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EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21
QUARTER-FINALS

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

The EHF European League continues to live up to expectations as we witnessed in a terrific Last 16 stage that saw eight teams make it through to the quarter-finals. The group phase lived up to expectation with a series of tough, intense and energetic matches, featuring an eclectic mix of teams and that was continued in the first knockout phase with a host of memorable matches leading to our quarter-final line-up. Now things get very interesting as the teams who have made it to this stage know they are just 120 minutes away from reaching the first ever EHF Finals. Looking at the four match-ups, it is clear that we are in for a treat with a plethora of big handball clubs aiming to make it through to the next stage.

Among them are three teams from Germany, who, as expected, made it through to the Last 16. Füchse Berlin, the 2015 and 2018 winners of the EHF Cup, overcame Fivers from the Austrian capital Vienna to set-up a last eight clash with Montpellier. The French side, who won the EHF Champions League as recently as 2018, overcame a valiant effort from Kadetten Schaffhausen to reach this stage, winning the second leg 32:25 after the first match ended all square at 27:27.

Rhein-Neckar Löwen – EHF Cup winners back in 2013 – squeezed past RK Nexe Nasice by just two goals to make it through and their reward is a quarter-final meeting with Chekhovskie Medvedi from Russia. The Bears booked their spot in the last eight with a 54:49 aggregate win over USAM Nimes Gard from France. SC Magdeburg, who finished third in the EHF Cup in successive seasons in 2017 and 2018, are the third German side in the quarter-finals after they saw off RK Eurofarm Pelister in style, winning 67:48 on aggregate. Magdeburg now face IFK Kristianstad after the Swedish side got the better of CB Ademar Leon by 10 goals in a 68:58 aggregate victory.

In the remaining quarter-final tie, GOG will meet Orlen Wisla Plock for the right to reach the EHF Finals. GOG overcame HC CSKA 68:61 over two legs to reach the quarter-finals while Plock edged past Sporting CP by just one goal, winning 54:53. With 99 goals, GOG's Emil Jacobsen has fired GOG to this stage and the Dane, the current top scorer of the competition, will be aiming to hit three figures in the quarter-finals.

All four ties are guaranteed to bring unmissable entertainment and it goes without saying how excited we are to witness these games, especially with a place at the first EHF Finals at stake. As ever in these continued times of uncertainty, it remains our absolute priority to ensure that this season's competition takes place in the safest possible environment during these on-going times of Covid-19. Our thanks go to each and every media representative as they continue to respect and adhere to our detailed hygiene guidelines.

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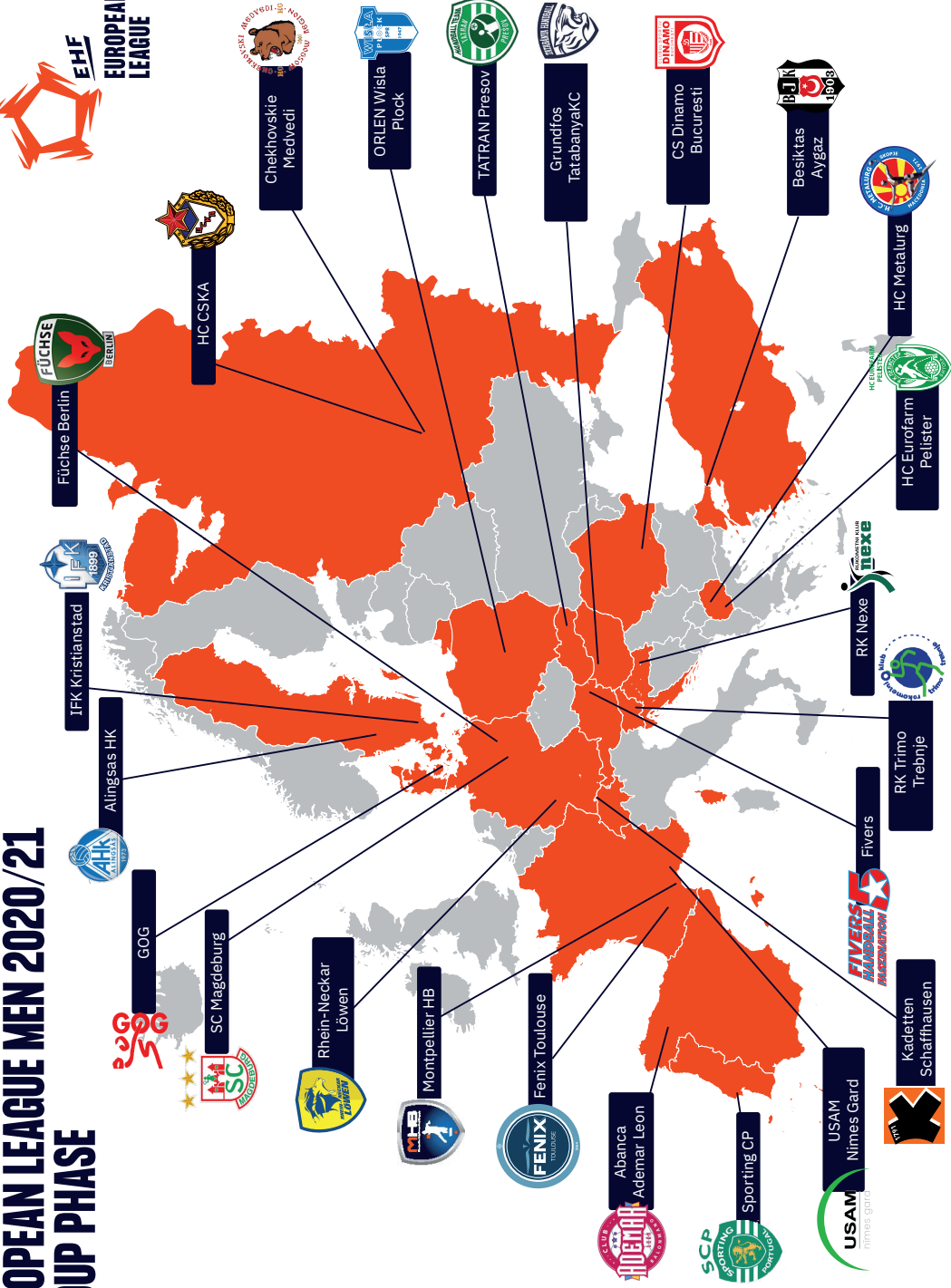
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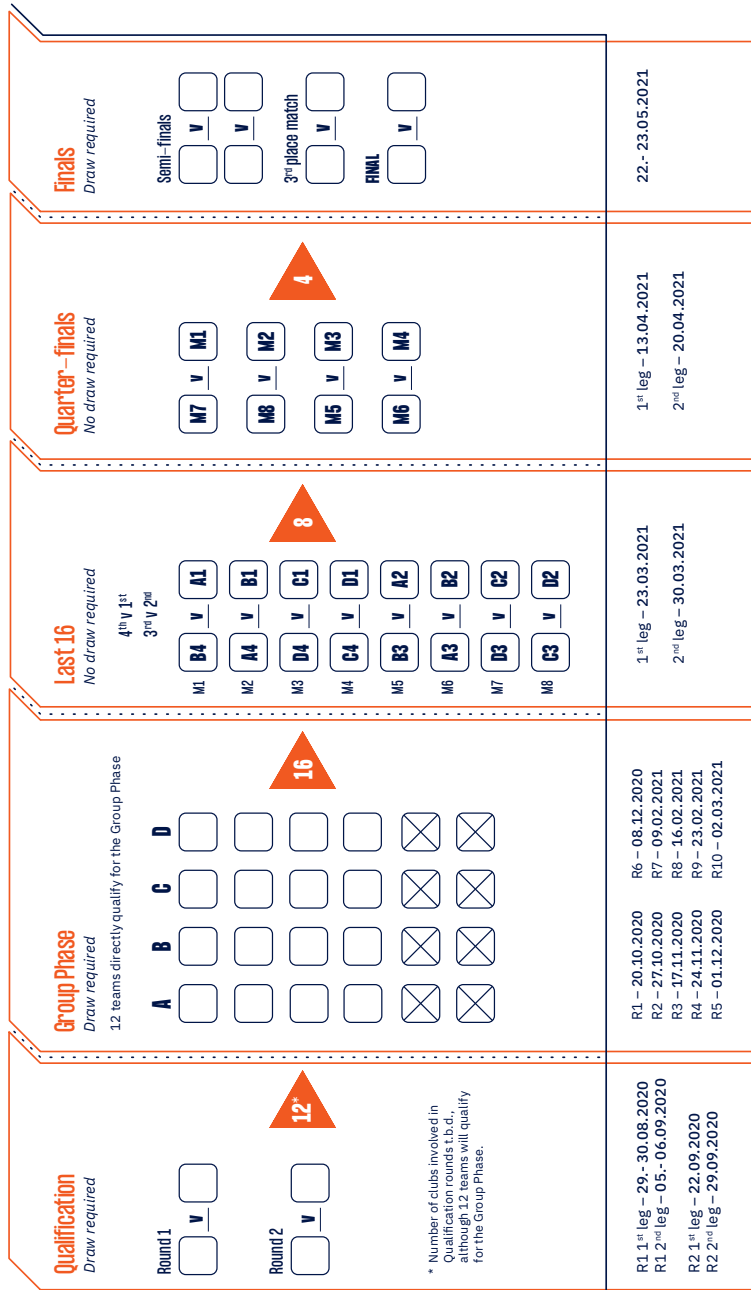
EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2020/21 GROUP PHASE



MEN'S EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



I FROM 0 TO 7,220: THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE QUARTER-FINALS

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW PRIOR TO THE START OF THE QUARTER-FINALS

Like in the Last 16 of the European League Men, no teams from the same country will face in the quarter-finals - three teams only won both legs of the Last16, a Dane was top scorer of the last stage and still many World Champions and former European Cup winners are part of the competition. Here are the main Facts and Figures from the group phase and when the Last 16 will start this Tuesday.

