



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22
LAST 16

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE LAST 16

We are delighted to welcome you to the start of the EHF European League Men 2021/22 knockout phase, which gets underway with the Last 16 on 29 March and 5 April.

In its second season now, the EHF European League Men has itself firmly established as the must-follow continental competition on Tuesday nights. The group phase once again lived up to expectation with a series of tough, intense, and energetic matches, featuring an eclectic mix of teams.

The competition has caught the imagination of fans across the continent with millions watching the action unfold, as Europe-wide interest in EHF's second-tier competition remains high. Now we focus on the 16 teams that have their sights firmly fixed on reaching the second edition of the EHF Finals Men, on 28/29 May 2022.

The group phase started with 24 teams from 16 different nations, and we continue with 16 teams from 11 nations. Like last season, when SC Magdeburg ended up winning the inaugural EHF European League title, three German sides have made it into the Last 16: apart from the defending champions, Füchse Berlin and TBV Lemgo Lippe are through.

This time, France can also be looking forward to three contenders: HBC Nantes, USAM Nimes Gard, and Fenix Toulouse Handball continue their road to the EHF Finals as well. One of the most eye-catching pairings in the Last 16 is the duel between multiple EHF Cup champions Füchse and EHF Champions League 2017/18 finalist Nantes.

While other nations might have more teams in the mix, no city is better represented than Lisbon: The Portuguese capital has its two powerhouses competing: SL Benfica will face Toulouse, while Sporting CP are set to take on Magdeburg, the only team in the competition to complete their 10-match group phase campaign without a single defeat.

Also, Orlen Wisla Plock will be eager to return to the EHF Finals. The Polish side beat Füchse in the race for top spot in group A but will need to get past another German side, Lemgo, in the Last 16 to get to the quarter-finals and keep their hopes of the four-team final tournament alive.

The group phase has already hinted that any team in this competition can spring a surprise on their day. We look forward to continue working with you during the Last 16!

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EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 GROUP PHASE



EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN

2021/22 SEASON

Playing systems and clubs



Qualification	Group Phase	Last 16	Quarter-finals	EHF Finals	Dates																												
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4 EHF EURO ALL-STARS, 11 NATIONS, 16 TEAMS, 6,956 GOALS

FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND STATS BEFORE THE LAST 16 THROWS OFF THE KNOCKOUT PHASE IN THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN 2021/22 SEASON

Two EHF Champions League winners, three EHF Cup champions, two former Cup Winners' Cup titleholders, eight players who won the Men's EHF EURO 2022 – here are some ingredients of the EHF European League Men when the competition heads into its knockout phase with the Last 16.

0 teams from the same country face in the Last 16, but two quarter-final pairings could become national derbies: Nantes/Füchse vs Magdeburg/Sporting and Toulouse/Benfica vs Velenje/Nimes.

0 teams did not win a single point in the group phase, compared to two in the previous season.

0 teams won all 10 group matches in the group phase.

1

team was unbeaten in the group phase: titleholders Magdeburg (9 wins, 1 draw)

1 group match ended with less than 45 goals: Presov vs Plock 15:29.

1 former EHF Champions League top scorer is part of the Last 16: Füchse Berlin's Hans Lindberg, who was CL top scorer in 2012/13 for Hamburg – as well as EHF Cup top scorer in 2016/17 and 2017/18 for Füchse.

2 former EHF Champions League winners are still part of the competition: SC Magdeburg (2002) and Bidasoa Irun (1995).

2 players who have won the 'golden four' (OG, WCh, EURO, CL) are still in the competition: Michaël Guigou (FRA/Nimes) and Hans Lindberg (DEN/Füchse).

2 of the Last 16 participants played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Füchse and Nantes – who play against each other in the Last 16.

3

former EHF Cup winners are still in the race for the EHF European League trophy, and they are all from Germany: Berlin, Magdeburg and Lemgo.

3 of the four teams at the EHF Finals 2021 are still in the race this season: Magdeburg, Berlin, and Plock; Rhein-Neckar Löwen went out in the qualification.

4 players that are part of the Last 16 were members of the Men's EHF EURO 2022 All-star Team: Danish right back Mathias Gidsel (currently injured), his GOG teammates Viktor Hallgrímsson (Iceland/goalkeeper) and Oscar Bergendahl (Sweden/best defender), and Füchse left wing Milos Vujovic (Montenegro); also, Magdeburg's Icelandic goal-getter Omar Ingi Magnusson was top scorer with 59 goals.

5 teams made it to the Last 16 after starting their campaign in qualification round 1: GOG, Schaffhausen, Toulouse, Benfica, and Nexø.

7 group matches ended with 70 or more goals, compared to only two last season.

9 of the 16 teams were also part of the Last 16 last season: Magdeburg, Berlin, Plock, Nimes, Nexø, GOG, Sporting, Pelister, and Kadetten.

11 group matches ended in a draw; Nantes and Kadetten had three draws each.

11

nations are represented by the 16 teams: FRA and GER have three teams in competition; POR two; CRO, DEN, ESP, MKD, POL, SLO, SUI, and SWE one each.

15 group matches ended with a difference of 10 or more goals; compared to 11 matches with a 10-goal difference last season.

15 was the lowest number of goals by a team in one group match: Presov lost 29:15 against Plock.

16 players still in competition won medals at the EHF EURO 2022: eight Swedish gold medallists, four Spanish silver medallists, and 4 Danish bronze medallists.

16

goals was the biggest winning margin of a match in the group phase, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30.

19 was the highest number of group phase points by one team: Magdeburg; next in line were Plock (18) and Fűchse (16).

28 matches are still scheduled this season: 16 in the Last 16, eight in the quarter-finals, and four at the EHF Finals Men on 28/29 May 2022.

41 group matches were won by the visiting team.

46 was the highest number of goals scored by a team in a group match, when GOG beat Cocks 46:30.

50 group matches ended with 60 or more goals – 15 matches more than last season.

66

group matches were won by the home team.

77 was the highest amount of goals in a group match, when GOG beat Benfica 39:38.

340 goals were scored by GOG in the group phase, the highest figure for any team; next in line were Benfica (336) and Lemgo (319), all three teams played in group B.

6,956 goals were scored in the group phase: 1,714 in group A, 1,775 in group B, 1,806 in group C, and 1,661 in group D; the average was 58.95 goals per match.

Top 3 lists after the EHF European League Men group phase:

Most goals:

77 – GOG vs Benfica 39:38

76 – GOG vs Cocks 46:30

74 – Lemgo vs Nantes 37:37, Lemgo vs GOG 39:35

Fewest goals:

44 – Presov vs Plock 15:29

46 – Tatabánya vs Pelister 25:21, Nimes vs Tatabánya 24:22

47 – Pelister vs Nimes 21:26

Biggest winning margin:

+16 goals – GOG vs Cocks 46:30

+14 goals – Tatabánya vs Sporting 23:37,

Presov vs Plock 15:29, Winterthur vs Irun 23:37, Toulouse vs Presov 34:20

Most points:

19 – Magdeburg

18 – Plock

16 – Fűchse

Most wins:

9 – Plock, Magdeburg

8 – Fűchse

7 – GOG, Benfica

Most goals scored:

340 – GOG

336 – Benfica

319 – Lemgo

Fewest goals conceded:

248 – Pelister

258 – Plock

265 – Toulouse

Top scorers (group phase only):

78 – Mohamed Sanad (EGY/Nimes)

74 – Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL/Lemgo)

68 – Halil Jaganjac (CRO/Nexe)

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT DECIDES WHEN TWO OR MORE TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

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

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

LAST 16 AND QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

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

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

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

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

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.

- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

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

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

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

- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.

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



PAIRINGS

SPORTING CP (POR) VS SC MAGDEBURG (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 20:45 CEST, Lisbon (POR)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 20:45 CEST, Magdeburg (GER)



- Sporting started the group phase with seven points from four matches but gained just four more points, including a crucial win over group winners Nimes, to place fourth in the tight group D
- Sporting eliminated Danish former EHF Cup Finals participants Holstebro in the qualification round
- Sporting's best scorer in the group phase will face many compatriots in the Last 16: Jens Schöngarth (44 goals) from Germany
- Sporting also made it to the Last 16 of the EHF European League last season, where they were defeated by eventual EHF Finals participants Plock
- Magdeburg have lost just one match so far in the 2021/22 season - against Flensburg - across all competitions: Bundesliga, European League, German cup, and IHF Super Globe
- Magdeburg collected 19 from the 20 possible points in their group, following nine wins and a draw, with La Rioja
- winning the EHF European League last season marked the club's fifth title in three different EHF club competitions
- Magdeburg have Men's EHF EURO 2022 top scorer Omar Ingi Magnusson from Iceland in their squad, but their best scorer after the group phase is Dutch international Kay Smits, with 42 goals

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Sporting CP vs SC Magdeburg 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

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

Dark

Player shirt: fluorescent green
Player short: black
GK shirt: black/orange/grey



Playing hall

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Capacity: 3,000

SPORTING CP



FINAL RANKING GROUP D

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs TTH Holstebro W31:25 (18:14)
@ TTH Holstebro W28:31 (16:15)

GROUP D:

vs Kadetten Schaffhausen W29:28 (9:12)
@ Grundfos Tatabánya KC W23:37 (13:18)
@ USAM Nimes Gard L33:27 (17:15)
vs AEK Athens HC W31:30 (14:15)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister D27:27 (14:16)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister L31:25 (14:13)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen L26:24 (10:11)
vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC W34:26 (15:13)
@ AEK Athens HC L25:24 (15:11)
vs USAM Nimes Gard W32:30 (17:18)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Jens Schöngarth (GER)	38
2. Francisco Costa (POR)	36
3. Martim Costa (POR)	35
4. Mamadou Gassama (ESP)	29
5. Francisco Tavares (POR)	22

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1) : 2018/19

Group phase (2): 2017/18, 2019/20

Group matches (1): 2001/02

European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-finals: 2000/01, 2013/14

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals: 2003/04

Challenge Cup

Winners 2009/10, 2016/17; Semi-finals 2011/12

Portuguese league

21 titles (1952, 1956; 1961; 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1986, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2017, 2018)

Portuguese cup

15 titles (1972, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014)





RICARDO COSTA

Coach

- 2021/22 is his first season as head coach of Sporting CP
- won four Portuguese championships as a player
- was the head coach of FC Porto for two seasons
- his two sons – Martim Costa and Francisco Costa – are in Sporting's squad

