years in a row, but this season they finally embarked on a trip to Cologne.

Former VELUX EHF Champions League winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt, THW Kiel and last season's finalists MVM Veszprém could not stop PSG from finishing first in Group A. After their initial loss in Flensburg, Nikola Karabatic's partners turned things around, winning twelve of the thirteen games remaining, including the group final against "Ljubo's Jungs" from Flensburg, to qualify directly for the quarter-finals. The most impressive performance was probably their seven-goal win against THW Kiel, and even when they struggled away from home like they did in Celje or in Zagreb, Noka Serdarusic's boys still managed to come back with a win. Thanks to the impressive performances by Mikkel Hansen, current top scorer of the competition, Paris ended the group phase as the most prolific attack of the group phase. Defence was not bad either, as Thierry Omeyer is as decisive as he's ever been, helping PSG remaining one of the only two teams who have won all games on home ground.

The Parisians even managed to overcome difficult injuries. The right side was especially affected, since Xavier Barachet suffered an early knee injury and will probably be missing the rest of the season for the same reason. To make up for him, some less known figures stepped in the spotlight. Samuel Honrubia and Sergiy Onufryenko proved to be key against Kiel or Flensburg, while Daniel Narcisse provided much-needed rest for Mikkel Hansen. Finally, PSG looks like the amazing team it has been set to be for some time.

Winning against big teams has given them confidence and proved that they are on the right track, giving them the opportunity not only to reach Cologne for the first time ever but also to be considered one of the final tournament's favourites this time around.

TOP SCORERS

Mikkel Hansen	121
Nikola Karabatic	88
Luc Abalo	52

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 4

Quarter-final (2): 2013/14, 2014/15

Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2006/07, Last 16 2003/04

French league: 3 titles (2013, 2015, 2016)

French cup: 2 titles

EHF Champions League club records



Biggest win:	38:24 (22:11) v Wacker Thun SUI (h), 23.11.2013
Biggest defeat:	44:28 (22:12) v THW Kiel GER (a), 10.12.2005
Longest winning run:	7 matches (27.09.2015 – 28.11.2015)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (27.09.2015 – 28.11.2015)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (23.11.1996 – 18.01.1997)
Most goals:	40 v Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR 30:40W (a), 03.10.2015 40 v Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR 40:28W (h), 20.02.2016
Most goals opponent:	44 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
Most goals both teams:	72 v THW Kiel GER 44:28L (a), 10.12.2005
Fewest goals:	20 v Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO 20:26L (h), 11.01.1997 20 v Caja Cantabria Santander ESP 26:20L (a), 18.01.1997
Fewest goals opponent:	18 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005
Fewest goals both teams:	39 v HC Banik Karvina CZE 21:18W (h), 09.10.2005

EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage Reached
1996/97 PSG Asnières FRA	6	1	0	5	131:161		-30	2:10	4th Gr. D
2005/06 Paris Handball FRA	8	4	1	3	212:229		-17	9:7	Last 16
2013/14 PSG Handball FRA	14	7	1	6	429:402		+27	15:13	1/4-finals
2014/15 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	14	8	1	5	395:367		+28	17:11	1/4-finals
Total	42	20	3	19	1167:1159		+8	43:41	



Quarter-final results

@ HC PPD Zagreb W28:20 (16:13)
vs HC PPD Zagreb D32:32 (16:13)

Last 16 results

Bye as Group A winners

Group Phase results

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt L39:32 (21:16)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W29:24 (16:13)
@ Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu W30:40 (17:21)
vs HC PPD Zagreb W34:23 (18:8)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W30:32 (15:16)
vs MVM Veszprém W29:27 (16:12)
@ THW Kiel W26:30 (10:16)
vs THW Kiel W37:30 (18:12)
@ MVM Veszprém L28:20 (16:14)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W32:27 (17:12)
@ HC PPD Zagreb W23:25 (10:15)
vs Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu W40:28 (16:11)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock W22:27 (12:16)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W35:32 (16:16)

Nations represented in the squad: 6

	FRA 11
	DEN 2
	ISL 1
	CRO 1
	UKR 1
	MNE 1

Former EHF Champions League winners

Daniel Narcisse

Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12

Nikola Karabatic

Montpellier 2002/03, Kiel 2006/07, Barcelona 2014/15

Thierry Omeyer

Montpellier 2002/03, Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12

Luc Abalo

Ciudad Real 2008/09

Igor Vori

Hamburg 2012/13

Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	Gls
19	Luc	Abalo	FRA	Right Wing	9/6/84	Creteil, FRA	182	80	52
6	William	Accambray	FRA	Left Back	4/8/88	Cannes, FRA	194	94	2
14	Xavier	Barachet	FRA	Right Back	11/19/88	Nice, FRA	195	95	14
18	Robert	Gunnarsson	ISL	Line Player	5/22/80	Reykjavik, ISL	191	100	4
24	Mikkel	Hansen	DEN	Centre Back	10/22/87	Helsingor, DEN	192	93	121
34	Samuel	Honrubia	FRA	Left Wing	7/5/86	Beziers, FRA	180	75	42
22	Luka	Karabatic	FRA	Line Player	4/19/88	Strasbourg, FRA	202	90	33
44	Nikola	Karabatic	FRA	Centre Back	4/11/84	Nis, SRB	196	102	88
11	Benoit	Koukoud	FRA	Right Wing	2/19/97	Versailles, FRA	188	78	10
90	Jeffrey	M'tima	FRA	Left Wing	7/16/91	Schiltigheim, FRA	188	80	13
4	Fahrudin	Melic	MNE	Right Wing	7/22/84	Prijepolje, SRB	183	90	5
5	Henrik	Møllgaard Jensen	DEN	Left Back	1/2/85	Bramming, DEN	195	97	18
25	Daniel	Narcisse	FRA	Centre Back	12/16/79	St Dennis-Reunion, FRA	189	92	48
33	Sergiy	Onufryienko	UKR	Right Back	1/31/85	Zaporozhye, UKR	190	95	31
9	Igor	Vori	CRO	Line Player	9/20/80	Zagreb, CRO	203	114	21
16	Thierry	Omeyer	FRA	Goalkeeper	11/2/76	Mulhouse, FRA	191	92	
1	Patrice	Annonay	FRA	Goalkeeper	5/17/79	La Trinite, FRA	192	96	



Noka Serdariusic

coach

- born in Yugoslavia, became a German citizen in 2008
- came out of retirement two years ago to coach Aix, then moved to PSG this summer
- does not speak French, but speaks German, and since many players in PSG have played in Germany before it seems to be no problem
- his previous coaching experience includes eleven seasons with THW Kiel and three with SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- almost a honorary member of the Karabatic family

EC Trophies : CL 2007, EHF Cup 1998, 2002, 2004

**Thierry Omeyer****goalkeeper**

- crowned best goalkeeper in history by the IHF
- returned to Montpellier for the 2013/14 season, reached the EHF Cup Final and decided to move on to PSG in the summer of 2014
- at 39 has no intention of retiring and extended his contract for another season recently
- awarded the best goalkeeper and the MVP at the WCh 2015 in Qatar

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012

OG: G 2008, 2012 / EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008 / WCh: G 2001, 2009, 2011, 2015, B 2003, B 2005

**Patrice Annonay****goalkeeper**

- one of the oldest players in the Parisian squad and also the one who has played for Paris the longest (11 years)
- “Papat” was there when the club was in the French second league and has been a constant presence ever since
- used to be a key player but will be leaving Paris at the end of the season for Tremblay
- his good mood is a key element in the dressing room

**Samuel Honrubia****left wing**

- joined PSG at the start of the 2012/13 season after having played in Montpellier for more than a decade
- immediately showed what he is capable of and why he is regarded as one of the best left wings in Europe
- very efficient at scoring from fast breaks and in one-on-one situations

OG: G 2012, EURO: G 2014, WCh: G 2011, 2015

**Jeffrey M'Tima****left wing**

- has known everything handball-wise in Paris : the French second league and then the golden years with the CL
- after starting handball at five, he soon became a centre back then a left back, before landing on the left wing when he was 16
- Jeff, as he's called, is known for his long jumps and spinshots above the goalkeepers' heads
- after being second-hand to Samuel Honrubia in the 2015/16 season, he is ready to substitute Uwe Gensheimer next season as he has renewed his contract until 2018

**Mikkel Hansen****left back**

- 2011 IHF World Handball Player of the Year
- reached the VELUX EHF FINAL4 with AG København in 2012
- son of former Danish international Flemming Hansen; having grown into a top class player at GOG, played for Barcelona for two seasons before joining AG in 2011
- arrived in PSG before the 2012/13 season; his headbands have now become a collectors' item among PSG fans

EURO: G 2012, S 2014, WCh: S 2011, 2013

**Henrik Møllgaard****left back**

- started his career in Ribe HK, once a traditional club in the Danish top flight
- joined KIF Kolding in 2005 and won the Danish championship twice and the Danish Cup once before moving on to AaB Håndbold in 2009
- added another league title with Aalborg, moved to Skjern in 2012
- transferred to Paris in 2015 after finishing third with Skjern at the EHF Cup Finals in Berlin
- strong and experienced defender valuable also to the Danish national team

EURO: S 2014, WCh: S 2013

**William Accambay****left back**

- his father was a hammer thrower while his mother threw the discus and his brother played volleyball at a high level
- powerful shooter has reached his first FINAL4 in 2016 in his eighth CL season
- after playing his whole career in Montpellier, he joined Paris in 2014
- has been injured a lot since his arrival to Paris, including a heavy knee injury from which he came back only two months before the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016

OG: G 2012, WC G 2011, 2015, EC G 2014

**Nikola Karabatic****left back / centre back**

- 2007 & 2014 World Handball Player of the Year
- one of Barcelona transfer coups with Kiril Lazarov before the 2013/14 season and arguably the biggest transfer of the 2015 summer, when he signed for PSG
- won everything there is to win, as he has triumphed at Olympic Games, WChs and EHF EUROs with the French national team and thrice the CL (with Montpellier, Kiel and Barcelona)
- one of the most complete handball players with strengths both in attack and defence

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2007, 2015

OG: G 2008, 2012 / WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, B 2003, 2005 / EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008