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teams made it from the first qualification round to the quarter-finals.

0 teams from the same country face in the quarter-finals, like already in the Last 16.

1 coach still in competition, is Champions League winner as a coach: outgoing Rhein-Neckar Löwen coach Martin Schwalb, who steered HSV Hamburg onto the winners' podium in 2013. Javier Sabate was Champions League finalist with Veszprem.

1 player, who won the "golden four trophies" (Olympic Games, World and European Championship, EHF Champions League) is still in competition: Hans Lindberg (Berlin/DEN).

1 player, who won the last edition of the EHF Cup in 2019 with THW Kiel, can win the trophy in the new EHF European League: Lukas Nilsson, who joined Rhein-Neckar Löwen before this season.

2 coaches, still in competition, were or are national team coaches: Javier Sabate (Plock/Hungary) and Vladimir Maximov (Chechov/Russia).

2 former EHF Champions League winners are still part of the competition: SC Magdeburg (2002) and Montpellier Handball (2003, 2018).

2 group matches and 0 Last16 duels ended with 70 or more goals.

2 European League players, still in competition, were part of the 2021 World Championship All-Star team: goalkeeper Andreas Palicka (Sweden/Rhein-Neckar Löwen) and Danish GOG right back

Mattias Gidsel.

2 former EHF Champions League top scorers are still part of the EHF European League: Uwe Gensheimer (2010/11 für Löwen, 2016/17 and 2017/18 for PSG) for Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Hans Lindberg (2012/13 for Hamburg) for Berlin. Lindberg had also been top scorer of the EHF Cup twice (2016/17 and 2017/18 each with Berlin).

3 teams have won both legs of the Last16: Magdeburg, GOG and Kristianstad.

3 - which means all - German clubs have first won their groups and now proceeded to the quarter-finals.

4 group winners and four third ranked team proceeded from the Last16 to the quarter-finals.

4 of the 8 quarter-finalists had already been part of EHF Champions League FINAL4 tournaments in Cologne: Chekhovskie Medvedi (2010), Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2011), Füchse Berlin (2012) and Montpellier Handball, the only winner among them (in 2018).

4 of the 8 teams still in competition had been part of EHF Cup Finals: Berlin (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019), Löwen (2013), Magdeburg (2017, 2018) and French side Montpellier (2014).

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former winners of EHF Cup or EHF Cup Winners' Cup are still in competition: SC Magdeburg (1999, 2001, 2007), Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2013) and Füchse Berlin (2015, 2018) won the EHF Cup, Chekhovskie Medvedi (2006) were winners of the Cup Winners' Cup.

5 of the 8 teams still in competition had been part of the EHF Champions League Group Phase 2019/20: GOG, Montpellier, Plock, Chechov and Kristianstad.

6 nations are represented by the 8 participants of the quarter-finals - Germany have three teams still in competition, France, Russia, Denmark, Sweden and Poland each one.

10 of the 136 group matches (9) and 16 Last16 duels (1) only needed to be assessed by the EHF due to COVID-19 reasons.

11 goals were the biggest gap in a Last 16 match, when Magdeburg beat Pelister 35:24.

12 group matches (11) and Last 16 duels (1) ended with a difference of ten or more goals.

12 knock-out matches are ahead in the quarter-finals (8) and four matches at the EHF FINALS on 23/24 May.

12 European League players still in competition were finalists at the 2021 World Championship in Egypt, among them each six Danish World Champions and six Swedish silver medallists: GOG (4 DEN), Füchse Berlin (2 DEN/1 SWE), Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2 SWE), Montpellier Handball (2 SWE) and SC Magdeburg (1 SWE).

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of the 111 group matches (10) and Last 16 duels (3) decided on court, ended with a draw.

14 different cities hosted the 15 matches, as the duel Kristianstad vs Leon was played as a double-header at Sweden and the second leg of Fivers vs Berlin in Germany had to be called-off.

16 was the low-score of a team in a single match since the start of the group phase, Besiktas at the 16:40 at Montpellier.

18 goals scored by Mattias Gidsel (GOG, in the matches against CSKA) were the individual high-score of one player in the Last16, ahead of 15 goals by Gregor Ovcirk (Kristianstad)

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

22 was the highest number of points since the start of the group phase, gained by Magdeburg, ahead of Rhein-Neckar Löwen (20) and Plock (18).

24 goals were the biggest gap in a single match since the start of the group phase, when Montpellier beat Besiktas 40:16.

35 was as the high score of a team in a single match of the Last 16, when Magdeburg beat Eurofarm 35:24 and when GOG won 35:30 at Moscow.

40 goals were the low-score since the start of the group phase, when Pelister beat Tatabanya 21:19.

45 was the high score of a team in a single match since the group phase, when Fivers beat Metalurg 45:30.

48 goals was the low-score of a Last16 match, when Nimes tied against Chekhov 24:24.

49 years is the age difference of the oldest coach of the competition, Vladimir Maximov (Chehov/75) and the youngest, Jaron Siewert (Füchse Berlin/26). Both coaches made it to the quarter-finals

65 goals were the high-score of the Last 16, in the matches CSKA vs GOG (30:35) and Leon vs Kristianstad (31:34)

75 goals were the high-score since the start of the group phase, when Fivers beat Metalurg 45:30.

99 goals were scored by Dane Emil Jacobsen (GOG) to be the current top scorer of the competition.

103 goals were the low-score of a Last 16 pairing, Chekhov vs Nimes.

129 goals were the high-score of a Last 16 pairing: GOG vs CSKA (33:31 and 30:35)

7,220 goals were scored in 111 group matches (6361) and 15 Last 16 matches (859), which were decided on court. This means an average of 57.3 goals per match.

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

GENERAL

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 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.

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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) higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) 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.

I PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

WHAT HAPPENS IF MATCHES CANNOT BE PLAYED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

The European Handball Federation has issued an overview on what happens if matches cannot be played in the upcoming quarter-finals of the EHF European League Men due to reasons related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

What is the procedure if a first-leg match is not played on Tuesday, 13 April?

If a team reports positive cases of Covid-19 and the match cannot be played, this pairing will be decided by playing both matches (1st and 2nd leg) as a so called 'double game' before Tuesday, 20 April, the date when the second-leg matches are scheduled.

Matches can be played on two consecutive days unless both teams agree to have a rest day in between.

Following the principle of causation, the home right for both matches will go to the team which did not have the positive Covid-19 cases.

What is the procedure if a second-leg match is not played on Tuesday, 20 April?

It is not an option to postpone a match to a date after Tuesday, 20 April 2021.

As a consequence of this and following the principle that the party responsible is liable for, in this case, the fact that the match cannot be played, a team which is not in the position to play its scheduled game on the second weekend will be excluded from the competition regardless of the result in the first-leg game. The opponents would subsequently qualify for the EHF Finals.

It is important to underline that this follows the procedure that was in place in such cases already earlier this season, and it is therefore not a newly introduced procedure.

The same procedure will be valid in case a match cannot be played because of sudden and new governmental restrictions which make it impossible to play the game.

The EHF knows that these are very tough procedures, but there is no other option in a knockout round where postponing matches is not possible anymore.

It goes without saying that the EHF hopes that all matches can be played according to schedule, and that all decisions will be taken on court.

Additional issues that prevent a match from being played, such as severe weather conditions, travelling problems or others will be handled according to the regulations.