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Ronaldo Almeida Duquezne (CUB)
Hanser Rodriguez Rodriguez (CUB)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
78	Alexandre	Santos	POR	Left Back	22/04/2004	Le Chesnay, FRA	197	79
9	Andre Filipe	Garcias Jose	POR	Centre Back	19/04/2001	Tavira, POR	186	88
3	Antonio	Machado	POR	Line Player	11/03/2004	Lisboa, POR	195	103
17	Benjamin Gabriel	Joao	POR	Right Wing	21/06/2003	Lisboa, POR	178	81
11	Carlos	Ruesga	ESP	Centre Back	10/03/1985	Gijon, ESP	185	90
27	Duarte	Ramires	POR	Left Wing	04/07/2002	Lisboa, POR	180	78
5	Edmilson	Araujo	CPV	Left Back	06/01/1994	Lisboa, POR	187	93
20	Eduardo	Almeida	POR	Line Player	24/02/2003	Portimão, POR	195	114
18	Erekle	Arsenashvili	GEO	Line Player	18/10/1998	Tbilisi, GEO	200	107
6	Francisco	Mota	POR	Right Back	16/02/2005	VilaNovadeGaia, POR	187	79
22	Francisco	Tavares	POR	Right Wing	14/11/1996	Almada, POR	180	80
33	Jens	Schöngarth	GER	Right Back	07/12/1988	Emmendingen, GER	204	110
8	Jonas Bruus	Tidemand	DEN	Line Player	28/09/1994	Ballerup, DEN	199	107
77	Josep	Folques	ESP	Left Wing	08/04/1996	Algemesi, ESP	198	99
19	Mamadou Gassama	Cissokho	ESP	Right Wing	28/10/1993	Granollers, ESP	191	87
24	Manuel	Gaspar	POR	Goalkeeper	09/12/1998	Setubal, POR	192	101
79	Martim	Mota da Costa	POR	Left Back	27/09/2002	VilaNovadeGaia, POR	188	95
1	Matevz	Skok	SLO	Goalkeeper	02/09/1986	Celje, SLO	189	92
7	Natán Antonio	Suárez Diaz	ESP	Centre Back	20/01/1998	Girona, ESP	185	83
C 13	Salvador	Salvador	POR	Left Back	29/07/2001	SamoraCorreia, POR	197	108
61	Yassine	Belkaied	TUN	Goalkeeper	19/10/2000	Hammamet, TUN	197	95
2	Ronaldo Hiram	Almeida Duquezne	CUB	Right Back	20/08/2002	Matanzas, CUB	196	106
10	Hanser Michel	Rodriguez Rodriguez	CUB	Centre Back	05/05/2000	La Habana, CUB	189	89



CARLOS RUESGA

 @cruesga11

Centre back

- has played for Portland San Antonio, Veszprém and Barça
- won the WCh in 2013 and has an impressive European resume
- won several titles and awards in Spain and Hungary
- known for his vision of the game and offensive power

WCh: G 2013; EURO: B 2014
EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017



NATÁN SUÁREZ

 @suareznatan

Centre back

- Spanish centre back who arrived at Sporting CP this year
- had a great 2020/21 season for Ademar Leon, scoring 121 goals in 47 games
- is an intelligent athlete and an essential part of Sporting's offensive moves
- creates very good chances for the line player and is also a good finisher



SALVADOR SALVADOR

 @salvadorsalvador13

Left back

- born in Samora Correia, he started playing handball at his local club
- the 20-year-old has a great instinct for the game and possesses a powerful shot
- one of Portuguese handball's biggest hopes for the future
- won titles with Sporting's U17 and U19 teams



FRANCISCO TAVARES

 @franciscotavares22

Right wing

- despite being only 24, he has been at Sporting CP for almost 10 years
- the right wing prodigy is a penalty expert
- is a valuable player for Sporting in attack and defence



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

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



Playing hall

Getec Arena Magdeburg
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Capacity: 7,800

SC MAGDEBURG



FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
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4. RK Gorenje Velenje	10	4	1	5	284:306	(-22)	9
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6. PAUC Handball	10	1	1	8	290:319	(-29)	3

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

GROUP C:

@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W27:31 (14:13)
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vs RK Nexe	W32:26 (19:14)
@ IK Sävehof	W26:29 (11:11)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W34:24 (20:12)
@ PAUC Handball	W28:39 (13:20)
vs IK Sävehof	W31:25 (17:13)
@ RK Nexe	W24:28 (11:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Kay Smits (NED)	42
2. Michael Damgaard (DEN)	41
3. Lukas Mertens (GER)	30
4. Ómar Ingi Magnussen (ISL)	29
5. Magnus Saugstrup (DEN)	28

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02

EHF European League

Winners (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

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

Champions Cup (forerunner of CL)

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

EHF Champions Trophy

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

German league (11)

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


German cup (7)

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





BENNET WIEGERT
Coach

 @bennetwiegert

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

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

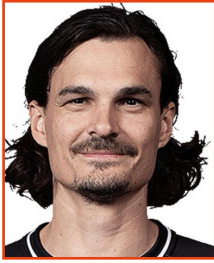
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TEAM ROSTER

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38	Alexander	Möller	GER	Centre Back	23/02/2003	Magdeburg, GER	194	
33	Carl Philipp	Haake	GER	Left Wing	30/04/2002	Magdeburg, GER	185	
C 24	Christian	O'Sullivan	NOR	Centre Back	22/08/1991	Oslo, NOR	190	
11	Daniel	Pettersson	SWE	Right Wing	06/05/1992	Eskilstuna, SWE	179	
7	Ellias	Ruddat	GER	Left Wing	12/02/2002	Magdeburg, GER	186	
36	Felix	Eißing	GER	Right Wing	14/10/2002	Magdeburg, GER	191	
10	Gisli Thorgeir	Kristjansson	ISL	Centre Back	30/07/1999	Reykjavik, ISL	191	
66	Janik	Patzwaldt	GER	Goalkeeper	22/05/2001	Magdeburg, GER	192	
16	Jannick	Green	DEN	Goalkeeper	29/09/1988	Lemvig, DEN	195	
31	KayKirstenEvert	Smits	NED	Right Back	31/03/1997	Geleen, NED	186	
35	Luka	Baumgart	GER	Right Back	05/08/1999	Magdeburg, GER	193	
22	Lukas	Mertens	GER	Left Wing	22/03/1996	Wilhelmshaven, GER	182	
21	Magnus	Gullerud	NOR	Line Player	13/11/1991	Kongsvinger, NOR	194	
23	MagnusSaugstrup	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	12/07/1996	Aalborg, DEN	195	
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26/06/1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18/07/1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	
34	Michael	Damgaard	DEN	Left Back	18/03/1990	Lolland, DEN	192	
1	Mike	Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/02/1995	Maribo, DEN	207	
95	Moritz	Preuß	GER	Line Player	22/02/1995	Dachau, GER	194	
1	Niclas	Behrendt	GER	Goalkeeper	11/01/2002	Wittorf, GER	192	
39	Ole	Schramm	GER	Left Back	28/12/1999	Magdeburg, GER	193	
14	Ómar Ingi	Magnusson	ISL	Right Back	12/03/1997	Selfoss, ISL	184	
41	Oskar	Schöll	GER	Centre Back	24/03/2001	Magdeburg, GER	181	
20	Philipp	Weber	GER	Left Back	15/09/1992	Schönebeck, GER	194	
3	Piotr	Chrapkowski	POL	Left Back	24/03/1988	Goreczno, POL	202	
42	Renars	Uscins	GER	Left Back	29/04/2002	Dessau, GER	189	
17	Tim	Hornke	GER	Right Wing	04/08/1990	Hannover, GER	189	
37	Tim	Kloor	GER	Right Wing	22/01/2002	Magdeburg, GER	186	

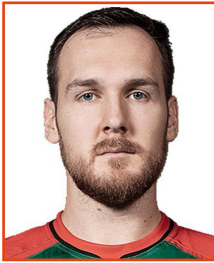


JANNICK GREEN

Goalkeeper

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

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



CHRISTIAN O'SULLIVAN

 @christianosullivan24

Centre back

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

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

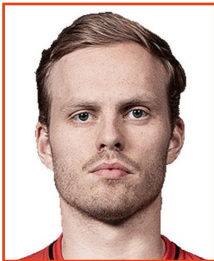


MAGNUS SAUGSTRUP

Line player

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

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



ÓMAR INGI MAGNÚSSON

 @omaringim

Right back

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

EC trophies: EL 2021

RK GORENJE VELENJE (SLO) VS USAM NIMES GARD (FRA)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 18:45 CEST, Velenje (SLO)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 20:45 CEST, Nimes (FRA)



- Velenje reached the semi-final of the EHF European Cup last season but are back in the knockout phase of a second-tier club competition in Europe for the first time since 2015
- the biggest European success in the club's history was reaching the two-leg final of the EHF Cup 2008/09, which they lost to German side Gummersbach
- Velenje have one of the youngest teams among the Last 16 clubs
- Velenje advanced as the fourth-ranked team from group C, with nine points
- Velenje lost five of their first seven matches this season but ended their group phase campaign impressively with three straight victories, including an away win at second-ranked IK Sävehof
- Nimes are one of three French teams still in the race for the title, alongside Nantes and Toulouse
- Nimes started their EHF European League Men 2021/22 journey in the last qualification round before ending up as winners of the tight group D
- Nimes and Pelister ended level on 12 points, but Nimes earned the No. 1 spot as they had won both direct duels
- Mohamed Sanad was the top scorer after the group phase, with 78 goals
- Nimes also reached the Last 16 of the EHF European League last season, but lost to Chekhovskie medvedi
- the average height of players in Nimes' squad is below that figure for most other teams competing in the Last 16

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

RK Gorenje Velenje vs USAM Nimes Gard 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: turquoise
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

RK GORENJE VELENJE



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CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Tilen Sokolic (SLO)	48
2. Ibrahim Haseljic (BIH)	37
3. Domen Tajnik (SLO)	32
4. Timotej Grmsek (SLO)	26
5. Aleks Kavcic (SLO)	25

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

Main round (1): 2007/08

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

EHF Cup

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

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

2019/20

EHF European Cup

Semi-final (1): 2020/21

Cup Winners' Cup

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

Slovenian league

4 titles (2009, 2012, 2013, 2021)

Slovenian cup

2 titles (2003, 2019)





ZORAN JOVIČIČ

Coach

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

EURO: S 2004 (as player)

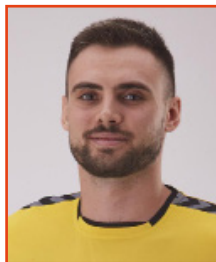
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DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Aleks Kavcic (SLO)

