



**Men's EHF Cup 2015/16
Group Phase**

Media Guide



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Foreword



Dear media representative,

Welcome to the next stage of the Men's EHF Cup, the Group Phase of the competition has begun and sixteen teams from nine different countries are ready to play, and more than ready to become one of the eight teams that will take one more step towards the EHF Cup Finals in May 2016. Denmark and France lead the way with three teams each, followed by Romania, Spain and Germany with two teams each in the competition; bringing up the rear with one team each are the countries of Belarus, Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland. The Group Phase of the competition brings with it the promise of exciting matches as the teams' race for the top two spots in each group.

Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP), a two-time winner of the EHF Cup, will take on SC Magdeburg (GER) who won the same title on three occasions; Dinamo Bucuresti (ROU) and Aalborg (DEN) complete the line-up in Group A. Though they are no stranger to the competition having participated in three previous seasons, OCI-LIONS (NED) could be construed as the odd man out in Group B, as they are the only team not to have competed in an EHF Cup final. Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN), who last saw a final tournament in 2012/13, and HBC Nantes (FRA) who are onto their 5th consecutive appearance in the EHF Cup, along with two-time champions Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER) will face the lions in the Group Phase.

SKA Minsk (BLR) will join Bjerrinbro-Silkeborg (DEN), Pfadi Winterthur (SUI), and Saint-Raphael Var Handball (FRA) in Group C. These four teams have one thing in common: not one of them has made it past the quarter-final stage of the EHF Cup so far although between them they can boast 21 appearances in this competition. In group D, Chambéry Savoie Handball (FRA) are the team that made the possibility of a new champion a reality after taking reigning champions, Füchse Berlin out of the competition in Qualification Round 3; the Frenchmen will play against Ystads IF (SWE) who participate in the Group Phase for the first time, and Helvetia Anaitasuna (ESP) and CSM Bucuresti (ROU) - two newcomers playing the EHF Cup for the first time.

Another season and yet more new teams in the mix, the European Handball Federation continues to be pleased with the positive development of the EHF Cup. In May 2016, the fourth edition of the final event that debuted in Nantes will once again be staged in the French city where a new champion will be crowned.

We pride ourselves on our positive and cooperative relationship with the press and media and I am sure this will continue and develop in the future. Should you require any information, help or assistance during the course of the season, your first point of contact is the EHF Media and Communications Department based in our office in Vienna. They will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you might have.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming season!

Jean Brihault
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Season 2015/16



Media information

Dear media representative,

Welcome to a new season of the Men's EHF Cup, which has been created after merging the Men's EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup three years ago. A new look and a new playing format resulted in an exciting challenge both for participating teams and handball fans around Europe in the first three seasons with its climax at the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes 2013 and Berlin 2014 and 2015.

In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the competition, including participating teams and playing schedules. Additional information including player lists can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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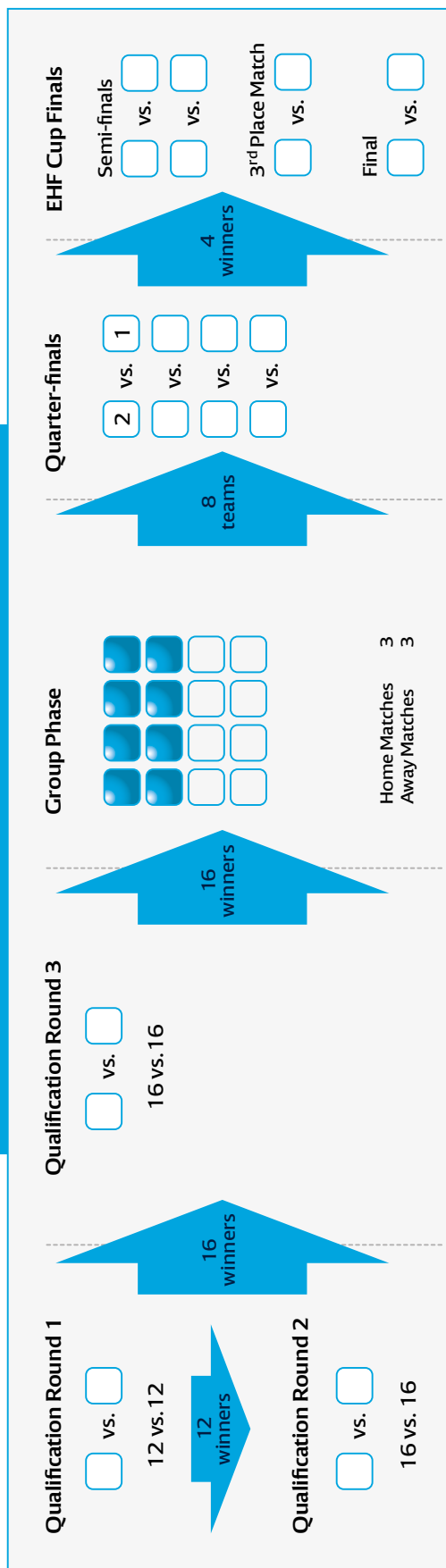
EHF		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter finals	Final Tournament
		24 teams	32 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION		05/06.09.2015 first leg	10/11.10.2015 first leg	21/22.11.2015 first leg	R1: 13/14.02.2016 R2: 20/21.02.2016 R3: 27/28.02.2016	23/24.04.16 first leg	14/15.05.2016 Tournament
		12/13.09.2015 second leg	17/18.10.2015 second leg	28/29.11.2015 second leg	R4: 05/06.03.2016 R5: 19/20.03.2016 R6: 26/27.03.2016	30.4/01.5.16 second leg	
DRAWS:		21.07.2015	21.07.2015	20.10.2015	03.12.2015	29.03.2016	03.05.2016
1	Def. Champ.			Füchse Berlin	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
2	2nd CL QT			2nd CL QT			
3	3rd CL QT			3rd CL QT			
4	ESP			Fraikin BM. Granollers			
5	SLO			RK Gorenje Velenje			
6	GER			SC Magdeburg			
7	DEN			Bjerringbro-Silkeborg			
8	ESP			Helvetia Anaitasuna			
9	FRA			HBC Nantes			
10	SLO			RK Maribor Branik			
11	HUN			Grundfos Tatabanya KC			
12	POL			KS Azoty-Pulawy			
13	GER			Frisch Auf Göppingen			
14	DEN			Aalborg Handbold			
15	ESP			Frigorificos Morrazo			
16	FRA			St. Raphael var Handball			
17	4th CL QT			4th CL QT	16 Winners of Qualification Round 2	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
18	SWE			Alingsas HK			
19	POR			Sporting CP			
20	HUN			Csurgoi KK			
21	ROU			CSM Bucuresti			
22	NOR			OIF Arendal			
23	CRO			RK Nexe			
24	RUS			Permskie medvedi			
25	SUI			Pfadi Winterthur			
26	BLR			SKA Minsk			
27	UKR			HC ZTR			
28	MKD			Zomimak M			
29	SVK			HC Sporta Hlohovec			
30	SRB			RK Spartak Vojput			
31	GRE			AC Diomidis Argous			
32	CZE			SSK M.A.T. Plzen			
33	AUT			Bregenz Handball			
34	POL			Pogon Szczecin			
35	DEN			Team Tvis Holstebro			
36	FRA			Chambery Savoie HB			
37	POL		12 Winners of Qualification Round 1	Gornik Zabrze	16 Winners of Qualification Round 2	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
38	SWE			Ystad IF HF			
39	ROU			Energia Targu Jiu			
40	CRO			GRK Varazdin 1930			
41	SUI			TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen			
42	ISL			Haukar			
43	ISR			Maccabi Rishon Le Zion			
44	NED			HV Kras/Volendam			
45	LUX			HB Dudelange			
46	TUR			Rainbow Kayseri SK			
47	KOS			KH Besa Famiglia			
48	LTU			Klaipeda Dragnas			
49	EST		Põlva Serviti				
50	BEL		Hubo Initia Hasselt				
51	ITA		SSV Bozen Loacker				
52	MDA		PGU-Kartina TV Tiraspol				
53	MNE		HC Lovcen				
54	BUL		HC Fregata-Burgas				
55	FIN		Riihimäki Cocks				
56	LUX		HB Käerjeng				
57	ROU		Dinamo Bucuresti				
58	NOR		Haslum HK				
59	CRO		RK Porec				
60	ITA		A.S.D. Romagna Handball				

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Men's EHF Cup 2015/16 playing system



Season 2015/16 playing dates

<p>Qualification Round 1 first leg - 05/06.09.2015 second leg - 12/13.09.2015</p> <p>Qualification Round 2 first leg - 10/11.10.2015 second leg - 17/18.10.2015</p>	<p>Qualification Round 3 first leg - 21/22.11.2015 second leg - 28/29.11.2015</p>	<p>Group Phase 13/14.02.2016 20/21.02.2016 27/28.02.2016</p> <p>05/06.03.2016 19/20.03.2016 26/27.03.2016</p>	<p>Quarter-finals first leg - 23/24.04.2016 second leg - 30.4/01.05.2016</p>	<p>EHF Cup Finals 14/15.05.2016</p>
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Total number of matches: 148

Nantes to host the EHF Cup Finals in 2016

The EHF has announced that French club, HBC Nantes, is to host the 2016 edition of the Men's EHF Cup Finals. Bidding for the right to organise the event were both HBC Nantes and the German Bundesliga team, Frisch Auf Göttingen.

Following an evaluation of the two bids by the EHF together with EHF Marketing GmbH, the decision was reached by the EHF Executive Committee to award the event to HBC Nantes. The French club successfully staged the first EHF Cup Finals in 2013. Its bid for this season's final tournament will see the club host the event on 14/15 May 2016 in the 'La Trocardière' arena in the city.

HBC Nantes and Frisch Auf Göttingen will play together in the Group Phase of the competition following the Group Phase draw in Vienna on Thursday, 3 December 2015. They will also meet OCI-Lions from the Netherlands and Team Tvis Holstebro from Denmark in Group B.



Playing hall
Salle Sportive de la
Trocardière
91 Rue de la Trocardière
44400 Reze
France
Capacity: 4,438

Media Accreditation for the EHF Cup Finals

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the 2016 EHF Cup Finals will start on 2 March 2016 through the HTML form on the EHF official website. The accreditation procedure will be open to all media professionals and will run until 4 May 2016.

Playing system - organiser Nantes

Possibility no. 1

The organisers finish 1st in their group or are one of the three best 2nd ranked teams

The organisers qualify directly for the EHF Cup Finals and the other six teams play three quarter-finals.

The worst second ranked team will be eliminated.

Possibility no. 2

The organisers are the 4th ranked of the 2nd ranked teams

The organisers play the quarter-finals and are qualified for the EHF Cup Finals if they win the quarter-final.

Possibility no. 3

The organisers are ranked 3rd or 4th in the group and are not qualified for the EHF Cup Finals and all 1st and 2nd ranked teams play the quarter-finals.

Important regulations

Scoring of the matches and ranking

General

All matches of the Men's EHF Cup shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 10 minutes. The EHF reserves the right to extend the half-time break in special circumstances to 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.

Group Phase

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the Group Phase:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the Group Phase if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group

After completion of the Group Phase if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of a responsible of each club.

If one of the participating clubs is the organiser of the EHF Cup Finals the ranking of the 2nd ranked teams of the Group Phase is as follows:

- a) number of points in matches against all teams of the group;
- b) goal difference in those matches as mentioned in a);
- c) greater number of plus goals in those matches as mentioned in a);

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of a responsible of each club.

[Find all the Men's EHF Cup regulations on eurohandball.com](http://eurohandball.com)

Facts & Figures

Before the Group Phase

Find all the useful and interesting numbers of the competition prior to the Men's EHF Cup Group Phase.

16 teams from nine different countries - including former winners of all four EHF European Cup competitions - have made it to the group phase of the Men's EHF Cup after the final stage of qualification had come to an end last weekend.

0 winners of the "new EHF Cup" (since the 2012/13 season) are in this season's competition: Rhein Neckar Löwen (winner in 2013) and Pick Szeged (2014) are part of the VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase, defending champions Füchse Berlin failed in the third qualification round against Chambéry.

0 teams have been part of all group phases, since the playing system has changed.

1 former winner of the EHF Champions League is among the 16: SC Magdeburg (winner in 2002). Thus in every season of the merged EHF Cup one former EHF Champions League winner was part of the group phase: again SC Magdeburg (2012/13, CL winner in 2002), Montpellier Agglomération HB (2013/14, CL winner in 2003) and HSV Hamburg (2014/15, winner in 2013).

1 participant had won the EHF Challenge Cup before: SKA Minsk (Belarus) in the 2012/13 season.

1 team arrives in the Group Phase after failing in the VELUX EHF Champions League qualification tournament: OCI Lions from Netherlands. Funny enough the Dutch champions were drawn against Banja Luka in the crucial qualification stage - the same opponent they had faced in the 3-4 placement match of the CL qualification tournament. Lions are also the only domestic champions in the Group Phase.

1 of those 16 teams is coached by a women: again OCI Lions, by Monique Tijsterman.

1 Group Phase participant was part of the VELUX EHF Champions League last season: Aalborg Handbold (Denmark).

1 team turned a defeat in the first leg of the third qualification round into the ticket for the Group Phase: Dinamo Bucharest. Three teams turned a draw into the respective ticket: Chambéry, Nantes and Ystad.

1 finalist of the merged EHF Cup has qualified for the Group Phase: HBC Nantes, loser of the 2013 final against Rhein Neckar Löwen.

2 teams had won the Cup Winners' Cup, but before the EHF was founded: Minsk (1982/83 and 1987/88) and Granollers (1975/76).

2 EHF European Cup competitions debutant have made it to the group phase: Helvetia Anaitisuna (Spain) and CSM Bucharest (Romania).

2 teams of the same city are a premiere in the Group Phase, as CSM and Dinamo represent the Romanian capital Bucharest.

2 Group Phase participants have male and female teams in the current EHF European Cup competitions: CSM Bucharest (women in the Champions League) and Team Tvis Holstebro (women in the Cup Winners' Cup)

2 nations are represented for the first time in the Group Phase of the merged EHF Cup: Netherlands (by OCI Lions) and Belarus (by SKA Minsk).

2 Group Phase participants bid for hosting the EHF Cup Finals in May 2016: HBC Nantes (France, already host in

2013) and Frisch Auf Göppingen (Germany).

2 teams have gone all the way from the first qualification round to the group phase: CSM Bucharest and Ystads IF. Four more teams arrived from the second qualification stage: Winterthur, Holstebro, Minsk and Chambéry.

3 group phase participants have won the “old version” of the EHF Cup before. Magdeburg took the trophy three times (1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07), Granollers (1994/95, 1995/96) and Göppingen (2010/11, 2011/12) each two times.

3 teams each come from France (Nantes, Chambéry and St. Raphael - after 0 in the 2014/15 Group Phase) and Denmark (Aalborg, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and Holstebro).