PAIRINGS

I MONTPELLIER HB (FRA) VS FÜCHSE BERLIN (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 13 April at 20:45 CEST, Montpellier (FRA)

Second leg: Tuesday, 20 April at 20:45 CEST, Berlin (GER)



- the teams have never played against each other in European competitions
- Montpellier won the EHF Champions League twice, in 2003 and 2018, while Berlin won the EHF cup twice, in 2015 and 2018
- this season, Berlin finished first in group B and Montpellier ranked third in group C.
- in terms of encounters in 2020/21 against other clubs from their quarter-final rivals' countries, Berlin drew once and took the points in Nîmes during the group phase while Montpellier lost at home to Magdeburg (30:32)
- Montpellier's top scorer, Hugo Descat, has netted 64 times while Hans Lindberg scored 43 in the European League this season for Berlin
- this season is the third time Montpellier have reached the quarter-finals in the second-tier European competition – the first was in 1997 and the second in 2014, when they qualified for the final tournament and lost to Pick Szeged (28:29) in the final
- in the meantime, Montpellier won the Champions League twice, in 2003 and 2018 – their last major title. MHB remain the most titled club in France, with 14 national leagues and 13 national cups won
- Berlin have reached the semi-finals of the former format of this competition, the EHF Cup, five times

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Montpellier HB vs Füchse Berlin

No previous encounters in European competitions



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Kit colours

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

Dark

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Playing hall

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Capacity: 3,000

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	0	1	321:230	(91)	18
2. HC CSKA	10	7	0	3	263:219	(44)	14
3. Montpellier HB	10	6	0	4	231:197	(34)	12
4. RK Nexxe	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Alingsas HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

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GROUP PHASE

vs RK Nexxe	W37:25 (21:14)
@ Besiktas Aygaz	W26:36 (13:15)
vs SC Magdeburg	L30:32 (15:16)
@ Alingsas HK	W25:33 (13:19)
vs Alingsas HK	W32:21 (16:13)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W40:16 (23:7)
@ RK Nexxe	W22:23 (8:10)
vs HC CSKA	L0:10
@ SC Magdeburg	L10:0
@ HC CSKA	L10:0
LAST 16	
@ Kadetten	D27:27 (15:13)
Vs Kadetten	W25:32 (10:16)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Hugo Descat (FRA)	64
2 Melvyn Richardson (FRA)	42
3 Kyllian Villeminot (FRA)	38
4 Valentin Porte (FRA)	36
5 Yanis Lenne (FRA)	29

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Winners (2): 2002/03, 2017/18
Semi-final (1): 2004/05
Quarter-final (5): 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17
Last 16 (6): 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17

EHF Cup:

Finalists (1): 2013/14
Quarter-final (1): 1996/97

Cup Winners' Cup:

Quarter-final (1): 2001/02

French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002-06, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

French cup: 13 titles

French league cup: 10 titles



Patrice Canayer Coach

- in his 27th season on the club's bench, one of the longest serving coaches at a single club in professional handball
- has meanwhile won more than 40 trophies with Montpellier, most notably the two CL titles in 2003 and 2018
- still the only French coach to win the CL
- was voted CL All-star Team coach after the club won their second CL title in 2017/18
- played for Stade Pessacais UC, Bordeaux and Racing Paris in his active years

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018

Arrived during the season

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Left during the season

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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Marin	Sego	CRO	Goalkeeper	02.08.1985	Mostar, BIH	194	98
2	Paul-Louis	Guiraudou	FRA	Line Player	13.05.2000	Montpellier, FRA	194	105
3	Alexis	Berthier	FRA	Right Back	12.03.2002	Aubagne, FRA	193	84
4	Diego	Simonet	ARG	Centre Back	26.12.1989	Buenos Aires, ARG	189	88
5	Kyllian	Villeminot	FRA	Centre Back	20.05.1998	Lyon, FRA	189	85
6	Hugo	Jullian	FRA	Centre Back	23.03.2000	FRA	185	85
7	Jonas	Truchanovicus	LTU	Left Back	24.06.1993	Siauliai,, LTU	204	110
9	Hugo	Descat	FRA	Left Wing	16.08.1992	Paris , FRA	183	92
10	Lucas	Pellas	SWE	Left Wing	28.08.1995	Stockholm, SWE	184	80
11	Giorgi	Tskhovrebadze	GEO	Right Back	19.02.2001	Tbilisi, GEO	193	80
13	Julien	Bos	FRA	Right Wing	18.08.1998	Pessac , FRA	188	82
15	Mathis	Mougin	FRA	Left Back	02.02.2002	Besancon, FRA	200	95
16	Kevin	Bonnefoi	FRA	Goalkeeper	03.12.1991	Toulon, FRA	190	103
17	Benjamin	Bataille	FRA	Left Back	27.07.1992	Paris, FRA	196	96
18	Fredric	Pettersson	SWE	Line Player	11.02.1989	Blidsberg, SWE	202	114
19	Arthur	Lenne	FRA	Line Player	02.05.2001	Colmar , FRA	194	96
20	Robin	Puigsegur	FRA	Line Player	18.12.2002	Montpellier, FRA	194	100
21	Kenny	Vermont	FRA	Left Wing	22.02.2001	Villiers-le-Bel , FRA	186	78
22	Melvyn	Richardson	FRA	Right Back	31.01.1997	Marseille, FRA	190	92
27	Alexis	Borges	POR	Line Player	06.10.1991	Havana, CUB	196	111
C 28	Valentin	Porte	FRA	Right Back	07.09.1990	Versailles, FRA	190	96
32	Yanis	Lenne	FRA	Right Wing	29.06.1996	Colmar, FRA	187	88
90	Gilberto	Duarte	POR	Left Back	06.07.1990	Lagoa, POR	196	102
98	Elie	Ona	FRA	Goalkeeper	23.08.2002	FRA	196	88
99	Charles	Bolzinger	FRA	Goalkeeper	14.12.2000	Sete, FRA	198	96

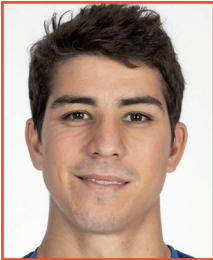


Hugo Descat

 @hdscat

Left wing

- returned to France in 2019 after two years in Romania with Dinamo Bucuresti
- earlier played six seasons for another French club, US Créteil
- was leading goal scorer of CL 2019/20, with 75 goals, until Niclas Ekberg from THW Kiel overtook him at the postponed VELUX EHF FINAL4 in December 2020
- scored 50 times so far for Montpellier this European season



Diego Simonet

 @chinosimonet

Centre back

- Argentine international, born into a handball family with two brothers - Sebastian and Pablo - also playing the sport professionally
- was MVP of Montpellier's golden VELUX EHF FINAL4 in 2018
- suffered from various injuries recently, missed most of the 2018/19 season
- five-time Argentinian handball player of the year

EC trophies: CL 2018



Valentin Porte

 @valhand28

Right back

- arrived in Montpellier in 2016 from Fenix Toulouse, reached CL quarter-final in his first season with the club and won the CL in his second year
- right wing until 2014, when France coach Claude Onesta placed him on back court
- rose to prominence during EHF EURO 2014, scoring 16 goals in semi-final and final

EC trophies: CL 2018

OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017; EURO: G 2014, B 2018



Melvyn Richardson

 @melvyn_richardson

Right back

- son of Jackson Richardson, who won CL with Portland San Antonio in 2001, 17 years before Melvyn would repeat the feat with Montpellier
- French international, at his best on the back court but also able to play on the wing
- was fourth-best CL scorer with 87 goals in 2018/19 despite Montpellier being eliminated in the group phase

EC trophies: CL 2018

WCh: B 2019

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Playing hall

Max-Schmeling-Halle
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Capacity: 8,521

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Füchse Berlin	10	6	2	2	247:223	(24)	14
2. USAM Nimes Gard	10	5	2	3	279:263	(16)	12
3. IFK Kristianstad	10	5	1	4	273:276	(-3)	11
4. Sporting CP	10	5	0	5	244:241	(3)	10
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
6. Tatran Presov	10	3	0	7	233:254	(-21)	6

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GROUP PHASE

vs Sporting CP	W29:19 (14:10)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	W22:24 (13:12)
vs USAM Nimes Gard	D34:34 (16:17)
@ IFK Kristianstad	W23:36 (11:17)
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	D26:26 (12:14)
vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W33:29 (15:12)
vs Tatran Presov	W35:27 (18:13)
vs IFK Kristianstad	W30:23 (15:12)
@ Sporting CP	L10:0
@ Tatran Presov	L10:0
LAST 16	
vs Fivers	W10:0
@ Fivers	W27:35 (15:17)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Hans Lindberg (DEN)	43
2 Mijajlo Marsenic (SER)	41
3 Lasse Bredekjær Andersson (DEN)	40
4 Valter Chrintz (SWE)	33
5 Tim Matthes (GER)	29

Past achievements

EHF Champions League
FINAL4 2011/12

EHF Cup
Winners (2): 2014/15, 2017/18

IHF Super Globe
Winners (2): 2015, 2016

German cup: 2013/14



Jaron Siewert

Coach

- at 26, the youngest head coach in German Bundesliga history
- played for Füchse since he was a kid, but ended his playing career at age 21 to become a coach
- started as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach at Germany's national U-18 team
- arrived at Essen in 2017, led them to the Bundesliga in 2020
- took over at Füchse from Michael Roth, who had stepped in after the departure of Velimir Petkovic in February 2020