**Daniel Narcisse****centre back**

- might well go down in history as one of the most decorated French players
- 2012 IHF World Handball Player of the Year
- nicknamed "Air France" because of his jumping skills
- now reunited with former Kiel teammate Thierry Omeyer to fulfil his goal of winning the CL title again

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012

OG: G 2008, 2012 / EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008 / WCh: G 2001, 2009, 2015, B 2003, 2005

**Luka Karabatic****line player**

- was a national-level tennis player until he was 19, only then turned his back on the yellow ball and chose handball
- began in Montpellier, then moved to Aix and finally to PSG in the summer of 2015
- on the CL list of Montpellier in six seasons, but did not enjoy too much playing time (in total 22 goals)
- PSG is the third club where he reunites with his brother Nikola

ECh : G 2014, WCh : G 2015

**Igor Vori****line player**

- at 203 cm a pillar in any team's defence won nearly every title the sport has on offer
- PSG recruited the veteran to bring some CL experience to his position
- played handball in five countries so far, including Spain (Barcelona), Germany (Hamburg) and, more strangely, Italy
- had some troubles adapting to his new team in his first season with PSG (2013/14)
- shares his position with Luka Karabatic and Robert Gunnarsson

EC trophies: CL 2013

OG: G 2004, B 2012, EURO: S 2008, 2010, B 2012, WCh: G 2003, S 2005, 2009, B 2013

**Robert Gunnarsson****line player**

- started his career in Fylkir Reykjavik in his homeland, then he joined Aarhus in Denmark
- left Aarhus in 2005, just after the team had qualified for the CL for the first time, and continued with VfL Gummersbach
- joined PSG from another German Bundesliga club, Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2012, will be leaving Paris after this season to return to Aarhus
- has played 272 internationals for Iceland and scored 770 goals

OG: S 2008, EURO: B 2010

**Sergiy Onufryienko****right back**

- Ukrainian right back arrived last summer from HC Motor Zaporozhye, but has already signed a contract with Aix for next season
- at 31 years he had already 12 campaigns in the European top flight under his belt
- after having a hard time at the beginning on the season, he gave some great performances against Kiel and Flensburg in the group phase and Zagreb in the quarter-final
- with the long-term injury of Xavier Barachet, has been given greater responsibilities

**Luc Abalo****right wing**

- spectacular right wing returned to France from Spanish side Atletico Madrid in 2012
- immediately showed how much progress he has made
- during his four seasons in Spain reached the final of the CL in 2011 and 2012
- regular fixture in the national team as well
- with his high jumps and all the tricks a winger must have, he is one of the best at his position

EC trophies: CL 2009

OG: 2008, 2012, EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, WCh: 2009, 2011

**Fahrudin Melic****right wing**

- made his senior debut for HC Bosna Sarajevo
- recorded over 100 appearances for Montenegrin national team, having made his debut in 2010
- excellent performances for Gorenje Velenje in 2012/13, prompted former PSG coach Philippe Gardent to insist on his signing
- after three successful years at PSG leaving for another French side Chambéry in the summer of 2016
- despite playing in France, his family lives in Sarajevo, where he is to return after finishing his playing career

Benoît Kounkoud**right wing**

- only 19 years old, but he's already taken part at EHF EURO 2016 with the French national team
- youngest player to be called for France since Nikola Karabatic
- Luc Abalo, his partner on the right wing, is key in his progression, as both of them confess
- latest of the talents emerging from Reunion island, where Daniel Narcisse or Jackson Richardson were born



Semi-final 2 Preview



THW Kiel vs MVM Veszprém

Saturday 28 May, 18:00 hrs

Referees: Oyvind Togstad and Rune Kristiansen / NOR

EHF Delegates: Martin Hausleitner / AUT
Dragan Nachevski / MKD

Three is the lucky number - but for whom?

Can THW Kiel make it to a EHF Champions League Final for the seventh time or can MVM Veszprém go one step better than last year and win? These are the major questions ahead of the duel of two powerhouses with a long common history.

Three is the magic number in the second semi-final of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016.

That is the number of former THW Kiel players who are now in MVM Veszprém's squad - Aron Palmársson, Christian Zeitz and Momir Ilic.

This semi-final is the third time this season the teams will meet in the VELUX EHF Champions League after home wins in the respective group phase matches against each other.

For the third time in a row the German and the Hungarian record championship winners line-up against each other in a semi-final of the VELUX EHF FINAL4, with one win for each team before; Kiel made it to the final in 2014 and then Veszprém made it to the final in 2015.

If the Hungarian side win, it would mean their third EHF Champions League Final in history after 2002 (defeated by SC Magdeburg, coached that time by Alfred Gislason) and 2015, when they lost against FC Barcelona.

Three-time Champions League winner, Dominik Klein is aiming for a golden farewell from Kiel. He is the last player of the current THW squad who was part of all of their trophies before in 2007, 2010 and 2012, and will leave to join recent EHF Cup finalist HBC Nantes, also leaving will be Joan Canellas, who will transfer to HC Vardar.

Veszprém's left back Ilic can win his third trophy too but he can also become the VELUX EHF Champions League top scorer for the third straight time. However, he will need a little miracle as currently sitting on top in the scoring charts is PSG's Mikkel Hansen, ahead by 16 goals (121 vs 105).

"Veszprém are the favourites, we are the underdogs of the whole event," said THW Kiel coach Gislason ahead of the final weekend. Whilst the coach is being humble he is also being realistic, with a long list of injuries in mind. Rene Toft Hansen will definitely miss the VELUX EHF FINAL4; Steffen Weinhold could return and be the lucky joker, while Patrick Wiencek and Christian Dissinger have just returned from long-term injuries.

For Veszprém, the start of former THW right back Christian Zeitz is doubtful due to shoulder problems.

Kiel had a roller coaster ride in the group phase, when they won just five matches and suffered their first home defeat for more than four years, against PSG. In the Last 16, they were close to elimination against MOL-Pick Szeged, but turned the tide at home and then they rose like a phoenix from the ashes against defending champions FC Barcelona Lassa with a 29:24 home win in the first leg of the quarter-finals providing the base for an aggregate 59:57 win and their sixth participation at edition seven of the VELUX EHF FINAL4.

After finishing runners-up of Group A in the group phase Veszprém had less problems in the knock-out stages, winning three of their four matches, including two in the Last 16 against HC Motor Zaporozhye and the first leg of the quarter-finals away in Skopje against HC Vardar 29:26 to leave the Macedonian champions behind and take the tie 59:56.

The biggest news from the 2015 and 2016 SEHA League champions in the VELUX EHF Champions League season was the departure of coach Antonio Carlos Ortega right after the first Champions League match - a draw against Plock back in September.

His successor, and former assistant Javier Sabate, now has the great chance to extend the series of Spanish coaches in EHF Champions League finals.

While Veszprém still wait for their first title in this competition, the VELUX EHF Champions League is the last chance for Kiel to avoid a season without any title for the first time in 13 years after missing trophies in the German Bundesliga and the German Cup.

If the German side win it would represent the seventh time they have appeared in the final of the elite men's European club handball tournament.



THW Kiel vs MKB-MVM Veszprém 7-0-6 (378:371) 14:12

24.01.1996	THW Kiel vs Fotex Veszprém SE, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:25 (17:15)
13.02.1996	Fotex Veszprém SE vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Group A	23:21 (11:9)
25.10.2002	THW Kiel vs Fotex KC Veszprém, European Championship for Club Teams – Semi-final	23:31 (11:15)
24.02.2007	MKB Veszprém KC vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	39:36 (19:20)
01.03.2007	THW Kiel vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	39:32 (22:15)
18.10.2012	MKB Veszprém KC vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	31:30 (14:15)
17.02.2013	THW Kiel vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:21 (17:13)
21.04.2013	THW Kiel vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:31 (15:16)
27.04.2013	MKB Veszprém KC vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (14:12)
31.05.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Semi-final	26:29 (13:13)
30.05.2015	THW Kiel vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Semi-final	27:31 (13:13)
17.10.2015	MVM Vészprems vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:27 (17:15)
06.12.2015	THW Kiel vs MVM Vészprems, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:24 (11:12)

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To finish in fourth position in the group phase was the weakest final ranking of the three time EHF Champions League winners in as group phase ever. But this position results from a long series of long-term injuries: At the start of the season, both left wings - Dominik Klein and Torsten Jansen - were out, then Patrick Wiencek tore his crucial ligament in October, followed by the severe knee injury of team captain Rene Toft Hansen in December - thus, both line players are out until the end of the season. During the EURO in Poland, Steffen Weinhold and Christian Dissinger were out with adductor injuries, Weinhold is supposed to miss the rest of the season. Besides, Filip Jicha had left Kiel to Barcelona right before the first match of the season. Several new players - Igor Anic, Ilja Brozovic and Dener Jaanimaa - were signed during the season.

"It simply does not fit in such a short term", was the short analyse of coach Alfred Gislason. His team had started with a defeat at Zagreb, and then lost their first home match in the VELUX EHF Champions League after more than four years against Paris. Mainly those two clear defeats against the French champions (26:30, 30:37) hit the confidence of THW. But even before the winter break they showed their best Champions League match, beating Veszprém in a thrilling endgame at the comeback of Klein.

Having the 2007 World Champion back on track in his last season at THW, Kiel rose - but then were again hit hard by the biggest ever derby defeat against Flensburg (27:37). By winning the last two group matches they sealed the fourth position - and had something like a re-match in the Last 16, facing Szeged, the team they eliminated in the last season's quarter-finals.

Although Szeged created a promising four-goal cushion in the first leg, they lost it before the half-time of the second leg and Kiel avoided any thrilling moments in the closing minutes. In the quarter-finals they ousted the defending champions FC Barcelona Lassa taking care of that no team has been able to defend the title in Cologne for yet another year.