3 teams have already the experience of being part of the EHF Cup Finals - and all in the first edition in 2013: Nantes, Holstebro and Göppingen.

3 teams are back again in the Group Phase after their last season’s appearance: Denmark’s Team Tvis Holstebro, Spain’s Fraikin BM Granollers and Pfadi Winterthur from Switzerland.

3 nations are represented in the Group Phase, which had not been part in the 2014/15 season: France, Netherlands and Belarus.

4 countries represent the EHF Cup winners since the original implementation by EHF in the 1993/94 season: Germany (16 titles), Spain (4), Croatia and Hungary (each 1).

6 nations so far had been represented by clubs in the three previous EHF Cup Finals: Germany (5 teams/2 winners), France (2/0), Denmark (2/0), Hungary (1/1), Romania (1/0), Slovenia (1/0).

7 participants in the group phase have a previous experience with this stage of the Men’s EHF Cup since its merging with the Cup Winners’ Cup in 2012/13.

7 nations, which were represented by their clubs in the 2014/15 Group Phase of the EHF Cup are out in this season: Croatia, Hungary, Norway, Russia, Portugal, Slovenia and Serbia.

9 different countries are represented by those 16 clubs. France (3 teams), Denmark (3), Germany (2), Spain (2), Romania (2), Belarus, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

22 goals was the biggest winning margin in qualification round 3: Minsk scored an aggregate result of 68:46 against Alpa Hard (Austria).

22 goals were scored by Marcel Hees (Pfadi Winterthur) to be on top of the scorers list prior to the start of the group phase. Funny enough, the same player had already topped the ranking after the qualification had ended in the 2014/15 season (that time by 36 goals).

48 group matches will decide the six or eight teams to proceed to the quarter-finals.

New winner has to be found again

Group Phase Preview

When the Men's EHF Cup finishes with the final tournament in Nantes (France) in May, a new team will lift the trophy. None of the previous champions from the current format (that was introduced in the 2012/13 season) are present in the group phase this time around.

Neither Rhein-Neckar Löwen, who won the tournament in 2013, nor 2014 winners Pick Szeged or Füchse Berlin, who won last year are in the race this season. Füchse were sent out in qualification Round 3 for this season's group phase, while Rhein-Neckar Löwen and Szeged are both the VELUX EHF Champions League.

This does not mean that there are no previous EHF Cup winners among the 16 teams in the group phase, though. However, their triumphs go back to the years before the current system of a group phase and a final tournament. This applies to Fraikin BM Granollers, who won the EHF Cup back in the 1994/95 season and again the following year. This season, Granollers are in the same group as a team who have won the tournament no less than three times in the past. SC Magdeburg, who are in Group A with Granollers, won the competition in the 1998/99 season and again in the 2000/01 and 2006/07 season. Magdeburg is also the only team in the group phase, which has also won the EHF Champions League. The Germany club ticked off that achievement in the 2001/02 season. Group A is completed by Aalborg Handball, who were in the Last 16 of the VELUX EHF Champions League the previous two years, and Dinamo Bucuresti.

In Group B, we find another former EHF Cup winner. Frisch Auf Göppingen have won the tournament two years in a row in 2011 and again in 2012. They also reached the finals of the 2012/13 tournament, but ended up finishing fourth. The German side is up against EHF Cup Group Phase debutants OCI-LIONS, Team Tvis Holstebro, who reached the finals in 2013, and hosts of the finals this season, HBC Nantes who were runners-up in 2013. There are no former EHF Cup champions to be found in Group C or D, but several teams with a history in the Champions League.

In Group C, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg were in the Last 16 of the VELUX EHF Champions League as late as in the 2012/13 season, while the Champions League memories of SKA Minsk and Pfadi Winterthur go further back and are more modest. French Saint-Raphael Var is the fourth and final team in this group.

In Group D, another French side, Chambéry Savoie Handball is the only team with a Champions League past, reaching the Last 16 in the 2010/11 season. The group is completed with group phase debutants Helvetia Anaitasuna, Ystads IF and CSM Bucuresti. The 16 teams in the group phase compete for a ticket to the quarter-finals, from where the winners will then proceed to the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes.



Group A head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group A opponents in the EC

Fraikin BM. Granollers vs SC Magdeburg 0-0-2 (40:67) 0:4

1976/77 SC Magdeburg vs Balonmano Granollers, IHF Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final

36:18

1976/77 Balonmano Granollers vs SC Magdeburg, IHF Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final

22:31

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fraikin BM Granollers vs Dinamo Bucuresti

Fraikin BM Granollers vs Aalborg Haandbold

SC Magdeburg vs Dinamo Bucuresti

SC Magdeburg vs Aalborg Haandbold

Dinamo Bucuresti vs Aalborg Haandbold

GROUP A



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

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

BM FRAIKIN GRANOLLERS (ESP)

They are the second best Catalan handball club after FC Barcelona and besides Magdeburg and Göppingen, they are the only former winners of the old EHF Cup format to be part of this season's group phase: After BM Granollers in 2014/15 missed out on qualification for the quarter-finals by only one single point, the team of coach Carlos Viver Arza is eager to go all the way to the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes.

But the Catalans were drawn in a tough group, facing two more contenders for the EHF Cup Finals, Magdeburg and Aalborg; their third opponent is Romanian side Dinamo Bucuresti.

In the previous season, Granollers were finalists in the King's Cup and the league cup (both against their neighbours Barcelona) and finished the Spanish ASOBAL League in third place, a place, which is also one of their objectives for the current season as well as making it to Nantes.

Four Brazilian national team players make up the remaining all-Spanish squad, including Marc Canellas, brother of Spanish World Champion and EURO finalists Joan Canellas (THW Kiel).

In qualification for the group phase of the EHF Cup, Granollers had no problems with the Norwegian side OIF Arendal; berth for the next stage was clinched after the 29:21 on home ground in the first leg of qualification round 3.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Fraikin BM Granollers (ESP) vs OIF Arendal (NOR) 29:21
2nd leg: Arendal vs Granollers 28:26
Aggregate score: 55:49

Coach: Carlos Viver Arza (since 2014)

Captain: David Resina Forns

Newcomers

Cesar Almeida (Bm. Guadalajara)
Henrique Teixeira (Taubate/Brazil)
Gonzalo Porras (Bm. Benidorm)
Alejandro Marquez (FC Barcelona II)
Alvaro Ferrer (Bm Aragon)
Mamadou Gassama
Miquel Flores
Marc Guardia (all Bm Granollers II)

Left the club:

Nicklas Grundsten (Karlskrona)
Jose Toledo (Wisla Plock)
Alvaro Ruiz (Toulouse)
Jordi Capedevila (Bm. La Roca)
Jordi Puig (Bm. La Roca)
Dimitrije Pejanovic (Bm. Huesca)
Juan Del Arco (Qatar)

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 1994/95, 1995/96
Semi-final (1): 1996/97
Group Phase (1): 2014/15
Quarter-final (1): 2004/05
Last 16 (2): 2007/08, 2011/12

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: final 2009/10
Champions Trophy: final 1995/96
City Cup: semi-final 1993/94
IHF Cup Winners' Cup: 1975/76

Spanish league: 10 titles (1959, 1960, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974)

Copa del Rey: 3 titles
ASOBAL Cup: 1 title

BM FRAIKIN GRANOLLERS (ESP)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
39	Carles	Asensio Cambra	ESP	Line Player	10.8.1997	St Quirze del Vall., ESP	197	110	
4	Moises	Blanxart Moreno	ESP	Right Wing	25.1.1988	Granollers, ESP	182	85	
15	Marc	Cañellas Reixach	ESP	Centre Back	21.7.1995	St Maria de Pal., ESP	187	80	2
29	Jose Guilherme	De Toledo	BRA	Right Back	11.1.1994	Sao Paulo, BRA	193	96	
28	Alvaro	Ferrer Vecilla	ESP	Centre Back	17.3.1982	Granollers, ESP	190	95	4
13	Adrian	Figuera Trejo	ESP	Line Player	31.8.1988	Barcelona, ESP	191	88	4
6	Miquel	Flores Traveria	ESP	Centre Back	29.3.1990	Granollers, ESP	185	80	
36	Gerard	Forns Galve	ESP	Goalkeeper	26.12.1994	St Boi de Llobr., ESP	185	82	
9	Arnau	Garcia Barcelo	ESP	Left Back	12.6.1994	Granollers, ESP	194	90	1
7	Marc	Garcia Dieguez	ESP	Left Back	27.9.1984	Barcelona, ESP	194	97	1
18	Mamadou	Gassama Cissokho	ESP	Right Wing	28.10.1993	Granollers, ESP	188	80	1
1	Marc	Guardia Tomas	ESP	Goalkeeper	13.1.1995	Barcelona, ESP	187	83	
33	Fernando Jose	Magalhaes Pacheco	BRA	Right Back	25.5.1983	Niteroi, BRA	191	95	
95	Alejandro	Marquez Coloma	ESP	Right Back	5.1.1995	Alcobendas, ESP	194	90	10
77	Marc	Montolio Montero	ESP	Line Player	3.4.1994	Granollers, ESP	190	90	
89	Cesar Augusto	Oliveira de Almeida	BRA	Goalkeeper	6.1.1989	Sao Paulo, BRA	190	92	
5	Edgar	Perez Lopez	ESP	Left Wing	20.3.1994	Granollers, ESP	178	75	
10	Adria	Perez Martinez	ESP	Left Wing	26.11.1991	Barcelona, ESP	181	80	
3	Gonzalo Vicente	Porrás Perez	ESP	Line Player	18.6.1992	Erandio, ESP	190	98	2
19	Salvador	Puig Asbert	ESP	Right Back	4.12.1979	Montcada Reixac, ESP	198	99	
17	David	Resina Forns	ESP	Left Wing	5.4.1987	Granollers, ESP	181	75	9
16	Pol	Sastre Rodriguez	ESP	Goalkeeper	24.7.1991	Granollers, ESP	182	80	
2	Henrique	Selicani Teixeira	BRA	Left Back	27.2.1989	Maringa, BRA	190	90	3
14	Ferran	Sole Sala	ESP	Right Wing	25.8.1992	Sant Quirze, ESP	192	83	7
25	Guilherme	Valadao Gama	BRA	Goalkeeper	25.1.1991	Sao Bernardo, BRA	192	97	11



BM FRAIKIN GRANOLLERS (ESP)

Coach and key players profiles



Carlos Viver coach

- became head coach before 2014/15 season, after leading the BM. Granollers female team to the Spanish 1st Division in the previous season
- born in the same city (Granollers), he is the perfect prototype of a “one club man”, playing 16 seasons in BM. Granollers as a professional player
- 1,150 league goals and most capped player for his club in European competition

EC trophies: EHF Cup 1994, 1995 (player)



Alex Marquez right back

- joined Granollers in November 2015 and debuted in the EHF Cup in the third qualification round against OIF Arendal
- in the 2014/15 season mainly in the FC Barcelona second team (scoring 100 goals/3,85 goals per game), after he joined from Alcobendas in the Spanish second league
- Barcelona coach Xavi Pascual called him earlier in the 2015/16 season for some games for the top team and made debuts in the CL and in ASOBAL

EC trophies: CL 2015
Men's 20 EHF EURO: B 2014



Guillermo Valadao left back

- joined the team in the 2014/15 season
- Brazilian international won Panamerican Championship twice (2006, 2008)
- very strong player with a very good shot from six metres



Ferran Sole right wing/back

- one of the best player of Granollers can play both the right wing or right back position
- debuted with the team at only 18 years of age
- one of the top scorers in ASOBAL League in the 2015/16 season
- very quick player with an amazing technical play
- with the young Spanish team won the EHF EURO and the silver medal in the World Championship

Men's 20 EHF EURO: G 2012

GROUP A



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white/red
Player short: white/red
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

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

SC MAGDEBURG (GER)

SC Magdeburg is not only this season's EHF Cup Group Phase participant with the longest list of international titles, but they have also the biggest number of Champions League trophies on their bench: Head coach Bennet Wiegert, son of former SCM coach and Olympic champion Ingolf Wiegert, was part of the 2002 squad, which took the title as the first non-Spanish team, and his assistant Tomas Svensson has won the trophy six times, including five times with FC Barcelona.

Wiegert was appointed the new SCM coach at the end of December in 2015. He took over from the Icelander Geir Sveinsson, while Svensson was a goalkeeper coach before and is now his official assistant.

On the 60th anniversary year of the club (with rowing, athletics, swimming and handball sections) the performance of the team in the Bundesliga forced the handball department to fire the previous coach, under whom they had qualified for the group phase by eliminating Hungarian side Csurgoi KK. With Wiegert and Svensson at the helm and defence ace and newly crowned EHF EURO champion Finn Lemke and several more international experienced players in the squad, Magdeburg aim for their first ever participation in the new EHF Cup Finals set up.