Arrived during the season

Dustin Kraus (GER)
 Marcel Nowak (POL)
 Moritz Sauter (GER)

Left during the season

Ivan Eres (CRO)
 Enes Keskic (BIH)
 Marc Walter (GER)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29.09.2002	Achern, GER	194	90
2	Simon	Ernst	GER	Centre Back	02.04.1994	Düren, GER	195	97
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08.02.1994	Belzig, GER	192	89
6	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Centre Back	05.09.1995	Esbjerg, DEN	194	94
10	Jakov	Gojun	CRO	Line Player	18.04.1986	Split, CRO	203	112
11	Lasse	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11.03.1994	København, DEN	195	98
16	Frederik	Genz	GER	Goalkeeper	08.03.1997	Waldbröl, GER	194	93
17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31.07.2002	Regensburg, GER	183	76
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01.08.1981	Höje Taastrup, DEN	188	88
19	Miro	Schlurhoff	GER	Left Back	25.04.2000	Bregenz, AUT	198	90
20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21.08.2002	Reutlingen, GER	173	72
22	Marian	Michalczyk	GER	Left Back	01.02.1997	Beckum, GER	198	96
23	Maxim	Orlov	GER	Left Back	01.03.2002	Kreuztal, GER	190	92
24	Frederik	Simak	GER	Left Back	24.01.1998	Gengenbach, GER	197	102
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30.03.2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192	90
26	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26.04.2000	Kristianstad, SWE	185	76
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27.05.2003	Greifswald, GER	195	90
31	Tim	Matthes	GER	Left Wing	05.05.1999	Berlin, GER	181	82
32	Marcel	Nowak	POL	Right Wing	07.02.2002	Berlin, GER	193	92
33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03.01.2003	Augsburg, GER	183	78
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12.02.1986	Pozega, CRO	210	108
37	Robin	Heinis	SUI	Right Back	28.04.2002	Therwil Basel, SUI	195	91
47	Dustin	Kraus	GER	Centre Back	26.03.2001	Moers, GER	196	95
66	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left Wing	05.09.1993	Cetinje, MNE	181	72
77	Johan	Koch	DEN	Line Player	29.11.1990	Svendborg, DEN	185	91
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09.03.1993	Berane, SRB	202	107
C 95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07.02.1995	Gummersbach, GER	192	92
96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16.03.1996	Panchevo, SRB	196	135



Dejan Milosavljev

 @dejanmilosavljev

Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who arrived at Füchse in summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning CL with the Macedonian side
- was EHF Champions League All-star goalkeeper in 2018/19
- shared position with Silvio Heinevetter in his first season at the club, but has become the No. 1 goalkeeper following Heinevetter's move to MT Melsungen

EC trophies: CL 2019



Lasse Andersson

Left back

- signed a three-years-contract at Berlin in summer 2020
- arrived from FC Barcelona where he had played four seasons after he had started his career at KIF Kolding Kobenhavn
- one of four Danes in the Füchse squad
- classical back court shooter - and is back on track after some severe injuries at his time at Barca

WCh: G 2021



Fabian Wiede

 @fabian_w3

Right back

- arrived from Potsdam at Füchse youth team at age 15, has won numerous junior and senior titles with the Berlin club since
- made national team debut at 19, missed EHF EURO 2020 with shoulder injury
- started apprenticeship at a bank in Berlin only two days after winning EHF EURO 2016

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018
EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



Hans Lindberg

 @hanslindberg18

Right wing

- Danish international who joined Füchse in 2016 after nine seasons at HSV in Hamburg
- top scorer of CL 2012/13 with HSV and of EHF Cup 2016/17 and 2017/18 with Füchse
- started career in Viborg in his native Denmark; his nickname back then was 'Majestæt'
- won WCh 2019 and EHF EURO 2008 and 2012, was part of WCh 2013 All-star Team

EC trophies: CL 2013; EHF Cup 2018
EURO: G 2008, 2012, S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013, B 2007

I GOG (DEN) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)



First leg: Tuesday, 13 April at 18:45 CEST, Gudme (DEN)

Second leg: Tuesday, 20 April at 18:45 CEST, Plock (POL)



- the teams met in the Champions League 2019/20, with both winning their home leg. GOG took the points 28:27 at home before Plock won 27:24 in Poland
- the Danish side have played four times against other Polish teams in the EHF Cup, taking a clean record of four wins
- Plock finished first in group A with 16 points while GOG collected 12 to finish third in group D
- GOG's Emil Jakobsen is currently the European League top scorer, with 99 goals, while Plock's top scorer, Michal Daszek, has netted 51 times
- GOG are currently top of the Danish league while Plock are second in the Polish Superliga, behind Kielce
- this is the fourth time GOG have reached the quarter-finals of the second-tier European cup competition. The three previous times were in the EHF Cup in 2000, 2002 and 2006
- the last Danish club to reach this stage in the second-tier competition was Team Tvis Holstebro, who played the EHF Cup Finals in 2019

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

GOG vs Orlen Wisla Plock 1-0-1 (52:54) 2:2

13.10.2019	GOG vs Orlen Wisla Plock, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	28:27 (16:14)
23.11.2019	Orlen Wisla Plock vs GOG, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	27:24 (11:13)



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

SUVI: T Arena
Stærkaervej 1
5884 Gudme
Denmark
Capacity: 1,756

GOG



FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L32:24 (17:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W27:30 (13:16)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W32:31 (17:16)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	L32:31 (15:16)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W34:28 (16:14)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W30:28 (15:15)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W32:35 (16:17)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L32:37 (14:19)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W30:29 (14:14)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	L29:28 (14:13)

LAST 16

@ CSKA W33:31 (18:15)
Vs CSKA W30:35 (17:19)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	99
2 Simon Bogetoft Pytlick (DEN)	65
3 Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	59
4 Anders Zachariassen (DEN)	45
5 Morten Toft Olsen (DEN)	41

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09
Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2006/07
Group Matches (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2019/20

EHF Cup:

Quarter-finals: 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06
Group Phase: 2018/19

Cup Winners' Cup:

Runners-up 1995/96
Quarter-finals: 1993/94, 1997/98

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



Nicolej Møldrup Krickau

Coach

- leading GOG for fourth season, after joining from Skanderborg Handbold in 2017
- was the youngest ever head coach in the Danish men's league when he took over at Skanderborg at the age of 27
- played for Skanderborg before becoming a coach
- a tactically and psychologically strong coach with a good eye for developing new talents

Arrived during the season

Left during the season

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Andreas	Haagen Pytlick	DEN	Goalkeeper	22.07.2001	Bov, DEN	195	95
2	Simon Bogetoft	Pytlick	DEN	Centre Back	11.12.2000	Thurø, DEN	192	92
3	Kasper Dan	Jorgensen	DEN	Left Back	09.02.1977	Gentofte, DEN	187	98
4	Anders	Beschau	DEN	Line Player	04.03.2001	Odense, DEN	196	102
5	Lasse Mathias	Pedersen	DEN	Left Back	08.03.2002	Glamsbjerg, DEN	195	95
6	Stig Tore Moen	Nilsen	NOR	Right Back	09.08.1994	Alta, NOR	194	91
7	Victor Birch	Nevers	DEN	Right Wing	18.04.2002	Næstved, DEN	188	84
7	Oliver Sonne	Wosniak	DEN	Left Back	07.01.2001	Ejby, DEN	199	102
8	Steven Plucnar	Jacobsen	DEN	Line Player	22.10.2000	Solrød, DEN	193	86
9	Frederik Bo	Andersen	DEN	Right Wing	09.12.1998	Roskilde, DEN	186	89
10	Lucas Lenter	Garsdal	DEN	Centre Back	27.02.2002	Roskilde, DEN	193	94
11	Emil Wernsdorf	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	01.01.2001	Svendborg, DEN	190	85
12	Matthias Rene	Rex Dorgelo	NOR	Goalkeeper	31.10.2002	Odense, NOR	198	102
15	Emil	Lærke	DEN	Left Back	04.06.1999	Roskilde, DEN	203	105
16	Viktor	Hallgrímsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	24.07.2000	Reykjavik, ISL	200	94
17	Oscar	Bergendahl	SWE	Line Player	08.03.1995	Kungsbacka, SWE	192	106
19	Mathias	Gidsel	DEN	Right Back	08.02.1999	Skjern, DEN	190	85
21	Kasper Emil	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11.05.1994	Svendborg, DEN	183	86
22	Anders	Zachariassen	DEN	Line Player	04.09.1991	Sonderborg, DEN	192	96
23	Anton K.	Filttenborg	DEN	Right Wing	22.07.2001	Svendborg, DEN	192	94
26	Mathias Hvid	Sunesen	DEN	Left Back	04.09.2001	Svendborg, DEN	186	85
28	Peter	Lund	DEN	Right Wing	01.10.2001	Svendborg, DEN	186	81
31	Emil	Jakobsen	DEN	Left Wing	24.01.1998	Kerteminde, DEN	190	86
34	Morten Toft	Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11.10.1984	Osted, DEN	184	95
43	Emil La Cour	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	13.02.2001	Tved, DEN	176	72
74	Søren Haagen	Andreasen	DEN	Goalkeeper	26.03.1974	Esbjerg, DEN	187	96
C 77	Frederik Kiehn	Clausen	DEN	Left Back	29.06.1995	Svendborg, DEN	197	107