TOP SCORERS

Marko Vujin	92
Domagoj Duvnjak	81
Joan Canellas	69

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 19

Winners (3): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12

Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14

Semi-final (4): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2012/13, 2014/15

Quarter-final (5): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11

Group phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

German league: 20 titles (1957, 1962, 1963, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

German Cup winners: 9 times

EHF Champions League club records



Biggest win:	26:50 (13:24) v Banik OKD Karvina CZE (a), 22.10.2006
Biggest defeat	27:37 (14:17) v SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER (a), 14.02.2016
Longest winning run	11 matches (2.10.2014 – 22.03.2015)
Longest unbeaten run	17 matches (22.10.2011 – 11.10.2012)
Longest losing run	3 matches (07.02.1996 – 19.03.1996)
Longest run without win	3 matches (07.02.1996 – 19.03.1996)
	3 matches (12.11.2015 – 06.12.2015)
Most goals	50 v Banik OKD Karvina CZE 26:50W (a), 22.10.2006
Most goals opponent	44 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
Most goals both teams	81 v FC Barcelona ESP 44:37L (a), 13.04.2008
Fewest goals	13 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000
Fewest goals opponent	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 15:27W (a), 10.11.1996
	15 v SKA Minsk BLR 21:15W (h), 12.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	35 v Badel 1862 Zagreb CRO 22:13L (a), 25.03.2000

EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage Reached
1994/95 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	137:136		+1	6:6	2nd Gr. B
1995/96 THW Kiel GER	6	3	0	3	151:148		+3	6:6	2nd Gr. A
1996/97 THW Kiel GER	10	6	1	3	247:211		+36	13:7	1/2-finals
1998/99 THW Kiel GER	8	7	0	1	229:199		+30	14:2	1/4-finals
1999/00 THW Kiel GER	12	7	1	4	319:283		+36	15:9	Runner-up
2000/01 THW Kiel GER	10	5	1	4	279:255		+24	11:9	1/2-finals
2002/03 THW Kiel GER	8	4	1	3	234:211		+23	9:7	1/4-finals
2004/05 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	336:274		+62	16:4	1/4-finals
2005/06 THW Kiel GER	10	8	0	2	346:293		+53	16:4	1/4-finals
2006/07 THW Kiel GER	14	11	1	2	517:420		+97	23:5	Winner
2007/08 THW Kiel GER	16	13	0	3	533:462		+71	26:6	Runner-up
2008/09 THW Kiel GER	16	12	1	3	548:461		+87	25:7	Runner-up
2009/10 THW Kiel GER	16	14	1	1	534:444		+90	29:3	Winner
2010/11 THW Kiel GER	14	9	2	3	456:393		+63	20:8	1/4-finals
2011/12 THW Kiel GER	16	12	3	1	496:414		+82	27:5	Winner
2012/13 THW Kiel GER	16	11	0	5	518:457		+61	22:10	4th Place
2013/14 THW Kiel GER	16	13	1	2	491:427		+64	27:5	Runner-up
2014/15 THW Kiel GER	16	12	0	4	498:421		+77	24:8	4th Place
Total	220	158	13	49	6869:5909		+960	329:111	



Quarter-final results

vs FC Barcelona Lassa W29:24 (16:12)
@ FC Barcelona Lassa L30:33 (14:13)






Last 16 results

@ MOL-Pick Szeged L29:33 (14:16)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged W36:29 (14:18)

Group Phase results

@ HC PPD Zagreb L29:22 (13:11)
vs Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu W32:21 (16:12)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt W27:23 (14:13)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock W23:37 (8:18)
@ MVM Veszprém L29:27 (17:15)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W35:32 (16:14)
vs PSG Handball L26:30 (10:16)
@ PSG Handball L37:30 (18:12)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko D23:23 (14:14)
vs MVM Veszprém W25:24 (11:12)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt L37:27 (17:14)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock W26:24 (14:14)
@ Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu W27:32 (14:17)
vs HC PPD Zagreb W31:29 (14:17)

Nations represented in the squad: 9

	GER	9
	CRO	2
	DEN	2
	FRA	1
	ESP	1
	NOR	1
	SWE	1
	SRB	1
	EST	1

Former EHF Champions League winners

Dominik Klein

Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12

Christian Sprenger

Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12

Steffen Weinhold

Flensburg 2013/14

Domagoj Duvnjak

Hamburg 2012/13

Torsten Jansen

Hamburg 2012/13

Igor Anic

Kiel 2009/10

Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	Gls
19	Igor	Anic	FRA	Line Player	6/12/87	Mostar, BIH	196	102	17
34	Ilija	Brozovic	CRO	Line Player	5/26/91	Split, CRO	195	107	21
21	Joan	Cañellas Reixach	ESP	Centre Back	9/30/86	St. Maria de Palau, ESP	197	95	69
23	Rune	Dahmke	GER	Left Wing	4/10/93	Kiel, GER	189	81	49
15	Christian	Dissinger	GER	Left Back	11/15/91	Ludwigshafen, GER	202	102	35
4	Domagoj	Duvnjak	CRO	Centre Back	6/1/88	Dakovo, CRO	198	100	81
18	Niclas	Ekberg	SWE	Right Wing	12/23/88	Ystad, SWE	191	89	37
6	Rogério	Ferreira Moraes	BRA	Line Player	1/11/94	Abaetetuba, BRA	204	118	4
24	Dener	Jaanimaa	EST	Right Back	8/9/89	Tallinn, EST	185	92	12
5	Torsten	Jansen	GER	Left Wing	12/23/76	Adenau, GER	185	86	1
33	Dominik	Klein	GER	Left Wing	12/16/83	Miltenberg, GER	190	86	32
9	Erlend	Mamelund	NOR	Left Back	5/1/84	Bærum, NOR	197	99	6
11	Christian	Sprenger	GER	Right Wing	4/6/83	Ludwigfelde, GER	190	94	16
7	Rene	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	11/1/84	Rybberg, DEN	200	110	17
41	Marko	Vujin	SRB	Right Back	12/7/84	Backa Palanka, SRB	201	104	92
13	Steffen	Weinhold	GER	Right Back	7/19/86	Fuerth, GER	191	100	19
17	Patrick	Wienczek	GER	Line Player	3/22/89	Duisburg, GER	200	108	9
25	Alexander	Williams	GER	Left Back	8/15/96	Hamburg, GER	187	95	1
1	Niklas	Landin Jacobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	12/19/88	Soborg, DEN	201	102	1
29	Nikolas	Katsigiannis	GER	Goalkeeper	9/17/82	Werne, GER	195	104	2



Alfred Gislason

coach

- won nine German championships (with Magdeburg and Kiel), four German cup titles, five European club titles
- five “coach of the year” titles in Germany
- his first job on the bench was in his home town Akureyri, before taking over Hameln, Magdeburg and Gummersbach in Germany
- joined Kiel in 2008 as the successor of Noka Serdarusic – to lead THW to 15 trophies to date

EC trophies: CL 2002, 2010, 2012 (as coach), EHF Cup 2001 (as coach)

**Niklas Landin****goalkeeper**

- joined Kiel in the summer of 2015 after three seasons with Bundesliga rivals Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- successor of legendary Kasper Hvidt in the Danish national team broke through during the 2011 WCh
- played also for Gudme in Denmark, where he was number 1 already at the age of 20
- best goalkeeper at the 2013 WCh, the EHF EURO 2014 and the 2013/14 CL

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

WCh: S 2011, 2013, EURO: G 2012, S 2014

**Nikolas Katsigiannis****goalkeeper**

- plays his first and last season at Kiel as he will leave THW again to be replaced by EURO ace Andreas Wolff
- will return to his former club Erlangen from summer on, had played at seven different German sides before
- calls himself a "handball-vagabond"
- has Greek-German roots, but played for the German national team
- his nickname is "Katze" (cat)

**Dominik Klein****left wing**

- married to Isabel Klein, former team captain of the German women's national team
- will leave for French side HBC Nantes in the summer of 2016
- arrived at THW in 2006 after he played for Großwallstadt and Wallau-Massenheim
- became world champion with Germany in 2007 in his first major tournament
- ambassador for several social and charity organisations

EC trophies: CL 2007, 2010, 2012, Champions Trophy 2007

WCh: G 2007

**Rune Dahmke****left wing**

- only Kiel-born player in the THW squad and was in his younger days sitting on the stands cheering for his idols
- got his first professional contract in December 2013 after being part of the THW youth teams
- his father Frank Dahmke was THW player and now is member of the club board
- part of surprising golden run of the German national team at the EHF EURO 2016

EURO: G 2016

**Christian Dissinger****left back**

- U21 World Champion with Germany in 2011 and awarded MVP of this tournament
- right after this title left Germany to play for Swiss champions Schaffhausen
- tore his crucial ligament in his first CL match against Barcelona and suffered the same injury again in 2013 right after he had signed a contract at Atletico Madrid
- had his comeback in 2014 for the German side Lübbecke, signed for Kiel in 2015

EURO: G 2016

**Erlend Mamelund****left back**

- signed in 2015, when Filip Jicha transferred to FCB; played for Nordhorn and Flensburg before, also had a spell with Montpellier
- Danish cup winner with FC København and Norwegian champion and cup winner with Haslum; top scorer of the Norwegian league in 2011 & 2014
- wanted to finish his career at Haslum after the 2015/16 season, as he had already started a full-time job as financial analyst
- part of the successful Norwegian EURO 2016 squad, making it to their first ever semi-final

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008

**Domagoj Duvnjak****centre back**

- THW's top signing before the 2014/15 season
- 2013 IHF World Handball Player of the Year
- started his career in Zagreb, but arrived from Hamburg, where he played since 2009
- not just a typical playmaker he is also a scorer and is an essential part of defence
- best Bundesliga player in 2013

EC trophies: CL 2013

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

**Joan Canellas****centre back**

- scored 50 goals in eight matches on the way to the top goal scorer title of the EHF EURO 2014
- fits perfectly with Domagoj Duvnjak, with whom he played in Hamburg in 2013/14
- with Barcelona and Ciudad Real Spanish champion and cup winner
- twice (2011, 2012) CL finalist with Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid – the club with which he also won the IHF Super Globe twice (2010, 2012)

WCh G 2013, B 2011, EURO: B 2014, S 2016

**Igor Anic****line player**

- arrived at Kiel in October 2015 from HBC Nantes, after Patrick Wiencek had torn his ACL in the CL match against Flensburg
- had been playing for THW already from 2007 until 2010, winning in total seven titles in three seasons
- started his career at Montpellier, before he went to Nantes, he played for Gummersbach (2010-2012) and Cesson-Rennes (2012-2014)
- famous for his cartoons, mostly portraits of other handball players