In the 2012/13 season, they failed against the winners and country-fellows Rhein-Neckar Löwen in the quarter-finals after they had won the old format of the competition three times (1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07). In Group A, SCM face Granollers, Aalborg and Dinamo Bucuresti - and the older fans in Magdeburg will relive their memories, as their club already faced Granollers back in 1977 - victorious.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: SC Magdeburg (GER) vs Csurgoi KK 42:37
2nd leg: Csurgoi vs Magdeburg 23:24
Aggregate score: 65:61

Coach: Bennet Wiegert (since December 2015, before: Geir Sveinsson)

Assistant coach: Tomas Svensson

Captain: Fabian van Olphen

Newcomers:

Michael Damgaard (Team Tvis Holstebro)
Finn Lemke (TBV Lemgo)
Zeljko Musa (Vive Tauron Kielce)
Nemanja Zelenovic (Wisla Plock)

Left the club:

Bartosz Jurecki (Chrobry Glogow)
Espen Lie Hansen (A1 Bregenz)

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2001/02
Semi-final (1): 2003/04
Quarter-final (1): 2002/03
Last 16 (1): 2005/06

EHF Cup

Winners (3): 1998/99, 2000/01, 2006/07
Runners-up (1): 2004/05
Quarter-final (1): 2012/13
Last 16 (1): 1999/00

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 2000/01, 2001/02
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 1996/97, Quarter-finals 2007/08
German league: 12 titles (outdoor 1967, indoor 1970, 1977, 1980-85, 1988, 1991 - all GDR, 2001)
German cup: 6 titles (1970, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990 - all GDR, 1996)

SC MAGDEBURG (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
12	Philip	Ambrosius	GER	Goalkeeper	28.5.1993	Bernburg, GER	196	91	
14	Jacob	Bagersted	DEN	Line Player	25.3.1987	København, DEN	196	111	13
25	Marko	Bezjak	SLO	Centre Back	26.6.1986	Ptuj, SLO	184	87	5
22	Andre	Czech	GER	Right Wing	17.5.1996	Calbe/Saale, GER	182	78	
34	Michael	Damgaard Nielsen	DEN	Left Back	18.3.1990	Lolland, DEN	192	88	14
26	Maciej	Gebala	POL	Line Player	10.1.1994	Gdyna, POL	202	102	
27	Tomasz	Gebala	POL	Left Back	23.11.1995	Gdyna, POL	212	105	
15	Yves	Grafenhorst	GER	Left Wing	15.3.1984	Staßfurt, GER	186	84	3
16	Jannick	Green Krejberg	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.9.1988	Lemvig, DEN	198	93	
24	Michael	Haaß	GER	Centre Back	12.12.1983	Essen, GER	194	98	4
50	Finn	Lemke	GER	Left Back	30.4.1992	Bremen, GER	210	115	5
2	Zeljko	Musa	CRO	Line Player	8.1.1986	Mostar, CRO	200	103	
6	Matthias	Musche	GER	Left Wing	18.7.1992	Magdeburg, GER	186	79	
13	Jure	Natek	SLO	Right Back	30.3.1982	Ljubljana, SLO	193	96	
21	Dario	Quenstedt	GER	Goalkeeper	22.9.1989	Burg, GER	192	94	
5	Andreas	Rojewski	POL	Right Back	20.8.1985	Neustadt, GER	193	94	
29	Alexander	Saul	GER	Right Back	6.10.1995	Premnitz, GER	197	91	
33	Jens	Schöngarth	GER	Right Back	7.12.1988	Emmendingen, GER	203	98	
30	Vincent	Sohmann	GER	Left Wing	10.8.1995	Magdeburg, GER	175	70	
10	Fabian	Van Olphen	NED	Left Back	30.3.1981	Den Haag, NED	194	102	4
28	Robert	Weber	AUT	Right Wing	25.11.1985	Bregenz, AUT	179	76	9
42	Nemanja	Zelenovic	SRB	Right Back	27.2.1990	Knin, SRB	194	95	8



SC MAGDEBURG (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Bennet Wiegert coach

- part of the SCM squad from 1998 until 2013, with the exception of only three years and won the CL with Magdeburg in 2002
- former German international on the left wing
- appointed new coach in December 2015 as successor of Geir Sveinsson
- already his father Ingolf (Olympic champion as a player in 1980) had been Magdeburg coach
- director of the SCM youth academy until December 2015 and still is in the youth national team coaching staff of German Handball Federation

EC trophies: CL 2002, EHF Cup 2001 (as player)



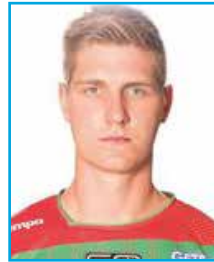
Michael Damgaard left back

- 2015/16 season his first abroad after he had been playing for Gudme (2008-2010) and Holstebro (2010-2015)
- part of the first ever EHF Cup Finals 2013 in Nantes with Holstebro, finishing on the third position
- his brother Allan left Holstebro at the same time to Hamburg, but is back in Denmark (Bjerringbro) after HSV got bankrupt in January
- back-up of Mikkel Hansen in the Danish national team



Robert Weber right wing

- best Austrian scorer at the EHF EURO 2014 and the 2015 WCh, scored more than 500 for the national team
- playing for Magdeburg since 2009, before he was signed by Balingen (Germany) and Hard (Austria), scored more than 1,300 goals since then for Magdeburg
- Bundesliga top scorer in the 2014/15 with 271 goals (as first ever Magdeburg player in history)
- counter-attack and penalty throws specialist



Finn Lemke left back

- the tallest player of the squad (210 cm)
- arrived from Lemgo before the 2015/16 season, where he scored over 300 goals in four seasons
- missed the 2015 WCh after he broke his hand in the penultimate test match
- by the number of blocks - the most efficient defence player at the EHF EURO 2016
- born near Bremen, he is a big fan of Werder Bremen football club

EURO: G 2016

GROUP A



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

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

DINAMO BUCARESTI (ROU)

Their biggest international triumph dates back more than 50 years and for the past eight years they have not been on the international stage but now Dinamo Bucuresti fight for European handball honours again. With a long tradition in handball, Dinamo were winners of the 1965 Champions Cup (forerunner of the VELUX EHF Champions League) but their last participation in an EHF European Cup competition was during the 2007/08 season when they were eliminated in the third round of the EHF Cup.

Now they are back. This season Dinamo needed to qualify all the way to be among the final 16 teams who make up the group phase. Like Swedish side Ystad, Dinamo started in the first qualification round and have been successful throughout all stages, including eliminating Slovenian side Maribor in the crucial third qualification round.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 1

1st leg: Dinamo vs Energia Targu Jiu 38:24
2nd leg: Energia vs Dinamo 24:24
Aggregate score: 62:48

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: AC Diomidis Argous (GRE) vs Dinamo 21:26
2nd leg: Dinamo vs Diomidis 35:20
Aggregate score: 61:41

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: RK Maribor Branik (SLO) vs Dinamo 27:26
2nd leg: Dinamo vs Branik 31:25
Aggregate score: 57:52

Alongside CSM Bucuresti, who already qualified for the group phase, it is the first time-ever that two teams from one city are part of this competition stage. The team of experienced coach Eliodor Voica (former Romanian national team coach and EHF Cup Group Phase participant with Bacau) is aiming to make it to the quarter-finals, though the ten-time Romanian champions were drawn in the tough group, A, where they face Magdeburg, Granollers and Aalborg.

Coach: Eliodor Voica (since July 2015, former coach: Stefan Constantin)
Captain: Liviu Mironescu

Newcomers:

Muhamed Zulfic (Bosna Sarajevo)
Alireza Mousavi (MVM Veszprem)
Ciprian Vancea (Steaua Bucharest)
Flavius Campan (Potaissa Turda)
Mirko Milasevic (Billere)
Stefan Grogoras (Stiinta Bacau)

Left the club: Mirko Milasevic - N/A

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Group Stage (1): 2005/06
Qualification (2): 1995/96, 1997/98

EHF Cup

Semi-final (1): 2003/04
Last 16 (2): 2001/02, 2004/05
Round 3 (1): 2007/08
Round 2 (1): 2002/03

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2002/03
Challenge Cup: Runners-up 2000/01, Semi-final 2007/08
City Cup: Semi-final 1999/2000
European Champions' Cup: 1 title (1965)
IHF Cup Winners' Cup: runners-up 1983
Romanian league: 12 titles (1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1986, 1995, 1997, 2005)
Romanian cup: 3 titles (1979, 1982, 1988)

DINAMO BUCARESTI (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
10	Mihai Alexandru	Asoltanei	ROU	Left Wing	14.9.1989	Vaslui, ROU	186	85	15
18	Adrian	Balut	ROU	Left Wing	12.10.1986	Brasov, ROU	178	70	8
33	Flavius	Cimpan	ROU	Right Wing	3.9.1988	Timisoara, ROU	184	84	9
8	Ibrahim	Diaw	FRA	Centre Back	28.11.1979	Poissy, FRA	194	88	24
12	Stefan	Grigoras	ROU	Goalkeeper	18.12.1990	Bacau, ROU	194	95	
16	Ionut Adrian	Irimus	ROU	Goalkeeper	22.8.1987	Baia Mare, ROU	200	112	
1	Darius Catalin	Makaria	ROU	Goalkeeper	2.2.1993	Baia Mare, ROU	193	91	
7	Mirko	Milasevic	MNE	Centre Back	27.7.1985	Cetinje	195	94	9
15	Liviu	Mironescu	ROU	Right Wing	15.2.1985	Vaslui, ROU	184	82	3
66	Marius Iulian	Mocanu	ROU	Line Player	9.12.1986	Calarasi, ROU	195	104	6
88	Seyed Alireza	Mousavi Ghalehmirez	IRI	Line Player	27.4.1990	Esfahan, IRI	195	105	5
6	Pierre Yves	Ragot	FRA	Centre Back	14.5.1986	Nancy, FRA	188	88	32
2	Razvan	Rapciuga	ROU	Left Back	9.1.1986	Medias, ROU	194	99	
27	Ciprian	Sandru	ROU	Left Back	27.2.1991	Sighisoara, ROU	192	92	12
17	Dan Andrei	Savenco	ROU	Line Player	12.10.1985	Galati, ROU	198	105	3
41	Bogdan Ciprian	Vancea	ROU	Left Back	4.1.1992	Bistrita Nasaud, ROU	196	101	4
77	Jakov	Vrankovic	CRO	Right Back	12.6.1993	Split, CRO	196	93	32
44	Muhamed	Zulfic	BIH	Right Wing	13.5.1992	Sarajevo, BIH	188	80	17



DINAMO BUCARESTI (ROU)

Coach and key players profiles



Eliodor Voica coach

- former Dinamo player between 1989 and 1995
- coached Dinamo in a stint between 2007 and 2011
- Romania's national team coach between 2012 and 2014, but resigned after a defeat against Finland
- has also been coaching young talents who play for the Marian Cozma Association, a team that has been set up in the name of the former Romanian line player Marian Cozma
- has been an inspiration for Luc Abalo, his former teammate at Montpellier, whom he has mentored when Abalo was only 16



Ibrahim Diaw left back

- former co-captain of PSG Handball, alongside Daniel Narcisse and Didier Dinart
- defensive specialist has played nine seasons with PSG and won the French League once and the Coupe de France twice
- Senegalese player has been contacted by Qatar to represent the Asian national team at the World Championships in 2015, but failed to reach an agreement
- Patrice Annonay, Diaw's former teammate at PSG, has described him as a „big brother” for every player in the team



Jakov Vrankovic right back

- already in his second year at Dinamo, he is now considered to be one of the top foreign players in the Romanian League
- impressed in the qualification round, scoring 17 of Dinamo's 57 goals against Maribor Branik
- started playing handball after his family was close to Ivano Balic, one of the best ever players
- has already been a globetrotter, playing in Qatar, at Al Rayyan, and in France, at Dijon Handball



Pierre-Yves Ragot centre back/left wing

- has quickly grown up the ranks at Dinamo, becoming one of the most influential players on the team
- Dinamo is his third foreign team, after playing at Anaitasuna in Spain and Leoben Handball in Austria
- after a tough game or a training session, he likes to unwind by fishing, saying this activity brings him peace and quiet

GROUP A



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light
Player shirt: Lime
Player short: White
Goalkeeper shirt: Blue

Dark
Player shirt: Red
Player short: White
Goalkeeper shirt: Black

AALBORG HANDBALL (DEN)

After two successful seasons in the VELUX EHF Champions League, where they made it twice to the Last 16, Aalborg Handball are now aiming for going all the way to the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes, France. The team of coach Jesper Jensen – including the Norwegian EHF EURO star Sandor Sagosen - is out for their biggest international success.

After two clear wins in the third qualification round against Swiss side St. Gallen the Danish outfit will face Magdeburg, Dinamo Bucuresti and Granollers in the hammer Group A – but it is there clear objective not only to proceed to the quarter-finals, but the EHF Cup Finals. Before the season, Aalborg strengthened their team with Swedish goalkeeper Andreas Palicka, former VELUX EHF Champions League winner with THW Kiel, who replaced Norwegian international Ole Erevik between the posts – their major new arrival.

In addition to improving their squad, Aalborg invested in their arena to increase the capacity to more than 5,000 seats for their third appearance in the EHF Cup (the first since the new playing system was implemented) and to attract more fans for their league matches – as besides their international goals is to make it to the semi-finals of the Danish league to qualify for European Cup competitions again.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Aalborg vs TSV St. Ottmar St. Gallen (SUI) 30:20
2nd leg: St. Gallen vs Aalborg 28:32
Aggregate score: 62:48

Coach: Jesper Jensen (since 2014)

Captain: Havard Tvedten

Newcomers:

Andreas Palicka (THW Kiel)
Aron Edvardsson (Eskilstuna GUIF)
Jesper Meinby (Mors-Thy Handbold)
René Antonsen (Ribe-Esbjerg HH)
Chris Jörgensen (GOG)

Left the club:

Ole Erevik (Aix)
Niclas Barud (Frisch Auf Göppingen)
Nicolai Pedersen (Nordsjælland Handbold)
Marcus Mørk (Mors-Thy Handbold)

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2013/14
Group Phase (2): 2010/11, 2014/15

Other

Danish league: 2 titles (2010, 2013)
Danish cup: - (2012 Supercup winner)winner)

AALBORG HANDBALL (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
22	Rene	Antonsen	DEN	Line Player	4.3.1992	Vesthimmerland, DEN	196	100	1
32	Christian	Bang	DEN	Line Player	29.1.1997	Aalborg, DEN	188	96	
29	Emil	Berggren	SWE	Left Back	3.8.1986	Fors, SWE	195	107	11
16	Aron Rafn	Edvardsson	ISL	Goalkeeper	1.9.1989	Reykjavik, ISL	205	90	
23	Buster	Engelbrecht	DEN	Left Wing	31.3.1993	Slagelse, DEN	197	95	11
9	Joshua Krohn	Grace	DEN	Right Back	31.1.1996	Dublin, IRL	190	92	
24	Olafur	Gustafsson	ISL	Left Back	27.3.1989	Horsens, DEN	198	100	
11	Simon	Hald Jensen	DEN	Line Player	28.9.1994	Aalborg, DEN	203	109	5
15	Mikkel	Ibsen	DEN	Centre Back	13.7.1987	Aalborg, DEN	190	90	
25	Christian	Jensen	DEN	Right Wing	15.11.1995	Aalborg, DEN	186	83	7
31	Jonas	Jensen	DEN	Left Wing	23.9.1997	Frederikshavn, DEN	190	78	1
13	Chris Holm	Jørgensen	DEN	Centre Back	28.10.1986	Søndersø, DEN	184	89	
7	Martin	Larsen	DEN	Right Back	19.9.1992	Aalborg, DEN	196	93	6
12	Andreas	Palicka	SWE	Goalkeeper	10.7.1986	N Nöbbelöv, SWE	189	90	
20	Jesper Meinby	Pedersen	DEN	Right Back	24.4.1987	Morsø, DEN	186	92	2
30	Mathias Mark	Pedersen	DEN	Back	30.7.1997	Aalborg, DEN	187	95	
33	Rasmus	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25.6.1998	Rebild, DEN	186	83	
5	Sander	Sagosen	NOR	Centre Back	14.9.1995	Stavanger, NOR	195	93	8
6	Morten Andreas	Slundt	DEN	Centre Back	26.5.1984	Tårnby, DEN	187	89	7
10	Havard	Tvedten	NOR	Left Wing	29.6.1978	Flekkefjord, NOR	183	81	3
1	Soren	Westphal	DEN	Goalkeeper	8.7.1986	Odense, DEN	200	101	



AALBORG HANDBALL (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Jesper Jensen coach

- before taking over in Aalborg in summer 2014 his only coaching experience was from a woman's club
- enormous handball experience - from 1999 to 2012 he was an inventive playmaker in Skjern
- the Danish national teams also benefitted from his qualities many times