Viktor Hallgrímsson

 @viktorhallgrimsson

Goalkeeper

- Icelandic international, who joined from Fram Reykjavik in the summer of 2019
- debuted in national team at 19, and impressed at Junior (U21) WCh 2019
- made a name for himself at EHF EURO 2020, ranking among the top penalty savers with seven stops at 44 per cent
- fast and talented goalkeeper with fine reactions



Emil Jakobsen

 @manfeldt98

Left wing

- standout top scorer of the group phase, with 89 goals, more than 20 ahead of No. 2
- came through GOG's talent program, has always played for the club, but will join SG Flensburg-Handewitt in summer of 2021 to replace Magnus Jøndal
- debuted for Denmark in an EHF EURO 2020 qualifier against Montenegro in April 2019, part of team that won the world title in January 2021 in Egypt

WCh: G 2021



Morten Olsen

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Centre back

- returned to GOG in summer of 2020 for his first club in his native Denmark in 10 years
- spent eight years in Germany with Hannover, also had brief stints in France and Qatar
- earlier in his career, played for Bjerringbro, Viborg, Mors, and GOG (2003-05)
- became part of the Danish national team in 2006, a year after winning Junior WCh in Hungary, and won gold with Denmark at 2016 Olympics, WCh 2019 and 2021

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2021



Mathias Gidsel

Right back

- started playing handball at 13 in GOG, the club he still plays for and extended his contract with until 2024
- played his first major competition with Denmark at the WC 2021, after only playing three games with the national team
- elected best right-back of the WC 2021 in Egypt, as well as winning the gold medal

WCh: G 2021

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. ORLEN Wisła Płock	10	8	0	2	297:242	(55)	16
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
3. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	7	0	3	301:264	(37)	14
4. Fivers	10	2	2	6	301:311	(-10)	6
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs Chekhovskie medvedi	L25:27 (13:16)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	L32:27 (16:9)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	W29:22 (15:11)
vs HC Metalurg	W35:20 (16:10)
@ HC Metalurg	W19:38 (9:16)
@ Fivers	W22:30 (9:14)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	W27:25 (12:9)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	W25:26 (12:14)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi	W27:28 (11:13)
vs Fivers	W32:23 (17:15)

LAST 16

@ Sporting CP	W25:29 (15:15)
vs Sporting CP	L25:28 (12:14)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Michal Daszek (POL)	51
2 Lovro Mihic (CRO)	49
Zoltan Szita (HUN)	49
4 Niko Mindegia (ESP)	42
5 Przemyslaw Krajewski (POL)	28

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (6): 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20
Group Phase (7): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2016/17, 2017/18

EHF Cup

Quarter-final 1993/94; Group Phase 2012/13

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final 1996/97

Polish league: 7 titles (1994/95, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2010/11)
Polish Cup: 10 titles (1991/92, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2007/08)



Xavier Sabate
Coach

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- Płock head coach since July 2018, taking over a few months after Piotr Przybecki had left the club
- experienced coach who worked at Veszprém from 2015-17, leading the Hungarian team to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2016 final, where they lost to Kielce in a penalty shoot-out
- was voted coach of the CL 2015/16 All-star Team
- great eye for detail, engaging in all aspects of coaching including tactical analysis and team building

Arrived during the season

Leonardo Dutra Ferreira (BRA)
Abdelrahman Homayed (EGY)
Marcin Wichary (POL)

Left during the season

Zoran Ilic (HUN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Adam	Morawski	POL	Goalkeeper	17.10.1994	Ciechanów, POL	190	82
C 3	Michał	Daszek	POL	Right Wing	27.06.1992	Tczew, POL	180	70
4	Philip	Stenmalm	SWE	Left Back	03.03.1992	Vaxjo, SWE	198	90
5	Predrag	Vejin	SRB	Right Back	17.12.1992	Apatin, SRB	196	95
7	Dawid	Lemanowicz	POL	Centre Back	09.09.2001	Plock, POL	176	70
8	Oliwier	Kaminski	POL	Right Back	24.04.2004	Plock, POL	190	76
12	Ivan	Stevanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	18.05.1982	Rijeka, CRO	193	101
13	Alvaro	Ruiz Sanchez	ESP	Centre Back	08.04.1991	Almeria, ESP	194	90
14	David	Fernández	ESP	Right Back	14.04.1996	Valladolid, ESP	196	90
16	Marcin	Wichary	POL	Goalkeeper	17.02.1980	Zabrze, POL	193	90
17	Abel	Serdio Guntín	ESP	Line Player	16.04.1994	Avilés, ESP	195	100
19	Leon	Šušnja	CRO	Line Player	05.08.1993	Siroki Brijeg, CRO	204	113
20	Abdelrahman	Homayed	EGY	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Kair, EGY	195	95
21	Zoltan	Szita	HUN	Left Back	10.02.1998	Veszprém, HUN	196	92
22	Szymon	Rybicki	POL	Goalkeeper	19.11.1997	Plock, POL	184	77
23	Dominik	Mierzwicki	POL	Right Wing	08.07.1999	Plock, POL	182	78
24	Leon	Sowul	POL	Left Wing	19.06.1996	Plock, POL	189	78
25	Krzysztof	Komarzewski	POL	Right Wing	18.09.1998	Gdansk, POL	188	85
26	Przemysław	Krajewski	POL	Left Wing	20.01.1987	Ciechanów, POL	184	85
27	Jakub	Kozłowski	POL	Goalkeeper	18.06.2000	Plock, POL	194	90
30	Mirsad	Terzic	BIH	Left Back	12.07.1983	Priboj, BIH	196	103
31	Jeremy	Toto	FRA	Line Player	15.05.1992	Courbevoie, FAR	197	106
33	Leonardo	Dutra Ferreira	BRA	Left Back	29.03.1996	Brazil	183	96
34	Lovro	Mihic	CRO	Left Wing	25.08.1994	Zagreb, CRO	180	74
44	Mikolaj	Czaplinski	POL	Left Wing	11.08.2000	Plock, POL	188	77
55	Niko	Mindegia Elizaga	ESP	Centre Back	19.07.1988	Santesteban, ESP	184	87
77	Filip	Witkowski	POL	Right Wing	10.05.2001	Plock, POL	182	80



Adam Morawski

 @loczek1994

Goalkeeper

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



Zoltan Szita

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Left back

- Hungarian back, who joined Plock in 2019 after two seasons with Balatonfüredi KSE
- previously played for Veszprém, knows coach Sabate from their joined time there
- was best left back of Hungarian league in 2018/19 season and those good league performances won him a place in the national team
- talented player, both in attack and defence, one of the main distance guns of the Oilers



Niko Mindegia

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Centre back

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

EURO: S 2016, B 2014



Michal Daszek

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Right wing

- arrived at Plock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014, a year after he had made his debut in the Polish national team
- useful both on the right wing and on the centre back position
- was best wing and MVP of the Polish league in 2018/19
- won bronze with Poland at WCh 2015 and played at Olympics the following year

WCh: B 2015

IFK KRISTIANSTAD (SWE) VS SC MAGDEBURG (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 13 April at 18:45 CEST, Kristianstad (SWE)

Second leg: Tuesday, 20 April at 18:45 CEST, Magdeburg (GER)



- Kristianstad (34:27 and 34:31 against Leon) and Magdeburg (32:24 and 35:24 against Eurofarm Pelister) won both legs of their Last 16 encounters
- Magdeburg's only defeat in this European League season happened in Sweden — a 29:30 result at Alingsås. SCM won their 11 matches since (including the Last 16) and finished first in group C
- Kristianstad finished third in group B and were defeated twice by a German team — Füchse Berlin
- Magdeburg's right wing Daniel Petterson and goalkeeper coach Tomas Svensson will touch home ground in Sweden. On the other hand, IFK players Emil Frennd-Öfors, Anton Halén and Fredrik Petersen previously played for German clubs
- in their ninth season in an EHF club competition, IFK have qualified for a quarter-final for the first time. The last and only time the Swedish side reached a knockout stage, they were eliminated by a German team — SG Flensburg-Handewitt in the EHF Champions League 2017/18 Last 16
- SC Magdeburg are the only participants in this competition who have won the EHF Champions League (2002) and the EHF Cup (1999, 2001 and 2007)
- IFK's top scorer is Adam Nyfäll with 67 goals, while Omar Ingi Magnusson scored 60 times for Magdeburg
- Magdeburg's Icelandic centre back Gisli Kristjansson is out after a shoulder surgery — the third within two years — and will not play this season anymore, like left wing Matthias Musche (torn ACL)
- in the Bundesliga, Magdeburg's incredible run of 22 unbeaten matches in a row came to an end against Flensburg last week. Now SCM are fourth ranked in the domestic competition, eight points below Flensburg
- Kristianstad, who fired their previous coach Ljubomir Vranjes in December, lost their last league match 22:25 against Skövde and rank six, also eight points below the top side, Sävehof

