

# MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2023/24 PLAY-OFFS

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## I WELCOME TO THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2023/24 PLAY-OFFS

#### NEXT STEP ON THE ROAD TO HAMBURG

For the 2023/24 season, the playing format of the EHF European League Men underwent a significant change. The number of participants (after qualification) has been raised from 24 in previous seasons to 32 in the current campaign. After the group matches last autumn and the newly introduced main round in February and March, the thrill goes on in the knockout phase. Only 12 clubs continue their journey and can still dream of the EHF Finals Men 2024 at the Barclays Arena in Hamburg on 25/26 May as their ultimate destination.

Four clubs secured their place in the quarter-finals by winning their respective main round group: HBC Nantes, Skjern Håndbold, SG Flensburg-Handewitt, and Sporting CP. The play-offs, with the first leg scheduled for Tuesday 26 March and the returns for Tuesday 2 April, feature four exciting pairings as the eight teams that finished second and third in their main round groups are set to battle it out for the remaining four tickets to the quarter-finals.

#### EIGHT TEAMS PLAY FOR LAST FOUR QUARTER-FINAL BERTHS

While Flensburg are already through, three more teams from Germany could make it into the quarter-finals. Defending champions Füchse Berlin are paired with Kadetten Schaffhausen in the play-offs, with the winners facing Nantes in the quarter-finals. Rhein-Neckar Löwen duel with RK Nexe for the right to play Sporting next. And TSV Hannover-Burgdorf take on IK Sävehof with Flensburg waiting in the quarter-finals. The only play-off tie without German participants features Dinamo Bucuresti and Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, with the winners facing Skjern for a ticket to Hamburg.

Fans can look forward to two more exciting Tuesday nights in the tightly contested play-offs, where the EHF European League will once again live up to its billing: 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned.'

We pride ourselves at the EHF and EHF Marketing on our positive and cooperative relationship with our colleagues from the media. Should you require any information, help or assistance during the season, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at the EHF Office in Vienna. We will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you might have.

Enjoy the play-offs!

EHF Media & Communications Team



**GREATNESS IS EARNED** 

## I ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED

#### 2023/24 SEASONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

In the build-up to 2023/24, a new seasonal campaign for the EHF European League has been launched. The campaign's pay-off 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' underlines that success in the EHF European League can only come through hard work, dedication, and relentless effort.

The central idea behind the campaign is that there are no givens in the EHF European League. Only the players and teams who are willing to go *all in* will be able to *earn greatness*. 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' highlights the work ethic of the players, who are pushing themselves to the limit each week in pursuit of glory. It inspires players and fans alike to embrace the journey that comes with striving for greatness. It also showcases the league as one of Europe's top-level competitions.

A <u>promo video</u> produced by Infront and the media team of EHF Marketing GmbH features the dynamic brushstroke element first introduced for the EHF Finals 2023 and emphasises the hard work a player has to deliver – on and off the court – in order to succeed.

The campaign also includes key visuals with the same brushstroke and the 'ALL IN' design element. The official hashtag of the campaign is #Allin.



## I STAY UP—TO—DATE WITH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

#### BE PART OF THE #EHFEL COMMUNITY

Social media, app, newsletter – fans have the opportunity to follow the EHF European League Men and their favourite teams in the play-offs on multiple digital channels.

#### FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Join the conversation and engage with the EHFEL family on social media. The EHF European League accounts give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news.

In addition to dedicated EHF European League channels on Facebook (EHF European League), X (formerly known as Twitter, <a href="mailto:oehfel\_official">oehfel\_official</a>) and Instagram (<a href="mailto:oehfel\_official">oehfel\_official</a>), fans can also check out the Home of Handball channels on YouTube (<a href="mailto:The Home of Handball">The Home of Handball</a>), Twitch (<a href="mailto:HomeofHandball">HomeofHandball</a>) and TikTok (<a href="mailto:oehfel\_official">oehfel\_official</a>) and <a href="mailto:oehfel\_official">oehfel\_oeffel\_official</a>) and <a href="mailto:oehfel\_official">oehfel\_oeffel\_oeffel\_oehfel\_oef

#### DOWNLOAD THE HOME OF HANDBALL APP

In 2021, the EHF launched its very first dedicated mobile app. The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from clubs as well as national teams – under one roof.

The app allows for each user and all fans of the EHF European League to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

Click here to download the Home of Handball App.

#### SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Make sure all the latest EHF European League news and more comes right to you by signing up for the Home of Handball newsletter!

The weekly round-up of everything that is happening in Europe's major club and national team competitions will land right in your inbox and will be ready for you at your convenience.

Click here to subscribe to the Home of Handball Newsletter.

# I TUNE IN TO EHFTV - FREE, LIVE AND ON DEMAND

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, <u>EHFTV</u> (ehftv.com) has established itself over the past seasons as the meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF European League and other EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sports market.

#### THE BEST HANDBALL CONTENT - FOR FREE

The general approach of EHFTV remains the same; offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. The registration gives handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal, such as our Handball Originals content, which features our exclusive documentary "Dare to Rise". Since 2020, EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action is accessible any time and from anywhere.

#### PERSONALISED CONTENT FOR REGISTERED ACCOUNTS

Once fans enter their EHFTV account, they find an adapted filter menu, with improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise it to their favourite competitions and/or clubs directly on their registered account. These features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball footage in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF European League, wherever and whenever it is played. It's time for more handball! <u>Join EHFTV</u> and be part of a new handball era.



## I WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE — WHEREVER YOU ARE

Handball fans across the globe will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Men 2023/24 play-offs – no matter where they are. Broadcasters in over 25 countries across the continent have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition unfolds. Europe's broadcasters will be transmitting all the excitement and drama from the EHF European League to the homes of the many fans, backed up by streamed coverage on EHFTV, EHF's on-demand platform.





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# EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2023/24 SEASON Playing system and dates



EHF EL Finals	Semi-finals  V  V  Semi-finals  V  Reacher  Reac	25-26/5/2024
Quarter-finals	WP0	1 <sup>st</sup> leg; 23/4/2024 2™ leg; 30/4/2024
Play-offs	34   x   x   x   x   x   x   x   x   x	1 <sup>14</sup> [eg; 26/3/2024 2 <sup>nd</sup> [eg; 2/4/2024
Main Round	4 groups with 4 teams each	R1: 13/2/2024 R2: 20/2/2024 R3: 27/2/2024 R4: 5/3/2024
Group Matches	8 groups with 4 teams each  A B C D F F G H  C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	R1: 17/10/2023 R2: 24/10/2023 R3: 14/11/2023 R4: 21/11/2023 R5: 28/11/2023 R6: 5/12/2023
Qualification	<u>n</u>	1 <sup>11</sup> leg; 26-27/8/2023 2™ leg; 2-3/9/2023



# **I 1 FORMER WINNER, 8 NATIONS, AND 33,625 FANS**

#### FACTS & FIGURES: IMPORTANT NUMBERS BEFORE THE PLAY-OFFS

After the thrilling main round, the EHF European League Men is ready for the knockout phase as 12 teams continue their journey on the road to the EHF Finals Men 2024 in Hamburg on 25/26 May.

The play-offs will determine the last four teams for the quarter-finals, joining the four group winners that have already advanced directly from the main round.

Here are interesting facts & figures before the play-offs throw off:

- national derbies take place in the playoffs, even with three teams from one country (Germany) involved.
- 1 of the 32 main round games ended with a draw, after five draws happened in the group matches.



quarter-final pairing from last season is a play-off pairing this season:
Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Füchse Berlin.

- 1 team TSV Hannover-Burgdorf qualified for the play-offs despite losing all four of their matches in the main round.
- 1 participant of the EHF Finals 2023 is part of the knockout phase this season: defending champions Füchse Berlin; last year's runners-up Fraikin BM. Granollers lost in qualification, third-placed Frisch Auf Göppingen are not playing in a European competition, and fourth-placed Montpellier HB are competing in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League.
- 1 former EHF Champions League winner is part of the knockout phase: SG Flensburg-Handewitt (2014); one more CL finalist is still in the race: HBC Nantes (2018, lost final against Montpellier).
- 2 teams in the EL knockout phase played in the CL last season: Dinamo Bucuresti and Nantes.

- 2 teams in play-offs started their EL season in the qualification round: Rhein-Neckar Löwen and TSV Hannover-Burgdorf.
- 2 main round matches were each attended by more than 5,000 spectators: 5,902 fans were in the arena for both home games of Nantes.
- **3** teams won all their four main round matches: Nantes, Flensburg, and Sporting CP.



matches in the main round ended with a margin of 10 or more goals, after 20 such games in the group matches.

- 4 German teams are part of the knockout phase.
- 4 teams that won the main round groups have qualified directly for the quarter-finals: Nantes, Skjern, Flensburg and Sporting.
- 4 teams that played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past are part of the EL knockout phase: Nantes, Flensburg, Füchse, and Löwen.
- 5 teams that competed at the EHF Finals (or the EHF Cup Finals, before the 2020/21 season) are part of the knockout phase: Füchse, Löwen, Nantes, Nexe, and Skjern.



teams in the knockout phase were part of the Last 16 last season: Flensburg, Füchse, Kadetten, Nexe, Skjern, and Sporting.

6 teams in the knockout phase won a European trophy in the past: Flensburg (EHF Cup 1997; City Cup 1999; CWC 2001, 2012; CL 2014), Füchse (EHF Cup 2015, 2018; EL 2023), Löwen (EHF Cup 2013), Sävehof (Challenge Cup 2014), Skjern (CC 2002, 2003), and Sporting (CC 2010, 2017).

8 nations are represented by the 12 clubs that are still in the competition: Germany (with four teams), Denmark (two), Croatia, France, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, and Switzerland (all one).

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of the 32 matches in the main round were attended by 3,000 or more spectators.

- 9 different teams have been part of the three EHF Finals so far in Mannheim (2021), Lisbon (2022), and Flensburg (2023): SC Magdeburg, Orlen Wisla Plock, and Füchse Berlin are the only teams that played at the event two times.
- 10 goals or more was the winning margin in each of the four matches Flensburg played in group III of the main round.
- 16 matches have to be played before the four participants in the EHF Finals Men 2024 in Hamburg are confirmed: eight in the play-offs and eight in the quarter-finals.
- **16** of the 32 main round matches ended with 60 or more goals; in the group matches, 52 games featured 60 or more goals.
- **18** times in the 32 main round matches, the home team won; 13 times the away team won.
- 19 goals was the biggest winning margin in a main round game, when Flensburg won 45:26 at Bjerringbro-Silkeborg; 14 goals was the margin at Skjern vs RK Gorenje Velenje (45:31); 12 goals at Flensburg vs Vojvodina (42:30).
- 45 was the lowest number of goals scored in a main round match, when Vojvodina beat Kadetten 24:21

**52** 

was the highest number of goals scored by a team in a single match this season, when Dinamo defeated Izvidac 52:24

+64 was the best goal difference by a team after the main round: Flensburg in group III; Nantes (group I) had +33; Sporting (group IV) +16.

- 65 goals make Dinamo's Andrii Akimenko the EL top scorer so far this season (from the start of the group matches); from the players still in competition, Löwen's Niclas Kirkeløkke is next with 60 goals; Taras Minotskyi (Górnik Zabrze) finished on 63 and Andy Schmid (HC Kriens-Luzern, which didn't make the main round) on 60.
- 78 was the highest number of goals scored in a single game since the start of the group matches, when Flensburg beat Kadetten 46:32; 76 was the highest number in the main round, when Skjern beat Velenje 45:31.