EHF EURO: G 2008 / WCh: B 2007



Andreas Palicka goalkeeper

- one of many Swedish goalkeeping talents
- his first five years in Kiel after having joined from Swedish Redbergslids in 2008 to 2013 were somewhat in the shadow of legendary Omeyer
- more time on the court after 2013 when he was partner with countryman and national team colleague Johan Sjöstrand
- joined Aalborg in the summer of 2015

EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012
Junior WCh: G 2007



Sander Sagosen centre back

- already in 2013 Norway's national coach at that time Robert Hedin predicted that he could become the world's best handball player
- apart from being a great organiser of his team's attacking and being a fine reader of the game despite his young age, he also has an extremely dangerous shot
- one of the engines behind the surprising Norwegian semi-final run at the EHF EURO 2016
- best centre back of the EHF EURO 2016



Chris Jörgensen left back

- joined Aalborg in the autumn 2015 from league colleagues GOG
- has a previous career in the other Danish league clubs Nordsjælland and Bjerringbro-Silkeborg
- with his speed, his explosiveness and his variation of shots, he is already become a considerable reinforcement to Aalborg's attacking play
- has played 28 junior internationals for Denmark, but never been played for his country's senior team
- cousin of former women's handball star Anja Andersen



Group B head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group B opponents in the EC

Team Tvis Holstebro vs HBC Nantes 0-0-1 (20:26) 0:2

18.05.2013 Team Tvis Holstebro vs HBC Nantes, EHF Cup – Semi-final

20:26 (9:11)

Team Tvis Holstebro vs Frisch Auf Göppingen 1-0-0 (28:27) 2:0

19.05.2013 Team Tvis Holstebro vs Frisch Auf Göppingen, EHF Cup – Place 3/4

28:27 (15:16)

No previous encounters in European competitions

OCI-LIONS vs Team Tvis Holstebro

OCI-LIONS vs HBC Nantes

OCI-LIONS vs Frisch Auf Göppingen

HBC Nantes vs Frisch Auf Göppingen

GROUP B



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Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

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

OCI-LIONS (NED)

OCI-Lions made history in November: By beating Borac Banja Luka, the team based in Limburg became the first ever Dutch side to qualify for the group phase of the EHF Cup. To make it that far was the icing on the cake of a year full of success: In the 2014/15 season, OCI-Lions won all competitions they played in, becoming Dutch league champions, cup winners and champions of the bi-national BENE league - all for the first time ever in their club's history.

The "mother of success" is the only female coach in the men's European cup competitions: Monique Tijsterman. After some years coaching female youth teams in Netherlands and to be event organizer for the Dutch federation, she was asked by the Lions to start her mission in 2014. And right in her first season as head coach, she caused the biggest successes ever.

Lions are the only national champions, which are part of the EHF Cup Group Phase. In the qualification tournament for the VELUX EHF Champions League they had finished third after a defeat against eventual winners Elverum (Norway) and a win against host Borac. Then they were drawn again against Borac and beat the Bosnian side twice.

The squad consists almost entirely of Dutch players with a huge number of national team players. Portuguese Joao Ramos is the only non-Dutch player in the team. To be part of international competitions shall be the springboard and the stage for Dutch talents to make their way abroad. In their tough Group B with EHF Cup Finals host Nantes, former EHF Cup winners Göppingen and Danish side Holstebro, the Lions are seen to be the big underdogs.

Road to the Group Phase

VELUX EHF Champions League Qualification Tournament

Semi-final: Elverum Handball Herrer (NOR) vs Lions 35:30
3rd place match: RK Borac m:tel (BIH) vs OCI-LIONS 29:33

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: RK Borac m:tel (BIH) vs OCI-LIONS 29:31
2nd leg: OCI-LIONS vs RK Borac m:tel (BIH) 27:23
Aggregate score: 58:52

Newcomers:

Evert Kooiman
Rob Schmeits (both OCI-LIONS II)

Left the club:

Joeri Verjans (Krease Houthalen)
Marko Pejovic (Clubul de Handbal CSU)

Coach: Monique Tijsterman (since 2014)
Captain: Tim Mullens

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 1

Other

EHF Cup: Round 3 2011/12

Dutch league: 1 title (2015)
Dutch cup: 1 title

OCI-LIONS (NED)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
21	Roel	Adams	NED	Left Back	5.8.1982	Geleen, NED	198	93	1
19	Joris	Baart	NED	Right Back	24.4.1992	Geleen, NED	191	83	6
3	Erik	Blaauw	NED	Centre Back	5.4.1996	Leiderdorp, NED	184	80	
9	Thomas	Dekker	NED	Left Wing	5.2.1994	Sittard, NED	183	78	
16	Jordi	Govaarts	NED	Goalkeeper	28.2.1996	Oosterhout, NED	188	83	
14	Serge	Heijnen	NED	Right Wing	6.3.1994	Schinnen, NED			6
23	Luuk	Hoiting	NED	Goalkeeper	7.5.1993	Geleen, NED	189	85	
34	Bijan	Houben	NED	Left Wing	18.3.1996	Brunssum, NED	190	78	
1	Freek	Janssen	NED	Goalkeeper	12.4.1990	Neerbeek, NED	185	96	
15	Lino	Janssen	NED	Left Wing	9.10.1991	Stein, NED	180	76	3
3	Ephrahim	Jerry	NED	Left Back	27.5.1996	Geldrop, NED			
8	Evert	Kooijman	NED	Line Player	28.1.1996	Geleen, NED	193	94	1
28	Tim	Krijntjes	NED	Right Wing	5.9.1993	Geleen, NED	186	84	
2	Tim	Mullens	NED	Left Wing	4.6.1982	Geleen, NED	180	88	1
5	Mats	Pastoor	NED	Line Player	25.11.1994	Geleen, NED	190	86	
11	Niels	Poot	NED	Right Wing	17.2.1996	Schiedam, NED	184	80	
32	Joao	Ramos	POR	Left Wing	6.7.1991	V N Gaia, POR	195	95	5
17	Jeroen	Roefs	NED	Left Back	28.10.1998	Oss, NED	192	107	
6	Rob	Schmeits	NED	Right Wing	11.6.1994	Sittard, NED	186	65	
	Alec	Smit	NED		15.5.1999				
10	Kay	Smits	NED	Right Back	31.3.1997	Geleen, NED			9
13	Pim	Starrenburg van	NED	Line Player	2.8.1996	Voorburg, NED	185	85	
29	Ivar	Stavast	NED	Left Back	13.1.1998	Sittard, NED	192	80	
18	Ivo	Steins	NED	Line Player	18.7.1992	Voerendaal, NED	180	84	11
22	Luc	Steins	NED	Centre Back	22.3.1995	Voerendaal, NED		0	10
12	Thijs	Van Leeuwen	NED	Goalkeeper	26.2.1987	Djeddah, QAT	194	99	
4	Marco	Vernooy	NED	Left Back	5.11.1988	Venlo, NED	208	98	1
24	Dylan	Vossen	NED	Centre Back	13.5.1992	Sittard, NED	184	80	4



OCI-LIONS (NED)

Coach and key players profiles



Monique Tijsterman coach

- only female coach in the Men's EHF Cup
- led OCI Lions to the historic triple of Dutch championship, Dutch cup and BeNe-League in 2015
- coaches the Lions since 2014
- was a coach of Dutch female younger age national teams and assistant coach of the Dutch women's national team before
- had retired from coaching for several years, then working as an event coordinator of the Dutch Handball Federation
- former Dutch international in the 1980's



Joao Ramos centre back

- Portuguese is the only foreign player in the Lions squad
- was a younger age category national team player in Portugal
- started his career at FC Porto, where he played until 2014, with the exception of the 2012/13 season, when he was signed by Dutch side JMS Hurry-Up
- only player in the Lions team with the CL group phase experience - with Porto in 2013/14

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Joris Baart right back

- one of four current national team players in the Lions squad
- tall left handed shooter, who likes the way former Swedish international Kim Andersson played
- played for V&L before arriving to the Lions
- started playing on the right wing position, but now is right back
- Is the owner of a physiotherapist praxis in his business life



Serge Heijnen right wing

- part of the Dutch U21 team at the 2015 WCh in Brazil where he scored 26 times
- nominated for the Dutch men's national team by coach Joop Fiege for the final EHF EURO 2016 qualification matches against Croatia and Norway in June
- awarded best talent of the Dutch league in the 2014/15 season
- plays for Lions since 2012 and the age of 18

GROUP B



Playing hall
Grækjaer Arena
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TEAM TVIS HOLSTEBRO (DEN)

They have a new coach and they are building up a new team - and high hurdles await them in the group phase of the EHF Cup: Team Tvis Holstebro are facing challenges in their third appearance in the EHF Cup Group Phase.

In the first season of the new format, they eliminated their country-fellows KIF Kolding København to be the first Danish team to proceed to the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes - finishing third in 2013. In the 2014/15 season, they were again a quarter-finalist, but lost against Slovenian side Gorenje Velenje on their way to Berlin. This year, they took revenge, as again Gorenje were their opponent, but in the third qualification round - after Holstebro had beaten Lisboa before. In contrast to April 2015, the Danes were victorious, despite having lost top players such as the Damgaard brothers, who transferred to Germany last summer.

Patrick Westerholm is the new coach as the successor of Danish women's national team coach Klavs Bruun Jorgensen. Westerholm's major international objective is to gain experience with the young team, which has an all-Scandinavian/Nordic roster with former Swedish national team player Jonas Larholm, one Finnish and two Icelandic players added to the Danes.

In tough Group B, Holstebro will face EHF Cup Finals host Nantes, two-time EHF Cup winner Göppingen and the OCI Lions from Netherlands.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Holstebro vs Sporting CP (POR) 36:31
2nd leg: Sporting vs Holstebro 32:28
Aggregate score: 64:63

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO) vs Holstebro 25:29
2nd leg: Holstebro vs Velenje 32:27
Aggregate score: 61:52

Newcomers:

Lars Mousing (Skanderborg)
Jac Karlsson (Mors-Thy)
Sigurbergur Sveinsson (Erlangen)
Nicolai Neupart (Esbjerg)
Egill Magnusson (Stjarnar)

Left the club:

Michael Damgaard (Magdeburg)
Allan Damgaard (Hamburg/Bjerringbro)
Rasmus Lind (Esbjerg)
Jakob Green Jensen (Sydhavsoerne)
Nicolaj Norager (Midtjylland)

Coach: Patrick Westerholm (since June 2015, successor of Klavs Bruun Jorgensen)

Past achievements

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals (1): third ranked (2013)
Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2009/10
Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Danish league: 3rd place (2009, 2012, 2014)
Danish cup: 1 title (2008)

TEAM TVIS HOLSTEBRO (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
28	Mathias Lykke	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	16.7.1995	Holstebro, DEN	181	75	2
69	Daniel	Bach-Andersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	15.8.1996	Viborg, DEN	190	83	
26	Peter	Balling Christensen	DEN	Right Back	5.4.1990	Skive, DEN	188	90	31
23	Simon	Birkefeldt	DEN	Right Back	22.1.1991	Århus, DEN	198	103	
24	Mathias Norup	Bitsch	DEN	Right Back	25.1.1996	Struer, DEN	193	93	1
22	Frederik	Blazejewicz	DEN	Line Player	15.4.1996	Skive, DEN	201	106	
7	Nichlas Louring	Bomholt	DEN	Line Player	25.5.1996	Favrskov, DEN	190	94	
10	Magnus Grubb	Bramming	DEN	Left Wing	1.10.1990	Roskilde, DEN	182	79	17
30	Michael	Bruun Pedersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	8.10.1970	Skive, DEN	200	93	
1	Simon Sandgrav	Gade	DEN	Goalkeeper	3.1.1997	Holstebro, DEN	194	91	
16	Jonas Kjaerulff	Hansen	DEN	Goalkeeper	4.6.1990	Silkeborg, DEN	192	92	
3	Sören Söndergaard	Hansen	DEN	Line Player	9.12.1979	Köge, DEN	189	98	
8	Jac Johan	Karlsson	FIN	Centre Back	16.4.1986	Karis, FIN	186	90	1
72	Frederik Jakob	Kjaer	DEN	Left Wing	27.8.1997	Holstebro, DEN	186	82	
6	Jonas Erik	Larholm	SWE	Centre Back	3.6.1982	Såvedalen, SWE	193	88	24
21	René Bach	Madsen	DEN	Left Back	7.3.1985	Struer, DEN	199	98	
18	Egill	Magnússon	ISL	Left Back	22.2.1996	Reykjavik, ISL	193	96	
12	Nicolai	Neupart	DEN	Goalkeeper	3.11.1994	Hedensted, DEN	202	110	
5	Lars Mousing	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	4.3.1992	København, DEN	195	95	15
20	Anders	Oechsler	DEN	Line Player	10.7.1979	Ringsted, DEN	200	105	
	Emil	Sidelmann	DEN		30.10.1996				
9	Sören Tau	Sörensen	DEN	Line Player	18.12.1985	Odense, DEN	192	110	5
11	Sigurbergur	Sveinsson	ISL	Left Back	12.8.1987	Reykjavik, ISL	189	85	4
15	Michael Krohn	Thogersen	DEN	Right Wing	10.4.1996	Struer, DEN	186	85	
4	Patrick	Wiesmach Larsen	DEN	Right Wing	23.3.1990	Aalborg, DEN	178	77	25



TEAM TVIS HOLSTEBRO (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Patrick Westerholm coach

- joined from league colleagues HC Midtjylland before this season, replacing Klavs Bruun Jørgensen who took over as women's national coach
- before coaching men was head coach for the women of SønderjyskE and later assistant coach in Team Esbjerg
- as player, he mainly played the centre back position, celebrated his greatest triumphs as a player during his nine years with KIF Kolding winning the Danish championship five times and the Danish Cup three times
- ended his active career in Skjern Handbold, in his first season in Team Tvis Holstebro, he led the team to a shared first place in the Danish league at the end of the autumn season



Peter Balling Christensen right back

- joined Holstebro in the summer of 2014 from league colleagues Skander Haandbold
- key player in another Danish league club, Mors Thy Haandbold before joining Skanderborg, but his real break-through came in Team Tvis Holstebro
- scored 16 goals altogether in the two matches against Gorenje Velenje in Qualification Round 3
- his scoring abilities have brought him the nomination for the EHF EURO 2016
- his older brother Morten – who is right handed unlike Peter – is playing a bit further south with Holstebro's eternal rivals Skjern Handbold



Anders Oechsler left back

- former Danish international is back in Danish handball from this season after a stay at German Bundesliga club GWD Minden
- in between his two stays in Kolding, he has another German intermezzo, playing for TV Grosswallstadt
- a great shooter from the distance and also a solid and consistent defender in recent years, and his primary role in Team Tvis Holstebro is also in the defence



Jonas Larholm left back, centre back

- started his second stay in Denmark in 2014, having played for Aalborg Handball before joining Hungarian Pick Szeged in the summer of 2012
- played 211 internationals for Sweden and scored 642 goals for his country
- in the 2013/14 season, he was part of the Pick Szeged team who won the EHF Cup
- his main position is the playmaker position, but after joining Team Tvis Holstebro, he has also played the left back quite a lot

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014
OG: S 2012

GROUP B



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light
Player shirt: white/purple
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: orange or blue

Dark
Player shirt: purple/yellow
Player short: purple
Goalkeeper shirt: black

HBC NANTES (FRA)

In December 2015, the EHF announced that HBC Nantes will host the EHF Cup Finals on 14/15 May, and with this comes extra motivation but also some pressure. The French side had been bidding for the event like Frisch Auf Göppingen (Germany) and both were drawn in the same tough Group B as well as Holstebro and OCI Lions.