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

IFK Kristianstad vs SC Magdeburg

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Kristianstad Arena
Västra Storgatan 1
29154 Kristianstad
Sweden
Capacity: 4,800

IFK KRISTIANSTAD



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Füchse Berlin	10	6	2	2	247:223	(24)	14
2. USAM Nimes Gard	10	5	2	3	279:263	(16)	12
3. IFK Kristianstad	10	5	1	4	273:276	(-3)	11
4. Sporting CP	10	5	0	5	244:241	(3)	10
5. C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	10	3	1	6	279:298	(-19)	7
6. Tatran Presov	10	3	0	7	233:254	(-21)	6

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs USAM Nimes Gard	D30:30 (13:15)
@ Sporting CP	L27:26 (16:12)
@ C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W28:29 (14:12)
vs Füchse Berlin	L23:36 (11:17)
@ Tatran Presov	W22:27 (11:15)
vs Tatran Presov	W32:25 (14:13)
vs Sporting CP	L27:32 (11:16)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	W24:25 (12:13)
vs C.S. Dinamo Bucuresti	W31:22 (16:12)
@ Füchse Berlin	L30:23 (15:12)

LAST 16

@ Ademar W34:27 (16:14)
Vs Ademar W31:34 (16:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Adam Nyfjäll (SWE)	67
2 Teitur Örn (ISL)	45
3 Markus Olsson (SWE)	41
4 Anton Halén (SWE)	37
5 Emil Frend-Öfors (SWE)	36

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2017/18
Group Phase (3): 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20

EHF Cup

Group Phase: 2013/14

Swedish league: 8 titles (1941, 1948, 1952, 1953, 2015-18)



Ulf Larsson

Coach

- took over as interim coach at Kristianstad in December 2020 after the club parted ways with Ljubomir Vranjes
- will stay on as coach until the end of the 2020/21 season
- this is Larsson's fourth period as Kristianstad coach, after earlier stints in 1999-2003 and 2004-06 and a brief spell as interim in 2019
- previously worked at Åhus Handball and Vinslövs HK

Arrived during the season

Hampus Henningsson (SWE)
Isak Larsson (SWE)

Left during the season

Simon Ellersgaard Birkefeldt (DEN)
Helge Freiman (SWE)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Espen	Christensen	NOR	Goalkeeper	17.06.1985	Stavanger, NOR	190	88
4	Adam	Nyffjäll	SWE	Line Player	29.07.1992	Lysekil, SWE	196	101
5	Hampus	Henningsson	SWE	Right Back	02.01.1995	Höör, SWE	200	100
7	Markus	Olsson	SWE	Left Back	31.03.1990	Karlshamn, SWE	186	90
9	Gregor	Ocvirk	SLO	Centre Back	05.12.1998	Celje, SLO	183	89
12	Gustaf	Banke	SWE	Goalkeeper	07.01.1999	Kristianstad, SWE	191	100
C 13	Olafur Andres	Gudmundsson	ISL	Left Back	13.05.1990	Hafnarfjarðar, ISL	194	92
14	Teitur Örn	Einarsson	ISL	Right Back	23.09.1998	Selfoss, ISL	190	90
16	Rene	Ingram	GER	Goalkeeper	05.03.1999	Landshut, GER	195	115
20	Emil	Frend-Öfors	SWE	Left Wing	13.09.1994	Stockholm, SWE	193	92
21	Alfred	Ehn	SWE	Left Wing	22.10.1994	Lidköping, SWE	188	88
24	William	Bengtsson	SWE	Line Player	20.06.2000	Kristianstad, SWE	195	96
25	Ludvig	Jurmala Åström	SWE	Line Player	29.12.1999	Tyreso, SWE	196	118
27	Johan	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	23.08.1995	Kristianstad, SWE	191	78
30	Anton	Halén	SWE	Right Back	28.11.1990	Helgum, SWE	192	96
37	Zoran	Bozic	SWE	Centre Back	03.04.2001	Kristianstad, SWE	188	78
42	Albin	Nilsson	SWE	Right Wing	17.11.2001	Kristianstad, SWE	174	75
43	Isak	Larsson	SWE	Centre Back	07.01.2003	Kristianstad, SWE	186	91
50	Leo	Larsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	16.10.1990	Ystad, SWE	188	92
83	Fredrik Raahauge	Petersen	SWE	Centre Back	27.08.1983	Ystad, SWE	188	85



Espen Christensen

 @espench

Goalkeeper

- two-time WCh finalist and EHF EURO bronze medallist with Norway
- joined Kristianstad in summer of 2020 to replace the club's two retiring goalkeepers
- spent the previous three seasons with Minden in the German Bundesliga
- his second spell in Sweden, having spent seven years with two different clubs in Lund between 2008 and 2015

WCh: S 2017, 2019; EURO: B 2020



Emil Frend-Öfors

 @emilfrend

Left wing

- joined Kristianstad in summer of 2020, returning to Sweden after three seasons in the German Bundesliga with THW Kiel and HSG Wetzlar
- gained first European experience in CL and EHF Cup playing for Alingsås (2014-17)
- made national team debut in Scandinavian derby against Norway in early January 2017 and played at WCh in France that month



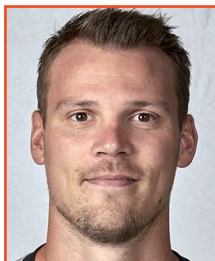
Olafur Gudmundsson

 @oligudmunds

Left back

- Icelandic international who has been with IFK since 2012, except for one season with TSV Hannover-Burgdorf in Germany (2014/15)
- IFK team captain since 2016/17
- left Iceland at age 20, moving to AG København in Denmark in 2010
- good all-round player, can be used as centre back and left back

EURO: B 2010



Markus Olsson

 @trazanbanarne

Left back

- arrived back at IFK in 2020 from fellow EL contenders Fenix Toulouse in France
- strong back court shooter, who started career with IFK in Swedish second division in 2008, leaving the club seven seasons later as champions of first division
- joined Danish side Skjern Håndbold in 2015, and in 2017/18 helped them win their first domestic title in nearly 20 years
- played all EURO and WCh events with Swedish national team between 2014-19



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: red or black

Dark

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



Playing hall

Getec Arena Magdeburg
Berliner Chaussee 32
39114 Magdeburg
Germany
Capacity: 6,800

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. SC Magdeburg	10	9	0	1	321:230	(91)	18
2. HC CSKA	10	7	0	3	263:219	(44)	14
3. Montpellier HB	10	6	0	4	231:197	(34)	12
4. RK Nexe	10	5	0	5	269:284	(-15)	10
5. Alingsas HK	10	3	0	7	262:304	(-42)	6
6. Besiktas Aygaz	10	0	0	10	238:350	(-112)	0

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ HC CSKA	W27:35 (17:18)
vs Alingsas HK	W36:21 (18:15)
@ Montpellier HB	W30:32 (15:16)
vs Besiktas Aygaz	W41:22 (21:11)
vs RK Nexe	W28:23 (17:10)
@ RK Nexe	W24:32 (8:15)
@ Alingsas HK	L30:29 (15:14)
vs HC CSKA	W37:30 (17:11)
@ Besiktas Aygaz	W23:41 (8:20)
vs Montpellier HB	W10:0

LAST 16

@ Eurofarm	W24:32(9:15)
Vs Eurofarm	W35:24 (14:9)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Omar Ingi Magnusson (ISL)	60
2 Tim Hornke (GER)	45
3 Lukas Mertens (GER)	43
4 Christoph Steinert (GER)	42
5 Christian O' Sullivan (NOR)	32

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

EHF Cup:

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

Champions Cup (forerunner of EHF Champions League):

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

EHF Champions Trophy:

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

German league (11): 2001 (GDR league: 1970, 1977, 1980, 1981-85, 1988, 1991)

German Cup (7): 1996, 2016 (GDR Cup: 1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990)



Bennet Wiegert Coach

 @bennetwiegert

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

EC trophies: CL 2002 (as player)

Arrived during the season

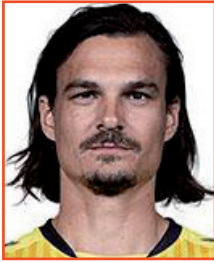
Justus Max Kluge (GER)
Janik Patzwaldt (GER)