TEAM ROSTER

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

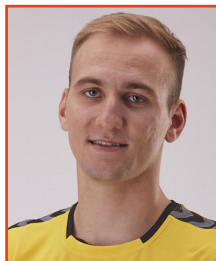


TILEN SOKOLIČ

 @tilensokolic

Left wing

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



DOMEN TAJNIK

 @tajnik9

Centre back

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



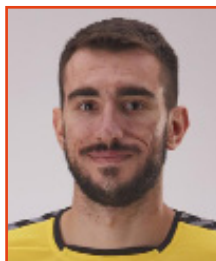
DAVID MIKLAVČIČ

 @davidmiklavcic


Right back

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

WCh: B 2017



IBRAHIM HASELJIĆ

 @ibrahimhaseljic

Right wing

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



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Le Parnasse - Nîmes
160 Avenue du Languedoc
30900 Nîmes
France
Capacity: 4,041

USAM NIMES GARD



FINAL RANKING GROUP D

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs HC CSKA

W36:29 (17:13)

@ HC CSKA

D29:29 (15:15)

GROUP D:

@ HC Eurofarm Pelister

W21:26 (6:15)

vs AEK Athens HC

L26:27 (16:14)

vs Sporting CP

W33:27 (17:15)

@ Kadetten Schaffhausen

D25:25 (15:13)

vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC

W24:22 (11:9)

@ Grundfos Tatabánya KC

W30:38 (17:16)

vs HC Eurofarm Pelister

W25:23 (13:12)

@ AEK Athens HC

L34:30 (15:16)

vs Kadetten Schaffhausen

D33:33 (14:16)

@ Sporting CP

L32:30 (17:18)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	78
2. Luc Tobie (FRA)	30
Mathieu Salou (FRA)	30
4. Henrik Jakobsen (NOR)	27
5. Michaël Guigou (FRA)	17

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 1993/94

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup

Last 32 (1): 1994/95

French league

4 titles (1987/88, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1992/93)

French cup


3 titles (1984/85, 1985/86, 1993/94)

Kadetten Schaffhausen (SUI)





FRANCK MAURICE
Coach

 @franckmaurice930

- Paris-born coach who has been in charge of Nîmes since November 2014
- previously coached ES Besançon and US Saintes
- was a left wing at five different clubs and played 21 games for the French national team before ending his playing career at Nîmes in 2002
- played a Cup Winners' cup semi-final with Ivry in 1997

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Kosuke Yasuhira (JPN)
Baptiste Bonnefonde (FRA)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Lou Derisbourg (FRA)



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
15	Ahmed Hesham	Elsayed Moham	EGY	Left Back	15/05/2000	Cairo , EGY	194	88
30	Baptiste	Joblon	FRA	Line Player	16/02/2003	Compiègne, FRA	188	87
4	Benjamin	Gallego	FRA	Line Player	24/11/1988	Montpellier, FRA	184	86
97	Clement	Esparon	FRA	Left Back	12/06/2002	Le Port , FRA	187	86
17	Damien	Gibernon	FRA	Right Back	17/05/2000	Nîmes, FRA	181	76
19	Dorian	Timpeira	FRA	Left Back	28/06/2002	Montelimar, FRA	200	90
10	Evan	Tolleron	FRA	Right Wing	24/11/2002	Paris , FRA	183	86
13	Gueric	Vincent	FRA	Left Wing	18/08/2002	Lyon, FRA	180	63
9	Henrik	Jakobsen	NOR	Line Player	16/12/1992	Lorenskog, NOR	196	100
27	Jean-Jacques	Acquevillo	FRA	Right Back	17/01/1989	Le lamentein, FRA	195	100
C 6	Julien	Rebichon	FRA	Left Wing	18/10/1988	Montpellier, FRA	179	79
1	Louis	Gouaze	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/01/2003	Montpellier, FRA	192	95
24	Luc	Tobie	FRA	Right Back	24/06/1988	Cayenne, GUY	190	84
23	Mathieu	Salou	FRA	Right Back	26/05/2000	Morlaix, FRA	200	90
18	Michaël	Guigou	FRA	Left Wing	28/01/1982	Apt, FRA	179	79
91	Mohamed	Hisham Sanad	EGY	Right Wing	16/01/1991	Cairo, EGY	186	86
8	O'Brian	Nyateu	FRA	Centre Back	07/11/1992	Bordeaux, FRA	187	85
12	Paul	Keller	FRA	Goalkeeper	13/03/2001	Nîmes, FRA	186	78
11	Quentin	Dupuy	FRA	Left Back	01/07/1994	Nîmes, FRA	194	97
38	Quentin	Minel	FRA	Left Back	03/09/1992	Argenteuil , FRA	185	88
31	Quentin	Pugliese	FRA	Centre Back	21/05/2000	Toulouse, FRA	195	80
92	Remi	Desbonnet	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/02/1992	Montpellier, FRA	182	85
7	Remi	Salou	FRA	Line Player	09/02/1988	Brest, FRA	197	102
14	Romain	Tesio	FRA	Left Wing	14/03/1997	Avignon, FRA	183	81
77	Samuel	Queiros	FRA	Right Wing	24/04/2002	Montfermail, FRA	169	57
55	Teodor	Paul	SVK	Goalkeeper	22/04/1987	Kosice, SVK	195	94
2	Tom	Poyet	FRA	Centre Back	29/11/1999	Nîmes, FRA	187	84
29	Kosuke	Yasuhiro	JAP	Centre Back	29/06/2000	Takaoka, JAP	173	70
6	Baptiste	Bonnefond	FRA	Left Back	22/01/1993	Lyon, FRA	193	97



MICHAËL GUIGOU

Left wing

- transferred to Nîmes in the summer of 2019 after 19 seasons with Montpellier, the club where he started playing handball
- only player in Montpellier's CL-winning squad of 2018 who also won trophy in 2003
- adds necessary experience to Nîmes; one of two Nîmes players, alongside O'Brian Nyateu, to have played in an EHF Cup final
- made debut for France in 2002 and missed only one EHF EURO since 2004 – in 2008 – due to injury; World Championship 2009 All-star left wing

EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018

OG: G 2008, G 2012, S 2016, G 2020; WCh: G 2009, G 2011, G 2015, G 2017, B 2005, B 2019; EURO: G 2006, G 2010, G 2014, B 2018

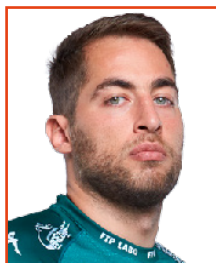


RÉMI DESBONNET

 @remi_desbonnet92

Goalkeeper

- started his professional handball career at Montpellier, like many of his teammates at Nîmes
- famously scored a goal against HSV Hamburg in the CL in 2013
- 182 cm tall and one of the most efficient goalkeepers in the French league
- represents France in beach handball



MOHAMMAD SANAD

 @sanad_91

Right wing

- top scorer of EHF European League 2021/22 group phase with 78 goals
- moved to Europe in 2015 and played for Komlói BSK (Hungary) and La Rioja (Spain) before signing for Nîmes in 2017
- was the first player from the new Egyptian generation to move to a big club in Europe, paving the way for many of his teammates
- was Nîmes' best scorer in the French league in the past four seasons, with more than seven goals per game on average



JEAN-JACQUES ACQUEVILLO

Left back

- earned first national team selection in 2019 for EHF EURO 2020 qualifiers
- born on the island of Martinique, made his debut in the French first division only in 2017, when aged 27
- made his debut for France in June 2019, during an EHF EURO qualifier game against Romania
- moved to Nîmes in 2019, after playing in Cesson and Saran

TBV LEMGO LIPPE (GER) VS ORLEN WISLA PLOCK (POL)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 18:45 CEST, Lemgo (GER)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Plock (POL)



- two-time EHF Cup winners Lemgo reached the Last 16 upon their return to international handball after 10 years, finishing fourth in group B but just three points behind winners GOG
- Lemgo's squad includes two Swedish EHF EURO 2022 winners - goalkeeper Peter Johannesson and centre back Jonathan Carlsbogard - and one Spanish silver medallist: Gedeon Guardiola
- Lemgo's best scorer in the group phase was Bjarki Mar Elisson with 74 goals
- two big names of German handball are part of Lemgo: Kian Schwarzer, son of world and European champion Christian Schwarzer; and Lukas Zerbe, nephew of European champion and current Fühse sports director, Volker Zerbe
- like last season, Plock won their group; this time got nine wins from 10 matches and only lost at home to Fühse
- Plock defeated their German rivals in the last group match, ending Fühse's long unbeaten streak in home matches
- the Polish side heavily relied on their strong defence, conceding just 258 goals in total; only Pelister (248) did better in the group phase
- Plock reached the inaugural EHF Finals last season, but lost to both eventual champions Magdeburg in the semi-final and Löwen in the third-place match
- Plock coach Xavier Sabate has just picked up a second assignment as head coach, taking over the men's national team of Czech Republic

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

TBV Lemgo Lippe vs Orlen Wisla Plock 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: green



Playing hall

Phoenix Contact Arena
Bunsenstraße
32657 Lemgo
Germany
Capacity: 4,834

TBV LEMGO LIPPE



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ Valur Iceland W26:27 (17:14)
vs Valur Iceland W27:21 (11:11)

GROUP B:

vs SL Benfica L29:30 (16:14)
@ HBC Nantes W27:28 (10:12)
@ Chekhovskie medvedi W28:30 (15:13)
vs Cocks W39:30 (18:14)
vs Chekhovskie medvedi W30:27 (16:16)
@ GOG L34:28 (15:10)
@ SL Benfica L35:30 (15:15)
vs HBC Nantes D37:37 (17:20)
@ Cocks D29:29 (12:15)
vs GOG W39:35 (19:17)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL)	74
2. Lukas Zerbe (GER)	42
3. Jonathan Carlsbogard (SWE)	38
4. Tim Suton (GER)	32
5. Frederik Simak (GER)	26

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Semi-final (1): 1997/98

Quarter-final (2): 2003/04, 2004/05

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (1): 1995/96

EHF Cup

Winners (2): 2005/06, 2009/10

German league

2 titles (1997, 2003)

German Cup

4 titles (1995, 1997, 2002, 2020)

German Super Cup

4 titles (1997, 1999, 2002, 2003)





FLORIAN KEHRMANN

head coach

- joined TBV as a player in 1999 and has been a coach at the club since 2013
- scored 820 goals in 223 international matches for Germany
- avoided relegation after taking over as Lemgo head coach when they were last in the Bundesliga in 2004
- winning the German Cup in 2021 was his first trophy as a coach
- is famous for developing young players in the Bundesliga