Nantes will host the EHF Cup Finals for the second time after the premiere of this format in 2013, when the hosts made it to the final, but were defeated by Rhein-Neckar Löwen. Now, Nantes will hope to be the first ever French team to win this competition. After making it to the quarter-finals in the 2013/14 season, when they lost the all-French duel against Montpellier, Nantes missed out on the group phase last season. In qualification they faced Füchse Berlin, and were narrowly eliminated by the eventual champions.

In contrast to 2013, the EHF Cup Finals will be played in the new HBC arena "La Trocardière" with a capacity of 4,200 seats. To make it to the final tournament, by skipping the quarter-finals, Nantes need to win their group or have to be among the three best second ranked teams. On the way, HBC definitely can count on their great fans as for the third time they were voted "best fans in France".

But prior to and during this season, Nantes lost some key players to Champions League participants such as Spaniard Jorge Maqueda, who transferred to Vardar Skopje or line player Igor Anic, who now plays for THW Kiel. But still they have top class in their squad like the 2013 Spanish World Champions Alberto Entrerrios or Valero Rivera Folch (who will leave for Barcelona after this season and will be replaced by German Dominik Klein).

In the third qualification round, Nantes had more problems than expected to leave Croatian side Nexe behind (26:26, 22:18), but finally the team of coach Thierry Anti came good, and now has the great chance to go all the way.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: RK Nexe (CRO) vs HBC Nantes (FRA) 26:26
2nd leg: Nantes vs Nexe 22:18
Aggregate score: 48:44

Newcomers:

David Balaguer (Encantada)
Rodrigo Salinas (Bucarest)
Vitaliy Komogorov (Volgograd)
Theo Derot (Istres)
Florian Delecroix
Nicolas Tournat (both from Nantes youth team)

Left the club:

Jorge Maqueda (Vardar Skopje)
Aymen Toumi (Montpellier)
Wilson Davyes (Cesson)
Igor Anic (THW Kiel)
Mathieu de la Breteche (end of career)

Coach: Thierry Anti (since 2009)

Captain: Rock Feliho

Past achievements

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals (1): second place
2012/13
Quarter-finals (1): 2013/14
Round 3 (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

Other

French League Cup: 1 title (2015)

HBC NANTES (FRA)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
20	Lucien	Auffret	FRA	Right Wing	25.1.1997	La Roche sur Yon, FRA	182	70	
19	David	Balaguer Romeu	ESP	Right Wing	17.8.1991	Barcelona, ESP	184	83	3
27	Florent	Bourget-Jans	FRA	Centre Back	12.6.1998	Nantes, FRA	184	77	
3	Uros	Bundalo	SLO	Line Player	29.4.1989	Ljubljana, SLO	198	109	
22	Adama	Camara	FRA	Left Back	21.1.1997	Vernon, FRA	191	94	
10	Jordan	Camarero	FRA	Right Wing	10.3.1992	Pau, FRA	181	82	
30	Robin	Cantegrel	FRA	Goalkeeper	13.2.1995	Nantes, FRA	192	90	
6	Nicolas	Claire	FRA	Centre Back	10.7.1987	St Denis de la R., FRA	186	86	7
17	Florian	Delecroix	FRA	Right Back	17.3.1994	Niort, FRA	197	93	4
14	Theo	Derot	FRA	Left Back	17.6.1992	Nîmes, FRA	193	96	
2	Alberto	Entrerrios Rodriguez	ESP	Left Back	7.11.1976	Gijon, ESP	192	102	7
13	Rock	Feliho	FRA	Back	13.8.1982	Cotonou, BEN	192	95	
5	Mahmoud	Gharbi	TUN	Line Player	11.2.1982	Tunis, TUN	191	85	2
9	Sime	Ivic	CRO	Right Back	21.1.1993	Split, CRO	195	93	
28	Mads	Knutzon	DEN	Left Wing	14.7.1986	Hvalso, DEN	186	84	
15	Vitaly	Komogorov	RUS	Left Back	28.8.1991	Volgograd, RUS	196	95	
23	Romain	Lagarde	FRA	Left Back	5.3.1997	Lorient, FRA	190	95	
21	Michel Junior	Matiaba-Tuzolana	FRA	Left Wing	27.5.1997	Argenteuil, FRA	187	72	
8	O'Brian	Nyateu	FRA	Centre Back	7.11.1992	Bordeaux, FRA	186	90	2
7	Valero	Rivera Folch	ESP	Left Wing	22.2.1985	Barcelona, ESP	189	80	10
29	Ahmed	Saidi	FRA	Right Back	21.1.1998	Versailles, FRA	183	75	
18	Rodrigo Alonso	Salinas Munoz	CHI	Right Back	25.2.1989	Vina del Mar, CHI	188	94	5
16	Julien	Salmon	FRA	Goalkeeper	17.12.1994	Nantes, FRA	190	85	
1	Matias Carlos	Schulz	ARG	Goalkeeper	12.2.1982	Buenos Aires, ARG	190	88	
24	James Junior	Scott	FRA	Left Back	27.5.1996	Lens, FRA	200	80	
12	Gorazd	Skof	SLO	Goalkeeper	11.7.1977	Novo Mesto, SLO	188	91	
11	Nicolas	Tournat	FRA	Line Player	5.4.1994	Niort, FRA	200	116	8
25	Adrien	Vergely	FRA	Line Player	14.9.1996	Saint Affrique, FRA	190	100	
26	Lucas	Weiss	FRA	Back	4.3.1997	Colmar, FRA	189	90	



HBC NANTES (FRA)

Coach and key players profiles



Thierry Anti coach

- arrived in 2009 as they just upgraded to the French first league
- steered them to one trophy, the League cup in 2014/15
- previously coached Créteil and Paris and reached the IHF Cup Winners' Cup final with Créteil in 1989
- one of his biggest regret was not winning the EHF Cup final at home three seasons ago
- trusts a lot of his young players and helps them develop. For instance, Nicolas Tournat is now an international player after spending many seasons under Anti's direction



Alberto Entrerrios left back

- arrived in Nantes in 2012 after playing most of his career in Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid
- fifth player with the most games played under the Spanish national team jersey
- his age (39) and his wiseness earned him the nickname "Daddy" in Nantes
- has already played two EHF Cup finals, in 2002 and 2013

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



Valero Rivera left wing

- born in Barcelona, he only wore the blaugrana jersey from 2001 to 2005, before moving on to other clubs and finally arriving in Nantes in 2010
- was one of the first Spanish players to arrive in Nantes and fitted in immediately
- his girlfriend is his coach' daughter, and they have two kids together
- best scorer of the EHF EURO 2016, French league in 2012 and 2013, elected best left-winger of the WCh in Qatar
- his father, also named Valero Rivera, currently coaches Qatar national team after offering his son his first international appearance in 2012

EC trophies: CL 2005
WCh: G 2013; EURO: B 2014



Nicolas Claire right back

- former player of PSG Handball joined Nantes in 2014 to meet Thierry Anti, the coach who coached him at the beginning of his professional career
- played his first international games with France in April 2015
- born on La Réunion island, the same Jackson Richardson and Daniel Narcisse are from
- handball is a family affair for him, since his two younger brothers play in the second league in France

GROUP B



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FRISCH AUF GÖPPINGEN (GER)

They were the last winners of the old version of the EHF Cup, they were participants in the first ever EHF Cup Finals and they are one of the most traditional handball clubs in Germany: Frisch Auf Göppingen, home club of Bernhard Kempa (95), inventor of the Kempa trick (in-flight goal).

After winning the EHF Cup in 2011 and 2012 and making it to Nantes, where they finished fourth ranked at the premiere of the EHF Cup Finals in 2013, Göppingen had missed out on the qualification for international competition for two years. Now they are back – and even had bid to host the final tournament. But the EHF awarded Nantes with the hosting right - one of Göppingen's opponents in Group B besides Holstebro and OCI Lions.

Before the season, two players returned to where they had played before: 2007 World Champion Lars Kaufmann arrives from 2014 VELUX EHF Champions League winner SG Flensburg-Handewitt and goalkeeper Bastian Rutschmann from German runners-up Rhein-Neckar Löwen. In addition - and thanks to the in-depth knowledge of Scandinavian handball of their coach Magnus Andersson -Göppingen signed Swedes (Niclas Barud, Andreas Berg) and a Norwegian (Thomas Kristensen).

In January, former German international Adrian Pfahl (from bankrupt HSV Hamburg) and Hungarian goalkeeper Peter Tatai (from Baia Mare) arrived at Göppingen. Stars of the eleven-time German champions (between 1954 and 1972) are playmaker Michael Kraus (2007 World Champion), Serbian international Zarko Sesum and Slovenian goalkeeper Primoz Prost, who had missed the EURO in Poland due to an injury.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Gornik Zabrze (POL) vs Göppingen 29:39

2nd leg: Göppingen vs Zabrze 38:29

Aggregate score: 58:77

Newcomers:

Andreas Berg (Önnereds HK)
Niclas Barud (Aalborg HB)
Lars Kaufmann (SG Flensburg-Handewitt)
Marco Rentschler (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Bastian Rutschmann (Rhein-Neckar Löwen)
Thomas Kristensen (Ademar Leon)
Adrian Pfahl (HSV Hamburg)
Peter Tatai (HCM Baia Mare)

Left the club:

Bojan Beljanski (Bregenz Handball)
Nikola Marinovic (Kadetten Schaffhausen)
Dragos Oprea (THW Kiel)
Christian Schöne (end of career, Frisch Auf youth coordinator)

Coach: Magnus Andersson (since 2014)

Captain: Manuel Späth

Past achievements

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals (1): fourth ranked 2013
Winners (2): 2010/11, 2011/12
Runners-up (1): 2005/06
Quarter-final (1): 2009/10

Other

German league: 11 titles (outdoor 1954, 1957, indoor 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1970, 1972)

FRISCH AUF GÖPPINGEN (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
13	Niclas Andreas	Barud	SWE	Line Player	22.3.1988	Partille, SWE	196	105	3
21	Andreas	Berg	SWE	Left Wing	9.5.1992	Säve, SWE	190	88	11
17	Daniel	Fontaine	GER	Left Back	2.7.1989	Saarlouis, GER	194	94	7
22	Marvin	Fuß	GER	Left Back	31.3.1996	Göppingen, GER	191	95	
3	Tobias	Gehrke	GER	Centre Back	5.1.1996	Esslingen, GER	178	80	
28	Nicolas	Gross	GER	Goalkeeper	10.4.1997	Stuttgart, GER	188	90	
30	Anton	Halen	SWE	Right Wing	28.11.1990	Helgum, SWE	192	90	11
18	Lars	Kaufmann	GER	Left Back	25.2.1982	Görlitz, GER	199	107	8
4	Tim	Kneule	GER	Centre Back	18.8.1986	Reutlingen, GER	190	99	2
2	Michael	Kraus	GER	Centre Back	28.9.1983	Göppingen, GER	187	98	12
20	Thomas	Kristensen	NOR	Right Wing	2.5.1990	Bærum, NOR	197	81	8
12	Felix	Lobedank	GER	Right Back	12.8.1984	Bamberg, GER	196	103	2
10	Alix Kevynn	Nyokas	FRA	Right Back	28.6.1986	Montfermeil, FRA	192	88	
26	Adrian	Pfahl	GER	Right Back	30.7.1982	Bietigheim-Biss., GER	192	92	
16	Primoz	Prost	SLO	Goalkeeper	14.7.1983	Trbovlje, SLO	186	97	
26	Daniel	Rebmann	GER	Goalkeeper	16.1.1994	Stuttgart, GER	190	100	
27	Marco	Rentschler	GER	Right Wing	28.12.1994	Bietigheim-Biss., GER	185	82	
23	Bastian	Rutschmann	GER	Goalkeeper	30.12.1982	Karlsruhe, GER	195	93	
24	Marcel	Schiller	GER	Left Wing	15.8.1991	Bad Urach, GER	189	90	7
6	Jona	Schoch	GER	Centre Back	2.8.1994	Ostfildern, GER	192	90	
7	Christian	Schöne	GER	Right Wing	23.2.1981	Halle, GER	188	80	
15	Zarko	Sesum	SRB	Left Back	16.6.1986	Backa Palanka, SRB	195	97	5
9	Manuel	Späth	GER	Line Player	16.10.1985	Ostfildern, GER	200	100	1
12	Peter	Tatai	HUN		23.6.1983	Györ, HUN	195	98	



FRISCH AUF GÖPPINGEN (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Magnus Andersson coach

- as a player was part of the famous “Bengan Boys”, the most successful generation of Swedish handball, playing 307 international matches
- started his coaching career at Halmstadt in Sweden, where he was until 2010
- coach of AG Kobenhavn, leading them to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2012, before they got bankrupt
- was parallel coach of the Austrian national team from 2010 until 2012
- was coach of Malmö and the Swedish junior team, before he arrived at Göppingen in summer 2014

WCh: G 1990, 1999, EURO: G 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, OG: S 1992, 1996, 2000 (as player)



Peter Tatai goalkeeper

- signed in January 2016 as replacement for injured Primoz Prost, who is out for several months
- arrived from Romanian Champions League participant and national champion Baia Mare
- started his handball career in his birthplace Győr, before he transferred to Veszprem in 2005
- playing in the fourth country now, after he was signed by Dunkerque (France), Szeged (Hungary), Baia Mare (Romania) and now Göppingen (Germany)
- Had been part of the Hungarian national team for nearly a decade, but mostly was number 2 below goalkeepers such as Nandor Fazekas or Roland Mikler

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



Michael Kraus centre back

- started his career at Frisch Auf, before he first transferred to Lemgo (2007-2010) and Hamburg (2010-2013)
- Hamburg’s top scorer with six goals in the victorious CL final 2013 against Barcelona in Cologne
- All-Star Team member at the 2007 WCh
- played 128 international matches for Germany
- Olympian in Beijing 2008 together with his brother Christian, an Olympic fencer
- At the age of 16, he was elected “Bravo Boy of the Year” by the biggest German youth magazine

EC trophies: CL 2013
WCh: G 2007



Zarko Sesum left back

- born in the same Serbian city, Backa Palanka, like THW Kiel’s right back Marko Vujin
- like Vujin, he transferred to Veszprem, where he played until 2010, then he made it to Germany, where he first played four seasons for Rhein-Neckar Löwen, then from 2014 at Göppingen
- after a two-year break, he returned to the Serbian national team in 2015
- severely injured (skull fracture) during an incident in a night club in Veszprem in 2009, when his former teammate Marian Cozma was killed
- was hit by a coin in the eye after the EURO 2012 semi-final Serbia vs Croatia, nearly lost his eye sight and could not play the final

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
EURO: S 2012



Group C head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group C opponents in the EC

SKA Minsk vs Pfadi Winterthur 0-0-4 (82:101) 0:8

16.11.1996	Pfadi Winterthur vs SKA Minsk, EHF Champions League – Group C	23:19 (13:7)
04.01.1997	SKA Minsk vs Pfadi Winterthur, EHF Champions League – Group C	18:21 (9:13)
14.11.1998	Pfadi Winterthur vs SKA Minsk, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:21 (16:13)
12.12.1998	SKA Minsk vs Pfadi Winterthur, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:29 (14:12)

No previous encounters in European competitions

SKA Minsk vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg

SKA Minsk vs Saint-Raphael Var Handball

Bjerringbro-Silkeborg vs Pfadi Winterthur

Bjerringbro-Silkeborg vs Saint-Raphael Var Handball

Pfadi Winterthur vs Saint-Raphael Var Handball

GROUP C



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light
Player shirt: red
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark
Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green

SKA MINSK (BLR)

If you are out for the club with the longest continuity on the bench and the most legendary coach of all 16 group phase participants of the EHF Cup, you definitely cannot miss SKA Minsk. Since 1976, so in his 40th season, Spartak Mironovich (77) is on the helm of the most traditional Belarusian handball club and former winner of all Soviet and international competitions. Almost all of the players in this competition were not even born when Mironovich took over SKA.