Left during the season

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
2	Zeljko	Musa	CRO	Line Player	08.01.1986	Mostar, CRO	200	114
3	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	24.03.1988	Goreczno, POL	202	100
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18.07.1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	75
7	Justus Max	Kluge	GER	Left Wing	24.12.1997	Magdeburg, GER	194	82
8	Christoph	Steinert	GER	Right Back	18.01.1990	Berlin, GER	196	99
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30.07.1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191	90
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06.05.1992	Eskilstuna, SWE	179	72
11	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12.03.1997	Selfoss, ISL	184	87
12	Tobias	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05.07.1995	Gothenburg, SWE	198	99
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.09.1988	Lemvig, DEN	195	94
17	Tim	Hornke	GER	Right Wing	04.08.1990	Hannover, GER	189	85
21	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13.11.1991	Kongsvinger, NOR	194	100
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22.03.1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182	85
C 24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22.08.1991	Oslo, NOR	190	89
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26.06.1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	87
34	Michael	Damgaard	DEN	Left Back	18.03.1990	Lolland, DEN	192	95
66	Janik	Patzwaldt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.05.2001	Magdeburg, GER	192	88
95	Moritz	Preuß	GER	Line Player	22.02.1995	Dachau, GER	194	103



Jannick Green

Goalkeeper

- Danish goalkeeper who played CL with two different clubs: Aalborg and Bjerringbro
- arrived in Magdeburg in 2014, coming from Bjerringbro
- his mother was Danish international, his father coached him at Lemvig
- undisputed No. 1 since Dario Quenstedt moved to THW Kiel in 2019

OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2014; WCh: G 2019, S 2013

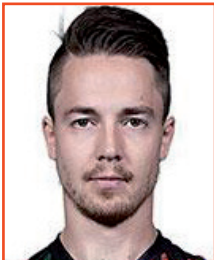


Ómar Ingi Magnussen

 @omaringim

Right back

- Icelandic back, who joined Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg respectively
- was Magdeburg's best scorer in the ELM group phase, with 48 goals
- forms backcourt duo with fellow Icelandic player Gisli Kristjansson
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18
- won bronze with Iceland and was member of All-star Team at U19 WCh in 2015



Michael Damgaard

 @dgaard34

Left back

- joined Magdeburg in 2015 from TTH Holstebro in his native Denmark
- started professional career at GOG before moving to Holstebro in 2010
- was Magdeburg's best scorer in last EHF Cup 2019/20 season
- his older brother, Allan, is also a professional handball player, for Holstebro

OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019



Marko Bezjak

 @25bezo

Centre back

- Slovenian international who arrived in Magdeburg from Velenje in 2013
- won Slovenian league title three times and gained CL experience with Velenje
- shares playmaker position with captain Christian O'Sullivan and Gisli Kristjansson
- shoulder injury kept him away from the court for six months in 2019/20

WCh: B 2017

CHEKHOVSKIE MEDVEDI (RUS) VS RHEIN–NECKAR LÖWEN (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 13 April at 18:45 CEST, Chekhov (RUS)



Second leg: Tuesday, 20 April at 18:45 CEST, Heidelberg (GER)

- Löwen and Chekhov have clashed four times before, all in the EHF Champions League — Chekhov won the first match, in 2009; Löwen the next three. RNL have always scored at least 31 goals against the Russian side
- Chekhov's last match against a German team was the 26:32 loss at home against Löwen in February 2015
- Löwen coach Martin Schwalb has already eliminated Medvedi in crucial knockout matches: In 2011, HSV Hamburg (coached by Schwalb) won the Champions League quarter-finals against Chekhov 75:61 on aggregate (38:24; 37:37)
- the last two times Medvedi qualified for a knockout stage of an EHF competition, they were eliminated by a German club: 2011 by Hamburg and 2013 by THW Kiel (Last 16 of the Champions League)
- both sides have won one European trophy: Medvedi took the Cup Winners' Cup title in 2005/06; Löwen were the first ever winners of the newly merged EHF Cup in 2013
- Medvedi have an overall European League season balance of eight victories, one draw and three defeats, while Löwen have 10 victories, two draws and two defeats (starting in the qualification). Löwen were group D winners; Medvedi finished third in group A
- both sides took a draw and a victory in their Last 16 tie — Chekhov against Nimes (30:25; 24:24); Löwen against Nexø (27:25; 27:27)
- Chekhov's top scorers Sergei Kosorotov and Alexander Kotov combine for 110 goals this season, with 56 and 54, respectively
- Löwen's top scorer and team captain Uwe Gensheimer (45 goals) is ruled out for the next six weeks after a meniscus surgery. Goalkeeper Mikael Appelgren has been out since the start of the season after a shoulder surgery

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Chekhovskie medvedi vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 1-0-3 (116:133) 2:6

28.03.2009	Chekhovskie Medvedi vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:31 (21:15)
05.04.2009	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Chekhovskie Medvedi, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	36:28 (16:13)
19.10.2014	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Chekhovskie Medvedi, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	34:29 (16:16)
15.02.2015	Chekhovskie Medvedi vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	26:32 (14:18)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: purple
Player short: purple
GK shirt: red



Playing hall

Sport Hall "Olimpiyskiy" Chekhov

Poligrafistov Str. 30
142300 Chekhov
Russia
Capacity: 3,000

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. ORLEN Wisla Plock	10	8	0	2	297:242	(55)	16
2. Abanca Ademar Leon	10	5	4	1	307:296	(11)	14
3. Chekhovskie medvedi	10	7	0	3	301:264	(37)	14
4. Fivers	10	2	2	6	301:311	(-10)	6
5. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	2	2	6	227:250	(-23)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	2	7	259:329	(-70)	4

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

@ ORLEN Wisla Plock	W25:27 (13:16)
vs Abanca Ademar Leon	L34:35 (20:17)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	W29:32 (14:16)
@ HC Metalurg	W32:37 (17:21)
vs Fivers	W30:25 (19:12)
@ Abanca Ademar Leon	L33:32 (17:19)
vs HC Metalurg	W40:27 (22:11)
vs ORLEN Wisla Plock	L27:28 (11:13)
@ Fivers	W30:32 (15:16)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	W10:0

LAST 16

@ USAM Nimes Gard	W30:25 (13:15)
Vs USAM Nimes Gard	D24:24 (11:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	56
2 Alexander Kotov (RUS)	54
3 Dmitry Kiselev (RUS)	47
4 Roman Ostashchenko (RUS)	35
5 Pavel Andreev (RUS)	28

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Semi-final (1): 2009/10
Quarter-final (2): 2008/09, 2010/11

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners: 2005/06

Russian league: 19 titles (2002-2020)

Russian cup: 10 titles



Vladimir Maximov

Coach



- legend of the sport, still the only person in handball to have won Olympic gold both as a player and as a coach
- also led Russia to several European and world titles
- resigned from his national team job in 2012 to fully focus on his work as club coach in Chekhov
- has been with Chekhov since 2001, when the club was founded, and won the domestic title every year since

EC trophies: CWC 2006

OG: G 1976 (as player), 2000, B 2004; WCh: G 1993, 1997, S 1978 (as player), 1999; EURO: G 1996, S 1994, 2000

Arrived during the season

Mikhail Gredasov (RUS)
Aleksandr Sinitcyn (RUS)

Left during the season

Nikita Kamenev (RUS)

TEAM ROSTER

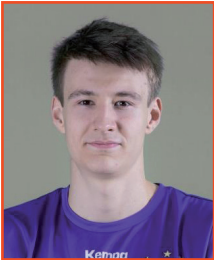
No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
5	Dmitriy	Kiselev	RUS	Right Back	15.11.1994	Voronezhskayaobl,RUS	193	98
5	Aleksandr	Ermakov	RUS	Line Player	14.01.1996	Astrakhan, RUS	195	105
6	Kirill	Klimasev	RUS	Right Wing	14.05.2002	Chekhov, RUS	174	80
7	Artsiom	Kulak	BLR	Centre Back	23.02.1996	Brest, BLR	92	87
C 9	Kirill	Kotov	RUS	Centre Back	23.05.1992	Moscow, RUS	185	79
11	Pavel	Andreev	RUS	Line Player	19.07.1992	St.-Petersburg, RUS	195	98
12	Dmitriy	Pavlenko	RUS	Goalkeeper	01.01.1991	Zaporozhe, UKR	191	86
14	Evgenii	Borovoi	RUS	Right Wing	12.02.2003	Krasnodar, RUS	180	70
16	Artem	Grushko	RUS	Goalkeeper	20.06.1993	Odessa, UKR	193	91
17	Alexander	Kotov	RUS	Right Back	11.07.1994	Volgograd, RUS	198	95
18	Egor	Ovchinnikov	RUS	Left Back	23.05.2001	Moscow, RUS	195	93
19	Roman	Ostashchenko	RUS	Left Wing	26.09.1992	Moscow, RUS	190	83
24	Dmitriy	Kornev	RUS	Right Wing	16.06.1992	Vologda, RUS	186	78
31	Viktor	Furtsev	RUS	Line Player	17.06.1996	Belgorod, RUS	198	95
33	Aleksei	Stelmakh	RUS	Goalkeeper	25.04.1998	Volgograd, RUS	192	105
34	Mark	Larin	RUS	Left Back	02.07.1997	Astrakhan, RUS	198	90
38	Timofei	Maslennikov	RUS	Right Wing	10.03.1997	Chekhov, RUS	185	88
54	Egor	Novokreshchenov	RUS	Line Player	27.02.2000	Volgograd, RUS	198	100
77	Aleksandr	Sinitcyn	RUS	Left Wing	13.03.1997	St.-Petersburg, RUS	187	70
90	Evgenii	Gribkov	RUS	Centre Back	29.09.2000	Naro-Fominsk, RUS	184	80
99	Sergei Mark	Kosorotov	RUS	Left Back	16.06.1999	Moscow, RUS	195	95
	Mikhail	Gredasov	RUS		18.02.2000			