EC trophies: CL 2010, EHF Cup 2011
EURO: G 2014

**Patrick Wiencek****line player**

- plays his third season for THW Kiel
- had played for Bergischer HC and Tusem Essen before he transferred to VfL Gummersbach, where he became Cup Winners' Cup winner in 2011
- awarded "German rookie of the year" and called up to the men's national team in 2011
- successor to the legendary Marcus Ahlm in Kiel

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2011
Junior WCh: G 2009

**Ilija Brozovic****line player**

- Croatian national team player joined Kiel in January 2016 after a short stint with HSV
- started playing in Metkovic, a big city for Croatian handball
- later became first choice among line players in Zagreb after Igor Vori left to join HSV
- strong, tall, important both in attack and defence often taking responsibility in decisive moments
- cousin of Kielce's Ivan Cupic and former Zagreb's player Domagoj Srsen

Marko Vujin**right back**

- in 2012 the Serbian shooter arrived to fill the gap after the departure of Kim Andersson to KIF
- top scorer of the 2013/14 Bundesliga (248 goals)
- won seven consecutive national championships with Veszprém and Kiel
- in the national team he was one of the stalwarts who were key to silver at the EHF EURO 2012
- started his international career in Dunaferri (Hungary), then played five years in Veszprém

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2008
EURO: S 2012



**Steffen Weinhold****right back**

- one of the current biggest stars in German handball
- after the 2008 junior WCh, the Bavarian changed from Fürth to HSG Nordhorn winning the EHF Cup in his first season
- after signing for TV Großwallstadt he was in the focus of the national team coach Heiner Brand
- made the next step in his career, signing for SG Flensburg-Handewitt in 2012 and joined THW just weeks after Flensburg beat them in the 2014 CL final

EC trophies: CL 2014, EHF Cup 2008
Men's 20 EHF EURO: G 2006, Junior WCh: S 2008

**Dener Jaanimaa****right back**

- first ever Estonian at the VELUX EHF FINAL4
- signed by THW Kiel, when Steffen Weinhold was out after his severe abductor injury during the EURO
- played for HSV Hamburg until the club got bankrupt in January, turned down an offer from Qatar to play for THW
- had his first clubs in Germany at the second division teams Eisenach and Aue
- his first professional club was the "Chocolate Boys" in Tallinn, named after the chocolate company of the sponsor

**Niclas Ekberg****right wing**

- spotted and signed by AG København in 2010
- tall winger from Ystad has large variety of shots, also effective on counterattacks and reliable on penalty throws
- these qualities have also earned him more than 90 internationals for Sweden
- joined Kiel in 2012 after AG went bankrupt and after he experienced his first VELUX EHF FINAL4
- top scorer of the London Olympics 2012 with 50 goals

OG: S 2012

**Christian Sprenger****right wing**

- worked under coach Alfred Gislason also at former club SC Magdeburg
- after seven years, including one EHF Cup title in 2007, the former German international transferred to Kiel in 2009 and has won twelve titles with the club.
- member of the EHF EURO 2012 All-star team
- started his sporting career in judo, before joining the Magdeburg handball team

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012, EHF Cup 2007

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Last year's finalist lost MKB from their name and Carlos Ortega from their bench in a matter of two months. While the bank's contract as sponsor simply ran out, the Spanish coach's was terminated after an unlucky draw at Plock in the first round of the VELUX EHF Champions League. All this at the wake of the defeat in the final of the Super Globe proved too much and the club parted ways with Ortega. His assistant Xavier Sabaté had been a popular figure ever since his arrival, yet there were few who thought that Ortega's departure could have a positive impact on Veszprém. Yet, Sabaté proved to be perfect fit for the job and quickly prompted the management to erase the word "interim" from his title. However, Xavi's magic could not have worked if it was not for the players willingness to swallow the bitter pill – needless to say his men loved Ortega – and picked up the pace their new coach demanded.

By no surprise Veszprém maintained their 100 per cent home record even when both right backs were injured and winger Péter Gulyás had to fill in, but both PSG and Kiel managed to beat the Hungarian powerhouse on home soil. However, with the full squad at his disposal Sabaté conquered the Flensburg fortress to prove Veszprém are still one of the top title contenders, who deliver when it matters. As long as inspirational leader and team captain László Nagy is fit, Veszprém have the slight edge against any of the other teams. The partnership of Mirko Alilovic and the massive defensive wall is hard to beat while Gaspar Marguc, Ivan Sliskovic and Andreas Nilsson enjoy a great season in attack and the old guard of Chema, Nagy and Ilic can urge the long due conquest of the throne.

In the Last 16 against HC Motor Zaporozhye there was never really a doubt which team qualifies for the top eight as the Hungarian champions dominated both on the away and home court. Veszprém laid the foundations of their third straight ticket to the FINAL4 already in the first quarter-final leg at Vardar surviving the deafening cauldron in Skopje and bringing home a three-goal lead. Even their draw at home in the return leg could not stop them.

TOP SCORERS

Momir Ilic	105
Gaspar Marguc	71
Laszlo Nagy	62

Past achievements**VELUX EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 21

Final (2): 2001/02, 2014/15

Semi-final (3): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14

Quarter-final (9): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13

Last 16 (3): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12

Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2007/08, Runners-up 1996/97

SEHA-league: 1 title (2015)

Hungarian league: 23 titles* (1985, 1986, 1992-1995, 1997-1999, 2001-2006, 2008-2015)

Hungarian Cup winner: 25 times

**as of 20 May 2016*

EHF Champions League club records



Biggest win:	38:17 (18:9) v HC Granitas Kaunas LTU (h), 06.11.2004
Biggest defeat:	30:18 (16:8) v Badel Zagreb CRO (a), 24.01.1995
Longest winning run:	11 matches (11.10.2009 – 03.04.2010)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (11.10.2009 – 03.04.2010)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (16.01.1996 – 08.02.1996)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (09.01.1999 – 31.10.1999)

Most goals:	46 v MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK 46:26W (h), 07.10.2006
	46 v MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK 30:46W (a), 21.10.2006
Most goals opponent:	39 v THW Kiel GER 39:32L (a), 01.03.2007
Most goals both teams:	76 v MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica SVK 30:46W (a), 21.10.2006
Fewest goals:	15 v TEKA Santander ESP 25:15L (a), 15.03.1995
Fewest goals opponent:	13 v SO Chambéry FRA 29:13W (h), 18.11.2001
	13 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	32 v Panellinios AC Athens GRE 19:13W (h), 17.11.2002

EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage Reached
1994/95 Fotex Veszprém HUN	6	2	2	2	131:147		-16	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1995/96 Fotex Veszprém HUN	6	3	0	3	147:144		+3	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	5	1	2	228:204		+24	11:5	1/4-finals
1998/99 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	3	1	4	200:188		+12	7:9	1/4-finals
1999/00 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	8	4	0	4	203:202		+1	8:8	1/4-finals
2001/02 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	12	9	0	3	310:267		+43	18:6	Runner-up
2002/03 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	8	0	2	276:238		+38	16:4	1/2-finals
2003/04 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	306:276		+30	14:6	1/4-finals
2004/05 Fotex KC Veszprém HUN	10	7	0	3	317:259		+58	14:6	1/4-finals
2005/06 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:318		+55	18:6	1/2-finals
2006/07 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	10	7	0	3	338:288		+50	14:6	1/4-finals
2007/08 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	6	2	2	2	184:171		+13	6:6	3rd Gr. F
2008/09 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	8	0	4	351:320		+31	16:8	1/4-finals
2009/10 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	419:368		+51	22:6	1/4-finals
2010/11 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	9	0	3	373:338		+35	18:6	Last 16
2011/12 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	12	7	0	5	321:322		-1	14:10	Last 16
2012/13 MKB Veszprém KC HUN	14	11	0	3	410:348		+62	22:6	1/4-finals
2013/14 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	11	1	4	477:410		+67	23:9	4th Place
2014/15 MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	16	13	1	2	480:423		+57	27:5	Runner-up
Total	202	136	8	58	5844:5231		+613	280:124	



Quarter-final results

@ HC Vardar	W29:26 (12:9)
vs HC Vardar	D30:30 (12:14)








Last 16 results

@ HC Motor Zaporozhye	W29:24 (12:12)
vs HC Motor Zaporozhye	W41:28 (23:14)

Group Phase results

@ Orlen Wisla Plock	D27:27 (11:13)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W28:24 (15:14)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	W20:21 (10:9)
vs Besiktas JK	W33:25 (17:12)
vs THW Kiel	W29:27 (17:15)
@ PSG Handball	L29:27 (16:12)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W27:30 (11:17)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W34:28 (17:15)
vs PSG Handball	W28:20 (16:14)
@ THW Kiel	L25:24 (11:12)
@ Besiktas JK	W34:38 (15:21)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W27:25 (16:12)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W28:29 (12:10)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	W27:25 (16:13)

Nations represented in the squad: 9

	HUN 7
	CRO 3
	ESP 2
	SRB 1
	ISL 1
	SLO 1
	SWE 1
	BIH 1
	GER 1

Former EHF Champions League winners

Christian Zeitz

Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12

Laszlo Nagy

Barcelona 2004/05, 2010/11

Momir Ilic

Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12

Aron Palmarsson

Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12

Andreas Nilsson

Hamburg 2012/13

Cristian Ugalde

Barcelona 2010/11

Chema Rodriguez

Ciudad Real 2008/09

Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	Gls
3	Peter	Gulyas	HUN	Right Wing	3/4/84	Veszprém, HUN	200	100	14
13	Momir	Ilic	SRB	Left Back	12/22/81	Arandjelovac, SRB	200	104	105
4	Gergő	Ivancsik	HUN	Left Wing	11/30/81	Győr, HUN	190	87	25
66	Mate	Lekai	HUN	Centre Back	6/16/88	Budapest, HUN	190	83	17
24	Gaspar	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	8/20/90	Celje, SLO	180	74	71
19	Laszlo	Nagy	HUN	Right Back	3/3/81	Szeged, HUN	208	113	62
18	Andreas	Nilsson	SWE	Line Player	4/12/90	Trelleborg, SWE	197	110	45
14	Aron	Palmarsson	ISL	Centre Back	7/19/90	Reykjavik, ISL	193	100	50
25	Jose Maria	Rodriguez Vaquero	ESP	Centre Back	1/5/80	Palencia, ESP	185	91	15
5	Istvan Timuzsin	Schuch	HUN	Line Player	6/5/85	Nagyatad, HUN	197	105	1
19	Ivan	Sliskovic	CRO	Left Back	10/23/91	Split, CRO	197	98	29
33	Renato	Sulic	CRO	Line Player	10/12/79	Rijeka, CRO	192	109	55
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	7/12/83	Priboj, BIH	196	103	4
23	Cristian	Ugalde Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	10/19/87	Barcelona, ESP	186	80	33
38	Martin	Varju	HUN	Right Wing	1/3/96	Szecsard, HUN	185	82	1
20	Christian	Zeit	GER	Right Back	11/18/80	Heidelberg, GER	186	103	4
16	Roland	Mikler	HUN	Goalkeeper	9/20/84	Dunaujvaros, HUN	190	100	
32	Mirko	Alilovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	9/15/85	Ljubuski, BIH	200	110	