Besides that he was coach of the famous Soviet national team that became Olympic champions in 1988 in Seoul and as EUN team 1992 in Barcelona, before another coaching legend - Vladimir Maximov - took over. Mironovich, former member of the Belarusian National Olympic Committee and Belarusian national team coach, has seen good times and bad times at SKA since he took over.

In the meantime, clubs such as Dinamo Minsk or Meshkov Brest have taken the lead in their league, with SKA last championship season going back to 2002. But adding fresh blood to the team, SKA rose in the previous years. In 2013, they took their first international trophy since 1990, winning the EHF Challenge Cup. Now, SKA Minsk are the first ever Belarusian club to be part of the group phase of the EHF Cup after failing twice in qualification before.

Seven SKA players were part of the Belarus squad for the EHF EURO 2016, including Viachaslau Saldatsenka, who was – in terms of statistics - the best goalkeeper of the preliminary round in Poland. And having improved as a team in the previous years, Spartak Mironovich's goals for him and his team is high: qualification for the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: HV KRAS/Volendam (NED) vs SKA Minsk 25:32
2nd leg: Minsk vs Volendam 32:30
Aggregate score: 64:55

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Alpla HC Hard (AUT) vs SKA Minsk 23:33
2nd leg: Minsk vs Hard 35:23
Aggregate score: 68:46

Newcomers:

Aliaksandr Padshyvalau (Vityas)
Aliaksandr Patsykailik (Gomel)
Maksim Lapitski (Kronon)

Left the club:

Ivan Matskevich (Steaua Bucharest)
Barys Pukhouski (Motor Zaporozhye)
Viktor Zaitsau (St. Petersburg)
Kirill Knyazev (Pogon Szczecin)
Yury Lukyanchuk (Riihimäki Cocks)
Andrei Kaliarovich (Riihimäki Cocks)

Coach: Spartak Mironovitch (since 1976)

Captain: Aliaksandr Bachko

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Group stage (2): 1996/97, 1998/99
Last 16 (2): 1993/94, 1995/96
Qualification (6): 1994/95, 1997/98, 1999/00, 2001/02, 2001/02, 2002/03)

EHF Cup:

Round 3 (3): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2014/15
Round 2 (6): 2001/02, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2008/09, 2011/12

Other

European Champions' Cup: Winners 1987, 1989, 1990
IHF Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 1983, 1988
IHF Supercup: Winners 1989
Challenge Cup: Winners 2013

Soviet Union league: 6 titles (1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989)
Soviet Union cup: 3 titles (1980, 1981, 1982)

Belarusian league: 10 titles (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)

Belarusian cup: 6 titles (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2012)

SKA MINSK (BLR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
10	Aliaksandr	Bachko	BLR	Centre Back	15.8.1989	Grandichi, BLR	189	90	27
25	Anton	Barouski	BLR	Line Player	18.8.1994	Minsk, BLR	200	106	
74	Viachaslau	Bokhan	BLR	Line Player	7.4.1996	Novopolotsk, BLR	206	107	
80	Ivan	Brouka	BLR	Left Wing	20.4.1980	Minsk, BLR	182	78	11
24	Vadim	Gayduchenko	BLR	Centre Back	24.4.1995	Bobruisk, BLR	193	92	9
50	Artsem	Karalek	BLR	Line Player	20.2.1996	Grodno, BLR	190	85	24
18	Artur	Karvatski	BLR	Right Back	21.1.1996	Preili, LAT	190	89	1
11	Aliaksei	Khadkevich	BLR	Left Back	14.1.1994	Orsha, BLR	191	92	8
15	Dzianis	Krytski	BLR	Line Player	21.4.1988	Medvedovka, BLR	190	102	
22	Uladzislau	Kulesh	BLR	Left Back	28.5.1996	Gomel, BLR	200	83	6
42	Maksim	Lapitski	BLR	Goalkeeper	28.6.1991	Grodno, BLR	200	85	
33	Artsem	Padasinau	BLR	Goalkeeper	4.1.1989	Gomel, BLR	192	78	
17	Aliaksandr	Padshyvalau	BLR	Centre Back	8.3.1996	Minsk, BLR	191	87	10
21	Aliaksandr	Patsykailik	BLR	Right Wing	8.3.1990	Minsk, BLR	189	80	10
20	Viachaslau	Saldatsenka	BLR	Goalkeeper	23.7.1994	Orsha, BLR	189	84	
2	Aliaksei	Shynkel	BLR	Left Back	6.7.1994	Grodno, BLR	200	89	13
9	Maksim	Sonchyk	BLR	Left Wing	27.8.1996	Slonim, BLR	181	80	1
5	Eduard	Strelets	BLR	Centre Back	18.2.1990	Minsk, BLR	180	80	
55	Mikita	Vailupau	BLR	Right Wing	30.7.1995	Vitebsk, BLR	184	77	9
14	Andrei	Yurynok	BLR	Left Wing	21.9.1996	Brest, BLR	179	70	3



SKA MINSK (BLR)

Coach and key players profiles



Spartak Mironovich coach

- 77-year-old handball legend is a true patriarch of the Belarusian handball
- has been a coach of SKA Minsk since 1976, having gone with the club both through the golden era in the 1980s and the difficult times after the break-up of the Soviet Union
- during 40 years at the helm of SKA, he led the team to 6 titles of the USSR champion as well as 10 titles of Belarus champion and 6 European trophies
- his most recent international success was the victory in the Challenge Cup in 2013
- Was a coach of the USSR national team which won the Olympic tournaments in 1988 and 1992
- the first head coach in the history of Belarus national team, he had several spells at the helm of it from 1992 to 2008.

EC trophies: Champions Cup 1987, 1989, 1990, IHF CWC 1983, 1990, Challenge Cup 2013
OG: G 1988, 1992, WCh: S 1990



Aliaksandr Bachko left back

- at 26, he is one of the most experienced players in the young SKA squad
- started his career at Kronon Grodno but moved to SKA in 2014 and quickly established himself as one of the team leaders
- played as a left winger early in his career, but during his last season at Kronon took up a playmaker's role because there was a shortage of players on that position in the team
- like many Belarusian boys, he preferred ice hockey when he was a child, but eventually gave it up and started playing handball



Artsiom Karalek line player

- the 19-year-old is arguably the most promising and fast-growing talent of the Belarusian handball
- born in Grodno and started his career at the local club Kronon, but moved to SKA Minsk in 2014
- was a key player at the Belarus junior national team which took a record-high 6th place at the World Championship in Brazil in 2015
- made a bright debut at the senior national team last April, playing in the starting line-up against Denmark and scoring five goals



Ivan Brouka left wing

- 35-year-old veteran is the most experienced and renowned player of SKA Minsk, serving as a natural leader and an example for young players
- born and raised in Minsk, he had his first spell at SKA in 1997-2002
- returned to SKA in spring 2014 after almost 12 years of playing at ZTR Zaporozhye, MT Melsungen and Dinamo Minsk
- seven-time champion of Belarus (1998-2002 with SKA Minsk, 2012-13 with Dinamo Minsk) and a three-time champion of Ukraine (2003-05 with ZTR)
- for the last 15 years, he has been a regular member of the Belarus national team, where he holds a national record for the number of games

GROUP C



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Kit colours

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Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red

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Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red

BJERRINGBRO-SILKEBORG (DEN)

After a three year international absence, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg are back in the European Cup as one of three Danish contenders and they have high hopes for the competition.

Having signed tall left back Nicolaj Markussen before this season, they have a player in their squad who already has the experience of playing at the EHF Cup Finals, as he finished third with his former team Skjern in Berlin in May 2015.

Markussen replaced Norwegian legend Kristian Kjelling and with a good short-term support in his position, Allan Damgaard Espersen arrived from bankrupted HSV Hamburg in Bjerringbro at the end of January.

Their right back Mads Christiansen, Danish international at the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, will go the opposite way after this season as he already signed for German side and EHF Cup Group Phase participant, SC Magdeburg.

Bjerringbro-Silkeborg with a nearly All-Danish squad, except Slovenians Peter Pucelj and Sebastian Skube, had quite an easy task in their qualification against the Czech team Talent M.A.T. Plzen, beating them twice in Round 3 (31:28 away, 35:23 at home). In Group C of the EHF Cup Group Phase the team, under coach Peter Bredsdorff-Larsen, will face Saint-Raphael Var Handball, SKA Minsk and Pfadi Winterthur.

In the previous years, Bjerringbro-Silkeborg have made it at least to the Last 16 of all major EHF European Cup competitions, in the old version of the EHF Cup, they qualified for the quarter-final which now is their next goal.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Talent MAT Plzen (CZE) vs Bjerringbro-Silkeborg 31:28

2nd leg: Bjerringbro-Silkeborg vs Plzen 35:23

Aggregate score: 66:51

Newcomers:

Kasper Larsen (Skanderborg Handball)
Johan Hansen (Skanderborg Handball)
Nicolaj Markussen (Skjern Handball)
Rasmus Jensen (GOG Svendborg Handball)
Allan Damgaard Espersen (HSV Hamburg)

Left the club:

Kristian Kjelling (Stavanger)
Linus Persson (CSM Bucuresti)
Richard Lönn (destination unknown)
Benjamin Jakobsen (end of career)
Theis Baagøe (destination unknown)
Mathias Madsen (end of career)

Coach: Peter Bredsdorff-Larsen (since 2014)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Last 16 (1): 2012/13
Group Phase (1): 2011/12
Qualification (1): 2010/11

EHF Cup:

Quarter-final (2): 2002/03, 2008/09
Last 16 (1): 2010/11

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final
2006/07

Danish league: - runners-up (2011, 2012)

BJERRINGBRO-SILKEBORG (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
35	Tobias	Bogh	DEN	Left Back	15.8.1994	Silkeborg, DEN	190	86	
20	Mads	Christiansen	DEN	Right Back	3.5.1986	Næstved, DEN	194	92	
21	Allan Damgaard	Espersen	DEN	Centre Back	11.4.1986	Nysted, DEN	185	90	
9	Anders	Hallberg	SWE	Centre Back	1.4.1986	Harrie, SWE	183	86	2
10	Johan a Plogv	Hansen	DEN	Right Wing	1.5.1994	Torshavn, FAR	190	90	6
23	Stefan	Hundstrup	DEN	Left Wing	30.6.1986	Svendborg, DEN	193	86	13
29	Rasmus	Jensen	DEN	Line Player	17.6.1989	Odense, DEN	189	90	
34	Rasmus	Kier	DEN	Right Wing	4.7.1996	Silkeborg, DEN	180	78	
15	Dennis	Kirkegaard	DEN	Right Wing	4.6.1981	Ulfborg-Vemb, DEN	186	87	3
77	Michael V.	Knudsen	DEN	Line Player	4.9.1978	Hobro, DEN	192	99	5
1	Kasper	Larsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	18.3.1989	Brabrand, DEN	195	89	
22	Nikolaj Rømer	Markussen	DEN	Left Back	1.8.1988	Gribskov, DEN	212	101	11
3	Mikkel	Münter	DEN	Left Wing	28.2.1994	Silkeborg, DEN	190	95	
16	Emil Vase	Nielsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	12.10.1994	Silkeborg, DEN	188	90	
7	Nikolaj Oris	Nielsen	DEN	Right Back	26.9.1986	Bjerringbro, DEN	197	100	14
17	Kristian Krag	Orsted	DEN	Line Player	22.5.1995	Århus, DEN	210	121	8
6	Peter	Pucelj	SLO	Centre Back	6.12.1982	Kranj, SLO	193	100	
12	Sören	Rasmussen	DEN	Goalkeeper	12.8.1976	Skive, DEN	193	98	
11	Sebastian	Skube	SLO	Centre Back	3.4.1987	Novo Mesto, SLO	188	88	2
4	Klaus	Thomsen	DEN	Left Back	26.4.1986	Haderslev, DEN	198	102	2



BJERRINGBRO-SILKEBORG (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Peter Bredsdorff Larsen coach

- head coach in Bjerringbro-Silkeborg since 2014
- at club level, he has a previous career as head coach in Danish league clubs Skanderborg Haandbold, AaB Haandbold, Aalborg Handball, KIF Kolding and KIF Kolding København
- assistant national coach, Denmark, 2005-2012 and again 2015
- won the Danish championship 2009-10 as head coach by AaB Haandbold
- in his days as a player, he played the right wing in the Aarhus based club VRI

EURO: G 2008 and 2012, WCh: S 2011 (as coach)



Sebastian Skube centre back

- joined Bjerringbro-Silkeborg from RK Celje in the summer of 2014
- Bjerringbro-Silkeborg is his first club outside Slovenia
- has played more than a hundred internationals for Slovenia and was part of the Slovenian team for the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland
- his younger brother, Stas, who plays for Gorenje Velenje in his homeland, plays the playmaker position just like Sebastian



Sören Rasmussen goalkeeper

- joined the club in the summer 2014 from SG Flensburg-Handewitt after winning the VELUX EHF Champions League with the North German side
- before going abroad to represent Flensburg in 2010, he represented the Danish league clubs Viborg HK and AaB Handbold, with the latter, he won the Danish championship in 2010
- played 35 internationals for Denmark between 2000 and 2013, most of them as substitute
- despite his age (39), he recently extended his contract with Bjerringbro-Silkeborg for another two years, until the summer of 2017

EC trophies: CL 2014
WCh: S 2011



Nikolaj Oris Nielsen right back

- has played in Bjerringbro-Silkeborg all his career apart from being loaned out to league colleagues Lemvig Thyborøn one year
- made his break-through in the Danish national team under the new coach Gudmundur Gudmundsson in 2015 and was part of the Danish team at the EHF EURO 2016
- his hard and varied left hand shot has developed to international top standard over recent years
- his older brother Mads, a former national team player, plays by Danish league colleagues Skive FH, while his younger brother Mikkel has a past league career by Aarhus Handball

GROUP C



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Kit colours

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

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

PFADI WINTERTHUR (SUI)

In the previous season, when Pfadi were the first Swiss team ever to be part of the group phase, they were drawn into a tough group with two eventual participants of the EHF Cup Finals (Hamburg and Velenje), now the most traditional Swiss handball club had a bit more luck. Winterthur will face Minsk, Bjerringbro and Saint Raphael in Group C after a much more favourable draw. The nine-time Swiss champion had to travel long distances before they finally arrived in the group phase: first they duelled with Estonian side Pölva Serviti, then with the Polish club Azoty-Pulawy in qualification, but left no doubt lingering in both rounds as they won all four qualification matches.