Dmitry Pavlenko

Goalkeeper

- one of the veterans in a young Chekhov squad, became first-choice goalkeeper in 2017/18 after Oleg Grams left for Dunkerque HB
- Ukrainian-born player who started career at ZTR Zaporozhye
- moved to Chekhov at young age and became Russian citizen



Sergei Mark Kosorotov

Left back

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



Kirill Kotov

Centre back

- started playing handball in Dolgoprudny, a small town near Moscow
- joined Chekhov in 2007 at age 15 and became first-team player in 2013
- national team player, who became team captain of the Bears in 2017 after several experienced players left



Dmitrii Kiselev

Right back

- moved to Chekhov from Vardar in summer of 2019, after winning the CL in his only season with the Macedonian club
- born in Voronezh region, played only for St.-Petersburg before 2018/19 season
- also a member of the Russian national team

EC trophies: CL 2019

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: white

Dark

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



Playing hall

SAP Arena

An der Arena 1
68163 Mannheim
Germany
Capacity: 13,200

FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	8	1	1	296:256	(40)	17
2. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	6	2	2	261:251	(10)	14
3. GOG	10	6	0	4	306:305	(1)	12
4. HC Eurofarm Pelister	10	5	1	4	244:237	(7)	11
5. RK Trimo Trebnje	10	3	0	7	250:273	(-23)	6
6. Grundfos Tatabanya KC	10	0	0	10	263:298	(-35)	0

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs GOG	W32:24 (17:13)
vs RK Trimo Trebnje	W31:28 (15:11)
vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W37:30 (20:13)
@ RK Trimo Trebnje	W29:35 (13:19)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	W27:34 (15:15)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	D30:30 (17:13)
@ Grundfos Tatabanya KC	W26:32 (15:21)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister	W28:20 (14:11)
@ GOG	W32:37 (14:19)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister	L10:0

LAST 16

@ Rk Nexø W25:27 (14:13)
Vs Rk Nexø D27:27 (14:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Uwe Gensheimer (GER)	45
2 Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	44
2 Patrick Groetzki (GER)	44
4 Philipp Ahouansou (GER)	39
5 Niclas Vest Kirkeløkke (DEN)	38

Past achievements

EHF Champions League: Semi-finals 2008/09; EHF FINAL4 2010/11

EHF Cup (1 title): 2012/13

Bundesliga (2 titles): 2015/16, 2016/17

German cup (1 title): 2017/18



Martin Schwalb

Coach

- replaced Kristján Andrésson at Löwen in February 2020 for his first coaching job since suffering a heart attack in 2016
- still the only German coach who has won the EHF Champions League - with HSV in 2013
- coached Wallau and Wetzlar before joining HSV in 2005
- set to return to his former club HSV in summer of 2021
- as a player, he competed in 193 matches for Germany
- was voted player of the year in Germany in 1996

EC trophies: CL 2013, CWC 2007 (as coach)
OG: S 1984; EURO: B 1998 (as player)

Arrived during the season

Robert Kraß (GER)
Niklas Michalski (GER)
Veith Schlafmann (GER)
Elias Scholtes (GER)

Left during the season

Rafael Baena (ESP)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Mikael	Appelgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	06.09.1989	Uddevalla, SWE	191	100
2	Andre	Schmid	SUI	Centre Back	30.08.1983	Horgen, SUI	190	86
C 3	Uwe	Gensheimer	GER	Left Wing	26.10.1986	Mannheim, GER	188	90
4	Elias	Scholtes	GER	Right Back	17.08.2003	Bruchsal, GER	190	90
5	Kaspar	Veigel	GER	Right Wing	22.09.2001	Germersheim, GER	189	88
6	Niclas Vest	Kirkeløkke	DEN	Right Back	26.03.1994	Ringe, DEN	195	100
7	Maximilian	Trost	GER	Left Back	23.08.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	202	100
7	Robert	Kraß	GER	Right Back	24.08.2003	Germersheim, GER	201	103
8	Romain	Lagarde	FRA	Centre Back	05.03.1997	Lorient, FRA	194	95
9	Mait	Patrail	EST	Left Back	11.04.1988	Põlva, EST	200	102
12	Andreas	Palicka	SWE	Goalkeeper	10.07.1986	N Nöbbelöv, SWE	189	88
15	Leon	Bolius	GER	Left Wing	13.06.1995	Schwetzingen, GER	178	78
16	Niklas	Gierse	GER	Goalkeeper	15.01.2000	Heidelberg, GER	198	106
17	Jerry	Tollbring	SWE	Left Wing	13.09.1995	Norrårlje, SWE	182	82
19	Philipp	Ahouansou	GER	Left Back	02.05.2001	Hanau, GER	203	90
20	Ilija	Abutovic	SRB	Left Back	02.08.1988	Vrbas, SRB	202	100
21	Sebastian	Trost	GER	Left Back	02.01.1998	Speyer, GER	192	95
22	Christopher	Roth	GER	Left Back	18.03.2001	Karlsruhe, GER	196	105
23	Albin	Lagergren	SWE	Right Back	11.09.1992	Varberg, SWE	186	94
24	Patrick	Groetzki	GER	Right Wing	04.07.1989	Pforzheim, GER	189	84
27	Jannis	Schneibel	GER	Centre Back	06.07.2000	Ludwigshafen, GER	188	77
29	David	Späth	GER	Goalkeeper	29.04.2002	Kaiserslautern, GER	197	95
32	Alexander	Petersson	ISL	Right Back	02.07.1980	Riga, LAT	188	89
33	Ýmir	Gíslason	ISL	Line Player	01.07.1997	Reykjavik, ISL	192	90
36	Jesper	Nielsen	SWE	Line Player	30.09.1989	Norrköping, SWE	200	118
55	Nikolas	Katsigiannis	GER	Goalkeeper	17.09.1982	Werne, GER	195	100
65	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16.11.1996	Ystad, SWE	194	97
72	David	Ganshorn	GER	Line Player	27.05.1989	Mannheim, GER	191	99
73	Veith	Schlafmann	GER	Right Wing	18.04.2002	Heidelberg, GER	186	85
80	Jannik	Kohlbacher	GER	Line Player	19.07.1995	Bensheim, GER	193	105
97	Rico	Keller	GER	Centre Back	30.07.1997	Heidelberg, GER	192	87
	Niklas	Michalski	GER		20.02.2003			



Jerry Tollbring

Left wing

- arrived in 2017 at Löwen, entering the huge footprint of Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson
- discovered after his strong Champions League performances at Kristianstad
- regularly shares the left wing position with Uwe Gensheimer, but the team captain is out now after a meniscus surgery
- with 44 goals is Löwen's second best scorer in the European league after the Last 16 below Gensheimer

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Lukas Nilsson

 @lukasnilsson

Left back

- like many Swedish top players, he comes from Ystad
- joined Löwen in summer of 2020 to replace Mads Mensah Larsen, arriving from Bundesliga rivals THW Kiel, where he spent three seasons
- scored 337 Bundesliga goals for Kiel in three years
- is one of five Swedish players in the Löwen squad for the 2020/21 season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



Andre Schmid

 @andyschmid2

Centre back

- playing in his 11th season with Löwen, his current contract runs until 2022
- previously played for Grasshopper and Amicitia in Zürich and for Bjerringbro
- key player, both as playmaker and shooter
- only member of Swiss national team who played at EHF EURO in both 2006 and 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Patrick Groetzki

 @patrickgroetzki24

Right wing

- been part of the Löwen squad for his entire career; has played over 560 games since 2007, more than any other player in the club's history
- made national team debut for Germany at age 19 in 2009
- was part of the team that won bronze at 2016 Rio Olympics

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
OG: B 2016

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