**164** 

was the lowest number of goals conceded by a team – Nantes – in the main round; Löwen conceded 166 goals, Flensburg 167.

- 231 goals have been scored by Flensburg in their six matches counting for the main round, by far the most for any team; Nantes (197 goals) and Skiern (194) were next in line.
- **10,017** fans in the XXL Arena in Nantes for the game against Löwen in the last round of the group matches is the biggest attendance for an EL game so far this season; in the main round, the highest attendance figure was 5,902 again in Nantes, for the matches against Hannover and Zabrze.
- **33,625** fans in total have attended Nantes' five home matches so far this season.



# **I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS**

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

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches of the EHF European League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

#### **PLAY-OFFS AND QUARTER-FINALS**

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

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

#### **RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS**

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



# PARINGS

# DINAMO BUCURESTI VS BJERRINGBRO-SILKEBORG



1st leg: Tuesday 26 March at 18:45 CET, Bucharest (ROU) 2nd leg: Tuesday 2 April at 18:45 CEST, Silkeborg (DEN)



- Dinamo have lost four matches this EL season twice against the same opponents: against Füchse Berlin in the group matches and against Sporting CP in the main round
- however, two big wins against fellow Romanian side CSM Constanta (33:23 at home and 33:25 away) saw Dinamo finish third in main round group IV and progress to the play-offs
- right wing Andrii Akimenko is the competition's top scorer, with 65 goals from Dinamo's 10 matches so far
- counted from the start of the group matches, Dinamo have the second-best attack in the competition with 344 goals scored, 35 less than leaders Flensburg
- Vladimir Cupara has saved 94 shots so far, the sixth-largest number of saves by a goalkeeper in the EL this season, for a 29.5 per cent saving efficiency

- Bjerringbro-Silkeborg finished second in group III, after winning the crucial away match against third-placed Kadetten Schaffhausen 34:33
- however, the defence has been problematic as the Danish side conceded at least 30 goals each game and 146 in total in the main round, an average of 36.5 goals per match
- still only 21, goalkeeper Mikkel Løvkvist has made the largest number of saves this season: 120, for a 30.3 per cent save rate
- the Danish side has scored the thirdlowest number of goals (307) between the 12 teams which are still in the competition
- the last time Bjerringbro-Silkeborg reached the quarter-finals of a European club competition was in the 2015/16 season of the EHF Cup

#### HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

Dinamo Bucuresti vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 0-0-0

No previous encounters in EHF club competitions

**IV-3** 



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#### Kit colours

Player shirt: white or red Player short: red GK shirt: light white/blue

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



Playing hall Polyvalent Hall - Ioan **Kunst Ghermanescu** Soseaua Ștefan cel Mare, nr. 7-9, sector 2, Bucharest, Romania Capacity: 2,500

# **DINAMO BUCURESTI**



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP MATCHES:**

vs HC Izvidac	W52:24 (27:7)
@ Chambéry Savoie MBH	W21:28 (9:14)
@ Füchse Berlin	L33:30 (16:11)
vs Füchs Berlin	L32:33 (17:16)
@ HC Izvidac	W24:40 (11:17)
vs Chambéry Savoie MBH	W36:33 (23:14)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP G:

	MΡ	VV	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PIS
1. Füchse Berlin	6	6	0	0	194:160	(+34)	12
2. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	4	0	2	218:168	(+50)	8
3. Chambéry Savoie MBH	6	2	0	4	181:181	(0)	4
4. HC Izvidac	6	0	0	6	150:234	(-84)	0

#### MAIN ROUND:

L35:33 (17:18)
W33:23 (16:10)
W25:33 (11:16)
L27:31 (11:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP IV:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Sporting CP	6	5	0	1	192:176	(+16)	10
2. Füchse Berlin	6	4	0	2	192:186	(+6)	8
3. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	2	0	4	188:180	(+8)	4
4. CSM Constanta	6	1	0	5	165:195	(-30)	2

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	65
2. Lazar Kukic (SRB)	38
3. Ali Zein (EGY)	37
4. Miklós Rosta (HUN)	34
Stanislav Kasparek (CZE)	34

#### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2 Group phase (1): 2020/21

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Last 16 (1): 2019/20 Play-offs (1): 2022/23

Group phase (5): 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2021/22

#### **EHF Cup**

Semi-finals (1): 2003/04 Last 16 (2): 2001/02, 2004/05 **Cup Winners' Cup** 

Quarter-finals (1): 2002/03

#### **Challenge Cup**

Runners-up (1): 2000/01 Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

#### **City Cup**

Semi-finals (1): 1999/2000

Romanian league: 19 titles (1959-62, 1964-66, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2016-19, 2021-23)

**Romanian cup:** 7 titles (1979, 1982, 1988, 2017, 2020-22)





# XAVI PASCUAL

- legendary Spanish coach, who joined Dinamo in 2021 after 12 highly successful seasons at the helm of Barça and winning more than 60 trophies, including three CL titles
- led Dinamo to the CL play-offs in his second season in charge
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the Spanish club before taking over as head coach in 2009
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's success (7 out of 7) in 1999/2000
- also leads Romanian national team since 2021 (after earlier stint in 2016-18) and coached them at EHF EURO 2024

Trophies: CL 2011, 2015, 2021 (as coach)

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

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#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Cedric Sorhaindo (Besiktas/TUR)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Vladimir	Cupara	SRB	Goalkeeper	19/02/1994	Belgrade, SRB	199
2	Tudor Bogdan	Bugulet	ROU	Right Wing	02/03/2001	Vaslui, ROU	192
3	Aleksandar	Cenic	ESP	Right Back	11/01/2003	Leskovac, SRB	100
5	Calin	Dedu	ROU	Line Player	21/10/2002	Labruge, POR	207
7	Dan Emil	Racotea	ROU	Left Back	21/07/1995	Ramnicu Sarat, ROU	203
16	Alin	Cozmaciuc	ROU	Goalkeeper	26/09/2004	Hunedoara, ROU	210
18	Ionut Daniel	Alecu	ROU	Right Wing	04/07/2005	Bucharest, ROU	190
23	Saeid	Heidarirad	ROU	Goalkeeper	22/09/1990	Khorramabad, IRI	194
24	Nicusor Andrei	i Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24/05/1994	Resita, ROU	180
25	Luka	Cindric	CRO	Centre Back	05/07/1993	Ogulin, CRO	181
28	Alex	Pascual Garcia	ESP	Left Wing	13/02/2000	Vigo , ESP	175
34	Lazar	Kukic	SRB	Centre Back	12/12/1995	Belgrade, SRB	188
37	Stanislav	Kasparek	CZE	Right Back	11/06/1996	Prerov, CZE	200
44	Daniel	Stanciuc	ROU	Centre Back	07/03/2004	Suceava, ROU	196
45	Miklós	Rosta	HUN	Line Player	14/02/1999	Györ, HUN	203
47	Ante	Kuduz	ROU	Left Back	11/04/1995	Osijek, CRO	202
51	Javier	Humet Gaminde	ROU	Right Back	22/01/1990	Zaragoza, ESP	196
55	Andrii	Akimenko	UKR	Right Wing	12/06/1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	190
74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	07/04/1996	Navapolatsk, BLR	206
90	Ali Ismail Mohan	ned Zeinelabedin Ali	EGY	Left Back	14/12/1990	Giza, EGY	199
94	Robert Mihai	Militaru	ROU	Left Back	04/01/1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196
99	Cedric	Sorhaindo	FRA	Line Player	07/06/1984	La Trinite, FRA	<del>192</del>



#### **VLADIMIR CUPARA**

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#### Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who joined Dinamo in 2023 after four seasons with Veszprém
- started career at Red Star Belgrade in 2012; moved abroad three years later to join Ademar Léon in Spain (2015-18) and later Kielce in Poland (2018/19)
- debuted for Serbia national team in 2016; played his fourth EHF EURO in 2024
- also competing in beach handball in the early days of his career



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#### Centre back

- joined Dinamo in the summer of 2023 after four successful years at Barça including two under his current coach at Dinamo, Xavi Pascual; also played one season in Kielce
- won CL with Vardar in 2017 after scoring last-second winner in semi against Barça
- won two more CL trophies with Barça; voted CL All-star centre back in 2020/21
- key member of Croatian national team, scoring over 200 goals for them

Trophies: CL 2017, 2021, 2022 EURO: S 2020, B 2016



#### MIKLÓS ROSTA



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#### Line player

- arrived at Dinamo in the summer of 2023 from Szeged in his native Hungary
- born in Györ, he played for Tatabánya (2015-19) before moving to Szeged in 2019
- stems from a true handball family: his father Miklós and uncle Istvan were both national team players for Hungary
- Hungarian Player of the Year in 2022, after Szeged won second league title in a row



#### **ANDRII AKIMENKO**



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#### Right wing

- Ukrainian international, who arrived at Dinamo in 2022 from Polish side Azoty-Pulawy
- scored 73 goals for Dinamo in CL 2022/23, his first season in Europe's top flight
- leading scorer of EL 2023/24 after the main round, with 65 goals
- started career at ZRT in his native Zaporozhye; got first European experience there in the Challenge Cup 2013/14

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#### Kit colours

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

#### Dark

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



Playing hall JYSK Arena Ansvej 114 8600 Silkeborg Denmark Capacity: 2,000



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP MATCHES:**

vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W34:25 (16:13)
@ Vojvodina	L29:28 (15:16)
@ HC Alkaloid	W23:31 (12:16)
vs HC Alkaloid	W35:31 (17:16)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	W28:29 (10:13)
vs Vojvodina	W26:22 (13:14)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP F:

	MΡ	VV	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PIS
1. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	6	5	0	1	283:158	(+25)	10
2. Vojvodina	6	4	0	2	172:163	(+9)	8
3. HC Alkaloid	6	1	1	4	166:187	(-21)	3
4. BM Logroño La Rioja	6	1	1	4	163:276	(-13)	3

#### MAIN ROUND:

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L38:28 (21:11)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W36:30 (17:15)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	W33:34 (17:19)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L26:45 (17:19)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP III:

	MP	' W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS	
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	6	5	0	1	231:267	(+64)	10	
2. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	6	3	0	3	178:197	(-19)	6	
3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	2	0	4	168:188	(-20)	4	
4. Vojvodina	6	2	0	4	155:180	(-25)	4	

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Thomas Solstad (NOR)	42
2. William Bogojevic (SWE)	41
3. Rasmus Lauge (DEN)	39
4. Ludvig Hallbäck (SWE)	35
5. Patrick Boldsen (DEN)	33

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4

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

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Last 16 (2): 2012/13, 2016/17 Group phase (2): 2011/12, 2018/19

#### **EHF Cup**

Quarter-finals (3): 2002/03, 2008/09, 2015/16

#### **Cup Winners' Cup**

Quarter-finals (1): 2006/07

Danish league: 1 title (2016)

Danish cup: -





# PATRICK WESTERHOLM Coach

- former Finnish international, who arrived at Bjerringbro-Silkeborg as head coach in 2021 after five seasons with TTH Holstebro
- started coaching in the last two years of his playing career, as an assistant at Midtjylland in 2008-10
- got his first job as head coach at SønderjyskE, later returned to Midtjylland as their head coach in 2014/15
- spent the first nine years of his playing career at KIF Kolding, winning the Danish league four and Danish cup three times
- moved for three seasons to Skjern in 2005