WCh G 2007, S 2003; OG S 2004; EURO G 2004, S 2002
EC trophies: EHFC 2006, 2010

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Christian Herz (GER)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
34	Andreas	Cederholm	SWE	Right Back	04/05/1990	Hjo, SWE	186	92
C 5	Andrej	Kogut	GER	Centre Back	09/04/1988	Moscow, RUS	184	94
4	Bjarki Mar	Elisson	ISL	Left Wing	16/05/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	190	91
14	Bobby	Schagen	NED	Right Wing	13/01/1990	Amsterdam, NED	191	87
20	Finn	Zecher	GER	Goalkeeper	01/09/2000	Darmstadt, GER	189	89
8	Frederik	Simak	GER	Left Back	24/01/1998	Gengenbach, GER	197	104
30	Gedeon	Guardiola	ESP	Line Player	01/10/1984	Petrer, ESP	205	105
37	Hark	Hansen	GER	Right Back	02/02/2000	Paderborn, GER	188	91
7	Isaias	Guardiola	ESP	Right Back	01/10/1984	Petrer, ESP	200	105
9	Jonathan	Carlsbogard	SWE	Left Back	19/04/1995	Göteborg, SWE	195	96
22	Kian	Schwarzer	GER	Left Wing	01/03/1999	St. Ingbert, GER	181	89
38	Leve	Carstensen	GER	Left Wing	18/01/2002	Flensburg, GER	194	85
42	Linus	Geis	GER	Left Back	03/02/1998	Bad Neustadt, GER	202	111
2	Lukas	Hutecek	AUT	Left Back	02/07/2000	Horn, AUT	189	101
24	Lukas	Zerbe	GER	Right Wing	17/01/1996	Lemgo, GER	184	73
16	Marcel	Timm	GER	Line Player	03/02/1998	Gummersbach, GER	195	103
39	Michel	Reitemann	GER	Line Player	15/01/2000	Lemgo, GER	188	96
40	Niko	Blaauw	NED	Left Back	15/01/2002	Leiderdorp, NED	190	86
25	Peter	Johannesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	12/05/1992	Västra Götaland, SWE	191	92
41	Thore	Oetjen	GER	Line Player	03/09/2001	Wilhelmshaven, GER	204	110
23	Tim	Suton	GER	Centre Back	08/05/1996	Kirchheim u. Teck, GER	191	96
12	Timon	Mühlenstädt	GER	Goalkeeper	06/01/2001	Bielefeld, GER	189	91
	Christian	Herz	GER	Left Back	25/05/2001	Vechta, GER		



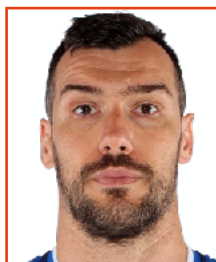
BJARKI MAR ELISSON

@bjarkimar90

Left wing

- left his home country for Germany in 2013; played for second division team ThSV Eisenach Eisenach before joining Füchse Berlin in 2015, and Lemgo in 2019
- set to join Telekom Veszprém HC in the summer of 2022
- won IHF Super Globe with Füchse Berlin in 2015 and 2016
- scored 216 goals in his first season with Lemgo to finish as the Bundesliga's top scorer; was again Lemgo's best scorer (254 goals) in the Bundesliga 2020/21 season
- scored 74 goals for Lemgo in the European League 2021/22 group phase

EC trophies: EHFC 2018



GEDEON GUARDIOLA

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Line player

- arrived at Lemgo in 2020 and is the most experienced player at the club
- is reunited with his brother Isaias, who has played for TBV since 2017
- played for several top Spanish clubs, including La Rioja and San Antonio, before he arrived in Germany in 2012
- became a key player for the Spanish national team during his eight-year spell at Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- steered Lemgo to victory in the German Cup in June 2021, his second trophy in the competition
- after winning three trophies with Spain, he finished his international career with an Olympic bronze medal at Tokyo 2020

OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2013;
EURO G 2018, G 2020, S 2022,
B 2014; EC trophy: EHFC 2013



LUKAS HUTECEK

@luki_huti

Left wing

- arrived from Fivers in the summer of 2021 and is currently the biggest talent in Austrian handball
- played on home court at the age of 20 for Austria in the EHF EURO 2020
- was named as the best player in the Austrian league in 2019/20 and 2020/21
- was Fivers' top scorer in the European League 2020/21 season, when they sensationally reached the Last 16
- his father was his first coach, and his brother Sebastian plays for HSG Bärnbach-Koflach in Austria's first league



JONATHAN CARLSBOGARD

@carlsbogard

Left back

- became a professional aged 18 at famous Swedish club Redbergsblids in Gothenburg
- was awarded MVP of the Swedish league in the 2016/17 season
- has become a key player, mainly in attack, since moving to Lemgo in 2018
- made his debut for Sweden's national team in November 2020 and played a key part in Sweden reaching the 2021 WCh final
- was part of the Swedish team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
- his nickname is Louis, as he arrived with a Louis Vuitton bag at his first training session at Lemgo

EURO: G 2022; WCh: S 2021



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Playing hall

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09-400 Płock
Poland
Capacity: 5,467

ORLEN WISLA PŁOCK



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Orlen Wisła Płock	10	9	0	1	311:258	(53)	18
2. Füchse Berlin	10	8	0	2	314:269	(45)	16
3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265	(27)	13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286	(0)	7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308	(-68)	4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338	(-57)	2

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

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

GROUP A:

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

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Michal Daszek (POL)	42
2. Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	41
3. Abel Serdio (ESP)	35
4. Lovro Mihic (CRO)	34
5. Dmitry Zhitnikov (RUS)	31

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

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

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

Qualification (1): 2012/13

EHF European League

Fourth place: 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final: 1993/94

EHF Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final: 1996/97

Polish league

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

Polish cup

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





XAVIER SABATE

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

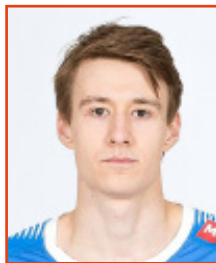
Uros Mitrovic (SRB)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

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



SERGEI MARK KOSOROTOV

Left back

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



NIKO MINDEGIA

 @nikomindegia

Centre back

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

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

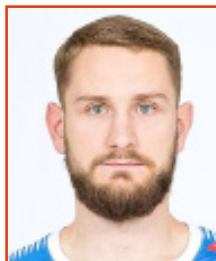


ADAM MORAWSKI

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Goalkeeper

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



MICHAŁ DASZEK

 @michaldaszek

Right wing

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

WCh: B 2015

I RK NEXE (CRO) VS HC EUROFARM PELISTER (MKD)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 18:45 CEST, Nasice (CRO)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Bitola (MKD)



- this is Nexe's second year in a row among the Last 16 of the EHF European League Men; in 2020/21 season they advanced as a fourth-ranked team, this time they were third - in group C
- Nexe's best result in Europe's second-tier competition came in the EHF Cup 2017/18, when they lost to eventual champions Füchse Berlin 45:44 on aggregate in the quarter-final
- Halil Jaganjac was Nexe's best scorer in the group phase with 68 goals; only two players scored more goals
- Nexe are one of the teams with highest average height in the competition
- coach Branko Tamse had to deal with many injuries and absentees in the group phase, but should have a wider squad to choose from in the Last 16
- Pelister advanced from the tight Group D as the second-ranked team after finishing on the same amount of points as group winners Nimes: 12; the head-to-head result gave the French side the advantage and the No. 1 spot
- Pelister are back in the Last 16 like last season, when their campaign ended in the first knockout round following a defeat against Magdeburg, who went on and the title at the inaugural EHF Finals Men 2021 in Mannheim
- coach Željko Babić heads into his second knockout phase since taking over
- Pelister had the best defence of their group, with 248 conceded goals
- Pelister are known for their strong fan base in their home town of Bitola, with fan club Ckembari leading the way

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

RK Nexe vs HC Eurofarm Pelister 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: grey



Playing hall

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Nasice
Matice Hrvatske 1
31500 Nasice
Croatia
Capacity: 2,000

RK NEXE



FINAL RANKING GROUP C

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów
vs Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów

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

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg

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

GROUP C:

@ PAUC Handball
vs IK Sävehof

W29:30 (14:17)
W39:31 (18:15)

@ RK Gorenje Velenje
vs BM Logroño La Rioja

L34:28 (19:14)
W31:30 (14:15)

vs RK Gorenje Velenje

W31:23 (14:9)

@ SC Magdeburg

L32:26 (19:14)

vs PAUC Handball

W33:29 (17:12)

@ IK Sävehof

L33:23 (16:12)

@ BM Logroño La Rioja

L31:30 (14:15)

vs SC Magdeburg

L24:28 (11:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	68
2. Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	50
3. Predrag Vejin (SRB)	34
4. Marin Jelinic (CRO)	28
5. Mario Tomic (CRO)	19

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Quarter-final (1): 2017/18

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

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

Round 3 (7): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14,

2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20

Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Croatian league: -

Croatian Cup: -





BRANKO TAMŠE

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

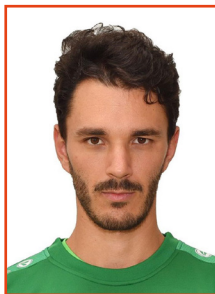
Fahrudin Melic (MNE)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Karlo Godec (CRO)

I TEAM ROSTER

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



MIHAILO RADOVANOVIC

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Goalkeeper

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



HALIL JAGANJAC

 @haliljaganjac45

Left back

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



ANDRAŽ VELKAVRH

 @andrazvelkavrh

Centre back

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



PREDRAG VEJIN

 @predrag_vejin10

Right back

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

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Boro Curlevski - Mladost
Bitola
Polyglon b.b.
7000 Bitola
FYRO Macedonia
Capacity: 1,500

HC EUROFARM PELISTER



FINAL RANKING GROUP D

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

GROUP D:

vs USAM Nimes Gard	L21:26 (6:15)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	D28:28 (16:11)
@ AEK Athens HC	W27:30 (13:16)
vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC	W33:20 (17:9)
@ Sporting CP	D27:27 (14:16)
vs Sporting CP	W31:25 (14:13)
@ USAM Nimes Gard	L25:23 (13:12)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W27:26 (15:12)
@ Grundfos Tatabánya KC	L25:21 (11:11)
vs AEK Athens HC	W30:19 (10:8)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	56
2. Reinier Taboada (CUB)	43
3. Josip Peric (BIH)	39
4. Elmir Gradjan (BIH)	35
5. Josip Božić-Pavletic (CRO)	21

