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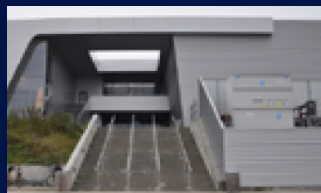
MOTW Round 6: Aalborg Håndbold vs Kolstad Handball

# AALBORG HÅNDBOLD (DEN) VS KOLSTAD HANDBALL (NOR)

## GROUP A



Wednesday 25 October 2023, 18:45 CEST



**Playing hall**  
**Sparekassen Danmark Arena**  
 Willy Brandts Vej 31  
 9220 Aalborg Ost  
 Denmark  
 Capacity: 5,500

## ROUND 6



### Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24, leading goal scorers:

Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	31
Mads Hoxer (DEN)	22
Aleks Vlah (SLO)	22
Simon Hald (DEN)	18
Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	13
Kristian Bjørnsen (NOR)	12
Lukas Nilsson (SWE)	10
Rene Antonsen (DEN)	8

### Save efficiency:

Niklas Landin (DEN)	24.26%
Fabian Norsten (DEN)	23.33%

- The MOTW in round 6 of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League group phase features the 2020/21 runners-up, Aalborg Håndbold, and a team having their CL debut this season: Kolstad Handball.

- Aalborg play their ninth CL season and are the only team from Denmark to reach the final of this competition; they lost against Barça in 2021.

- Kolstad play only their second European season; in 2022/23, they lost in qualification for the group phase of the EHF European League Men.

- As a result, both teams have not played each other before in a European club competition.

- Kolstad are ranked third in group A with six points; Aalborg are one of three teams in the group on five.

- Last week, both teams played against the top-two ranked sides of group A: Kolstad handed THW Kiel their first defeat of the season (34:30), while Aalborg played well in Paris but ultimately lost 33:30 against Paris Saint-Germain Handball.

- Kolstad captain Sigvaldi Gudjonsson is the leading scorer in the CL after netting 36 times in five rounds; Mikkel Hansen is Aalborg's best scorer, with 31 goals.

- Aalborg's squad includes Norwegian internationals Sebastian Barthold and Kristian Bjørnsen.

- Kolstad's Sander Sagosen played two seasons for Aalborg – in 2014-16, before he joined PSG.

- Besides five Aalborg players from that time, Sagosen faces three former teammates from his last two clubs: he played with Henrik Møllgaard and Mikkel Hansen at PSG, and with Niklas Landin at Kiel.

- The arena in Aalborg is the venue where Sagosen played during his first major event with Norway – the EHF EURO in 2014, when he was just 18 years old.

- Aalborg's Aleks Vlah (SLO) is the only player across both squads who is not from a Nordic country.

- Kolstad have only one non-Norwegian player in their squad: team captain and right wing Sigvaldi Gudjonsson is from Iceland.

- Seven players involved in this MOTW all competed for German teams last season: Aalborg's Niklas Landin (Kiel), Fabian Norsten (VfL Gummersbach), and Lukas Nilsson (Rhein-Neckar Löwen); and Kolstad's Sander Sagosen (Kiel), Gøran Johannessen, Magnus Rød, and Simon Hald (all SG Flensburg-Handewitt).

- Kolstad head coach Christian Berge previously led the Norwegian men's national team for eight years.

- Aalborg lost to GOG in the play-offs for the Danish league title for a second straight year in 2022/23; Kolstad beat Elverum Handball in the final series for the domestic title in Norway last season.

### Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24, leading goal scorers:

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (ISL)	36
Sander Sagosen (NOR)	25
Gøran Johannessen (NOR)	20
Adrian Aalberg (NOR)	18
Simen Lyse (NOR)	15
Magnus Rød (NOR)	12
Magnus Gullerud (NOR)	11
Gabriel Setterblom (NOR)	9

### Save efficiency:

Torbjørn Bergerud (NOR)	34.04%
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### Domestic league

#### Herreligaen

#### Last 3 games:

22/10 vs Fredericia	W35:27
15/10 @ Skanderborg	W19:26
07/10 @ Holstebro	W27:35

#### Next game:

29/10 @ Nordsjælland Håndbold

#### Standings as of 24/10:

<b>1. Aalborg</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>341:267</b>	<b>20</b>
2. Mors-Thy	10	298:272	14
3. Fredericia	10	294:284	13
4. Bjerringbro-S.	10	318:286	13
5. Ribe-Esbjerg	10	313:296	12
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14. Kolding	10	288:324	3

### Domestic league

#### REMA 1000-ligaen

#### Last 3 games:

22/10 @ Sandnes	W25:39
15/10 vs Viking	W36:25
07/10 @ Elverum	W27:32

#### Next game:

29/10 vs Drammen HK

#### Standings as of 24/10:

1. Drammen	8	253:217	15
<b>2. Kolstad</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>270:217</b>	<b>13</b>
3. Elverum	8	253:230	12
4. Arendal	8	252:233	9
5. Haslum	8	252:236	9
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14. Kristiansand	8	209:242	2

## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Aalborg Håndbold vs Kolstad Handball 0-0-0

No previous matches in European club competitions

## AALBORG HÅNDBOLD VS NORWEGIAN CLUBS 6-0-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2019/20	Elverum Handball	30:28	34:24	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Elverum Handball	32:27	34:28	EHF Champions League Men – Group A
2022/23	Elverum Handball	31:24	33:25	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B

## KOLSTAD HANDBALL VS DANISH CLUBS 0-0-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
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No previous matches in European club competitions

## LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



### Aalborg Håndbold: current run – winless three

18.10.2023 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 33:30
12.10.2023 Zagreb CRO	@ HC Zagreb CRO	D 30:30
27.09.2023 Szeged HUN	@ OTP Bank - PICK Szeged HUN	L 34:27
20.09.2023 Aalborg DEN	vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	W 38:23
13.09.2023 Kielce POL	@ Industria Kielce POL	W 31:34
30.03.2023 Odense/Fyn DEN	@ GOG DEN	L 32:24
23.03.2023 Aalborg DEN	vs GOG DEN	W 30:28
01.03.2023 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 31:34
22.02.2023 Aalborg DEN	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 31:24
15.02.2023 Kielce POL	@ Lomza Industria Kielce POL	L 33:28



### Kolstad Handbal: current run – won two

19.10.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs THW Kiel GER	W 34:30
12.10.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs OTP Bank - PICK Szeged HUN	W 37:24
28.09.2023 Zagreb CRO	@ HC Zagreb CRO	L 31:20
21.09.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs Industria Kielce POL	L 30:32
13.09.2023 Bitola MKD	@ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	W 22:31
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## MOTW 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2023/24 season.

The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match.

### Awarded players in the 2023/24 season:

Round 1: Tomáš Mrkva (THW Kiel)

Round 2: Gergő Fazekas (Orlen Wisla Plock)

Round 3: Arkadiusz Moryto (Industria Kielce)

Round 4: Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (THW Kiel)

Round 5: Emil Nielsen (Barça)

Round 6: ...



## CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Sander Sagosen

Aalborg Håndbold (2014-16), Kolstad Handball (2023)

## AALBORG HÅNDBOLD PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KOLSTAD HANDBALL

Goalkeeper	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A								
Player	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A								

## KOLSTAD HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Torbjørn Bergerud	NOR	4	1	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Sigvaldi Gudjonsson	ISL	2	0	0	2	11	5,50	6	0
Magnus Rød	NOR	6	3	0	3	13	2,17	9	4'
Sander Sagosen	NOR	9	8	0	1	44	4,89	11	8'
Gøran Johannessen	NOR	4	1	0	3	13	3,25	6	8'

Torbjørn Bergerud (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2020/21);

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (Elverum Handball 2019/20); Magnus Rød (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2017/18,

SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2020/21);

Sander Sagosen (Paris Saint-Germain Handball 2017/18, Paris Saint-Germain HB 2019/20, THW Kiel 2020/21, THW Kiel 2021/22, THW Kiel 2022/23); Gøran Johannessen (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2020/21).



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