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Morten Toft Olsen (GOG/DEN)
Mathias Vibe Christensen (BSV youth/DEN)
Julius Dyhr Topp (BSV youth/DEN)
Oscar Lindhardt Bjerring (BSV youth/DEN)
Andreas Loldrup (BSV youth/DEN)
Hjalte Schmøkel Sinding (BSV youth/DEN)
Rasmus Dahl Lyngsø (BSV youth/DEN)
Gustav Bundgaard Petersen (BSV youth/DEN)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

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# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Johan	Sjöstrand	SWE	Goalkeeper	26/02/1987	Skövde, SWE	195
	2	Ludvig	Hallbäck	SWE	Centre Back	27/10/2000	Göteborg, SWE	285
	3	Victor Beenfeldt	Ilsøe	DEN	Right Wing	10/07/2004	Aarhus, DEN	180
	4	Patrick	Boldsen	DEN	Right Wing	09/04/2003	Silkeborg, DEN	188
С	7	Nikolaj Øris	Nielsen	DEN	Right Back	26/09/1986	Bjerringbro, DEN	194
	11	Rasmus	Lauge Schmidt	DEN	Left Back	20/06/1991	Randers, DEN	195
	14	Alexander	Lynggaard	DEN	Line Player	27/03/1990	Køge, DEN	198
	16	Mikkel Møller	Løvkvist	DEN	Goalkeeper	31/07/2002	Roskilde , DEN	201
	17	August	Fridén	DEN	Left Wing	17/12/2003	Odense, DEN	194
	19	Rene	Toft Hansen	DEN	Line Player	01/11/1984	Skive, DEN	200
	20	William	Bogojevic	SWE	Left Back	07/07/1997	Savedalen, SWE	194
	23	Mads Emil Baye	rLenbroch	DEN	Left Wing	05/03/2000	Riyadh, KSA	191
	26	Peter Balling	Christensen	DEN	Right Back	05/04/1990	Skive, DEN	189
	30	Mathias Vibe	Christensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/06/2004	Randers, DEN	195
	31	Julius Dyhr	Торр	DEN	Goalkeeper	30/03/2006	Silkeborg, DEN	189
	33	Gustav Bundg	aard Petersen	DEN	Right Back	20/02/2006	Aarhus, DEN	189
	34	Morten Toft	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/10/1984	Lejre, DEN	187
	44	Thomas Alfred	Solstad	NOR	Line Player	26/02/1997	Ski, NOR	194
	46	Jacob Lehner	tJensen	DEN	Line Player	23/05/2004	Frederikssund, DEN	196
	49	Noah Vesterg	aard Knudsen	DEN	Left Back	06/04/2004	Viborg, DEN	190
	50	Andreas	Loldrup	DEN	Line Player	02/05/2004	Silkeborg, DEN	186
	51	Hjalte Schmøl	kel Sinding	DEN	Left Back	30/04/2006	Silkeborg, DEN	181
	52	Rasmus Dahl	Lyngsø	DEN	Left Wing	13/01/2005	Silkeborg, DEN	189
	97	Magnus Rahbek	Sand	DEN	Left Back	16/07/2004	Herning, DEN	197
	98	Mathias Nichlas	Brixen	DEN	Goalkeeper	08/05/2004	Herning, DEN	199
	99	Oscar Lindhar	dt Bjerring	DEN	Left Wing	98/12/2004	Silkeborg, DEN	182



#### JOHAN SJÖSTRAND

Goalkeeper

- experienced former Swedish international, arrived at Bjerringbro-Silkeborg in 2020
- played for a range of European top clubs in his career, including Flensburg, Barcelona, Aalborg, and Kiel: won the CL with Barca in 2011
- played for the Swedish national team from 2008-15 after winning gold at the 2007 Junior WCh: took silver at the 2012 Olympics in London

Trophies: CL 2011 OG: S 2012



#### RASMUS I AUGF

#### Left back



- returned to his youth club Bjerringbro-Silkeborg after 10 years in the summer of 2023, after four seasons with Veszprém in Hungary
- previously spent six seasons in Germany, at Kiel (2013-15) and Flensburg (2015-19)
- Olympic and world champion with Denmark, who can also play centre back
- intelligent and inventive playmaker with a good shot

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013; EURO: G 2012, S 2024, B 2022



#### THOMAS SOLSTAD

#### Line player

- joined the Danish side in 2022 coming from Elverum Handball on a two-year contract
- gained CL experience during three seasons with Elverum
- shares line player position with the René Toft Hansen and Aleander Lynggaard
- part of Norway's youth national teams before his senior team debut in 2021; played at the 2021 and 2023 WCh's and EHF EURO 2022



#### NIKOLAJ ØRIS NIELSFN

#### Right back



- true club icon, who was born in Bjerringbro and has always played for the club since picking up the game of handball at the age of five in 1991
- only exception was the 2008/09 season, which he spent on loan at Lemvig
- top scorer of the Danish league in 2015 and 2018; Danish international since 2010
- both his brothers Mads and Mikkel were handball players, too

WCh: G 2019, 2021



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# KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN VS FÜCHSE BERLIN



1st leg: Tuesday 26 March at 18:45 CET, Schaffhausen (SUI) 2nd leg: Tuesday 2 April at 20:45 CEST, Berlin (GER)



- the Swiss side has won five matches and also lost five so far in this season of the EHF European League Men
- Kadetten opened the main round by beating Vojvodina but lost their next three games – twice against Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and the away game against Vojvodina
- with 292 goals scored, Kadetten are 12th in this ranking, with an average of 29.2 goals per match and a 63.2 per cent shooting efficiency
- right wing Odinn Thor Rikhardsson, the EL top scorer from last season, is Kadetten's leading scorer again this campaign with 58 goals
- last season, Kadetten met Füchse in the quarter-finals; they won the home leg by four goals but lost the return in Berlin by six against the eventual champions

- the reigning EL champions had a 10-match winning streak, which started in last season's quarter-final against Kadetten, ended by two defeats against Sporting CP in the main round
- Füchse have scored 320 goals, an average of 32 goals per match
- the German side has won a competition-leading 41 matches in the history of the EL; no other team has won 30 or more matches so far
- Füchse left back Lasse Andersson has dissed the second-largest number of assists this season: 49, nine less than leader Leonardo Abrahão from already eliminated ABC de Braga/UMinho
- in the previous three editions of the EL, Füchse made the EHF Finals twice and only missed out in 2021/22, losing to HBC Nantes in the Last 16

#### HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

#### Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Füchse Berlin 1-0-3 (123:134) 2:6

17.10.2012	Füchse Berlin vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:27 (14:11)
14.02.2013	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Füchse Berlin, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	35:40 (16:21)
11.04.2023	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs Füchse Berlin, EHF European League – Quarter-final	37:33 (19:18)
18.04.2023	Füchse Berlin vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, EHF European League – Quarter-final	30:24 (17:15)

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#### Kit colours

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

#### Dark

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



#### **Playing hall** BBC Arena

Schweizersbildstrasse 10 8207 Schaffhausen Switzerland Capacity: 3,500

# SCHAFFHAUSEN



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP MATCHES:**

@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L46:32 (25:11)
vs Elverum Handball	W32:30 (18:12)
@ HC Lovcen-Cetinje	W26:29 (10:11)
vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje	W36:26 (17:12)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W25:24 (15:16)
@ Elverum Handball	L31:27 (15:14)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP E:

	MΡ	VV	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P15
1. SG Flensburg-Handwitt	6	5	0	1	218:162	(+56)	10
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	4	0	2	181:183	(-2)	8
3. Elverum Handball	6	3	0	3	192:181	(+11)	6
4. HC Lovcen-Cetinje	6	0	0	6	141:206	(-65)	0

#### MAIN ROUND:

vs Vojvodina	W27:24 (15:13)
@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	L36:30 (17:15)
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	L33:34 (17:19)
@ Vojvodina	L24:21 (11:8)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP III:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	6	5	0	1	231:267	(+64)	10
2. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	6	3	0	3	178:197	(-19)	6
3. Kadetten Schaffhausen	6	2	0	4	168:188	(-20)	4
4. Vojvodina	6	2	0	4	155:180	(-25)	4

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	58
2. Ariel Pietrasik (POL)	44
3. Luka Maros (SUI)	34
4. Sandro Obranovic (CRO)	29
5. Patrik Martinovic (CRO)	29
4. Sandro Obranovic (CRO)	29

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (including 2023/24): 4 Quarter-finals (2): 2021/22, 2022/23 Last 16 (1): 2020/21

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

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

#### **EHF Cup**

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

#### **Cup Winners' Cup**

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

**Swiss league:** 13 titles (2005-07, 2010-12, 2014-17, 2019, 2022, 2023) **Swiss cup:** 9 titles (1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2021)





#### HRVOJE HORVAT Coach

- Croatian coach, arrived at Kadetten from German side Wetzlar in the summer of 2023 to replace Adalsteinn Eyolfsson
- head coach of Croatian national team from 2021-23; earlier, was assistant under Lino Cervar for three years
- left a coaching job at Nexe to focus on the national team
- former successful beach handball player, with seven medals from major competitions, including WCh gold
- son of legendary Croatian playmaker Hrvoje Horvat Cveba

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Patrik Martinović (AEK Athens/GRE) Adam Petric (Schaffhausen youth/SUI)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Sandro Obranovic (HC Kriens-Luzern) Robin Joel Heinis (unknown)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Kristian	Pilipovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	10/12/1994	Dakovo, CRO	191
2	Adam	Petric	CRO	Line Player	25/05/2005	Schaffhausen, SUI	204
2	Robin Joel	Heinis	SUI	Right Back	28/04/2002	Therwil Basel, SUI	<del>195</del>
3	Lukas	Hedinger	SUI	Right Back	10/01/2003	Schlieren, SUI	196
4	Mehdi	Ben Romdhane	SUI	Centre Back	02/12/2001	Yverdon-les Bains, SUI	188
5	Torben	Matzken	GER	Centre Back	01/02/2000	Mons, GER	188
6	Odinn Thor	Rikhardsson	ISL	Right Wing	23/10/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	183
7	Joan	Cañellas Reixach	ESP	Left Back	30/09/1986	S/M de Palautordera, ESP	198
8	David	Hrachovec	CZE	Right Wing	01/08/2003	Valasske Mezirici, CZE	187
9	Jonas	Schopper	GER	Line Player	05/02/1999	Singen, GER	185
10	Donát	Bartók	HUN	Right Back	13/07/1996	Szeged, HUN	192
11	Patrice	Bührer	SUI	Centre Back	19/01/1998	Schaffhausen, SUI	186
12	Ismaël	Ouedraogo	SUI	Goalkeeper	31/01/2005	Geneva, SUI	190
14	Sadok	Ben Romdhane	SUI	Right Back	02/12/2001	Romane, SUI	191
15	Marvin	Lier	SUI	Left Wing	08/09/1992	Zürich, SUI	186
16	Julien	Meyer	FRA	Goalkeeper	04/12/1996	Selestat, FRA	196
17	Jost	Brücker	SUI	Left Wing	17/02/1991	Bürglen, SUI	185
18	Ariel	Pietrasik	POL	Left Back	21/10/1999	Lodz, POL	202
19	Zoran	Markovic	SUI	Left Back	06/05/1995	Neuhausen, SUI	197
20	Luka	Maros	SUI	Left Back	30/02/1994	Dübendorf, SUI	196
21	Yannick	Lanz	SUI	Right Wing	12/08/2000	Schaffhausen, SUI	176
22	Benjamin	Zehnder	SUI	Left Wing	02/02/1997	Wädenswil, SUI	180
23	Rohat	Sahin	SUI	Line Player	01/04/2002	Arbon, SUI	191
<del>25</del>	Sandro	Obranovic	CRO	Left Back	18/10/1992	Karlovac, CRO	194
26	Lukas	Herburger	AUT	Line Player	19/12/1994	Bregenz, AUT	197
	Patrik	Martinović	CRO	Right Back	29/08/2000	Rijeka, CRO	188