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Champions League

Group phase (1): 2019/20

EHF Cup

Group Phase (1): 2018/19

Challenge Cup

Final (1): 2001/02

Last 16 (1): 2017/18

Macedonian league

6 titles (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2005)

Macedonian cup

6 titles (1990, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 20005)

Macedonian Super Cup

1 title (2021)





ZELJKO BABIC

Coach

- Croatian former right wing, who started as Pelister coach in the summer of 2020
- previously coached clubs like Meshkov Brest and Velenje
- was assistant to head coach Slavko Goluzza when Croatia won bronze at EHF EURO and Olympics in 2012 and WCh in 2013
- as head coach he led Croatia to bronze at EHF EURO 2016

EURO: B 2016 (coach)

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
6	Bojan	Madzovski	MKD	Left Wing	08/05/1994	Skopje, MKD	184	90
7	Dejan	Kukulovski	MKD	Left Back	17/08/1998	Resen, MKD	195	96
59	Elmir	Gradjan	BIH	Line Player	28/12/1993	Gorazde, BIH	190	112
1	Filip	Ivanovski	MKD	Goalkeeper	02/05/1994	Bitola, MKD	190	85
3	Goce	Ojleski	MKD	Left Wing	10/10/1989	Struga, MKD	180	80
32	Josip	Božic-Pavletic	CRO	Right Wing	06/08/1994	Split, CRO	188	83
C 18	Josip	Peric	BIH	Centre Back	05/06/1992	Zagreb, CRO	180	85
14	Mario	Tankoski	MKD	Centre Back	28/08/1998	Struga, MKD	190	90
98	Marko	Kizic	MKD	Goalkeeper	22/01/2001	Skopje, MKD	198	100
30	Martin	Velkovski	MKD	Right Back	10/03/1997	Skopje, MKD	190	85
12	Márton	Székely	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/01/1990	Budapest, HUN	194	87
2	Mateo	Maraš	CRO	Right Back	17/12/2000	Split, CRO	203	102
24	Milorad	Kukoski	MKD	Left Back	12/07/1987	Struga, MKD	195	100
13	Mirko	Radovic	MNE	Right Wing	15/06/1990	Cetinje, MNE	186	93
74	Nemanja	Obradovic	SRB	Left Back	08/01/1991	Krusevac, SRB	200	110
19	Nenad	Kosteski	MKD	Right Wing	03/04/2001	Struga, MKD	189	76
4	Nikola	Markoski	MKD	Line Player	22/05/1990	Struga, MKD	198	118
97	Reinier	Taboada	CUB	Centre Back	02/06/1997	CUB	193	93
9	Stipe	Mandalinic	CRO	Left Back	09/09/1992	Split, CRO	195	98



MARTON SZEKELY

 @martonszekely

Goalkeeper

- Hungarian international, who joined from Veszprém in 2021 after a half-year loan in Porto
- Porto was his first club outside Hungary: Veszprém, Tatabánya, Csurgó, Balatonfüred, PLER KC)
- voted best Hungarian goalkeeper in 2018
- loads of European cup experience, also in CL, since his debut in Cup Winners' Cup 2008/09 for PLER



BOJAN MADZOVSKI

 @madzovski06

Left wing

- born and raised in Skopje, started playing handball in Metalurg
- in 2016 he joined Pelister for the first time, returned to Metalurg after two seasons but went back to Pelister in 2019
- was part of Macedonian national team at the EHF EURO 2020
- also prolific beach handball player; his twin brother Borjan also plays handball



STIPE MANDALINIĆ

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Left back

- Croatian international, arrived in 2020 after three seasons with Fühse Berlin
- previously played five seasons for HC PPD Zagreb in his native Croatia
- was team's best scorer in the ELM 2020/21 season, with 62 goals; also scored the most goals for the team in the 2021/22 group phase: 56
- made national team debut for Croatia in 2013

WCh: B 2013



JOSIP PERIĆ

 @josipperic18

Centre back

- Bosnian international, who came to Pelister in 2020 from German side Göppingen
- born in 1992 in Zagreb (CRO), he started playing handball at Izviđač Ljubuški (BIH)
- also played for Bosna Sarajevo, Tatabánya, Qatar SC, Odorheiu Secuiesc, Dunareu Calarasi
- made European debut in EHF Cup 2008/09, with Izvidac

KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN (SUI) VS IK SÄVEHOF (SWE)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 18:45 CEST, Schaffhausen (SUI)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Partille (SWE)



- having come through two qualification rounds, Kadetten gained just one point from their first three group matches before getting 10 points from their next seven matches
- the strong finish to their group phase campaign earned the Swiss side the third place in the tight group D, just one point behind leaders Nimes
- Samuel Zehnder was, by far, the best scorer for Kadetten in the group phase with 61 goals, almost twice as many as Spanish teammate Joan Cañellas (32)
- Kadetten's best European result was reaching the EHF Cup Finals in 2010; they also made it to the Last 16 of the EHF Champions League twice
- Sävehof ranked second in group C with 12 points, seven behind group winners and defending champions Magdeburg
- only five teams scored more goals than Sävehof (313) in the group phase; the Swedish side opened with 43 goals in a 43:31 win over La Rioja
- Sävehof are the only men's team from Sweden - the winners of the Men's EHF EURO 2022 - who are still in contention in a European club competition
- Sävehof have been in the Last 16 three times before: in the EHF Champions League in 2005 and 2011, and in the EHF Cup in 2007
- the Swedish club's biggest success so far is winning the Challenge Cup in 2014

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Kadetten Schaffhausen vs IK Sävehof 1-0-1 (65:63) 2:2

17.11.2011	IK Sävehof vs Kadetten Schaffhausen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:25 (14:14)
24.11.2011	Kadetten Schaffhausen vs IK Sävehof, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	40:32 (20:14)

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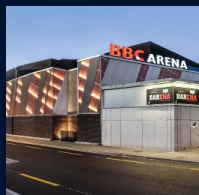
Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

BBC Arena
Schweizersbildstr. 10
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Switzerland
Capacity: 3,500

KADETTEN SCHAFFHAUSEN



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ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ Vojvodina L26:20 (16:9)
vs Vojvodina W34:23 (17:9)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs Fraikin BM. Granollers W36:33 (21:17)
@ Fraikin BM. Granollers W27:32 (13:16)

GROUP D:

@ Sporting CP L29:28 (9:12)
vs HC Eurofarm Pelister D28:28 (16:11)
@ Grundfos Tatabánya KC L31:23 (15:11)
vs USAM Nimes Gard D25:25 (15:13)
vs AEK Athens HC W30:26 (18:10)
@ AEK Athens HC W28:31 (15:17)
vs Sporting CP W26:24 (10:11)
@ HC Eurofarm Pelister L27:26 (15:12)
@ USAM Nimes Gard D33:33 (14:16)
vs Grundfos Tatabánya KC W32:26 (19:17)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

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

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

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

EHF European League

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Cup Winners' Cup

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

Quarter-finals (1): 2005/06

Swiss league

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

Swiss cup

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





ADALSTEINN EYJÓLFSSON

Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

TEAM ROSTER

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



JOAN CAÑELLAS

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Left back

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

EC trophies: CL 2017
EURO: G 2020, G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011



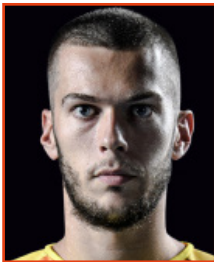
ERIK SCHMIDT

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Line player

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

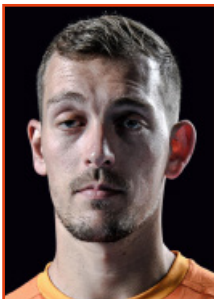
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018
EURO: G 2016



KRISTIAN PILIPOVIC

Goalkeeper

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



MARVIN LIER

@marvinlier

Left wing

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



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue or orange



Playing hall

Partillebohallen
Gamla Kronvägen 56
43300 Partille
Sweden
Capacity: 2,000

IK SÄVEHOF



FINAL RANKING GROUP C

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

GROUP C:

vs BM Logroño La Rioja	W43:31 (23:16)
@ RK Nexø	L39:31 (18:15)
@ PAUC Handball	W25:30 (10:16)
vs PAUC Handball	W33:31 (18:14)
@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W31:35 (15:16)
vs SC Magdeburg	L26:29 (11:11)
@ BM Logroño La Rioja	W29:30 (12:16)
vs RK Nexø	W33:23 (16:12)
@ SC Magdeburg	L31:25 (17:13)
vs RK Gorenje Velenje	L27:28 (14:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (FAR)	60
2. Rune Schrøder (DEN)	52
3. Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	48
4. Alexander Westby (NOR)	33
5. Gzim Salihi (SWE)	32

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Challenge Cup: Winners (1): 2013/14

Swedish league


7 titles (2004, 2005, 2010-12, 2019, 2021)





MICHAEL APELGREN

Coach

 @apel84

- former Swedish international, who arrived in Sävehof as head coach in 2020 to replace Kristian Berndtsson
- won Swedish league title with Sävehof in his first season
- previously worked at Elverum for six seasons, and led them to five straight Norwegian league titles
- played as a right back for Sävehof (2010-13) and Elverum (2014-16), and also had two stints at Spanish clubs during his playing career
- won Junior WCh with Sweden in 2003 but played only five games for the senior national team