Javier Sabate

coach

- signed with Veszprém as assistant coach of Antonio Carlos Ortega but became interim coach after Ortega parted ways with the club
- Spanish tactician earned a permanent contract on 8 January 2016, he is contracted until June 2017
- worked as an assistant coach under Ortega for more than ten years, their co-operation started at BM Antequera in Spain
- Veszprém is the first club Sabaté has lead as head coach but in March 2016 he was appointed as interim coach to lead the Hungarian national team

**Mirko Alilovic****goalkeeper**

- like his predecessor Dejan Peric belongs to the elite class of goalkeepers who can send the audience to their feet and inspire his teammates
- Croatian national team member and his medal tally consists of three silver medals and three bronze
- recorded 11 goal assists during the 2013 WCh
- very familiar with the Spanish contingent in Veszprém as he played for five years in the ASOBAL

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

**Roland Mikler****goalkeeper**

- All-Star goalkeeper of the 2005 junior WCh and 2014/15 CL
- Hungarian national team goalkeeper is quick, compact and excellent at directing the defence
- as a teenager Mikler reached the semi-final of the EHF Cup over a decade ago, with Dunaferri in 2003
- joined Veszprém in 2014 after the EHF Cup success with Szeged
- best goalkeeper of the EHF Cup Finals 2014

EC trophy: EHF Cup 2014

**Cristian Ugalde****left wing**

- brought up by Barcelona and played regularly in the first team since he was 18
- excelled at international level in the 2007/08 season with his 34 goals and participation in the national team
- won every possible title with Barca – some of them multiple times
- found a new challenge in Veszprém altering with Gergő Iváncsik, who is one of the best players in this position according to Ugalde

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

**Gergő Iváncsik****left wing**

- son of Hungarian legend, Mihály Iváncsik
- added 219 national team games to his tally scoring more than 600 goals
- voted Hungarian handballer of the year in 2010
- darling of fans due to his sportsmanlike behaviour
- his younger brother Tamás joined Veszprém in 2007, but left for Balatonfüred in the summer of 2014

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2008

**Momir Ilic****left back**

- top scorer and only player passing 100 goals (103) in the 2013/14 CL season and again top scorer in 2014/15 (114 goals), passed 100 goals also in 2015/16
- joined THW Kiel in 2009 from VfL Gummersbach and won seven titles during his four years with the club, including two CL titles
- led Serbia to their first medal as an independent nation at EHF EURO 2012
- MVP of EHF EURO 2012 and 2013/14 All-star team left back

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
EURO: S 2012

**Ivan Sliskovic****left back**

- despite his natural position being the left back, he is able to contribute as either centre or right back too
- made his EHF EURO debut in 2014 in Denmark and his CL debut in 2013/14 with Celje
- born in Split, but rose to prominence playing for the Croatian top-flight Nexe Nasice
- his first love was football, but eventually switched to handball due to his height and following advice from his father

EURO: B 2016

**Mirsad Terzic****left back**

- had an outstanding game in 2008, when his Celje beat Veszprém and the latter decided to offer him a contract
- since then he became one of the most reliable defenders and occasionally a threat in attack too
- captain of the Bosnian national team
- is not a prolific goalscorer but a great defender capable of defending aggressively and efficiently without being sent off

Aron Palmansson**centre back**

- before joining Veszprém in summer 2015 the versatile and tactically as well as technically skilled playmaker was with Kiel for six years
- one of the biggest signings in the whole competition before the 2015/16 season followed the steps of two other former Kiel players Ilic and Zeitz
- after the departure of Momir Ilic and Daniel Narcisse, the 2012 Olympics All-Star became more of an influential figure for Kiel on court before he transferred to Veszprém

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
EURO: B 2010

**Chema Rodriguez****centre back**

- until 2012 played only in Spain (Valladolid, Ciudad Real, Atlético Madrid)
- in 2007 he transferred to Ciudad Real in what was one of the most expensive transfers in handball history (€800,000)
- won the Spanish Championship and the Spanish Cup three times

EC trophies: CL 2008, 2009
EURO: S 2006, WCh: G 2005, B 2011

**Mate Lekai****centre back**

- member of Hungarian national team made big impression in his former clubs PLER and Pick Szeged
- returned to Hungary from Celje where he spent two seasons
- had a lot of troubles with injuries during his first season with Celje and missed all important matches, but in the league final he scored five and played whole second half with broken finger
- dynamic playmaker is a valuable alternative to Spaniards Rodriguez and Palmarsson

Andreas Nilsson**line player**

- Swedish international was part of Sweden's silver medal winning team at the London Olympic Games in 2012
- joined the team in the summer of 2014 after a two-year spell with HSV Hamburg whom he helped to win the CL trophy in 2013
- played for Swedish league club IFK Trelleborg and IFK Skövde in the past
- off the court he is a keen golfer

EC trophies: CL 2013
OG: S 2012

**Renato Sulic****line player**

- at his second stint in Veszprém, in the 2004/05 season he did not have a chance to play as he was injured in a car incident before his first match
- came back to Veszprém after several years in Zagreb and Celje
- 2013/14 and 2014/15 All-star team line player
- shares his time on the court with the defensive specialist Timuzsin Schuch and Andreas Nilsson

EURO: S 2008, WCh: G 2003



**Istvan Timuzsin Schuch****line player**

- destined for greatness as his Hungarian father and Mongolian mother gave him names from their nation's great leaders (István - the first Hungarian king, Timuzsin - the birth name of Genghis Khan)
- started his career at Gyöngyös but moved to Veszprém for his studies and the club spotted him
- later on he was transferred to Constanta where he won two titles and made his debut in the CL
- after his return he became an irreplaceable force in the middle of Veszprém's wall

**Laszlo Nagy****right back**

- started his career as a basketball player and was close to a move to the USA at the age of 13
- in the end he decided for handball and became one of the best right backs of the world
- transferred from Szeged to Barcelona in 2006 and became the captain despite being a foreigner
- All-star team right back of the 2013 WCh
- All-star team right back of the 2012/13 CL season

EC trophies: CL 2005, 2011, EHF Cup 2003

**Gasper Marguc****right wing**

- took part in the WCh in Spain 2013, where Slovenia placed fourth
- came to Veszprém from Celje where he was playing since 2009
- in the 2012/13 season played his best season so far and became Slovenia's top scorer in the CL, netting 72 times (10th overall)
- played two amazing matches against THW Kiel in 2012/13, scoring 18 times from 18 shots against the legendary Thierry Omeyer

**Peter Gulyas****right wing**

- went all the way from the club's youth team to the first team and is currently the only player in the squad who is a 100 % local product
- started his career as a right back and won bronze medal in the junior WCh in 2005
- opted to stay in Veszprém and rather shift to right wing, which proved to be a good decision
- Hungarian international won tons of Hungarian silverware with his home town club

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2008

Final matches

Third place match

Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2

Sunday 29 May, 15:15 hrs

Referees:

Jonas Eliasson and Anton Palsson / ISL

Final

Winner Semi-final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2

Sunday 29 May, 18:00 hrs

Referees:

Oscar Raluy Lopez and Angel Sabroso Ramirez / ESP

Top scorers after quarter-finals

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1.	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	121
2.	Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)	109
3.	Momir Ilic (SRB)	MVM Veszprém (HUN)	105
4.	Dean Bombac (SLO)	MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)	101
5.	Marko Vujin (SRB)	THW Kiel (GER)	92
6.	Anders Eggert (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	90
	Barys Pukhouski (BLR)	HC Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)	90
8.	Rastko Stojkovic (SRB)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	89
9.	Nikola Karabatic (FRA)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	88
10.	Darko Djukic (SRB)	Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu (TUR)	87
11.	Michal Jurecki (POL)	KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)	85
12.	Holger Glandorf (GER)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	83
13.	Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)	THW Kiel (GER)	81
14.	Timur Dibirov (RUS)	HC Vardar (MKD)	78
	Andre Schmid (SUI)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	78
	Lasse Svan (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	78
17.	Rasmus Lauge Schmidt (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	77
18.	Ramazan Döne (TUR)	Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu (TUR)	74
	Iman Jamali Moorchegani (HUN)	IFK Kristianstad (SWE)	74
20.	Dragan Gajic (SLO)	Montpellier HB (FRA)	73
	Jonas Källman (SWE)	MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)	73

(Bold text indicates players that are still active in the competition.)