#### KRISTIAN PILIPOVIC

#### Goalkeeper

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



#### **JOAN CAÑELLAS**

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#### Left back

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

Trophies: CL 2017

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016, 2020, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011, 2023



#### **LUKAS HERBURGFR**



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#### Line player

- · Austrian international, who has been Kadetten team captain since 2022/23
- has played for only two clubs in his career: Austrian side Alpla Hard and Kadetten
- moved from Hard to Schaffhausen with former Kadetten coach Petr Hrachovec
- plays for the Austrian national team since 2014; was part of the team that finished eighth at EHF EURO 2024, matching Austria's best ever result at a major event



#### ODINN THOR RIKHARDSSON



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#### **Right wing**

- Icelandic international, who arrived in Schaffhausen in 2022 from KA Akureyri
- EL top scorer with 110 goals in 2022/23 his first season with Kadetten
- previously played three years in Denmark, for Team Tvis Holstebro and GOG; also had a brief stint at VfL Gummersbach in 2021 before returning to Iceland
- made national team debut in 2017; played at 2023 WCh and EHF EURO 2024

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#### Kit colours

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

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



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# **FÜCHSE BERLIN**



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP MATCHES:**

vs Chambéry Savoie MBH	W24:22 (13:10)
@ HC Izvidac	W22:34 (13:13)
vs Dinamo Bucuresti	W33:30 (16:11)
@ Dinamo Bucuresti	W32:33 (17:16)
@ Chambéry Savoie MBH	W31:36 (14:17)
vs HC Izvidac	W34:23 (16:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP G:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Füchse Berlin	6	6	0	0	194:160	(+34)	12
2. Dinamo Bucuresti	6	4	0	2	218:168	(+50)	8
3. Chambéry Savoie MBH	6	2	0	4	181:181	(0)	4
4. HC Izvidac	6	0	0	6	150:234	(-84)	0

#### MAIN ROUND:

@ CSM Constanta W29:32 (15:14) vs Sporting CP L31:32 (19:13) @ Sporting CP L32:28 (17:17) vs CSM Constanta W35:31 (16:19)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP IV:

MPWDLPTS GF:GA GD 1. Sporting CP 192:176 (+16) 2. Füchse Berlin 4 192:186 (+6) 8 3. Dinamo Bucuresti 188:180 (+8) 4. CSM Constanta 165:195 (-30)

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Tim Freihöfer (GER)	45
2. Lasse Andersson (DEN)	41
3. Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	40
4. Nils Lichtlein (GER)	29
5. Hákun West av Teigum (FAR)	26

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4 Winners (1): 2022/23 Runners-up (1): 2020/21 Last 16 (1): 2021/22

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Semi-finals (1): 2011/12 Last 16 (1): 2012/13

#### **EHF Cup:**

Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18 Runners-up (2): 2016/17, 2018/19 Semi-finals (1): 2013/14

German league: -

German cup: 1 title (2014)





#### JARON SIEWERT Coach

- had been playing for Füchse since his childhood when he ended his career at 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach of Germany's national U18 team
- became head coach at second-division side TUSEM Essen in 2017/18, and led them to the Bundesliga two years later
- took over at Füchse from Michael Roth in 2020, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic
- suffered a stroke before the start of the 2022/23 season, but came back after just a few matches

Trophies: EL 2023

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Felix Mart (Füchse youth/GER)
Marcel Nowak (Potsdam/GER)
Lucas Mohr (Füchse youth/GER)
William Reichardt (Füchse youth/GER)
Sören Fuhrmann (Füchse youth/GER)
Florian Budde (Füchse youth/GER)
Ron Dieffenbacher (Füchse youth/GER)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Silas Overby (Mors-Thy/DEN) Michl Reichardt (Rostock/GER)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29/09/2002	Achern, GER	194
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08/02/1994	Belzig, GER	194
5	Max	Darj	SWE	Line Player	27/08/1991	Masthuggs, SWE	191
9	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13/09/1995	Rimbo, SWE	182
11	Lasse Bredekjaer	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11/03/1994	Copenhagen, DEN	196
13	Felix	Mart	GER	Centre Back	12/07/2004	Brandenburg, GER	185
15	Marcel	Nowak	POL	Right Back	07/02/2002	Berlin, GER	194
16	Maximilian	Grundmann	GER	Goalkeeper	27/05/2005	Lübben, GER	191
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31/07/2002	Regensburg, GER	183
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01/08/1981	Hoje-Taastrup, DEN	188
19	Mathias	Gidsel	DEN	Right Back	08/02/1999	Herning, DEN	190
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21/08/2002	Reutlingen, GER	174
21	Lucas	Mohr	GER	Left Back	24/12/2002	Potsdam, GER	192
22	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left Back	01/03/2002	Kreuztal, GER	195
23	William	Reichardt	GER	Left Back	23/04/2006	Güstrow, GER	194
24	Sören	Fuhrmann	GER	Right Back	06/09/2002	Bremen, GER	198
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30/03/2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192
<del>26</del>	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26/04/2000	Ahus, SWE	184
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27/05/2003	Greifswald, GER	205
<del>28</del>	Marvin	Siemer	GER	Left Wing	22/09/2004	Esslingen, GER	<del>-191</del>
30	Ron	Dieffenbacher	GER	Line Player	16/12/2003	Neustrelitz, GER	195
31	Florian	Budde	GER	Right Back	15/03/2005	Salzburg, AUT	185
32	Marvin	Kix	GER	Centre Back	27/07/2002	Hamburg, GER	186
33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03/01/2003	Augsburg, GER	194
34	Hákun West	Av Teigum	FAR	Right Wing	19/02/2002	Thorshavn, FAR	188
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12/02/1986	Pozega, CRO	210
<del>36</del>	Silas	Overby	DEN	Left Back	14/03/2005	Thisted, DEN	<del>-199</del>
43	Jann Keno	Jacobs	GER	Line Player	27/03/2002	Jever, GER	192
47	Michl	Reichardt	GER	Left Back	17/03/2004	Rostock, GER	<del>194</del>
87	Victor	Kireev	RUS	Goalkeeper	05/05/1987	Oblast Pensa, RUS	190
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09/03/1993	Berane, SCG	202
95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07/02/1995	Gummersbach, GER	192
96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16/03/1996	Pancevo, SRB	196
98	Elie	Ona	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/08/2003	Montpellier, FRA	<del>-196</del>



#### **DEJAN MILOSAVLJEV**

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#### Goalkeeper

- Serbian international who arrived at Füchse in the summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning the CL with the Macedonian side
- CL All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19; also crucial for Füchse in their run to the title in the EL 2022/23 season
- made senior debut at age 16, played for Red Star and Partizan in Belgrade before going abroad and joining Vardar in 2018

Trophies: CL 2019; EL 2023



#### LASSE ANDERSSON



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#### Left back

- Danish international, who joined Füchse in 2020 after four years with Barça
- played for Ringsted and Kolding in Denmark before moving abroad in 2016
- had national team debut in 2015; has won three medals with Denmark so far
- classic back court shooter; his shots have been measured at over 140 km/h

Trophies: EL 2023

WCh: G 2021; OG: S 2020; EURO: B 2022



#### MATHIAS GIDSEL



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#### **Right back**

- one of the leading players of a young generation of Danish internationals
- started professional career at GOG at age 18; joined Füchse in summer of 2022
- was top scorer, MVP, and gold medallist with Denmark at the 2023 WCh in Poland-Sweden; helped Füchse win the EL 2022/23 four months later
- tore knee ligaments at EHF EURO 2022 but was back on court after four months

Trophies: EL 2023

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



#### HANS LINDBERG



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#### Right wing

- Danish veteran, who has won a string of trophies with his clubs and the national team; playing in Germany since 2007: for Hamburg (2007-16) and Füchse (since 2016)
- initially set to leave Füchse in 2023, but added one more season to his stay in Berlin; will be 43 when he returns to Denmark and joins HØJ Elite for the 2024/25 season
- has scored more han 1,000 goals in total in European club competitions; is the alltime Bundesliga top scorer, broke Kyung-shin Yoon's record of 2,905 goals in 2023

Trophies: CL 2013: EL 2023: EHF Cup 2018 EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014, 2024, B 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013, B 2007

# RK NEXE VS RHEIN—NECKAR LÖWEN



1st leg: Tuesday 26 March at 20:45 CET, Nasice (CRO)
2nd leg: Tuesday 2 April at 20:45 CEST, Heidelberg (GER)



- Nexe had a mixed bag of results in the main round this season with two wins, one draw, and one defeat, which saw them finish third in group II
- during the main round in February, Nexe parted ways with their head coach Branko Tamše after three years, bringing in Veselin Vujović as his replacement
- only three teams have scored more than Nexe's tally of 333 goals in their 10 matches this season
- goalkeeper Dominik Kuzmanovic has made the third-largest number of saves this season: 109, with a 33.3 per cent saving efficiency
- Nexe have made the quarter-finals of the EL in the last two seasons, and advanced to the EHF Finals in 2022
- this season, Nexe are undefeated in their own arena after five home matches

- Löwen ended the group matches and opened the main round with backto-back defeats, but have won their next three matches since
- two of Löwen's backs, Niclas Kirkeløkke (60 goals) and Juri Knorr (52), are among the leading goal scorers of the current FL season
- Juri Knorr has also delivered the third-largest number of assists, 48, making him the player with highest number of goals and assissts combined this season
- Löwen hosted the inaugural EHF Finals Men in 2021, where they finished third; they then lost in qualification for the next EL season to eventual 2021/22 champions Sport e Lisboa Benfica
- goalkeeper David Späth has made the eighth-largest number of saves in the competition so far, 90

#### HFAD-TO-HFAD STATS

#### RK Nexe vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 0-1-1 (52:54) 1:3

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



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# **RK NEXE**



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

**GROUP MATCHES:** 

vs Skjern Håndbold	W39:25 (20:10)
vs ABC de Braga/UMinho	W38:28 (21:12)
@ MKS Povazska Bystrica	W28:39 (15:19)
vs MKS Povazska Bystrica	W35:28 (19:15)
@ Skjern Håndbold	L33:30 (18:15)
@ ABC de Braga/UMinho	W30:34 (12:17)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP D:

	MΡ	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PIS
1. RK Nexe	6	5	0	1	215:172	(+43)	10
2. Skjern Håndbold	6	4	0	2	191:172	(+19)	8
3. ABC de Braga/UMinho	6	2	0	4	173:188	(-15)	4
4. MKS Povazska Bystrica	6	1	0	5	161:208	(-47)	2

MAIN ROUND:

 vs IK Sävehof
 W29:28 (16:13)

 @ RK Gorenje Velenje
 D27:27 (15:13)

 vs RK Gorenje Velenje
 W34:27 (17:15)

 @ IK Sävehof
 L34:38 (17:15)

FINAL STANDINGS GROUP II:

MP W D L PTS GF:GA GD 1. Skjern Håndbold 4 194:185 (+9) 2. IK Sävehof 187:181 (+6) 3. RK Nexe 6 1 2 187:174 (+13) 7 4. RK Gorenje Velenje 171:199 (-28)