Coach Adrian Brüngger can count on a well-rehearsed squad despite two key players leaving Pfadi before this season: Young shooter Luka Maros, who signed for Swiss champions and Champions League participant Kadetten Schaffhausen, and Julian Krieg, who transferred to German side Balingen. Still, the 42-year-old goalkeeper titan Arunas Vaskevicius is one of the stars in Brüngger's team, which became domestic cup winner last season after five years without any trophy. After winning only one single group match in the 2014/15, Pfadi are out for more this time.

Parallel to their on-court development, Winterthur is working hard on their facilities: at the end of 2017 the new arena complex "WinCity" including a sport hospital, sport school, business-park, hotel and training facilities is planned to be launched.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Pfadi vs Pölva Serviti (EST) 31:24
2nd leg: Pölva vs Pfadi 20:21
Aggregate score: 52:44

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Pfadi vs KS Azoty-Pulawy (POL) 29:25
2nd leg: Azoty vs Pfadi 23:30
Aggregate score: 59:48

Newcomers:

Pascal Vernier (Lakers Stäfa)
Filip Gavranovic (Bregenz)
Michelin Celestin (Stiinta Bacau)
Filip Maros (Lakers Stäfa)

Left the club:

Luka Maros (Kadetten Schaffhausen)
Julian Krieg (HBW Balingen)
Simon Kindle (Fortitudo Gossau)
Goran Cvetkovic (youth coach Pfadi)
Dino Bajram (end of career)

Coach: Adrian Brüngger (since 2008)

Captain: Marcel Hess

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations: 8
Quarter-final (2): 1996/97, 1997/98
Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 2003/04
Group Stage (3): 1995/96, 1998/99, 2004/05
Qualification (1): 2002/03

EHF Cup

Group Phase (1): 2014/15
Round 3 (1): 2011/12
Round 2 (1): 2013/14
Round 1 (1): 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2002/03
Challenge Cup: Runners-up 2000/01, Semi-final 2007/08
City Cup: Semi-final 1999/2000
Swiss league: 9 titles (1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004)
Swiss cup: 3 titles

PFADI WINTERTHUR (SUI)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
12	Aurel	Bringolf	SUI	Goalkeeper	2.11.1987	Winterthur, SUI	190	88	
10	Michelin	Celestin	FRA	Right Back	26.3.1985	Cayenne, FRA	195	97	8
5	Milan	Corovic	SRB	Centre Back	27.6.1984	Belgrade, SRB	193	100	9
22	Stefan	Freivogel	SUI	Right Back	6.2.1990	Schwammendingen	184	82	4
13	Filip	Gavranovic	CRO	Line Player	2.10.1991	Bjelovar, CRO	198	100	12
7	Marcel	Hess	SUI	Left Wing	16.11.1982	Aarau, SUI	190	94	28
20	Kevin	Jud	SUI	Centre Back	4.12.1992	Uster, SUI	181	74	22
14	Marvin	Lier	SUI	Left Wing	8.9.1992	Zürich, SUI	185	75	3
4	Filip	Maros	SUI	Left Back	18.5.1991	Dübendorf, SUI	188	90	3
26	Michael	Meier	SUI	Left Back	20.7.1993	Turbenthal, SUI	198	95	
16	Patrick	Murbach	SUI	Goalkeeper	11.8.1993	Schaffhausen, SUI	200	97	
3	Yannick	Ott	SUI	Centre Back	4.4.1996	Winterthur, SUI	185	83	
9	Fabrizio	Pecoraro	SUI	Left Wing	25.3.1996	Hitzkirch LU, SUI	177	77	
19	Reto	Rutschmann	SUI	Line Player	13.5.1996	Winterthur, SUI	198	96	
21	Oliver	Scheuner	SUI	Right Wing	4.2.1985	Winterthur, SUI	182	80	5
11	Roman	Sidorowiz	SUI	Left Back	8.8.1991	Horgen, SUI	188	57	9
24	Michal	Svajlen	SUI	Left Back	12.4.1989	Zürich, SUI	196	98	4
8	Roland	Szabo	HUN	Line Player	1.7.1991	Debrecen, HUN	187	88	
6	Cédric	Tynowski	SUI	Right Wing	21.9.1996	Kloten, SUI	185	82	4
1	Arunas	Vaskevicius	LTU	Goalkeeper	3.8.1973	Druskininkai, LTU	193	100	
15	Pascal André	Vernier	SUI	Right Back	11.12.1995	Stäfa, SUI	191	95	



PFADI WINTERTHUR (SUI)

Coach and key players profiles



Adrian Brünger coach

- a player for Pfadi before joining Kadetten Schaffhausen
- three-time Swiss champions as Pfadi player
- ended his active career in 2007, becoming part of the coaching team at Pfadi
- his mission is to integrate young talents into the team



Arunas Vaskevicius goalkeeper

- the veteran in the Pfadi team
- played already for clubs in five countries (Lithuania, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Switzerland)
- arrived in Switzerland in 2008, first playing for Amicitia Zürich, then Kadetten Schaffhausen and since the start of this season Winterthur
- has EHF Champions League experience from his former clubs Bregenz (AUT) and Kadetten (SUI)
- the number 1 in the Lithuanian national team



Marcel Hess left wing

- unusually tall (1,90 metres) for a wing player
- a semi-finalist of the EHF Cup with his former club Amicitia Zurich
- contracted by Pfadi since 2010
- one of the most experienced players in the Swiss national team, for which he plays since 2003
- among the 15 best scorers of all-time in the Swiss league
- Most Valuable Player of Swiss Handball League in the 2014/15 season



Kevin Jud centre back

- top scorer of the Men's 18 EHF EURO 2010 with 65 goals, leading the Swiss team to the sixth position
- third best scorer in the 2011/12 season of the Swiss League with 201 goals at the age of 19, playing for Lakers Stäfa that time
- had his debut in the Swiss national team in 2014
- signed for Pfadi in 2013

GROUP C



Playing hall

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Kit colours

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Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

SAINT-RAPHAEL VAR HANDBALL (FRA)

They are back and they are aiming for Nantes: After a three-year absence from EHF European cup competitions, Saint-Raphael Var Handball have made it back to where their club has had the most success - two quarter-final participations in the old format of the competition.

In the 2012/13 the French side were close to proceeding to the group phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League, but lost the final of the wild card qualification tournament on home ground after an extra time 31:32 loss against HSV Hamburg, the eventual VELUX EHF Champions League champions.

In the same season, the team of coach Joel da Silva failed to qualify for their first ever group phase of the EHF Cup after a clear defeat against eventual semi-finalists Holstebro.

This season, Saint-Raphael had more luck in the draw. In qualification round 3, they faced Icelandic champions Haukar and did not have any problems to beat them twice. Now they will duel with Minsk, Bjerringbro and Winterthur in the quite balanced Group C. Besides a top position in the French league, which allows them to qualify for international competitions again, the major goal of this season is to go all the way to EHF Cup Finals in Nantes.

St. Raphael has a former EHF Cup winner, Geoffroy Krantz (Gummersbach), and two former EHF Cup Finals participants, the Romanians Alexandru Simicu and Mihai Popescu (2014 with Constanta), in their squad. Their Icelandic team captain Arnor Atlason even has the experience of participating at the 2012 VELUX EHF FINAL4 with his former team AG Kobenhavn.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Haukar (ISL) vs St. Raphael 28:29
2nd leg: St. Raphael vs Haukar 30:18
Aggregate score: 59:46

Newcomers:

Alexandru Simicu
Mihai Popescu
Arthur Vigneron
Ognjen Djerić

Left the club:

Morten Olsen
Alexandre Tomas
Tom Guillermin
Nicolas Boschi
Demaille Alexandre

Coach: Joel Da Silva

Captain: Arnor Atlason

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League
Qualification (1): 2012/2013

EHF Cup

Round 3 (1): 2012/13

Other

Challenge Cup: Quarter-finals 2010/11,
2011/12
French League: -

SAINT-RAPHAEL VAR HANDBALL (FRA)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
10	Aurelien	Abily	FRA	Left Back	22.7.1982	Le Mans, FRA	192	80	7
44	Titouan	Afanou Gatine	FRA	Right Back	27.1.1995	Lyon, FRA	193	88	
5	Arnor	Atlason	ISL	Centre Back	23.7.1984	Reykjavik, ISL	190	95	6
33	Marco	Belin	FRA	Back	6.1.1996	Talence, FRA	204	110	
3	Nori	Benhalima	FRA	Back	15.5.1998	PARIS, FRA	188	92	
20	Raphael	Caucheteux	FRA	Left Wing	9.5.1985	Montpellier, FRA	200	90	5
15	Clement	Damiani	FRA	Right Back	29.9.1998	Draguignan, FRA	185	85	
32	Adrien	Dipanda	FRA	Right Back	3.5.1988	Dijon, FRA	202	105	9
83	Ognjen	Djeric	FRA	Line Player	10.1.1994	Fréjus, FRA	200	94	
1	Slavisa	Djukanovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	3.5.1979	Belgrade, SRB	190	97	
11	Rares Dan	Fortuneanu	ROU	Back	19.12.1978	Cluj Napoca, ROU	190	94	
22	Sebastien	Garain	FRA	Line Player	20.10.1987	Pointe a Pitre, FRA	194	104	2
88	Wissem	Hmam	FRA	Back	21.4.1981	Menzel Temime, TUN	198	104	
19	Miroslav	Jurka	CZE	Right Wing	7.6.1987		189	82	7
17	Aleksa	Kolakovic	SRB	Back	10.8.1997	Podgorica, MKD	192	95	
4	Nicolas	Krakowski	FRA	Left Back	31.10.1987	Frejus, FRA	196	92	
2	Geoffroy	Krantz	FRA	Centre Back	3.12.1981	Gien, FRA	186	105	8
16	Adrian Lombes-	Birkenheuer	FRA	Goalkeeper	27.10.1994	Mont de Marsan, FRA	197	90	
14	Alexander	Lynggaard	DEN	Line Player	27.3.1990	Koge, DEN	198	102	3
8	Jonathan	Mapu	FRA	Line Player	10.3.1998	Frejus, FRA	181	95	
12	Romain	Mathias	FRA	Goalkeeper	13.9.1997	Paris, FRA	197	95	
16	Mihai Catalin	Popescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	15.3.1985	Gaesti, DB	190	100	
7	Alexandru	Simicu	ROU	Left Back	8.10.1988	Timisoara, ROU	202	96	8
23	Jan	Stehlik	CZE	Right Back	18.4.1985		188	91	1
24	Arthur	Vigneron	FRA	Right Wing	30.1.1995	Saint-Michel, FRA	182	78	3
57	Corentin	Voegtlin	FRA	Wing	26.4.1996	Colmar, FRA	203	88	



SAINT-RAPHAEL VAR HANDBALL (FRA)

Coach and key players profiles



Joel Da Silva coach

- after training Toulouse for four seasons, he signed in Saint-Raphaël in the summer of 2014
- brings a wind of fresh air in handball. For example, during timeouts, he asks his players to sit on the bench, just like they do in basketball
- has never played handball at a high level and started coaching at 14!
- before joining Toulouse in 2009, he used to work in a garden store
- has a lot of tattoos on his skin and a habit of warming the Saint-Raphaël fans up



Raphael Caucheteux left wing

- with his 2 m height, he's one of the tallest wingers in the handball world
- never left Saint Raphaël after signing there in January 2007 from Montpellier - no one in the squad has played for the club for longer
- one of the only three players who has scored more than a thousand goals in the French league
- despite his effectiveness, he's never worn the national jersey



Slavisa Djukanovic goalkeeper

- nicknamed "Granpa" or "the boss" by his teammates because he is 36 year-old
- arrived in France in 2002, after spending all of his youth in Bosnia, where he was born
- played for Nice, Vernon and Villeurbanne before joining Saint-Raphaël in 2006
- forms with Mihai Popescu, aged 30, one of the most experienced goalkeeper duo in this EHF Cup
- despite being among the best goalkeepers in his country, he only took part in one international competition, the EHF EURO in 2014



Arnor Atlason centre back

- one of the most experienced players of the team
- joined Saint-Raphael in 2013 after spells with SC Magdeburg, FCK Handbold (reached EHF Cup final with both), AG Copenhagen and SG Flensburg-Handewitt
- became captain just after one year despite he barely spoke French
- top player in number of assists at the EHF EURO 2010 where he helped Iceland win bronze medals
- comes from a handball family - both his father Atli Hilmarsson and his sister Thorgerdur Anna Atladottir played for the Icelandic national team

OG: S 2008, EURO: B 2010



Group D head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group D opponents in the EC

No previous encounters in European competitions

Chambéry Savoie Handball vs Helvetia Anaitasuna

Chambéry Savoie Handball vs Ystad IF

Chambéry Savoie Handball vs CSM Bucuresti

Helvetia Anaitasuna vs Ystad IF

Helvetia Anaitasuna vs CSM Bucuresti

Ystad IF vs CSM Bucuresti

GROUP D

CHAMBERY SAVOIE HANDBALL (FRA)



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Nine straight years from the 2005/06 to the 2013/14 season, Chambéry Savoie had been part of the European Cup competitions - mostly the EHF Champions League.

After a year absence from the international stage, the team of Croatian born coach Ivica Obrvan is back - and how! In qualification for the group phase of the EHF Cup the team from the Alps eliminated defending EHF Cup champions Füchse Berlin and caused the biggest surprise in this competition so far.