Potential head-to-head stats

Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel 2-0-6 (227:254) 4:12

14.12.2003	THW Kiel vs Paris Handball, EHF Cup – Last 16	34:27 (19:12)
21.12.2003	Paris Handball vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Last 16	30:32 (14:19)
04.12.2005	Paris Handball vs THW Kiel, EHF Champions League – Last 16	21:28 (11:13)
10.12.2005	THW Kiel vs Paris Handball, EHF Champions League – Last 16	44:28 (22:12)
16.11.2014	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	25:27 (13:12)
22.11.2014	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:29 (14:15)
12.11.2015	THW Kiel vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	26:30 (10:16)
21.11.2015	Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (18:12)

Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs MVM Veszprém 1-1-4 (153:172) 3:9

19.04.2014	PSG Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:28 (14:12)
26.04.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	31:26 (12:12)
12.04.2015	PSG Handball vs MKB-MVM Veszprém, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:24 (10:12)
19.04.2015	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:28 (16:12)
25.10.2015	PSG Handball vs MVM Veszpre, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:27 (16:12)
28.11.2015	MVM Veszprém vs PSG Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	28:20 (16:14)

THW Kiel vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce 3-1-4 (240:231) 7:9

21.02.1998	Jskra Ceresit Kielce vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	28:27 (16:12)
01.03.1998	THW Kiel vs Jskra Ceresit Kielce, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	31:26 (16:11)
10.10.2010	THW Kiel vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	33:29 (16:13)
06.03.2011	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	27:36 (11:18)
02.06.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Place 3/4	31:30 (19:12)
19.10.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	34:29 (17:11)
16.02.2014	THW Kiel vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	28:28 (13:16)
31.05.2015	KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Place 3/4	28:26 (12:12)

MVM Veszprém vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce 5-0-1 (187:158) 10:2

18.10.2003	Fotex KC Veszprém vs KS 'Vive' Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group G	31:24 (21:12)
15.11.2003	KS 'Vive' Kielce vs Fotex KC Veszprém, EHF Champions League – Group G	30:41 (19:19)
17.10.2009	MKB Veszprém KC vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, EHF Champions League – Group B	33:26 (16:11)
06.03.2010	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs MKB Veszprém KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:32 (14:14)
02.10.2011	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:29 (10:17)
11.02.2012	MKB Veszprém KC vs KS Vive Targi Kielce, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	21:24 (13:12)

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Important regulations

What follows if a match ends in a draw

All matches of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

If a semi-final match or the final (place 1/2) ends in a draw, there will be a five-minute break followed by one extra time of 2 x 5 minutes, there will be a one minute break at half-time for the changeover of teams.

If the placement match 3/4 ends in a draw, there shall be no extra time, the match will be decided directly by penalty throws.

If penalty throws are needed to decide the match, the procedure is as follows:

- Prior to the penalty throws, 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, 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.
- At the Technical Meeting the teams will be informed at which goal the penalty throws will be 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 is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report that have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- 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.

Technology in use at the VELUX EHF FINAL4

- Goal-line cameras** The system uses special wide-angle cameras fixed to the crossbar to give a complete picture of the goal-line and at the request of the referee, the awarding of a goal can be checked on a video replay.
- Goal-light** An LED light installed behind the goal will light up at the same time as the buzzer sounds for team time-outs and at the end of each half.
- Instant replay** Referees will also have the opportunity - in certain match situations - to refer to an instant video replay to aid their decision making.

VELUX EHF FINAL4 RECORDS 2010-2015

Topscorers (20 goals and more)	MP	Goals	Matches Played (8 and more)	
Filip Jicha (Kiel)	10	55	Momir Ilic (Kiel, Veszprém)	10
Siarhei Rutenka (Barcelona)	10	47	Filip Jicha (Kiel)	10
Juanin Garcia (Barcelona)	8	44	Viran Morros (Ciudad Real, Barcelona)	10
Kiril Lazarov (Ciudad R./Atletico, FCB)	8	42	Andreas Palicka (Kiel)	10
Momir Ilic (Kiel, Veszprém)	10	40	Aron Palmarsson (Kiel)	10
Jesper Nøddesbo (Barcelona)	9	38	Chema Rodriguez (Ciudad Real/Atletico Madrid, Veszprém)	10
Victor Tomas (Barcelona)	10	38	Siarhei Rutenka (Barcelona)	10
Gudjon V. Sigurdsson (RNL, AG København, Kiel, FCB)	10	36	Danijel Saric (Barcelona)	10
Laszlo Nagy (Barcelona, Veszprém)	8	31	Daniel Sarmiento (Barcelona)	10
Aron Palmarsson (Kiel)	10	29	Gudjon V. Sigurdsson (RNL, AG København, Kiel, FCB)	10
Karol Bielecki (Rhein-Neckar, Kielce)	6	26	Christian Sprenger (Kiel)	10
Marko Vujin (Kiel)	6	26	Victor Tomas (Barcelona)	10
Nikola Karabatic (Barcelona)	4	23	Christian Zeitz (Kiel, Veszprém)	10
Domagoj Duvnjak (Hamburg, Kiel)	6	23	Jesper Nøddesbo (Barcelona)	9
Christian Sprenger (Kiel)	10	22	Arpad Sterbik (Ciudad Real/Atletico Madrid, Barcelona)	9
Luc Abalo (Ciudad Real, Atletico Madrid)	6	20	Joan Canellas (Ciudad Real/Atletico Madrid, Kiel)	8
			Niclas Ekberg (AG København, Kiel)	8
			Raul Entrerrios (Barcelona)	8
			Juanin Garcia (Barcelona)	8
			Dominik Klein (Kiel)	8
			Kiril Lazarov (Ciudad Real/Atletico Madrid, Barcelona)	8
			Laszlo Nagy (Barcelona, Veszprém)	8
			Cedric Sorhaindo (Barcelona)	8
			Rene Toft Hansen (AG København, Kiel)	8

Most Disqualifications

Renato Sulic	2					
31.05.2014 SF	MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN vs THW Kiel GER	L 26:29	2	4' (D)		
30.05.2015 SF	MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN vs THW Kiel GER	W 31:27	4	6' (D)		
Roberto Parrondo	1					
27.05.2012 F	BM Atletico Madrid ESP vs THW Kiel GER	L 21:26	0	6' (D)		
Denis Buntic	1					
02.06.2013 3/4	KS Vive Targi Kielce POL vs THW Kiel GER	W 31:30	0	2' (D)		
Piotr Chrapkowski	1					
31.05.2015 3/4	KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL vs THW Kiel GER	W 28:26	1	4' (D)		
Domagoj Duvnjak	1					
31.05.2015 3/4	THW Kiel GER vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	L 26:28	4	6' (D)		

Most penalty minutes	MP	PIM
Laszlo Nagy (Barcelona, Veszprém)	8	14'
Renato Sulic (Veszprém)	3	12'
Christian Zeitz (Kiel, Veszprém)	10	12'
Nikola Karabatic (Barcelona)	4	10'
Didier Dinart (Ciudad R./Atletico Madrid)	6	10'
Domagoj Duvnjak (Hamburg, Kiel)	6	10'
Magnus Jernemyer (Barcelona)	6	10'
Rene Toft Hansen (AG København, Kiel)	8	10'
Filip Jicha (Kiel)	10	10'

**Most participations at
VELUX EHF FINAL4**
(including this year)

6	THW Kiel
5	FC Barcelona
3	BM Atletico Madrid
3	KS Vive Targi Kielce
3	MVM Veszprém
2	HSV Hamburg

Most goals in one game

Juan Garcia Lorenzana	13	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
Filip Jicha	11	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
Filip Jicha	11	26.05.2012	Füchse Berlin vs THW Kiel	24:25
Kiril Lazarov	11	26.05.2012	BM Atletico Madrid vs AG København	25:23
Domagoj Duvnjak	11	01.06.2013	THW Kiel vs HSV Hamburg	33:39
Siarhei Rutenka	11	01.06.2014	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	26:25
Marko Vujin	10	01.06.2013	THW Kiel vs HSV Hamburg	33:39

Most goals in the final (10 goals and more) – also pre-FINAL4 years

Siarhei Rutenka	13	18.04.2004	Celje Pivovarna Lasko vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	34:28
Juan Garcia Lorenzana	13	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
Olafur Stefansson	12	11.05.2008	THW Kiel vs BM Ciudad Real	25:31
Nenad Perunicic	11	22.04.2000	THW Kiel vs FC Barcelona	28:25
Nikola Karabatic	11	26.04.2003	Portland San Antonio vs Montpellier HB	27:19
Michael Guigou	11	04.05.2003	Montpellier HB vs Portland San Antonio	31:19
Lars Christiansen	11	24.04.2004	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Celje Pivovarna Lasko	30:28
Siarhei Rutenka	11	24.04.2004	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Celje Pivovarna Lasko	30:28
Jonas Källman	11	11.05.2008	THW Kiel vs BM Ciudad Real	25:31
Filip Jicha	11	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
Mikail Jakimovich	10	26.04.2003	Portland San Antonio vs Montpellier HB	27:19

All-time ranking

1.	FC Barcelona ESP	10	7	0	3	308:285	+23	14:6
2.	THW Kiel GER	10	5	0	5	289:291	-2	10:10
3.	HSV Hamburg GER	4	3	0	1	125:121	+4	6:2
4.	BM Atletico Madrid ESP	6	3	0	3	161:156	+5	6:6
5.	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	2	2	0	0	71:67	+4	4:0
6.	KS Vive Targi Kielce POL	4	2	0	2	110:117	-7	4:4
7.	AG Kobenhavn DEN	2	1	0	1	49:46	+3	2:2
8.	MKB-MVM Veszprém HUN	4	1	0	3	105:110	-5	2:6
9.	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	2	0	0	2	59:63	-4	0:4
10.	Füchse Berlin GER	2	0	0	2	45:51	-6	0:4
11.	Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	2	0	0	2	55:70	-15	0:4

Most goals in one match

41 31.05.2014 SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs FC Barcelona 39:41 after 7m shootout
 HSV Hamburg scored 39 goals on 1 June 2013 in the regular playing time of the semi-final game THW Kiel vs HSV Hamburg 33:39 (16:19)

Most goals in one match both teams

80 31.05.2014 FC Barcelona vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 39:41 after 7m shootout
 THW Kiel and HSV Hamburg scored 72 goals on 1 June 2013 in the regular playing time of a semi-final game 33:39 (16:19)

Least goals in one match

21 27.05.2012 Füchse Berlin vs AG Kobenhavn 21:26
 21 27.05.2012 BM Atletico Madrid vs THW Kiel 26:21

Least goals in one match both teams

47 27.05.2012 Füchse Berlin vs AG Kobenhavn 21:26
 47 27.05.2012 THW Kiel vs BM Atletico Madrid 26:21

Biggest win

+8 30.05.2010 Chekhovskie Medvedi vs BM Ciudad Real 28:36

Most goals at half-time

20 30.05.2010 FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel (20:17)

Most goals at half-time both teams

37 30.05.2010 FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel (20:17)