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Luka Moslavac (CRO)	47
Manuel Štrlek (CRO)	47
3. Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	33
Padrag Vejin (SRB)	33
5. Gianfranco Pribetic (CRO)	27

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (including 2023/24): 4 Semi-finals (1): 2021/22 Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23 Last 16 (1): 2020/21

#### Other

#### **EHF Cup**

Quarter-final (1): 2017/18 Last 16 (1): 2011/12 Group Phase (2): 2014/15, 2018/19

Croatian league: -Croatian cup: -





#### VESELIN VUJOVIĆ Coach

- Montenegrin coach, who took over in February 2024 when Nexe and Branko Tamše parted ways after three years
- has led a wide range of clubs in various nations during his nearly three-decade-long tenure as a coach since 1995, including Ciudad Real, Vardar, and Zagreb
- also coached the national teams of Serbia, Slovenia, and Iran; led the Serbian youth team to the under-18 world title in 2005
- former left back, who was named IHF World Player of the Year in 1988 and spent the last seven years of his playing career with Barça and Granollers in Spain
- won Olympic and world titles with Yugoslavia

Trophies: CWC 1995 (as player)

OG: G 1984, B 1988; WCh: G 1986, S 1982; EURO: B 1996

(as player); WCh: B 2017 (as coach)

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Matko Moslavac (Nexe youth/CRO) Ante Gadža (Al Noor/KSA)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Karlo Juric Ivan Petrovic



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Dominik	Kuzmanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	15/08/2002	Zagreb, CRO	191
	3	Marko	Racic	CRO	Line Player	04/03/1998	Vienna, AUT	209
	4	Aleksandar	Bakic	MNE	Left Wing	03/09/2000	Andrijevica, MNE	194
	5	Loris	Hromin	CRO	Right Wing	13/042006	Zadar, CRO	181
	10	Predrag	Vejin	SRB	Right Back	17/12/1992	Apatin, SRB	196
	11	Gal	Marguc	SLO	Right Wing	16/11/1996	Celje, SLO	187
	12	Moreno	Car	CRO	Goalkeeper	22/04/1996	Rijeka, CRO	184
С	13	Ivan	Srsen	CRO	Right Back	19/09/1992	Metkovic, CRO	196
	16	Mihailo	Radovanovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	18/12/1992	Cacak, SRB	194
	17	Matko	Moslavac	CRO	Left Back	15/02/2007	Virovitica, CRO	186
	18	Lovro	Jotic	CRO	Centre Back	12/11/1994	Zagreb, CRO	194
	20	Borna	Manci Micevic	CRO	Right Back	20/11/1997	Osijek, CRO	208
	21	Borna	Fruk	CRO	Left Wing	07/02/2006	Nasice, CRO	178
	22	Andraž	Velkavrh	SLO	Centre Back	31/05/1996	Koper, SLO	190
	24	Ante	Gadža	CRO	Centre Back	26/08/1992	Zagreb, CRO	195
	25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26/06/1986	Ptuj, SLO	184
	26	Manuel	Štrlek	CRO	Left Wing	01/12/1988	Zagreb, CRO	185
	27	Luka	Moslavac	CRO	Left Back	08/03/1998	Virovitica, CRO	195
	33	Mario	Tomic	CRO	Line Player	22/06/1988	Zagreb, CRO	191
	34	Ognjen	Cenic	SRB	Centre Back	30/07/2006	Leskovac, SRB	185
	35	Stjepan	Javorcek	CRO	Left Back	17/02/2006	Našice, CRO	196
	39	Adir	Cohen	ISR	Right Back	27/10/1998	Ashdod, ISR	195
	44	Fahrudin	Melic	MNE	Right Wing	22/07/1984	Prijepolje, SRB	183
	87	Gianfranco	Pribetic	CRO	Line Player	28/04/2000	Rijeka, CRO	195
	94	Karlo	Juric	CRO	Right Back	08/03/2004	Zagreb, CRO	<del>-202</del>
	99	Ivan	Petrovic	CRO	Line Player	03/12/2004	Osijek, CRO	<del>193</del>



#### MANUFI ŠTRIFK

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#### Left wing

- joined RK Nexe in the summer of 2023 for a return to Croatia after 11 years
- Croatian wing, who had his CL debut with Zagreb at age 18; played for Kielce for six seasons and won CL in 2016; moved to Veszprém in summer of 2018
- named CL All-star left wing several times
- Croatian international since his debut at the EHF EURO 2010 in Austria

Trophies: CL 2016

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



#### LUKA MOSLAVAC



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#### Left back

- · arrived at RK Nexe in 2021, joining after two years with RK Porec
- one of Nexe's leading scorers in the EL 2022/23 season with 58 goals, and in the 2023/24 group matches with 29 goals
- his mother played handball as well, father football; his brothers Karlo and Matko are also handball players



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#### Centre back

- · joined Nexe in 2023 after winning the CL with SC Magdeburg
- Nexe are only the fourth club in his career previously played for Jeruzalem Ormož and Gorenje Velenje before spending 10 years in Magdeburg
- shares playmaker position with Lovro Jotić and Andraž Velkavrh
- Slovenian international, won bronze at 2017 World Championship

Trophies: CL 2023, EL 2021

WCh: B 2017



#### FAHRUDIN MELIC

#### Right wing

- experienced Montenegrin wing, played his first European season two decades ago
- joined RK Nexe in November 2021, on a career journey that saw him play for clubs like Velenje in Slovenia, and PSG, Chambéry and Saint-Raphaël in France
- was Nexe's leading scorer in the EL 2022/23 season, with 72 goals
- · former member of the Montenegro national team



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#### Kit colours

Player shirt: orange Player short: blue GK shirt: purple

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



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# RHEIN-NECKAR LÖWEN



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **QUALIFICATION ROUND:**

@ HC Vardar 1961 W25:34 (14:14) vs HC Vardar 1961 W37:33 (17:17)

#### GROUP MATCHES:

@ IFK Kristianstad W20:26 (10:13) vs HBC Nantes W36:32 (19:17) @ Sport Lisboa e Benfica W35:36 (15:19) vs Sport Lisboa e Benfica W39:30 (20:17) vs IFK Kristianstad W36:28 (17:14) @ HBC Nantes L32:25 (14:11)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP A:

	MΡ	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. HBC Nantes	6	5	0	1	201:177	(+24)	10
2. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	6	5	0	1	198:177	(+21)	10
3. Sport Lisboa e Benfica	6	2	0	4	194:210	(-16)	4
4. IFK Kristianstad	6	0	0	6	162:191	(-29)	0

#### MAIN ROUND:

L29:26 (12:14) @ Górnik Zabrze vs TSV Hannover-Burgdorf W27:26 (11:13) @ TSV Hannover-Burgdorf W24:32 (13.15) vs Górnik Zabrze W27:23 (10:8)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP I:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. HBC Nantes	6	5	0	1	197:164	(+33)	10
2. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	6	4	0	2	173:166	(+7)	8
3. TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	6	2	0	4	174:187	(-13)	4
4. Górnik Zabrze	6	1	0	5	154:181	(-27)	2

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS\***

1. Niclas Kirkeløkke (DEN)	60
2. Juri Knorr (GER)	52
3. Jannik Kohlbacher (GER)	35
4. Jon Andersen (DEN)	29
5. Gustav Davidsson (SWE)	22

<sup>\*</sup> from the start of the group matches

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3 Semi-finals (1): 2020/21 Qualification (1): 2021/22

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Semi-finals (2): 2008/09; 2010/11 Quarter-finals (2): 2009/10, 2013/14

#### **EHF Cup:**

Winners (1): 2012/13 Semi-finals (1): 2011/12

#### **Cup Winners' Cup:**

Runners-up (1): 2007/08

**German league:** 2 titles (2016, 2017) **German cup:** 2 titles (2018, 2023)





# SEBASTIAN HINZE

- former line player, who arrived as head coach at Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2022 to replace Ljubomir Vranjes
- won the German cup with Löwen in his first season in charge, beating CL winners SC Magdeburg in a shoot-out in the final
- previously worked 10 seasons at Bergischer HC, the club where he had finished his playing career in 2011
- never played in the Bundesliga, but helped BHC promote to Germany's topflight in 2011 before retiring as a player

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Tobias Reichmann (was without club)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Theo Straub (Ludwigshafen/GER)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Mikael	Appelgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	06/09/1989	Uddevalla, SWE	192
	3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26/10/1986	Mannheim, GER	188
	6	Niclas Vest	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right Back	26/03/1994	Ringe, DEN	195
	8	Magnus	Grupe	GER	Centre Back	12/11/2004	Weinheim, GER	190
	9	Steven Plucna	rJacobsen	DEN	Line Player	22/10/2000	Solrod, DEN	200
	10	Juri	Knorr	GER	Centre Back	09/05/2000	Flensburg, GER	192
	11	Arnór Snær	Óskarsson	ISL	Right Back	22/02/2000	Rejkavik, ISL	180
	15	David	Móré	GER	Left Wing	13/06/2004	Memmingen, GER	185
	19	Philipp	Ahouansou	GER	Left Back	02/05/2001	Hanau, GER	204
	20	Andreas Hols	tJensen	DEN	Left Back	01/12/1994	Lemvig, DEN	202
	22	Gustav	Davidsson	SWE	Left Back	29/11/1999	Stockholm, SWE	193
С	24	Patrick	Groetzki	GER	Right Wing	04/071989	Pforzheim, GER	188
	25	Olle Forsell	Schefvert	SWE	Centre Back	13/08/1993	Halmstad, SWE	196
	26	Niklas	Michalski	GER	Right Wing	20/02/2003	Mannheim, GER	184
	27	Tobias	Reichmann	GER	Right Wing	27/05/1988	Berlin, GER	188
	29	David	Späth	GER	Goalkeeper	29/04/2002	Kaiserslautern, GER	200
	33	Ýmir	Gíslason	ISL	Line Player	01/07/1997	Reykjavik, ISL	196
	34	Valentin	Willner	GER	Line Player	16/01/2005	München, GER	194
	35	Joel	Birlehm	GER	Goalkeeper	25/04/1997	Herford, GER	195
	38	Dave	Hörnig	GER	Goalkeeper	16/11/2005	Offenburg, GER	190
	42	Jon Lindenchrone	Andersen	DEN	Right Back	02/01/1997	Nørre Snede, DEN	194
	45	Halil	Jaganjac	CRO	Left Back	22/06/1998	Rijeka, CRO	200
	46	Theo	Straub	GER	Right Wing	07/11/2004	Gelnhausen, GER	<del>-191</del>
	50	Lion	Zacharias	GER	Left Wing	20/06/2003	Mannheim, GER	184
	78	Fabian	Schwarzer	GER	Right Wing	03/07/2004	Wittlich, GER	184
	80	Jannik	Kohlbacher	GER	Line Player	19/07/1995	Bensheim, GER	190



#### MIKAEL APPELGREN

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#### Goalkeeper

- Swedish international, who arrived at Löwen from Melsungen in 2015 and won the Bundesliga title in the first two seasons with his new club
- named best goalkeeper of the Bundesliga in 2017/18 and again in 2018/19
- was out for almost two years following surgery on knee, shoulder and finger in 2020, but quickly got back to his old level and helped Löwen win the German cup in 2023

EURO: S 2018



#### JURI KNORR



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#### Centre back

- one of Germany's biggest talents, was 21 when he joined Löwen from Minden in 2021
- in 2022/23, scored 213 goals in the Bundesliga and won the German cup with Löwen
- made debut in the German national team in October 2020 and quickly developed into a key player
- made the All-star Team of the 2023 WCh as best young player, and of the EHF EURO 2024 as the centre back after leading Germany to the semi-finals