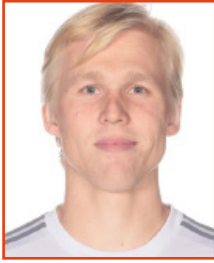
ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
6	Adam	Blanche	SWE	Line Player	18/10/2000	Stockholm, SWE	193	
7	Alexander	Ørjevik Westby	NOR	Left Wing	26/03/1993	Lørenskog, NOR	185	
33	Arvid	Noren	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/02/2004	Göteborg, SWE	189	
12	Bertram	Obling	DEN	Goalkeeper	26/09/1995	Aarhus, DEN	193	
25	Elias	EllefsenaSkipagotu	FAR	Centre Back	19/05/2002	Copenhagen, FAR	186	
31	Elias	Lundqvist	SWE	Right Back	13/01/2003	Göteborg, SWE	184	
45	Elmer	Tilly	SWE	Left Wing	27/10/2003	Göteborg, SWE	187	
3	Emil	Berlin	SWE	Right Back	24/02/2001	Göteborg, SWE	184	
50	Felix	Möller	SWE	Line Player	04/09/2002	Göteborg, SWE	194	
22	Gzim	Salih	SWE	Right Back	12/03/1998	Göteborg, SWE	197	
11	Jonathan	Stenbäcken	SWE	Left Back	07/01/1988	Vårgårda, SWE	195	
8	Kelvin	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	17/01/2003	Göteborg, SWE	193	
36	Leon	Ring	SWE	Centre Back	06/02/2003	Göteborg, SWE	188	
35	Lukas	Radberg	SWE	Left Back	18/04/2003	Göteborg, SWE	207	
25	Malte	Celander	SWE	Right Wing	18/03/2002	Göteborg, SWE	193	
28	Marcus	Lennerhäls	SWE	Right Back	24/04/2002	Uppsala, SWE	198	
1	Mattias	Wighall	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/05/2002	Göteborg, SWE	203	
14	Olle	Ek	SWE	Centre Back	01/11/1997	Jönköping, SWE	188	
30	Philip	Karlefeldt	SWE	Line Player	10/09/2002	Sävedalen, SWE	197	
18	Pontus	Brolin	SWE	Left Back	25/12/2000	Eskilstuna, SWE	193	
64	Rune	Schrøder	DEN	Left Back	27/08/1995	Tönder, SWE	196	
C 34	Sebastian	Karlsson	SWE	Right Wing	21/01/1995	Göteborg, SWE	178	
17	Sebastian	Spante	SWE	Left Wing	26/07/2000	Göteborg, SWE	176	
12	Simon	Möller	SWE	Goalkeeper	02/07/2000	Lubz, SWE	190	
14	Theodor	Claesson	SWE	Centre Back	08/09/2002	Vetlanda, SWE	183	
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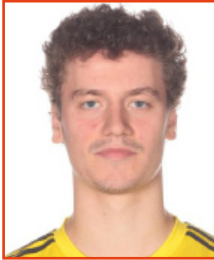


BERTRAM OBLING

 @oblingbertram

Goalkeeper

- Danish goalkeeper who arrived at Sävehof from Norwegian side Halden in summer of 2020
- key player for Sävehof on their way to the 2020/21 national title in Sweden
- gained European experience with Halden in Challenge Cup 2019/20 and was named Goalkeeper of the Year in Norway
- Previously played for Skanderborg in his native Denmark



ELIAS ELLEFSEN A SKIPAGØTU

Centre back

- born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2002 and moved to Faroe Islands at a young age
- joined Sävehof in 2020; scored 60 times in European League 2021/22 group phase
- first European experience was playing Challenge Cup with H71 in 2019/20
- made name for himself internationally by guiding Faroese U17 national team to title at European Open 2019 in Sweden, where he was awarded MVP
- shoots almost equally well with both hands



FELIX MÖLLER

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Line player

- Swedish line player but born in Germany in 2002, since his dad Peter played in Hamburg at that time
- considered one of biggest line player talents in Sweden, came through youth ranks of Sävehof
- was already part of Sävehof's CL squad in 2019/20
- had breakthrough season in 2020/21, when Sävehof won the Swedish championship



SEBASTIAN KARLSSON

 @sebbepercy

Right wing

- Swedish wing, who has spent whole his playing career at Sävehof
- made his debut in the senior team of Sävehof in 2013/14, and helped the team win the Challenge Cup in his first season
- had his most productive season in 2017/18, scoring 142 goals in the Swedish league
- also talented soccer player, but ultimately opted for handball

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2014

I HBC NANTES (FRA) VS FÜCHSE BERLIN (GER)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 20:45 CEST, Nantes (FRA)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Berlin (GER)



- Nantes qualified for the Last 16 with a third-place finish in group B behind GOG and Benfica, but ended just two points short of the leaders
- Nantes reached the EHF Cup Finals twice: in 2013 and 2016; they also played the EHF FINAL4 twice: in 2018 (losing finalist) and 2021
- Nantes also faced a German side in the group phase: they lost at home against Lemgo but got a draw in the away game
- Nantes' best scorer in the EHF European League after the group phase is Spanish wing Valero Rivera, with 51 goals
- the current European League season marks the last chance for several big names to win a trophy with Nantes, including head coach Alberto Entrerrios and Macedonian legend Kiril Lazarov
- Füchse were the first team to formally qualify for the Last 16, booking their ticket in early February following their sixth straight win in group A
- however, they ended up in second place, two points behind group winners Plock
- Füchse lost to Plock at home and were also defeated by Toulouse in France
- Jacob Holm and Milos Vujovic were the team's most productive players in the group phase, with 44 goals each
- Füchse won Europe's second-tier club competition twice (EHF Cup, in 2015 and 2018) and reached the final of the inaugural EHF European League season last year, but lost to Magdeburg
- coming out of his retirement after four years, Croatian line payer Igor Vori (41) is joining Füchse for the knockout phase

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HBC Nantes vs Füchse Berlin 1-0-1 (46:46) 2:2

23.11.2014	Füchse Berlin vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	23:18 (10:8)
29.11.2014	HBC Nantes vs Füchse Berlin, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	28:23 (13:11)



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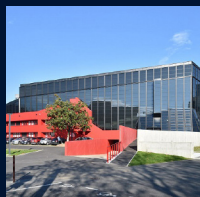
Kit colours

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Player short: light grey
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow
or coral

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

HBC NANTES



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

GROUP B:

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

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Valero Rivera (ESP)	51
2. Aymeric Minne (FRA)	34
3. Thibaud Briet (FRA)	30
4. Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	25
5. David Balaguer (ESP)	23
Théo Monar (FRA)	23

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Cup

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

Quarter-final (1): 2013/14

Group phase (1): 2019/20

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

EHF Champions League

Final (1): 2017/18

Semi-final (1): 2020/21

Quarter-final (1): 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2016/17

French Cup

one title (2017)





ALBERTO ENTRERRIOS

Coach

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

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

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



EMIL NIELSEN

 @emilnielsen97

Goalkeeper

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

WCh: G 2021

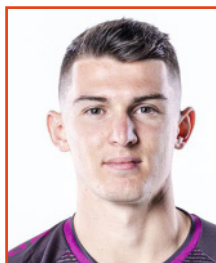


VALERO RIVERA

Left wing

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

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



AYMERIC MINNE

 @aymericminne

Left back/centre back

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



KIRIL LAZAROV

Right back

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

CL 2015



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Max-Schmeling-Halle
Falkplatz 1
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Germany
Capacity: 8,521

FÜCHSE BERLIN



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	9	0	1	311:258	(53)	18
2. Füchse Berlin	10	8	0	2	314:269	(45)	16
3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265	(27)	13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286	(0)	7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308	(-68)	4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338	(-57)	2

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ KS Azoty-Pulawy SA W24:32 (13:11)
vs KS Azoty-Pulawy SA W33:29 (13:16)

GROUP A:

vs Fenix Toulouse Handball W32:30 (15:12)
vs Tatran Presov W36:23 (18:12)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock W24:28 (14:15)
@ Tatran Presov W23:27 (9:16)
vs Pfadi Winterthur W35:29 (17:11)
@ Pfadi Winterthur W27:30 (11:15)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball L28:27 (16:13)
vs Bidasoa Irun W35:23 (16:10)
@ Bidasoa Irun W32:35 (16:20)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock L29:30 (15:16)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Jacob Holm (DEN)	44
Milos Vujovic (MNE)	44
3. Hans Lindberg (DEN)	33
4. Lasse Andersson (DEN)	32
5. Valter Chrintz (SWE)	30

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Fourth place (1): 2011/12

EHF European League

Runners-up (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

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

Runners-up (2): 2016/17, 2018/19

IHF Super Globe

Winners (2): 2015, 2016

German cup

1 title (2013/14)





JARON SIEWERT

Coach

- has extended his contract as Füchse Berlin head coach until 2023
- played for Füchse since he was a kid, but ended his playing career at 21 to become a coach
- started coaching career as youth coach at Füchse and assistant coach of Germany's national U18 team
- joined Essen in 2017 and 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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Igor Vori (CRO)
Moritz Ende (GER)
Nicholas Schley (GER)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight	
96	Dejan	Milosavljev	SRB	Goalkeeper	16/03/1996	Panchevo, SRB	196	135	
47	Dustin	Kraus	GER	Left Back	26/03/2001	Moers, GER	196	95	
3	Fabian	Wiede	GER	Right Back	08/02/1994	Belzig, GER	192	89	
36	Francisco	Pereira	GBR	Right Wing	02/12/1999	Lisbon, POR	191	85	
1	Fredrik	Genz	GER	Goalkeeper	08/03/1997	Waldbroël, GER	194	93	
12	Gustav	König	GER	Goalkeeper	18/03/2001	Frankfurt, GER	192	80	
18	Hans	Lindberg	DEN	Right Wing	01/08/1981	Höje Taastrup, DEN	188	88	
9	Igor	Vori	CRO	Line Player	20/09/1980	Zagreb, CRO	203	100	
6	Jacob Tandrup	Holm	DEN	Centre Back	05/09/1995	Esbjerg, DEN	194	94	
77	Johan	Koch	DEN	Line Player	29/11/1990	Svendborg, DEN	185	91	
1	Lasse	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	29/09/2002	Achern, GER	194	90	
11	Lasse Bredekjaer	Andersson	DEN	Left Back	11/03/1994	København, DEN	195	96	
30	Marc	Walter	GER	Line Player	05/01/2002	Potsdam, GER	203	112	
97	Marian	Hajko	SVK	Centre Back	29/09/1997	Trnava, SVK	185	75	
22	Marian	Michalczyk	GER	Centre Back	01/02/1997	Beckum, GER	199	99	
35	Marko	Kopljar	CRO	Right Back	12/02/1986	Pozega, CRO	210	108	
25	Matthes	Langhoff	GER	Left Back	30/03/2002	Neubrandenburg, GER	192	90	
27	Max	Beneke	GER	Right Back	27/05/2003	Greifswald, GER	195	90	
93	Mijajlo	Marsenic	SRB	Line Player	09/03/1993	Berane, SRB	202	107	
66	Milos	Vujovic	MNE	Left Wing	05/09/1993	Cetinje, MNE	181	72	
	Moritz	Ende	GER	Right Wing	10/12/1999	GER	189		
C	33	Moritz	Sauter	GER	Centre Back	03/01/2003	Augsburg, GER	183	78
	38	Nicholas	Schley	GER	Line Player		Ludwigsfelde, GER	185	85
	17	Nils	Lichtlein	GER	Centre Back	31/07/2002	Regensburg, GER	183	76
	95	Paul	Drux	GER	Left Back	07/02/1995	Gummersbach, GER	192	92
	37	Robin	Heinis	SUI	Right Back	28/04/2002	Therwil Basel, SUI	196	95
	20	Tim	Freihöfer	GER	Left Wing	21/08/2002	Reutlingen, GER	173	72
	28	Tim	Grüner	GER	Left Wing	26/02/2003	Berlin, GER	185	78
	31	Tim	Matthes	GER	Left Wing	05/05/1999	Berlin, GER	181	82
	26	Valter	Chrintz	SWE	Right Wing	26/04/2000	Kristianstad, SWE	185	76
	23	Viran	Morros	ESP	Left Back	15/12/1983	Barcelona, ESP	199	99