Least goals at half-time

9	27.05.2012	Füchse Berlin vs AG København	(9:13)
9	02.06.2013	HSV Hamburg vs FC Barcelona Intersport	(11:9)
9	01.06.2014	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	(9:10)

Least goals at half-time both teams

19	01.06.2014	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	(9:10)
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Biggest gap at half-time

+7	02.06.2013	KS Vive Targi Kielce vs THW Kiel	(19:12)
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Biggest change from half-time score to full-time score

5	29.05.2010	BM Ciudad Real vs THW Kiel	27:29 (15:12)
5	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36 (20:17)
5	26.05.2012	BM Atletico Madrid vs AG København	25:23 (12:15)

Most 7m throws

10	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
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Most 7m throws both teams

14	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
14	01.06.2014	FC Barcelona vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	26:25

Least 7m throws

0	29.05.2010	THW Kiel vs BM Ciudad Real	27:29
0	01.06.2014	THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	30:28

Least 7m throws both teams

1	01.06.2014	SG Flensburg vs Handewitt-THW Kiel	30:28
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Most 7m throws scored

9	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
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Most 7m throws scored both teams

12	30.05.2010	FC Barcelona Borges vs THW Kiel	34:36
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Least 7m throws scored

0	THW Kiel	29.05.2010	BM Ciudad Real vs THW Kiel	27:29
0	THW Kiel	31.05.2014	MKB-MVM Veszprém vs THW Kiel	26:29
0	THW Kiel	01.06.2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel	30:28

Least 7m throws scored both teams

1	01.06.2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel	30:28
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Karabatic aims for fourth trophy in fourth jersey

FACTS AND FIGURES: 11 multiple winners of the Men's EHF Champions League will be on court at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 in Cologne, including four-time champion Omeyer.

Two Frenchmen have the chance to continue their long series of triumphs, add to their trophy collection and write more pieces of handball history in Cologne.

PSG goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer can become the 12th male handball player in history to win the EHF Champions League five times.

With four EHF Champions League trophies in his tally – the first from 2003 with Montpellier, followed by three titles with Kiel – Omeyer is the most successful VELUX EHF FINAL4 participant at the 2016 edition.

Another Frenchman has a different goal: Nikola Karabatic is the only player at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 in Cologne with the chance to defend the title. The 2007 and 2014 World Handball Player of the Year won the trophy one year ago with FC Barcelona and was named MVP of the event before he transferred to PSG.

If Karabatic raises the trophy in Cologne on 29 May he will be the first – of either individual players or teams – to defend his title in Cologne since the implementation of the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in LANXESS arena in 2009/10.

He would also become the first player in history to win the trophy with four different clubs: Montpellier, Kiel, Barcelona and PSG.

Besides Karabatic, three players on court in Cologne have won the Champions League three times: Kiel left wing Dominik Klein, Veszprém right back Christian Zeitz (both three times with Kiel) and Kielce playmaker Uros Zorman, who won the trophy twice with Ciudad Real and once with Celje.

In total, 11 multiple EHF Champions League winners will participate in the season's pinnacle event, as well as eight one-time winners of the competition.

The record holder is still Andrei Xepkin, who won the trophy six times with FC Barcelona before he ended his remarkable career with his seventh title with THW Kiel in 2007.

Four players have won six titles, among them former Barcelona goalkeepers David Barrufet and Tomas Svensson and their teammate Antonio Carlos Ortega.

Siarhei Rutenka, who won the title three times with Ciudad Real, twice with Barcelona and once with Celje, joined the list of six-time winners when Barca raised the trophy in 2015.

All multiple EHF Champions League winners

7 titles in 2 clubs

Andrei Xepkin (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2004/05, Kiel 2006/07)

6 titles in 1 club

David Barrufet (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2004/05)

Antonio Carlos Ortega (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2004/05)

6 titles in 2 clubs

Tomas Svensson (Irun 1994/95, Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

6 titles in 3 clubs

Siarhei Rutenka (Celje 2003/04, Ciudad Real 2007/08, 2005/06, 2008/09, Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

5 titles in 1 club

Enric Masip (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Inaki Urdangarin (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Rafael Guijosa (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Xavier o'Callaghan (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2004/05)

5 titles in 2 clubs

Mateo Garralda (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, San Antonio 2000/01)

5 titles in 3 clubs

Jose Javier Hombrados (Santander 1993/94, San Antonio 2000/01, Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

4 titles in 2 clubs

Didier Dinart (Montpellier 2002/03, Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Fernando Barbeito (Barcelona 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, San Antonio 2000/01)

Olafur Stefansson (Magdeburg 2001/02, Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Thierry Omeyer (Montpellier 2002/03, Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

3 titles in 1 club

Alberto Entrerrios (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Arpad Sterbik (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

David Davis (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Jonas Källman (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Petar Metlicic (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Rolando Urios (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09)

Christian Zeitz (Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

Dominik Klein (Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

Henrik Lundström (Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

Kim Andersson (Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

Marcus Ahlm (Kiel 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12)

Jose Manuel Sierra (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Josep Espar (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Patrik Cavar (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Roger Magrina (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Victor Tomas (Barcelona 2004/05, 2010/11, 2014/15)

3 titles in 2 clubs

Uros Zorman (Celje 2003/04, Ciudad Real 2007/08, 2008/09)

Viran Morros (Ciudad Real 2007/08, 2008/09, Barcelona 2014/15)

3 titles in 3 clubs

Nikola Karabatic (Montpellier 2002/03, Kiel 2006/07, Barcelona 2014/15)

2 titles in 1 club

Ales Pajovic (Ciudad Real 2005/06, 2007/08)

Roberto Garcia Parrondo (Ciudad Real 2007/08, 2008/09)

Alexandru Dedu (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99)

David Barbeito (Barcelona 1996/97, 1995/96)

Demetrio Lozano (Barcelona 1998/99, 1999/2000)

Iker Romero (Barcelona 2004/05, 2010/11)

Jesus Olalla (Barcelona 1996/97, 1995/96)

Juan Perez (Barcelona 1996/97, 1995/96)

Laszlo Nagy (Barcelona 2004/05, 2010/11)

Quino Soler (Barcelona 1997/98, 1998/99)

Andreas Palicka (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Aron Palmarsson (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Christian Sprenger (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Daniel Narcisse (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Filip Jicha (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Momir Ilic (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Tobias Reichmann (Kiel 2009/10, 2011/12)

Aitor Arino (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Raul Entrerrios (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Jesper Nøddesbo (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Danijel Saric (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Joan Saubich (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

Cedric Sorhaindo (Barcelona 2010/11, 2014/15)

2 titles in 2 clubs

Dejan Peric (Celje 2003/04, Barcelona 2004/05)

Jerome Fernandez (Barcelona 2004/05, Ciudad Real 2008/09)

Lars Krogh Jeppesen (Barcelona 2004/05, Kiel 2006/07)

Mikhail Jakimovich (Santander 1993/94, San Antonio 2000/01)

Nenad Perunicic (Irun 1994/95, Magdeburg 2001/02)

Oleg Kisselev (Irun 1994/95, San Antonio 2000/01)

Juan Munoz (Santander 1993/94, Barcelona 1996/97)

Mattias Andersson (Kiel 2006/07, Flensburg 2013/14)



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2007	THW Kiel	GER
2006	BM Ciudad Real	ESP
2005	FC Barcelona-Cifec	ESP
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2003	Montpellier HB	FRA
2002	SC Magdeburg	GER
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All-time club standings

Rank and Club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PW:PL	NS	WP
1 FC Barcelona Lassa ESP	244	182	17	45	7533:6261	+1272	381:107	(19)	78,07%
2 THW Kiel GER	238	168	14	56	7393:6416	+977	350:126	(19)	73,53%
3 MVM Veszprém HUN	220	150	10	60	6375:5703	+672	310:130	(20)	70,46%
4 HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb CRO	226	109	24	93	5962:5824	+138	242:210	(22)	53,54%
5 BM Atletico Madrid ESP	144	111	5	28	4502:3803	+699	227:61	(10)	78,82%
6 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko SLO	184	101	10	77	5374:5069	+305	212:164	(18)	57,61%
7 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER	148	94	10	44	4473:4093	+380	198:98	(11)	66,89%
8 Montpellier HB FRA	170	92	11	67	4877:4674	+203	195:145	(16)	57,35%
9 HSV Hamburg GER	98	68	9	21	3088:2670	+418	145:51	(7)	73,98%
10 Chekhovskie Medvedi RUS	136	63	15	58	4146:4016	+130	141:131	(14)	51,84%
11 KS Vive Tauron Kielce POL	108	64	10	34	3159:3026	+133	138:78	(9)	63,89%
12 Portland San Antonio ESP	100	64	6	30	2929:2594	+335	134:66	(9)	67,00%
13 MOL-Pick Szeged HUN	134	59	10	65	3687:3719	-32	128:140	(13)	47,76%
14 KIF Kolding Kobenhavn DEN	118	54	9	55	3330:3361	-31	117:119	(12)	49,58%
15 Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	86	49	11	26	2588:2388	+200	109:63	(6)	63,237%
16 Reale Ademar Leon ESP	100	50	6	44	2875:2817	+58	106:94	(10)	53,00%
17 HC Vardar MKD	86	31	11	44	2323:2466	-143	73:99	(9)	42,44%
18 Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	58	33	4	21	1669:1600	+69	70:46	(5)	60,35%
19 Chambéry Savoie Handball FRA	74	29	3	42	2028:2133	-105	61:87	(8)	41,22%
20 HC Metalurg MKD	72	27	5	32	1768:1874	-106	59:85	(7)	40,97%
21 Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	72	24	7	41	2053:2142	-89	55:89	(8)	38,19%
22 OrLEN Wisła Płock POL	82	25	5	52	2166:2374	-208	55:109	(9)	33,54%
23 RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	62	26	1	35	1779:1775	+4	53:71	(6)	42,74%
24 SC Magdeburg GER	40	24	3	13	1166:1077	+89	51:29	(4)	63,75%
25 GOG Svendborg TGI DEN	62	23	5	34	1765:1815	-50	51:73	(8)	41,13%
32 HC Motor Zaporozhye UKR	36	16	2	18	1034:1065	-31	34:38	(3)	47,22%
35 Naturhouse La Rioja ESP	34	14	3	17	1016:1033	-17	31:37	(3)	45,59%
36 HC Meshkov Brest BLR	48	14	3	31	1312:1414	-102	31:65	(6)	32,29%
43 Skjern Handbold DEN	26	10	4	12	686:691	-5	24:28	(3)	46,15%
46 TATRAN Presov SVK	46	9	4	33	1245:1436	-191	22:70	(7)	23,91%
50 Futebol Clube do Porto POR	20	9	1	10	537:543	-6	19:21	(2)	47,50%
64 HCM Baia Mare ROU	10	3	3	4	264:268	-4	9:11	(1)	45,00%
71 Elverum Handball Herrer NOR	10	3	1	6	274:289	-15	7:13	(1)	35,00%
72 IFK Kristianstad SWE	14	3	1	10	409:437	-28	7:21	(1)	25,00%
96 Vojvodina SRB	10	2	0	8	241:297	-56	4:16	(1)	20,00%
97 Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu TUR	24	2	0	22	635:790	-155	4:44	(2)	16,67%
115 Alpla HC Hard AUT	6	0	0	6	138:180	-42	0:12	(1)	0,00%
NR RK Borac m:tel BIH	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	0,00%
NR OCI-LIONS NED	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	0,00%