#### JANNIK KOHLBACHER



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#### Line player

- German international, who arrived at Löwen from Wetzlar in summer of 2018
- signed a new contract in July 2023 that keeps him in Mannheim until at least 2026
- played his first major event with the German national team at the Men's EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, and won gold right away
- contributed 29 goals to Germany's run to fifth place at the 2023 WCh, and scored 14 times at their home EHF EURO 2024 where Germany reached the semi-finals

EURO: G 2016



#### NICLAS KIRKELØKKE



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#### **Right back**

- Danish back who can also play on the wing; arrived at Löwen from GOG in 2019 but joins Bundesliga rivals and fellow EL contenders Flensburg in the summer of 2024
- · Löwen's best scorer in EL 2023/24 after the main round, with 60 goals
- came to GOG at age 12 in 2006 and played for the Danish club for 13 years, including the last seven in the senior team
- made national team debut for Denmark in November 2016

WCh: G 2023; EURO: S 2024, B 2022

# TSV HANNOVER-BURGDORF VS IK SÄVEHOF



1st leg: Tuesday 26 March at 20:45 CET, Hanover (GER) 2nd leg: Tuesday 2 April at 18:45 CEST, Partille (SWE)



- the German side came through group I of the main round despite losing all four matches against Nantes and Löwen
- with exactly 300 goals scored in the competition so far, Hannover have an average of 30 goals per match
- Hannover have reached the quarterfinals of a European club competition once before – in 2018/19, when they made it among the last eight of the EHF Cup before losing to Füchse Berlin
- Hannover's main issue has been their home matches, winning only two out of six, to go with three defeates and a draw
- Hannover have not met Sävehof before, but did play four matches against teams from Sweden in the past, winning twice and losing twice
- the two wins came against Ystad in the EL qualification round this season

- Sävehof are enjoying their best European campaign in 10 years, after they won the Challenge Cup in 2013/14
- the Swedish side has lost a single home match from the five they played this season – 29:27 against Skjern
- Sävehof have won 14 of their 22 matches in EL history, with a 63.6 per cent winning efficiency
- goalkeeper Simon Möller has the second-largest number of saves this season: 116, for a 36.2 per cent saving efficiency, the second-best between the shot stoppers with at least 50 saves
- Simon Möller also scored three times, including twice in Sävehof's crucial last main round match against Nexe
- with 330 goals scored this season, Sävehof have the sixth-best attack in the competition

#### HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

TSV Hannover-Burgdorf vs IK Sävehof 0-0-0

No previous encounters in EHF club competitions

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#### <u>Kit colo</u>urs

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: black Player short: black GK shirt: purple



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# TSV HANNOVER-BURGDORF



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

QUALIFICATION ROUND:

@ Ystads IF HF	W28:33 (12:15)
vs Ystads IF HF	W30:21 (11:10)
GROUP MATCHES:	
@ IIC Kriene Luzern	W23:31 (13:13)
@ HC Kriens-Luzern	VV Z 3:31 (13:13)

 vs Górnik Zabrze
 W34:28 (19:12)

 vs AEK Athens HC
 W31:25 (12:14)

 @ AEK Athens HC
 W29:34 (16:16)

 vs HC Kriens-Luzern
 D30:30 (14:14)

 @ Górnik Zabrze
 W29:32 (19:14)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP B:

MP	W	D	L	GF:GA GD	PTS
6	5	1	0	192:164 (+28)	11
6	3	1	2	179:171 (+8)	7
6	1	2	3	179:180 (-1)	4
6	1	0	5	158:193 (-35)	2
	<b>6</b> 6	6 5 6 3 6 1	6 5 1 6 3 1 6 1 2	6 5 1 0 6 3 1 2 6 1 2 3	MP         W         D         L         GF:GA         GD           6         5         1         0         192:164 (+28)           6         3         1         2         179:171 (+8)           6         1         2         3         179:180 (-1)           6         1         0         5         158:193 (-35)

#### MAIN ROUND:

vs HBC Nantes	L32:38 (17:18)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L27:26 (11:13)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L24:32 (13.15)
@ HBC Nantes	L33.26 (13:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP I:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS	
1. HBC Nantes	6	5	0	1	197:164	(+33)	10	
2. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	6	4	0	2	173:166	(+7)	8	
3. TSV Hannover-Burgdorf	6	2	0	4	174:187	(-13)	4	
4. Górnik Zabrze	6	1	0	5	154:181	(-27)	2	

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS\***

1. Uladzislau Kulesh (BLR)	33
2. Justus Fischer (GER)	32
3. Maximilian Gerbl (SUI)	30
4. Vincent Büchner (GER)	27
5. Jonathan Edvardsson (SWE)	26

<sup>\*</sup> from the start of the group matches

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

**EHF European League** 

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 1

Other

**EHF Cup** 

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19 Group phase (1): 2013/14

German league: -German cup: -





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# CHRISTIAN PROKOP

- former Germany national team coach, who has been in charge at Hannover-Burgdorf since 2021
- had to end his playing career early due to a knee injury and became a coach at age 25
- his breakthrough as coach came after he took over at Leipzig; was named Bundesliga Coach of the Year in 2016
- became Germany head coach in 2017 and reached the WCh semi-finals two years later, but lost his job in February 2020
- stands out in bringing young talents to a top level

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Luis Rodriguez (Hannover youth/GER)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Lukas	Reichenbach	GER	Goalkeeper	25/03/2002	Hildesheim, GER	184
	2	Branko	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	20/04/1998	Niksic, MNE	196
	4	Adam	Nyfjäll	SWE	Line Player	29/07/1992	Lysekil, SWE	196
	10	Renars	Uscins	GER	Right Back	29/04/2002	Dessau, GER	189
	16	Simon	Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	13/01/1997	Holstebro, DEN	194
С	19	Marius	Steinhauser	GER	Right Wing	06/02/1993	Karlsruhe, GER	187
	21	Dario	Quenstedt	GER	Goalkeeper	22/09/1989	Burg, GER	193
	22	Marian	Michalczik	GER	Centre Back	01/02/1997	Beckum, GER	199
	23	Uladzislau	Kulesh	BLR	Left Back	28/05/1996	Homel, BLR	206
	24	Niklas	Gautzsch	GER	Left Back	24/03/2003	Crivitz, GAB	206
	25	Tilen	Strmljan	SLO	Centre Back	01/03/1996	Ljubljana, SLO	185
	26	Jonathan	Edvardsson	SWE	Centre Back	07/04/1997	Partille, SWE	186
	28	Maximilian	Gerbl	SUI	Right Wing	25/06/1995	München, GER	178
	35	Thorge	Lutze	GER	Centre Back	07/01/2005	Göttingen, GER	188
	42	Martin	Hanne	GER	Left Back	12/05/2001	Peine, GER	191
	44	Ilija	Brozovic	CRO	Line Player	26/05/1991	Split, CRO	195
	46	Johannes	Thiel	GER	Right Back	13/02/2005	Lingen, GER	193
	54	Justus	Fischer	GER	Line Player	06/02/2003	Hanover, GER	193
	56	Hannes	Feise	GER	Left Wing	05/06/1996	Neustadt, GER	200
	58	Daniel	Weber	GER	Right Wing	04/01/2003	Bremervörde, GER	181
	61	Koray	Ayar	TUR	Line Player	22/0372000	Hanover, GER	181
	63	Justin	Wollny	GER	Left Wing	18/09/2002	Celle, GER	184
	74	Vincent	Büchner	GER	Left Wing	30/05/1998	Hildesheim, GER	180
	80	Luis	Rodroguez	GER	Line Player	22/11/2004		



#### SIMON GADE

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#### Goalkeeper

- Danish international, arrived at Hannover in 2023 after three years with Aalborg
- played three seasons in the CL, reached the final with Aalborg in 2020/21
- tall goalkeeper with fine reach, good reactions and strong ability for reading shots
- shares goalkeeper position with Dario Quenstedt, who previously was with Kiel
- · won silver with Denmark at the 2017 Junior WCh in Algeria



#### **BRANKO VUJOVIC**



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#### **Right back**

- Montenegrin international; a player of Polish powerhouse Kielce since 2015, but has been on loan with Hannover since 2022
- previously played two seasons on loan for Celje in Slovenia (2017-19)
- was only 17 when he left his native Montenegro to join Kielce in Poland in 2015; was part of the team that won the CL the following year

Trophies: CL 2016



#### TILEN STRMLJAN



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#### Centre back

- Slovenian international, who arrived in Hannover from Celje in the summer of 2023 for his first club abroad
- coming off his career best season, scoring 53 times for Celje in the CL 2022/23
- had first international experience with Ribnica in the EHF Cup, before joining Celje
- is rather a classical playmaker than a shooter



MARIUS STEINHAUSER



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#### **Right wing**

- Hannover's new team captain and one of their most prolific goal scorers
- joined the club in 2022; had previously won four straight Bundesliga titles with Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2016, 2017) and SG Flensburg-Handewitt (2018, 2019)
- started his career in the youth academy of Rhein-Neckar Löwen; was youth and junior national team player for Germany

Trophies: EHF Cup 2013

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Kit colours

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



#### Playing hall Partille Arena Arenatorget 2 43338 Partille

Capacity: 4,000

# IK SÄVEHOF



#### **ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS**

#### **GROUP MATCHES:**

@ REBI Balonmano Cuenca	W22:30 (8:14)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W36:34 (18:17)
vs Pfadi Winterthur	W41:20 (21:11)
@ Pfadi Winterthur	W29:32 (14:17)
vs REBI Balonmano Cuenca	W40:27 (21:9)
@ RK Gorenje Velenje	D28:28 (12:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP C:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. IK Sävehof	6	5	1	0	207:160	(+47)	11
2. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	2	1	3	182:170	(+12)	5
3. REBI Balonmano Cuenca	6	2	0	4	153:181	(-28)	4
4. Pfadi Winterthur	6	2	0	4	163:194	(-31)	4

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@ RK Nexe	L29:28 (16:13)
vs Skjern Håndbold	L27:29 (12:13)
@ Skjern Håndbold	W33:34 (16:18)
vs RK Nexe	W34:38 (17:15)

#### FINAL STANDINGS GROUP II:

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	PTS
1. Skjern Håndbold	6	4	0	2	194:185	(+9)	8
2. IK Sävehof	6	3	1	2	187:181	(+6)	7
3. RK Nexe	6	3	1	2	187:174	(+13)	7
4. RK Gorenje Velenje	6	0	2	4	171:199	(-28)	2

#### **CURRENT TOP SCORERS**

1. Óli Mittún (FAR)	54
2. Gustaf Wedberg (SWE)	52
3. Sebastian Spante (SWE)	42
4. Felix Möller (SWE)	39
5. William Andersson (SWE)	35

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3 Last 16 (1): 2021/22 Qualification (1): 2022/23

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League**

Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2011/12 Group phase (4): 2005/06, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2019/20

#### **EHF Cup**

Last 16 (1): 2006/07

#### **EHF Challenge Cup**

Winners (1): 2013/14 Semi-finals: 2002/03

**Swedish league:** 7 titles (2004, 2005, 2010-12, 2019, 2021) **Swedish cup:** 1 title (2022)





# MICHAEL APELGREN

- former Sävehof player who returned to the club as head coach in 2020, after six years in charge of Elverum
- set to take over at CL club Szeged in Hungary in 2024/25, his first coaching job outside Scandinavia
- also played for Djurgardens, Hammarby, Granollers, Puerto Puerto Sagunto, and Elverum, and appeared in the Swedish national team five times
- his grandfather and father were both football players, while his mother played handball