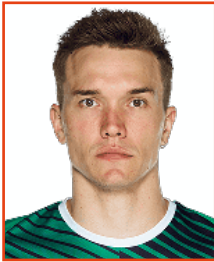
DEJAN MILOSAVLJEVIC

 @dejanmilosavljev

Goalkeeper

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

EC trophies: CL 2019



LASSE ANDERSSON

 @lasseandersson94

Left back

- is a classic back court shooter and one of four Danish players in the Füchse squad
- joined Füchse from Barça, where he spent four years, and previously played for KIF Kolding Kobenhavn in Denmark
- is back on track after suffering some severe injuries during his time at Barça
- had signed a three-year contract at Berlin in the summer of 2020

WCh: G 2021; OG: S 2020



FABIAN WIEDE

 @fabian_w3

Right back

- has won numerous junior and senior titles with Berlin since joining their youth team from Potsdam, aged 15
- 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



HANS LINDBERG

 @hanslinberg18

Right wing

- joined Füchse in 2016 after nine seasons at HSV
- top scorer of the CL in 2012/13 with HSV and the EHF Cup in 2016/17 and 2017/18 with Füchse
- started career in Viborg in his native Denmark; his nickname was 'Majestæt'
- played more than 240 games for Danish national team, won WCh in 2019 and was part of WCh 2013 All-star Team

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

FENIX TOULOUSE HANDBALL (FRA) VS SL BENFICA (POR)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 20:45 CEST, Toulouse (FRA)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Lisbon (POR)



- Toulouse qualified for the Last 16 after finishing third in group A, behind Orlen Wisla Plock and Fūchse Berlin
- this is the first time in the club's history Toulouse have made it out of the group phase of a European competition
- Toulouse's best result was reaching the Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final in 1999
- Toulouse had to play two rounds of qualification before the group phase, but won both home and away matches against Hard and Malmö, respectively
- after a tough start to the group phase with three defeats from their first four matches, Toulouse improved with a five-match winning streak, which included a win over last year's finalists Fūchse
- Benfica advanced to the Last 16 as the second-ranked team in group B
- they were level on 12 points with group winners GOG, but had lost both direct duels against the Danish side
- Benfica won seven of their other eight group matches, only dropping a point against a French side: Nantes
- Benfica played two qualification rounds before entering the group phase; they eliminated last season's EHF Finals hosts Rhein-Neckar Löwen in round 2
- Benfica's best European results are two Challenge Cup finals, in 2011 and 2016
- the team's leading scorer in the group phase was Ole Rahmel, sixth on the top scorers list with 60 goals

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Fenix Toulouse Handball vs SL Benfica 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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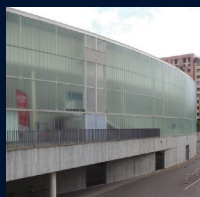
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GK shirt: sky blue

Dark

Player shirt: blue
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Playing hall

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FENIX TOULOUSE HANDBALL



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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1. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	9	0	1	311:258	(53)	18
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3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265	(27)	13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286	(0)	7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308	(-68)	4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338	(-67)	2

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ ALPLA HC Hard W23:27 (10:13)
vs ALPLA HC Hard W39:32 (18:15)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

vs HK Malmö W30:24 (14:11)
@ HK Malmö W25:29 (11:15)

GROUP A:

@ Füchse Berlin L32:30 (15:12)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock L33:29 (19:17)
@ Bidasoa Irun W24:26 (11:13)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock L24:30 (13:13)
vs Tatran Presov W34:20 (18:9)
@ Tatran Presov W19:31 (12:16)
vs Füchse Berlin W28:27 (16:13)
@ Pfadi Winterthur W27:30 (17:15)
vs Pfadi Winterthur W34:27 (14:16)
vs Bidasoa Irun D26:26 (13:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Erwin Feuchtman (GER)	47
2. Nemanja Ilic (SRB)	42
3. Edouard Kempf (FRA)	27
4. Fredric Pettersson (SWE)	25
5. Gonçalo Vieira (POR)	23

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

European League: 3rd participation
Group Phase (1): 2020/21—
Second qualifying round (1): 2014/15

Cup Winners' Cup
Quarter-finals (1998/99)

French Cup
1 title (1998)





DANIJEL ANDJELKOVIC

Coach

- took the reins as Toulouse coach in 2021 after
- six years as an assistant at the club
- admits to being hugely influenced by Philippe Gardent, whom he assisted from 2015 to 2021
- played as a centre back for Toulouse from 2010 to 2016, after wearing Pick Szeged's colours for six seasons
- was also a Serbian national team player during his playing career

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

Matt Piovan (FRA)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Milan Jovanovic (SRB)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
67	Ayoub	Abdi	ALG	Right Back	16/02/1997	Chlef, ALG	197	96
11	Edouard	Kempf	FRA	Right Wing	20/03/1998	Mulhouse, FRA	179	80
6	Erik	Balenciaga	ESP	Centre Back	10/05/1993	Zarautz, ESP	169	68
4	Erwin Jan	Feuchtmann	GER	Left Back	02/05/1990	Punta Arenas, CHI	195	96
18	Fredric	Pettersson	SWE	Line Player	11/02/1989	Sweden, SWE	201	115
23	Goncalo	Vieira	POR	Left Back	27/04/1999	Porto, POR	189	95
15	Idris	Firmesse	FRA	Line Player	15/09/2002	Chatenay Malabry, FRA	190	86
1	Jef	Lettens	BEL	Goalkeeper	12/08/1990	Hasselt, BEL	192	91
44	Kylian	Ferrier	FRA	Goalkeeper	09/07/2001	Tournan en Brie, FRA	192	80
51	Luka	Sokolic	CRO	Field Player	15/04/1990	Zagreb, CRO	193	86
8	Matis	Gardent	FRA	Line Player	05/05/1999	Chambéry, FRA	189	80
31	Matt	Piovan	FRA	Centre Back	26/03/2003	Toulouse, FRA	181	78
21	Matthieu	Marmier	FRA	Right Back	08/06/2000	Montauban, FRA	186	92
69	Maxime	Discamps	FRA	Left Back	03/07/2003	Le Chesnay, FRA	203	86
10	Maxime	Gilbert	FRA	Centre Back	22/05/1991	Talence, FRA	187	91
19	Nemanja	Ilic	SRB	Left Wing	11/05/1990	Beograd, SRB	178	75
14	Pierre	Frechou	FRA	Left Back	28/04/1999	Toulouse, FRA	188	85
C 3	Pierrick	Chelle	FRA	Right Wing	08/12/1989	Toulouse, FRA	173	77
77	Robin	Cantegrel	FRA	Goalkeeper	13/02/1995	Nantes, FRA	194	77
2	Romain	Giraudeau	FRA	Right Wing	02/03/2000	La Tronche, FRA	170	65
7	Téo	Jarry	FRA	Left Wing	03/03/2000	Toulouse, FRA	183	75
5	Tobias	Wagner	AUT	Line Player	26/03/1995	Wien, AUT	198	125
13	Uros	Borzas	SRB	Left Back	28/07/1999	Zenta, SRB	198	90



NEMANJA ILIC


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Left wing

- experienced Serbian left wing who has been with Toulouse since 2013
- one of Toulouse's best scorers in the European League 2021/22 group phase, with 42 goals
- made his debut for the national team in 2012
- younger brother Vanja also plays in France, for Chartres
- spent four months on loan at Barça in 2018/19 to replace injured Casper Mortensen



AYOUB ABDI

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Right back

- after previously playing in France for PAUC and Grenoble, he joined Toulouse in 2019
- at only 24, he is one of the biggest young talents in the world in the right back position
- was among the top 20 scorers at the 2021 World Championship in Egypt
- despite his young age, Toulouse coach Danijel Andjelkovic wants him to be at the centre of the project in coming seasons



FREDRIC PETTERSSON

 @fredricpettersson

Line player

- returned to Toulouse in 2021 after three seasons with Montpellier
- played for Toulouse from 2016 to 2018 in his first experience playing for a club abroad
- played in the CL for Swedish side IFK Kristianstad before joining Montpellier
- part of a strong Swedish generation, alongside Hampus Wanne, Mattias Zachrisson and Jesper Nielsen



PIERRICK CHELLE

Right wing

- signed his first professional contract with Toulouse in 2007 and has not played for another club since
- the longest serving player in the club and is has been the captain since 2015
- one of Valentin Porte's best friends, as he shares a passion for golfing with the Montpellier right-back



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

SL BENFICA



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ HC Kriens-Luzern
vs HC Kriens-Luzern

W24:31 (13:17)
W29:18 (14:8)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen

D31:31 (15:16)
W33:28 (18:13)

GROUP B:

@ TBV Lemgo Lippe
vs Chekhovskie medvedi

W29:30 (16:14)
W38:35 (21:15)

@ Cocks

W32:37 (18:15)

vs GOG

L25:33 (10:17)

vs Cock

W37:23 (17:12)

@ HBC Nantes

D33:33 (16:17)

vs TBV Lemgo Lippe

W35:30 (15:15)

@ Chekhovskie medvedi

W27:32 (15:17)

@ GOG

L39:38 (20:18)

vs HBC Nantes

W31:30 (15:16)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Ole Rahmel (GER)	60
2. Petar Djordjic (SRB)	50
3. Lazar Kucic (SRB)	41
4. Jonas Källman (SWE)	32
5. Demis Grigoras (ROU)	31
Rogério Moraes (BRA)	31

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Qualification (1): 2008/09

EHF Cup

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

Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2011/2

Challenge Cup

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

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

Portuguese league

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

Portuguese cup

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

Portuguese super cup

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

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





CHEMA RODRIGUEZ

Coach

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

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



TEAM ROSTER

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



JONAS KÄLLMAN

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Left wing

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

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



ALEXIS BORGES

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Line player

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



PETAR DJORDJIC

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Left back

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



OLE RAHMEL

Right wing

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

I BIDASOA IRUN (ESP) VS GOG (DEN)



First leg: Tuesday, 29 March at 20:45 CEST, Irun (ESP)