(Bold text indicates clubs participating in the VELUX EHF Champions League 2015/16)

Fans vote for the All-star Team

In its fourth edition, the All-star team vote again asked the fans to cast their online ballots for ten positions as the best coach and the best young player (born in 1993 or younger) had their premiere alongside the starting seven and best defender for the first time last year. There were five nominees in the selection for each position. Players and coaches from 17 clubs and from 18 nations in the current season have been selected and seven members of the 2014/15 All-star team can make it back to the elite company.

The vote will be open until Tuesday 24 May 2016 (midnight) and the fans' choice for the All-star team will be announced at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 Media Call in Cologne on Friday 27 May 2016 at 13:00. Players have been nominated on the basis of their comprehensive performance throughout the season so far; not just their goal-getting prowess, but also their performance in defence, the number of blocks, assists and reaction in crucial moments during each match.

The players nominated for the 2015/16 season are:

Goalkeeper

Niklas Landin (DEN) / THW Kiel (GER)

Thierry Omeyer (FRA) / Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)

Arpad Sterbik (ESP) / HC Vardar (MKD)

Mattias Andersson (SWE) / SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Rodrigo Corrales (ESP) / Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)

Left wing

Timur Dibirov (RUS) / HC Vardar (MKD)

Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (ISL) / FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Uwe Gensheimer (GER) / Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)

Manuel Strlek (CRO) / KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

Jonas Källman (SWE) / MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)



Left back

Momir Ilic (SRB) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Michał Jurecki (POL) / KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

Wael Jallouz (TUN) / FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Iman Jamali (HUN) / IFK Kristianstad (SWE)

Mikkel Hansen (DEN) / Paris Saint-Germain (FRA)

Centre back

Rasmus Lauge Schmidt (DEN) / SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Dean Bombac (SLO) / MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)

Andy Schmid (SUI) / Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)

Nikola Karabatic (FRA) / Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)

Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO) / THW Kiel (GER)

Line player

Julen Aguinagalde (ESP) / KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

Rastko Stojkovic (SRB) / HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)

Tiago Rocha (POR) / Orlen Wisla Plock (POL)

Andreas Nilsson (SWE) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Alem Toskic (SRB) / HC Vardar (MKD)

Right back

Kiril Lazarov (MKD) / FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Marko Vujin (SRB) / THW Kiel (GER)

Laszlo Nagy (HUN) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Alex Dujshaev (ESP) / HC Vardar (MKD)

Jure Dolenc (SLO) / Montpellier HB (FRA)

Right wing

Gasper Marguc (SLO) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Lasse Svan (DEN) / SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Victor Tomas (ESP) / FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Tobias Reichmann (GER) / Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

Kristian Bjørnsen (NOR) / IFK Kristianstad (SWE)

Defender

Luka Karabatic (FRA) / Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)

Timuzsin Schuch (HUN) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Erlend Mamelund (NOR) / THW Kiel (GER)

Viran Morros (ESP) / FC Barcelona Lassa (ESP)

Tobias Karlsson (SWE) / SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Young player (born in 1993 or younger)

Blaz Janc (SLO) / RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko (SLO)

Domagoj Pavlovic (CRO) / HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)

Darko Djukic (SRB) / Besiktas Jimnastik Kulubu (TUR)

Lasse Andersson (DEN) / KIF Kolding Kobenhavn (DEN)

Jerry Tollbring (SWE) / IFK Kristianstad (SWE)

Coach

Javier Sabate (ESP) / MVM Veszprém (HUN)

Ljubomir Vranjes (SWE) / SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Veselin Vujovic (MNE) / HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)

Raul Gonzalez (ESP) / HC Vardar (MKD)

Talant Dujshaev (ESP) / Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

Season is almost over, what's next?

The European club season 2015/16 is almost over and although handball fans have to wait almost 100 days for the next European Cup match action, preparations for the new season have already started deep into the last edition. Regulations have been released, playing systems confirmed and important dates set.

Creation of the starting roster

Member federations of the EHF have to register their clubs eligible to take part in the European top flight by Tuesday 7 June.

The VELUX EHF Champions League 2016/17 will be played in the same mode as this season with 28 teams.

As always the distribution of places is a result of the EHF Ranking List which is a summary of the results in all three EHF club competitions of the seasons 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15. The current 2015/16 season is not considered for the EHF Ranking List, but it will be considered for the seeding of the new participants in the various competitions of 2016/17.

The procedure for the awarding of additional places will also remain unchanged and each federation will have the right to ask for an upgrade of its EHF Cup club to VELUX EHF Champions League.

Already before the 2015/16 season the EHF has approved a list of criteria that will be used as a tool to define on the one hand the awarding of upgrades for those federations who will ask for it and on the other hand for the decision regarding the distribution of teams into groups A or B (8 teams each) respectively C or D (6 teams each). The criteria list consists of eight different fields (venue, TV, ranking in the domestic league, spectators, performance in past EHF club competitions, sponsoring potential, implementation of duties and regulations and new media).

Based on these criteria the EHF Executive Committee meeting in Vienna on Friday, 24 June will decide all upgrade requests and confirm 16 teams for groups A and B and remaining teams for groups C and D and for qualification tournament(s), whose winner(s) will join the group phase in C and/or D.

Draw in Denmark

Just seven days later the focus of all Champions League fans will shift to SELECT headquarters in Glostrup, Denmark, which will host the qualification and group phase draw (1 July 2016).

2016/17 season – important dates

7 June 2016	deadline for all national federations to submit their requests for upgrades in the VELUX EHF Champions League 2016/17
24 Jun 2016	the final list of participants for Groups A&B, Groups C&D and qualification tournament(s) to be confirmed at the EHF EXEC meeting (Vienna)
1 Jul 2016	Qualification and Group Phase draw (Glostrup, Denmark)
3-4 Sep 2016	Qualification tournament(s)
21-25 Sep 2016	Group Phase Round 1
30 Nov-4 Dec 2016	Group Phase Round 9 (last round in 2016)
8-12 Feb 2017	Group Phase Round 10 (first in 2017, last in Groups C&D)
1-12 Mar 2017	Groups C&D knockout phase
7-12 Mar 2017	Group Phase Round 14 (last round in Groups A&B)
22 Mar-2 Apr 2017	Last 16
19-30 Apr 2017	Quarter-finals
3-4 Jun 2017	VELUX EHF FINAL4 2017 LANXESS arena, Cologne

Men's European Cup Ranking 2016/17

2016/17 Ranking				Number of teams from each nation in the various competitions				
Pos 2015/16	Move	Pos 2016/17	Nation	Ave Points	Champions League	EHF Cup	Challenge Cup	Total
1		1	GER	154.83	2	3	0	5
2		2	ESP	122.83	2	3	0	5
4	▲	3	HUN	103.33	1	3	0	4
3	▽	4	FRA	75.33	1	3	0	4
5		5	DEN	70.00	1	3	0	4
7	▲	6	POL	54.22	1	3	0	4
6	▽	7	SLO	54.00	1	3	0	4
8		8	MKD	40.56	1	2	1	4
12	▲	9	ROU	36.44	1	2	1	4
9	▽	10	SWE	34.75	1	2	1	4
13	▲	11	CRO	33.71	1	2	1	4
15	▲	12	RUS	31.00	1	2	1	4
14	▲	13	POR	30.25	1	2	1	4
10	▽	14	BLR	28.78	1	1	2	4
11	▽	15	SUI	22.33	1	1	2	4
16		16	UKR	21.78	1	1	2	4
20	▲	17	NOR	21.11	1	1	2	4
17	▽	18	SRB	20.44	1	1	2	4
19		19	SVK	13.56	1	1	2	4
21	▲	20	TUR	13.00	1	1	2	4
24	▲	21	LUX	11.13	1	1	2	4
37	▲	22	FIN	11.00	1	1	2	4
18	▽	23	GRE	11.00	1	1	2	4
25	▲	24	BEL	9.71	1	1	2	4
22	▽	25	ISR	9.00	1	1	2	4
27	▲	26	AUT	9.00	1	1	2	4
28	▲	27	CZE	6.17	1	1	2	4
23	▽	28	BIH	5.78	0	1	3	4
35	▲	29	KOS	5.17	0	1	3	4
31	▲	30	LTU	4.83	0	1	3	4
30	▽	31	ITA	4.78	0	1	3	4
26	▽	32	NED	4.75	0	1	3	4
29	▽	33	CYP	4.33	0	1	3	4
32	▽	34	EST	4.17	0	1	3	4
36	▲	35	BUL	3.50	0	1	3	4
34	▽	36	ISL	3.29	0	1	3	4
33	▽	37	MNE	3.14	0	1	3	4
38		38	MDA	1.17	0	1	3	4
39		39	GBR	1.00	0	1	3	4
43	▲	40	GEO	0.17	0	1	3	4
ALB/AND/ARM/AZE/FAR/IRL/LAT/LIE/MLT/MON				0.00	0	0	4	4

The ranking for the 2016/17 season is based on the results of the European Cup seasons 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

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