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Tobias Johansson (Redbergslids IK/SWE) Leon Halén (Sävehof youth/SWE)

#### DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Marcus Lennernäs (Eskilstuna/SWE)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Oscar	Sävinger	SWE	Goalkeeper	13/06/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	197
	2	Emil	Johannisson	SWE	Line Player	01/06/2004	Partille, SWE	192
	3	Emil	Berlin	SWE	Right Back	24/02/2001	Göteborg, SWE	188
	5	Olle	Ek	SWE	Centre Back	01/11/1997	Sofia, SWE	186
	6	Adam	Blanche	SWE	Line Player	18/10/2000	Stockholm, SWE	193
	7	Felix	Möller	SWE	Line Player	04/09/2002	Henstedt-Ulzburg, GER	194
	8	Kelvin	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	17/01/2003	Partille, SWE	192
	10	Alexander Ørjevik	Westby	NOR	Left Wing	26/03/1993	Lørenskog, NOR	185
	11	Gustaf	Wedberg	SWE	Right Wing	18/04/1999	Partille, SWE	178
С	12	Simon	Möller	SWE	Goalkeeper	02/07/2000	Eutin, GER	190
	13	Tobias	Johansson	SWE	Right Back	08/04/1989	Partille, SWE	192
	14	Tobias	Trommler	SWE	Line Player	06/07/2004	Partille, SWE	190
	15	Sebastian	Durlanu	SWE	Centre Back	24/05/2004	Göteborg, SWE	181
	16	Arvid	Norén	SWE	Goalkeeper	21702/2004	Göteborg, SWE	195
	17	Sebastian	Spante	SWE	Left Wing	26/07/2000	Haga, SWE	176
	18	Pontus	Brolin	SWE	Left Back	25/12/2000	Kloster, SWE	193
	19	Tryggvi	Þórisson	ISL	Line Player	18/06/2002	Sellfoss, ISL	200
	21	David	Sandberg	SWE	Left Back	10/05/1998	Säve, SWE	197
	22	Alexander	Hambalek	SWE	Centre Back	07/05/2004	Styrstad, SWE	182
	23	Leon	Halén	SWE	Left Wing	25/07/2006	Partille, SWE	184
	24	Fabian	Blomberg	SWE	Centre Back	24/10/2006	Barcelona, ESP	184
	25	Malte	Celander	SWE	Right Wing	18/03/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	190
	26	Lowe	Knutsson	SWE	Right Back	26/11/2005	Sävedalen, SWE	184
	27	Johan	Rahm	SWE	Left Wing	25/07/2004	Sävedalen, SWE	182
	<del>28</del>	Marcus	Lennernäs	SWE	Right Back	24/04/2002	Gottsunda, SWE	<del>195</del>
	30	Melwin	Kolmskog	SWE	Goalkeeper	09/05/2005	Bromma, SWE	183
	31	William	Andersson Moberg	SWE	Centre Back	25/03/2000	Partille, SWE	183
	34	Arvid	Uusvoog	SWE	Right Wing	02/08/2005	Partille, SWE	178
	45	Neo	Kollryd	SWE	Left Back	02/10/2004	Åldihem, SWE	195
	78	Óli	Mittún	FAR	Centre Back	10/06/2005	Torshavn, FAR	186



#### SEBASTIAN SPANTE

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#### Left wing

- talented left wing, who joined Sävehof in 2018 from his youth club Stenungsund
- Sävehof's third-best scorer after EL 2023/24 main round with 42 goals, by far his personal best for a European season
- playing in the EL for the third straight season, made his international debut with Sävehof in the CL 2019/20 season
- became Swedish champion with Sävehof in 2019 and 2021



#### KFI VIN ROBFRTS



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#### Left back

- made full debut for Sävehof in 2022, has become ever more important for the team
- plays as a left back, but can also feature on the left wing; made the M20 EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team as left wing
- his sister, Jamina, is a Swedish international and won the CL with Vipers in 2023
- their father. James, was a sailor who came to Sweden from Aruba in the 1970s



#### **ÓLLMITTÚN**



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#### Centre back

- one of Faroe Islands' biggest talents; cousin of fellow internationals and brothers Elias and Rói Ellefsen á Skipagøtu
- his brother Pauli is also an international; sister Jana features in the Danish league
- initially also played football, but ultimately choose handball as his sport
- top scorer of M18 EHF EURO 2022 with 80 goals, and 2023 Youth WCh with 87 goals; part of senior Faroe Islands national team that made EHF EURO debut in 2024



FELIX MÖLLER



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#### Line player

- Swedish international, who came through the youth ranks of Sävehof and had his senior debut for the club in 2019; was included in Sävehof's CL 2019/20 squad
- his breakthrough season was 2020/21, when Sävehof won the Swedish league title
- made national team debut in November 2021 and won EHF EURO two months later. but was not part of the Swedish team that won bronze at EHF EURO 2024
- was born in Germany, where his father Peter played for Hamburg at that time

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## **I TOP SCORERS 2023/24\***

# 65 goals



**Andrii Akimenko** *Dinamo Bucuresti* 

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Andrii Akimenko (UKR)	Dinamo Bucuresti	65
2	Taras Minotskyi (UKR)	Górnik Zabrze	63
3	Niclas Kirkeløkke (DEN)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	60
	Andre Schmid (SUI)	HC Kriens-Luzern	60
5	Tilen Sokolic (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje	59
6	Odinn Thor Rikhardsson (ISL)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	58
7	Viktor Bergholt (DEN)	Skjern Handbold	57
8	Óli Mittún (FAR)	IK Sävehof	54
9	Francisco Costa (POR)	Sporting CP	53
	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes	53
11	Martim Costa (POR)	Sporting CP	52
	Juri Knorr (GER)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	52
	Gustaf Wedberg (DEN)	IK Sävehof	52
14	Lasse Møller (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	51
	Orri Freyr Thorkelsson (ISL)	Sporting CP	51
16	Joaquim Nazaré (POR)	Skjern Handbold	49
17	Barys Pukhouski (BLR)	Vojvodina	48
18	Mikalai Aliokhin (BLR)	CSM Constanta	47
	Luka Moslavac (CRO)	RK Nexe	47
	Manuel Štriek (CRO)	RK Neve	47

<sup>\*</sup> starting from group matches (qualification round not included) **bold** = still in competition



# HISTORY

# I PAST CHAMPIONS 1994-2023

#### **EHF European League Men**

Füchse Berlin (GER) 2023 2022 SL Benfica (POR) 2021 SC Magdeburg (GER)

#### Men's EHF Cup

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

#### Men's EHF Cup

#### **Men's Cup Winners' Cup**

2012	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)	2012	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
2011	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)	2011	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2010	TBV Lemgo (GER)	2010	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2009	VfL Gummersbach (GER)	2009	Pevafersa Valladolid (ESP)
2008	HSG Nordhorn (GER)	2008	MKB Veszprém KC (HUN)
2007	SC Magdeburg (GER)	2007	HSV Hamburg (GER)
2006	TBV Lemgo (GER)	2006	Chekhovskie Medvedi (RUS)
2005	Tusem Essen (GER)	2005	C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP)
2004	THW Kiel (GER)	2004	Portland San Antonio (ESP)
2003	FC Barcelona (ESP)	2003	A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
2002	THW Kiel (GER)	2002	A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
2001	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)	2001	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)
2000	Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)	2000	Portland San Antonio (ESP)
1999	Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)	1999	Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP)
1998	THW Kiel (GER)	1998	Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP)
1997	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	1997	Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)
1996	BM Granollers (ESP)	1996	TBV Lemgo (GER)
1995	BM Granollers (ESP)	1995	FC Barcelona (ESP)
1994	Aliza Avidesa (ESP)	1994	FC Barcelona (ESP)

## **I ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020–24**

1 2	Füchse Berlin GER RK Nexe CRO	54 52	41 29	_	11 20	1643:1418 1535:1494	+225 +41		(4) 77,78% (4) 58,65%
3	SC Magdeburg GER	32	28	_	2	1032:844	+188		(2) 90,63%
4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI		<b>26</b>		<b>1</b> 8	1445:1435	+100		(4) 58,00%
5	Sporting CP POR	48	27	_	18	1415:1331	+84		(4) 59,38%
6	Orlen Wisla Plock POL	32	23	1	8	949:828	+121		(2) 73,44%
7	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER		20		3	836:671	+165		(2) 85,42%
8	Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER		19		5	793:709	+84		(2) 76,92%
9	Montpellier HB FRA	30	19	_	9	875:793	+82		(2) 66,67%
-	GOG DEN	28	18	_	8	897:849	+48		(2) 67,86%
	Sport Lisboa e Benfica POR		17	2	15	1080:1064	+16		(3) 52,94%
	HBC Nantes FRA	24	16		5	749:658	+91		(2) 72,92%
	IK Sävehof SWE	22	14	_	7	703:636	+67		(2) 65,91%
	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD		12	5	17	881:906	-25		(3) 42,65%
	USAM Nimes Gard FRA	24	11		8	675:650	+25		(2) 56,25%
	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER	16	13	0	3	517:444	+73	26:6	(1) 81,25%
	Skjern Handbold DEN	22	12	0	10	676:638	+38		(2) 54,55%
	Fenix Toulouse Handball FRA	22	9	3	10	587:585	+2		(2) 47,73%
19	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS	24	10	1	13	654:660	-6		(2) 43,75%
20	Fraikin BM. Granollers ESF	16	9	1	6	504:483	+21		(1) 59,38%
21	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	20	9	1	10	623:580	+43		(2) 47,50%
22	Bidasoa Irun ESP	24	8	2	14	698:706	-8	18:30	(2) 37,50%
	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	24	7	4	13	690:731	-41	18:30	(2) 37,50%
24	Skanderborg-Aarhus DEN	12	8	0	4	366:338	+28	16:8	(1) 66,67%
25	IFK Kristianstad SWE	20	7	1	12	562:598	-36	15:25	(2) 37,50%
	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	10	7	0	3	307:304	+3	14:6	(1) 70,00%
31	MOL Tatabanya KC HUN	26	6	0	20	692:769	-77		(3) 23,08%
	TSV Hannover-Burgdorf GER		5	1	4	300:294	+6	11:9	(1) 55,00%
	Vojvodina SRB	10	5	0	5	276:289	-13	10:10	(1) 50,00%
	BM Logroño La Rioja ESP	16	4	2	10	470:493	-23		(2) 31,25%
	AEK Athens HC GRE	16	5	0	11	432:476	-44		(2) 31,25%
	Górnik Zabrze POL	10	4	1	5	276:286	-10	9:11	(1) 45,00%
	CSM Constanta ROU	10	4	1	5	280:291	-11	9:11	(1) 45,00%
	Elverum Handball NOR	6	3	0	3	192:181	+11	6:6	(1) 50,00%
	Pfadi Winterthur SUI	16	3	0	13	434:522	-88	6:26	(2) 18,75%
	ChamberySavoieMontBlancHBFRA		2	0	4	181:181	0	4:8	(1) 33,33%
	HC Kriens-Luzern SUI	6	1	2	3	179:180	-1	4:8	(1) 33,33%
	ABC de BRAGA / UMinho POR		2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8	(1) 33,33%
	REBI Balonmano Cuenca ESF		2	0	4	153:181	-28	4:8	(1) 33,33%
	HC Alkaloid MKD	6	1	1	4	166:187	-21	3:9	(1) 25,00%
	MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK		1	0	5	161:208	-47	2:10	(1) 16,67%
	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL		0	1	5	138:197	-59	1:11	(1) 8,33%
	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	6	0	0	6	141:206	-65	0:12	(1) 0,00%
63	HC Izvidac BIH	6	0	0	6	150:234	-84	0:12	(1) 0,00%