Second leg: Tuesday, 5 April at 18:45 CEST, Gudme (DEN)



- Irun qualified for the Last 16 by finishing fourth in group A, behind winners Plock, runners-up Fühse, and Toulouse
- Irun lost three of their first four games but then had crucial wins over both Winterthur and Presov in the fight for fourth place
- the EHF Champions League winners from 1995 appear in the EHF European League Last 16 for the first time
- their best scorers in the group phase were Inaki Cavero and Jon Azkue with 34 and 33 goals, respectively
- Irun boast a squad with many highly rated veterans of the game, including goalkeeper Jose Manuel Sierra and line player Julen Aguinagalde
- GOG's goal machine ran at full speed in the group phase as they scored 340 times in total, more than any other team
- the Danish side passed the 30-goal mark in seven of their 10 matches, and even scored 46 against Cocks
- GOG played two qualification rounds before the group phase, and managed to beat EHF Champions League regulars Celje in one of them
- they shared the lead in group B with Benfica on 15 points, but had beaten their Portuguese opponents twice
- GOG were quarter-finalists last season
- including qualification, GOG have not lost a home match so far this season, following six wins and a draw

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Bidasoa Irun vs GOG 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European club competitions



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green/
purple

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green/
purple



Playing hall

Polideportivo Municipal
"Artaleku", Irun
C/Artaleku s/n
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Spain
Capacity: 2,800

BIDASOA IRUN



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	9	0	1	311:258 (53)		18
2. Füchse Berlin	10	8	0	2	314:269 (45)		16
3. Fenix Toulouse Handball	10	6	1	3	292:265 (27)		13
4. Bidasoa Irun	10	3	1	6	286:286 (0)		7
5. Tatran Presov	10	2	0	8	240:308 (-68)		4
6. Pfadi Winterthur	10	1	0	9	271:338 (-57)		2

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

GROUP A:

@ Tatran Presov	L27:25 (12:12)
vs Pfadi Winterthur	W32:28 (16:10)
vs Fenix Toulouse Handball	L24:26 (11:13)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	L28:29 (11:16)
@ Pfadi Winterthur	W23:37 (12:17)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	L33:26 (19:14)
vs Tatran Presov	W33:24 (16:11)
@ Füchse Berlin	L35:23 (16:10)
vs Füchse Berlin	L32:35 (16:20)
@ Fenix Toulouse Handball	D26:26 (13:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Iñaki Caveró (ESP)	34
2. Jon Azkue (ESP)	33
3. Kauldi Odriozola (ESP)	26
4. Adrián Fernández (ESP)	25
5. Julen Aguinagalde (ESP)	23

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 1994/95

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Playoffs (1): 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (1): 1996/97;

Last 16 (1): 1997/98

EHF Cup

Semi-final (1): 2000/01;

Quarter-final (2): 2005/06, 2006/07

EHF European League Men

Qualification (1): 2020/21

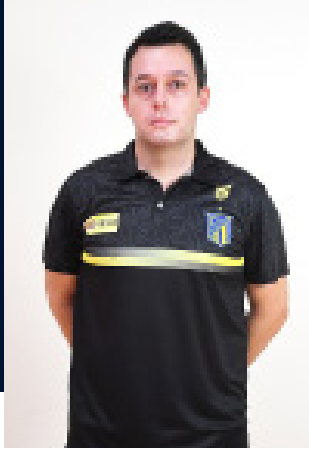
Spanish league

2 titles (1987, 1994)

Spanish cup

2 titles (1991, 1996)





JACOBO CUÉTARA

Coach

- Bidasoa's coach since 2015/16, tied longest winning streak in club's history in domestic league last season: eight matches in a row
- also a prolific (beach) volleyball player, but has always been in love with handball
- has license to coach handball and volleyball, is also a physical trainer, in which role he worked at Ademar Leon early in his career
- calls basketball player Earvin 'Magic' Johnson and handball player Andrei Tiumentsev his role models

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

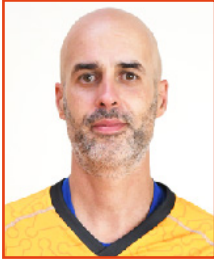
Asier Iribar Carceller (ESP)
Joseba Zabala Martinez (ESP)

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON

Leo Renault-David (FRA)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
90	Adrián	Fernández	ESP	Centre Back	15/06/1994	Avilés, ESP	188	84
24	Ander	Ugarte	ESP	Back	06/02/1990	Irun, ESP	192	105
5	Asier	Iribar Carceller	ESP	Centre Back				
32	Dariel	García	CUB	Left Wing	31/12/1996	Havana, CUB	199	100
10	Eneko	Furundarena	ESP	Left Back	30/04/2003	Usurbil, ESP	194	84
31	Gorka	Nieto	ESP	Centre Back	31/01/2002	Etxebarri, ESP	185	80
C 2	Iñaki	Cavero	ESP	Right Wing	27/04/1996	Irun, ESP	183	80
25	Jon	Azkue	ESP	Centre Back	03/07/1994	Orio, ESP	184	87
12	Jon Ander	Larrarte	ESP	Goalkeeper	31/07/2003	Irun, ESP	182	80
1	Jose Manuel	Sierra	ESP	Goalkeeper	21/05/1978	Moguer, ESP	194	87
65	Joseba Zabala	Martinez	ESP	Goalkeeper				
13	Julen	Aguinagalde	ESP	Line Player	08/12/1982	Irun, ESP	195	113
19	Julen	Mugica	ESP	Right Back	03/09/2003	Renteria, ESP	190	87
20	Julen	Urruzola	ESP	Left Back	05/03/2002	Elgoibar, ESP	204	92
11	Kauldi	Odriozola	ESP	Right Wing	07/01/1997	Zumaia, ESP	183	80
22	Leo	Renaud-David	FRA	Left Back	11/06/1987	Amiens, FRA	183	93
4	Martin	Santano	ESP	Left Wing	04/03/2002	Vitoria-Gasteiz, ESP	178	72
28	Matheus Francisco	Da Silva	BRA	Line Player	07/02/1998	Nova Iguacu, BRA	199	105
8	Mikel	Zabala	ESP	Left Wing	23/04/1998	Eibar, ESP	180	80
17	Rodrigo Alonso	Salinas	CHI	Left Back	25/02/1989	Vina del Mar, CHI	185	95
9	Tao	Gey	FRA	Right Wing	25/11/2003	Urrugne, FRA	175	64
27	Thomas	Tesoriere	FRA	Back	21/01/1989	Marseille, FRA	199	100
88	Víctor	Rodríguez	ESP	Left Back	15/03/1993	Vigo, ESP	193	98
16	Xoan Manuel	Ledo	ESP	Goalkeeper	06/07/1996	Lalin, ESP	188	82



JOSE MANUEL SIERRA

Goalkeeper

- legendary goalkeeper, who was already 42 when he joined Bidasoa Irun in 2020
- was part of the illustrious Barça team, that won the CL four times in a row
- also played for a string of other top clubs in Europe, including Ciudad Real, PSG and Pick Szeged
- best goalkeeper of WCh 2013 with 39.3% safe rate

EC trophies: CL 1997-2000; Champions Trophy 1997-99; CWC 2009
WCh: G 2013; EURO: B 2014: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000



JON AZKUE

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Centre back

- team captain and one of the most experienced players in the squad
- joined Bidasoa Irun in 2011/12, played 146 games and scored 526 goals in domestic league before start of 2021/22 season
- missed last two months of 2018/19 season following shoulder surgery; also suffered an injury in build-up to 2021/22 season
- has still become one Irun's best scorers in the European League 2021/22 group phase, with 33 goals



RODRIGO SALINAS

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Right back

- Chilean national team player who arrived in Spain in 2010, and at Bidasoa Irun in 2017
- previously played for wide range of clubs, including Badajoz, Huesca, Torrevieja and Granollers in Spain, CSM Bucuresti in Romania, and Nantes and Chartres in France
- was Granollers' best scorer with 128 goals when the club finished third in the ASOBAL league in 2013/14



KAULDI ODRIOZOLA YEREGUI

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Right wing

- started playing handball at his local club in Zumaya, Pulpo KE
- signed for Bidasoa Irun in 2016, when the club was promoted to the ASOBAL League
- won gold with Spain M17 EHF Championship 2016 Junior WCh 2017
- made national team debut for Spain in an EHF EURO 2018 qualifier in 2017
- awarded best right wing in the Asobal 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the best rookie of the Spanish league in 2017



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

GOG



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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

ROAD TO THE LAST 16

QUALIFICATION ROUND 1:

@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W33:29 (16:12)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško W36:25 (18:14)

QUALIFICATION ROUND 2:

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

GROUP B:

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

CURRENT TOP SCORERS*

1. Emil Madsen (DEN)	60
2. Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	59
3. Simon Pytlick (DEN)	52
4. Emil Lærke (DEN)	38
5. Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	30

* group phase only

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

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

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

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

European League

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

EHF Cup

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

Group Phase (1): 2018/19

Cup Winners' Cup

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

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

Danish league

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

Danish cup

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





NICOLEJ KRICKAU
Coach

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

ARRIVALS DURING THE SEASON

DEPARTURES DURING THE SEASON



I TEAM ROSTER

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



EMIL MADSEN

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Right back

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



JERRY TOLLBRING

 @tollbring


Left wing

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

EURO: S 2018



TORBJÖRN BERGERUD

 @tsbergerud

Goalkeeper

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

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



MORTEN OLSEN

Centre back

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

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

I TOP SCORERS 2021/22

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Mohamed Sanad (EGY)	USAM Nimes Gard	78
2	Bjarki Mar Elisson (ISL)	TBV Lemgo Lippe	74
3	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	68
4	Agustín Casado (ESP)	BM Logroño La Rioja	66
5	Samuel Zehnder (SUI)	Kadetten Schaffhausen	61
6	Emil Madsen (DEN)	GOG	60
	Ole Rahmel (GER)	SL Benfica	60
	Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (FAR)	IK Sävehof	60
9	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	GOG	59
10	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister	56
11	Kristján Örn Kristjánsson (ISL)	PAUC Handball	55
12	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG	52
	Rune Schrøder (DEN)	IK Sävehof	52
14	Valero Rivera (ESP)	HBC Nantes	51
15	Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	RK Nexe	50
	Petar Djordjic (SRB)	SL Benfica	50
17	Tilen Sokolic (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje	48
	Sebastian Karlsson (SWE)	IK Sävehof	48
19	Erwin Feuchtmann (GER)	Fenix Toulouse Handball	47
	Christodoulos Mylonas (GRE)	AEK Athens HC	47

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