<sup>-</sup> bold = part of 2023/24 knockout phase (play-offs/quarter-finals)

<sup>- (</sup>x) = number of seasons played (including 2023/24)

x% = winning percentage

<sup>-</sup> last updated after 2023/24 main round (qualification matches *not* included for any season)

#### **TOP 10 BIGGEST WIN**

28	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
24	Montpellier HB FRA vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
23	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
21	IK Sävehof SWE vs Pfadi Winterthur SUI	41:20 (21:11), 14.11.2023
20	Skjern Handbold DEN vs MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	42:22 (21:10), 24.10.2023
19	SC Magdeburg GER vs Besiktas Aygaz TUR	41:22 (21:11), 09.02.2021
19	Orlen Wisla Plock POL @ HC Metalurg MKD	19:38 (9:16), 14.02.2021
19	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:34 (17:19), 05.03.2024
18	SC Magdeburg GER @ Besiktas Aygaz TUR	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020
17	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER @ Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	23:40 (11:20), 07.02.2023
17	Sporting CP POR vs KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023

#### **TOP 10 BIGGEST HALF-TIME LEAD**

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

#### **TOP 10 MOST GOALS**

52	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
46	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
46	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
46	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
45	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD	45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021
45	Skjern Handbold DEN vs RK Gorenje Velenje SLO	45:31 (22:16), 13.02.2024
45	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN	26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
43	IK Sävehof SWE vs BM Logroño	43:31 (23:16), 19.10.2021
43	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
43	Füchse Berlin GER @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
43	Montpellier HB FRA vs FTC HUN	43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023

#### **TOP 10 MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

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

#### **TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS**

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

#### **TOP 10 FEW EST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

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

#### TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO IV/IN A GAME

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

#### TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO DRAW A GAME

-6	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	25:25 (16:10), 17.11.2020
-5	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD @ Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI	28:28 (16:11), 26.10.2021
-5	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL vs CSM Constanta ROU	29:29 (14:19), 21.11.2023
-4	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER	30:30 (17:13), 02.02.2021
-4	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs SL Benfica POR	27:27 (11:15), 03.05.2022
-4	FTC HUN vs Valur ISL	33:33 (14:18), 06.12.2022
-3	Fenix Toulouse Handball FRA vs Abanca Ademar Leon ESP	28:28 (14:17), 24.11.2020
-3	HC Metalurg MKD vs Fivers AUT	33:33 (16:19), 22.12.2020
-3	BM Logroño La Rioja ESP vs SC Magdeburg GER	29:29 (13:16), 16.11.2021
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO @ PAUC Handball FRA	26:26 (17:14), 23.11.2021
-3	TBV Lemgo Lippe GER vs HBC Nantes FRA	37:37 (17:20), 22.02.2022
-3	Cocks FIN vs TBV Lemgo Lippe GER	29:29 (12:15), 01.03.2022
-3	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP @ HC Metalurg MKD	27:27 (16:13), 02.03.2021
-3	SC Magdeburg GER @ Sporting CP POR	29:29 (16:13), 29.03.2022
-3	HC Alkaloid MKD @ BM Logroño La Rioja	29:29 (18:15), 24.10.2023
-3	RK Gorenje Velenje SLO vs IK Sävehof SWE	28:28 (12:15), 05.12.2023

#### TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF

52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
26:45 (17:19), 05.03.2024
46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
45:30 (22:13), 23.02.2021
39:31 (23:12), 20.04.2021
43:31 (23:16), 19.10.2021
46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
42:30 (23:15), 13.12.2022
38:31 (15:14), 14.02.2023
32:40 (17:23), 14.02.2023
43:29 (23:11), 28.03.2023
24:40 (11:17), 28.11.2023
nalf 36:33 (13:14), 05.12.2023
45:31 (22:16), 13.03.2024

#### TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

45	Valur ISL vs FTC HUN – 2nd half	43:39 (22:15), 25.10.2022
42	GOG DEN vs Cocks FIN – 2nd half	46:30 (22:12), 26.10.2021
42	GOG DEN vs RK Nexe CRO – 1st half	37:37 (22:20), 03.05.2022
42	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 2nd half	46:32 (25:11), 17.10.2023
42	Dinamo Bucuresti ROU vs HC Izvidac BIH – 2nd half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
41	Frisch Auf Göppingen GER vs Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN – 1st half	46:30 (23:18), 25.10.2022
41	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs Füchse Berlin GER – 2nd half	34:43 (14:22), 22.11.2022
41	Fejer BAL-Veszprem HUN vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	31:39 (16:25), 29.11.2022
40	Abanca Ademar Leon ESP vs HC Metalurg MKD – 2nd half	<b>4</b> 1:32 (20:13), 17.11.2020
40	Fivers AUT vs HC Metalurg MKD – 2nd half	45:30 (22:13), 23.02 <b>.2021</b>
40	SC Magdeburg GER vs Sporting CP FOR – 1st half	36:35 (21:19), 05.04.2022
40	RK Nexe CRO vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP -2nd half	39:36 (19:16), 06.12.2022
40	Montpellier HB FRA vs Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 1st half	40:36 (22:18), 07.02.2023
40	Sporting CP POR vs Fraikin BM. Granollers ESP – 2nd half	38:31 (15:14), 14.02.2023
40	Bidasoa Irun ESP vs Füchse Berlin GER – 1st half	32:40 (17:23), 14.02.2023

#### TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF

5	Alingsas HK SWE vs HC CSKA RUS – 1st half	23:31 (5:16), 16.02.2021
6	Alingsas HK SWE @ SC Magdeburg GER – 2nd half	36:21 (18:15), 23.02.2021
6	HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD vs USAM Nimes Gard FRA – 1st half	21:26 (6:15), 19.10.2021
7	Besiktas Aygaz TUR @ Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	40:16 (23:7), 24.11.2020
7	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Fenix Toulouse Handball – 2nd half	19:31 (12:16), 07.12.2021
7	HC Izvidac BIH @ Dinamo Bucuresti ROU – 1st half	52:24 (27:7), 17.10.2023
7	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ Sporting CP POR – 1st half	37:20 (20:7), 17.10.2023
7	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 2nd half	19:35 (12:15), 24.10.2023
7	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 2nd half	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
8	Fivers AUT @ Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 2nd half	32:23 (17:15), 20.10.2020
8	Besiktas Aygaz TUR vs SC Magdeburg GER – 1st half	23:41 (8:20), 20.10.2020
8	RK Nexe CRO vs Montpellier HB FRA – 1st half	22:23 (8:10), 17.11.2020
8	RK Nexe CRO @ HC CSKA RUS – 1st half	29:18 (15:8), 24.11.2020
8	Alingsas HK SWE @ Montpellier HB FRA – 2nd half	32:21 (16:13), 01.12.2020
8	RK Nexe CRO vs SC Magdeburg GER – 1st half	24:32 (8:15), 01.12.2020
8	Sporting CP POR @ TATRAN Presov SVK – 2nd half	24:21 (12:13), 16.02.2021
8	Chekhovskie medvedi RUS @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER – 1st half	37:27 (19:8), 20.04.2021
8	Füchse Berlin GER @ SC Magdeburg GER – 1st half	28:25 (15:8), 23.05.2021
8	GOG DEN @ HBC Nantes FRA – 1st half	27:24 (11:8), 16.11.2021
8	TATRAN Presov SVK vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL – 1st half	15:29 (8:13), 22.02.2022
8	AEK Athens HC GRE @ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD – 1st half	30:19 (10:8), 08.03.2022
8	Orlen Wisla Plock POL vs SL Benfica PORF – 1st half	19:26 (8:10), 28.05.2022
8	TATRAN Presov SVK @ Frisch Auf Göppingen GER – 1st half	34:24 (19:8), 29.11.2022
8	Aguas Santas Milaneza POR @ HC Motor UKR – 1st half	30:24 (13:8), 13.12.2022
8	HC Motor UKR vs RK Nexe CRO – 1st half	23:27 (8:13), 21.03.2023
8	REBI Balonmano Cuenca ESP vs IK Sävehof SWE – 1st half	22:30 (8:14), 17.10.2023
8	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ CSM Constanta ROU – 1st half	29:18 (15:8), 14.11.2023
8	SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER @ Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI – 2nd half	25:24 (15:16), 28.11.2023
8	HC Lovcen-Cetinje MNE @ SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER – 1st half	42:19 (24:8), 05.12.2023
8	Vojvodina SRB @ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg DEN – 2nd half	26:22 (13:14), 05.12.2023
8	HC Izvidac BIH @ Füchse Berlin GER – 2nd half	34:23 (16:15), 05.12.2023
8	KGHM Chrobry Glogow POL @ MOL Tatabanya KC HUN – 1st half	37:24 (20:8), 05.12.2023
8	Górnik Zabrze POL @ Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER – 1st half	27:23 (10:8), 05.03.2024
8	Kadetten Schaffhausen SUI @ Vojvodina SRB – 1st half	24:21 (11:8), 05.03.2024

#### TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

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

#### **LONGEST WINNING RUN**

 SC Magdeburg GER
 14 matches (01.12.2020 – 26.10.2021)

 Füchse Berlin GER
 12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)

 Füchse Berlin GER
 10 matches (18.04.2023 – 13.02.2024)

 Frisch Auf Göppingen
 9 matches (13.12.2022 - 18.04.2023)

 Orlen Wisla Plock POL
 8 matches (20.10.2020 – 20.02.2021)

 Orlen Wisla Plock POL
 8 matches (23.11.2021 - 29.03.2022)

 HBC Nantes FRA
 8 matches (14.11.2023 – 05.03.2024)

#### **LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN**

 SC Magdeburg GER
 27 matches (01.12.2020 – 28.05.2022)

 Füchse Berlin GER
 12 matches (25.10.2022 – 28.03.2023)

 Rhein-Neckar Löwen GER
 11 matches (17.11.2020 – 30.03.2021)

 Orlen Wisla Plock POL
 11 matches (23.11.2021 – 03.05.2022)

 Füchse Berlin GER
 10 matches (18.04.2023 – 13.02.2024)

#### **LONGEST LOSING RUN**

 Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN
 12 matches (17.11.2020 – 26.10.2021)

 Besiktas Aygaz TUR
 10 matches (20.10.2020 – 02.03.2021)

 Cocks FIN
 8 matches (19.10.2021 - 22.02.2022)

 TATRAN Presov SVK
 8 matches (26.10.2021 – 01.03.2022)

 Pfadi Winterthur SUI
 8 matches (30.11.2021 - 17.10.2023)

 IFK Kristianstad SWE
 8 matches (13.04.2021 - 05.12.2023)

#### LONGEST RUN WITHOUT WIN

 Grundfos Tatabanya KC HUN
 12 matches (17.11.2020 - 26.10.2021)

 Besiktas Aygaz TUR
 10 matches (20.10.2020 - 02.03.2021)

 HC Metalurg MKD
 9 matches (20.10.2020 - 02.03.2021)

 Cocks FIN
 9 matches (19.10.2021 - 01.03.2022)

 PAUC Handball FRA
 9 matches (19.10.2021 - 01.03.2022)

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