After the 2013/14 season, when they came up short against Berlin in the EHF Cup Group Phase, making it to the knock-out stage is the goal of the nine-time French runners-up and 2001 champions. And in Group D they come up against Ystad, CSM Bucuresti and Anaitasuna, Chambéry will be favourites to top the group.

Only one of the famous Gille brothers - team captain Benjamin - is still on court for Chambéry after Bertrande finished his career last season with Guillaume being assistant coach. Chambéry have a huge number of French talents in their squad, who were part of the U21 and U19 World Champions of 2015, like Melvyn Richardson, son of former handball legend Jackson Richardson. And they are all cheered on by Chambéry's new mountain-typical mascot "Alpy le Yéti".

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Chambéry vs HC Sporta Hlohovec (SVK) 35:12
2nd leg: Hlohovec vs Chambéry 28:31
Aggregate score: 66:40

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Füchse Berlin (GER) vs Chambéry 31:31
2nd leg: Chambéry vs Füchse 34:30
Aggregate score: 65:61

Newcomers:

Joao Francisco Da Silva (Ademar Leon)
Johannes Marescot (Valence)
Danilo Brestovac (Skopje)
Alexandre Tritta
Queido Traore (both Chambéry Youth Centre)

Left the club:

Bertrand Gille (end of career)

Coach: Ivica Obrvan, since 2014

Captain: Benjamin Gille

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Last 16 (3): 2004/04, 2006/07, 2010/11
Main Round (1): 2008/09
Group stage (4): 2001/02, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13

EHF Cup

Quarter-final (1): 2007/08
Group Phase (1): 2013/14
Last 16 (1): 1998/99
Round 3 (2): 1999/00, 2000/01

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2002/03, Last 16 2005/06
French league: 2001
French Champions Trophy: 2014

CHAMBERY SAVOIE HANDBALL (FRA)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
16	Maxime	Aicardi	FRA	Goalkeeper	5.12.1994	Hyerer, FRA	191	93	
2	Yvan	Andrieu	FRA	Right Back	18.8.1996	Saint-Flour, FRA	194	84	
13	Edin	Basic	BIH	Centre Back	4.5.1979	Zadovici, BEL	190	94	15
77	Damir	Bicanic	CRO	Left Back	25.6.1985	Vukovar, CRO	194	95	9
6	Fabien	Chazallet	FRA	Right Wing	10.7.1996	Saint-Priest, FRA	192	82	
25	Gregoire	Detrez	FRA	Line Player	22.5.1981	Clermont Ferrand	185	96	2
1	Maxime	Diot	FRA	Goalkeeper	28.2.1993	Annecy, FRA	188	84	
14	Remi	Feutrier	FRA	Left Wing	28.9.1989	Paris, FRA	180	72	5
7	Kenny	Fidji	FRA	Left Wing	7.4.1998	Chambery, FRA	199	80	
10	Joao Pedro	Francisco da Silva	BRA	Centre Back	29.1.1994	Nova Iguacu, BRA	190	93	8
12	Yann	Genty	FRA	Goalkeeper	26.12.1981	Enghien les Bains, FRA	185	89	
9	Benjamin	Gille	FRA	Line Player	3.5.1982	Valence, FRA	191	91	
15	Bastien	Guicciardi	FRA	Right Wing	23.3.1996	Aix-les-Bains, FRA	170	75	
17	Etienne	Leclerc	FRA	Left Back	30.1.1996	Decine, FRA	191	85	
5	Baptiste	Malfondet	FRA	Left Wing	6.9.1995	Venissieux, FRA	182	68	
20	Johannes	Marescot	FRA	Line Player	4.4.1994	Caen, FRA	193	96	3
21	Jerko	Matulic	CRO	Right Wing	20.4.1990	Supetar, CRO	187	83	12
19	Timothy	N'Guessan	FRA	Left Back	18.9.1992	Massy, FRA	194	94	22
22	Sullivan	Ouegnin	FRA	Centre Back	9.12.1998	Versailles, FRA	190	90	
8	Marko	Panic	BIH	Right Back	10.3.1991	Jajce, BIH	197	101	11
23	Pierre	Paturel	FRA	Line Player	26.1.1989	Annemasse, FRA	196	92	1
18	Cedric	Paty	FRA	Right Wing	25.7.1981	Chatillon sur Seine	195	86	14
24	Volodia	Percevic	FRA	Line Player	11.11.1997	Caen, FRA	206	90	
26	David	Rambaud Measson	FRA	Goalkeeper	26.1.1996	Ivry sur Seine, FRA	194	87	
27	Yoan	Randy	FRA	Left Back	16.2.1997	Evian les Bains, FRA	199	102	
11	Melvyn	Richardson	FRA	Right Back	31.1.1997	Marseille, FRA	190	85	17
1	Radivoje	Ristanovic	MNE		2.12.1982		198	105	
28	Thomas	Sermet Bellet	FRA	Centre Back	3.3.1995	Decines, FRA	179	70	
3	Queido	Traore	FRA	Left Wing	15.10.1994	Diataya, MLI	185	86	12
4	Alexandre	Tritta	FRA	Right Back	9.12.1994	La Tronche, FRA	186	88	



CHAMBERY SAVOIE HANDBALL (FRA)

Coach and key players profiles



Ivica Obrvan coach

- aged 49, he was born in Croatia and played in Zagreb for most of his career
- also coached the most important club in his native country, before moving to Slovenian side Velenje and then to Chambéry, in 2014
- in the meantime, he is the coach of the Macedonian national team
- as a coach, he won the EHF Cup in 2000 with Metkovic
- just one year after arriving, he's already talking in French during time-outs and doesn't need his Croatian players as translators anymore

EC trophies (as coach): EHF Cup 2000



Yann Genty goalkeeper

- At 33 his first experience of the European Cup in the 2015/16 season
- arrived in Chambéry in 2014, after playing for other French clubs such as Cesson, Istres or Aurillac
- elected best goalkeeper of the French league in the 2014/15 season, he's famous for blocking shots firmly instead of just pushing balls away
- his clubs trusts him so much they've extended his contract until 2020 recently



Timothy N'Guessan left back

- nicknamed "Timoute", he's another famous product of the Reunion island, like Jackson Richardson
- speaking of Richardson, N'Guessan has got the same jersey number in the national team, the 17
- after suffering a tough injury in 2011, he came back stronger and impressed national team coach Claude Onesta, who called him for the first time in 2013
- having worn long dreadlocks for years, he decided to cut his hair in the summer of 2015 - did not weaken his handball power, though



Edin Basic centre back

- from Bosnia, he started playing handball only at 16, since his country was at war before then
- example of a stable player, before arriving in Chambéry in 2009, he played for eight years in Switzerland
- in 2011, 2012 and 2013 he was elected best centre back of the French league
- with Chambéry, he has played five times in the CL while he only played the EHF Cup once

GROUP D



Playing hall

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HELVETIA ANAITASUNA (ESP)

Pamplona is a famous place in terms of handball. In 2001, Portland San Antonio ended the winning streak of five straight trophies for FC Barcelona, beating the Catalans in the all-Spanish EHF Champions League finals.

Players like Ivano Balic and Jackson Richardson imprinted handball in Pamplona. San Antonio is history now but Pamplona is back on track in European Cup competitions. Helvetia Anaitasuna make their debut in the EHF Cup after finishing among the top three in the Spanish Liga Asobal last season.

Helvetia Anaitasuna have a 50 year tradition in handball. Most of Anaitasuna's players are regional, with only three foreign players in the squad. The new coach Juan Tomas Apezetxea started his mission in November 2015 as the successor of Iñaki Perez, who became coach at the start of the season, after he had coached the second team of the club.

Apezetxea had been working in both Pamplona based clubs before, San Antonio and Anaitasuna. The club, named for ten years after the insurance company Helvetia, had their first ever European Cup match in Belgium, and paved the way to the group phase by winning 28:20 at Hasselt.

Even their 24:26 home defeat in the re-match of the third qualification round did not harm Anaitasuna. Now they will face CSM Bucuresti, Ystads IF and Chambéry Savoie Handball in Group D of the EHF Cup Group Phase.

For the next six matches the club hopes to "get some victories" in this phase and to finish in the top 8 of the Spanish league again.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Hubo Initia Hasselt (BEL) vs Anaitasuna 20:28
2nd leg: Anaitasuna vs Hasselt 24:26
Aggregate score: 52:46

Coach: Juan Tomas Apezetxea (since November 2015, successor of Iñaki Perez)
Captains: Miguel Goni and Carlos Chocarro

Newcomers:

Ander Ugarte (Bada Huesca, Spain)
Angel Perez (Volendam, Netherlands)
Alvaro del Valle (BM Aragon, Spain)
Sergey Hernandez (second team Anaitasuna)

Left the club:

Ibai Meoki (HG Saarlouis, Germany)
Ricard Reig
Alex Capon (both Sant Quirze, Spain)
Ruben Montavez (Cavigal Nice, France)

Past achievements

Other
Spanish league: - 4th place 2014/15

HELVETIA ANAITASUNA (ESP)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
14	Ander	Adarraga Lecumberri	ESP	Centre Back	14.10.1995	Pamplona, ESP	183	90	
3	Antonio	Bazan Legasa	ESP	Line Player	19.5.1996	Pamplona, ESP	193	100	
33	Juan	Castro Alvarez	ESP	Centre Back	31.10.1990	Leon, ESP	190	94	6
17	Carlos	Chocarro Gorraiz	ESP	Left Back	29.7.1985	Pamplona, ESP	185	83	4
9	Roberto	Cia Marticorena	ESP	Centre Back	9.2.1991	Pamplona, ESP	182	81	
7	Alejandro	Costoya Rodriguez	ESP	Left Wing	6.5.1993	Avilés, ESP	193	99	2
10	Alvaro	Del Valle Navasa	ESP	Right Back	21.1.1994	Zaragoza, ESP	192	85	1
8	Xabier	Etxeberria Uriz	ESP	Right Wing	8.10.1991	Pamplona, ESP	180	81	4
12	Arkaitz	Ezquer Pilat	ESP	Goalkeeper	28.12.1995	Pamplona, ESP	187	80	
6	Alejandro	Garza Hernandez	ESP	Line Player	3.3.1986	Badajoz, ESP	198	98	
2	Alvaro	Gaston Fernandez	ESP	Right Wing	27.8.1993	Pamplona, ESP	183	75	3
20	Miguel	Goni Arraras	ESP	Left Wing	7.5.1981	Pamplona, ESP	176	74	3
25	Sergey	Hernandez Ferrer	ESP	Goalkeeper	17.6.1995	Kropotkin, RUS	196	90	
22	Fermin	Iturri Bandres	ESP	Line Player	18.6.1995	Pamplona, ESP	186	88	
15	Yaroslav	Kisselev Dimitriev	ESP	Centre Back	9.9.1991	Astrakan, RUS	189	84	
16	Gregor	Lorger	SLO	Goalkeeper	7.9.1981	Celje, SLO	200	90	
13	Bozidar	Nadoveza	SRB	Left Back	16.5.1981	Sibenik, SRB	192	98	6
31	Angel	Perez de Inestrosa	ESP	Centre Back	31.3.1986	Ciudad Real, ESP	185	85	5
28	Jorge	Silva	POR	Right Back	23.5.1989	Lisboa, POR	202	96	7
24	Ander	Ugarte Cortes	ESP	Line Player	6.6.1990	Irún, ESP	192	105	11



HELVETIA ANAITASUNA (ESP)

Coach and key players profiles



Juan Tomas Apezetxea coach

- the new head coach of the Navarra team since November, after the dismissal of Iñaki Pérez for the bad results in Asobal league.
- the coach of the team years before in the second division
- has experience in Asobal league courtesy of acting as the coach of San Antonio and also managed Itxako team in the first women division



Alvaro del Valle right back

- one of the best shooters of the team, good player for the collective play
- with the youth national teams of Spain won the bronze medal in Men's 20 EHF EURO (Austria, 2014) and ranked 7th in the Junior World Championship (Brazil, 2015)
- the 2015/16 season is his third time in the EHF Cup after he played in BM Aragón (2012-2014)
- in the 2014/15 season was the fifth top scorer of Asobal league



Alejandro Costoya left back

- won silver medal at the Men's 18 EHF EURO (Montenegro, 2010) and also silver at the Youth World Championship (Argentina, 2011)
- biggest success in the younger age categories came in 2010 when he won gold medal at the Men's 20 EHF EURO in Turkey
- awarded Best player Airport Trophy (Switzerland, 2014)
- named Best young Asobal League player (2013-2014)



Juan Castro centre back

- debuted in EHF Cup in 2010/11 with Reale Ademar Leon and also played the CL (2010-2011 and 2012-2013)
- strong centre back and very efficient in defence
- played 6 games with the young Spanish team

GROUP D



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YSTADS IF (SWE)

The Mankell movies with police inspector Kurt Wallander and handball - those are two most noteworthy things to come from Ystad. When looking at the former and the current Swedish national team a huge number of top stars had started their career in Ystad, like goalkeeper Mattias Andersson, Olympic Games top scorer Niklas Ekberg or three-time Champions League winner Kim Andersson, who has just returned to his home club prior to this season.

Ystad IF have been playing in Sweden's highest handball division for 45 years and the club is something like a school for future stars. Now the club has pulled off their biggest international success so far by qualifying for the Men's EHF Cup group phase. Luxemburg, Russia and Hungary - Ystad did not exactly have "just-around-the-corner matches" en route to the group phase, but finally they made it as only one of two teams to come all the way from the first qualification round to the current stage.

One key is definitely former THW Kiel star Kim Andersson - one of five (!) players in the squad of coach Sebastian Seifert with the last name Andersson. Another corner stone is one of the biggest handball talents in Europe at the moment: Lukas Nilsson (19), who currently is the top scorer of the Swedish league and top scorer for his team in the EHF Cup qualification. Like Niklas Ekberg, Kim Andersson and Mattias Andersson before, he will join the 'Zebras' in Kiel after this season. With the start of the group phase, a new era will begin in Ystad, as they have just moved to the new Ystad Arena, which was opened in January and has a seating capacity for 2000 fans. With the start of the EHF Cup Group Phase, another secret will be unveiled by the club, when the new mascot will be presented.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 1

1st leg: Ystads vs Handball Kaerjeng (LUX) 41:28
2nd leg: Kaerjeng vs Ystads 20:35
Aggregate score: 76:48

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Permskie medvedi (RUS) vs Ystads 30:28
2nd leg: Ystads vs Permskie 27:24
Aggregate score: 55:54

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Ystads vs Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN) 28:28
2nd leg: Tatabanya vs Ystads 20:31
Aggregate score: 59:48

Newcomers:

Kim Andersson (KIF Kolding Kobenhavn)
Anton Hallbäck (Aranäs)

Left the club:

Mikkel Ibsen (Aalborg Handbold)
Mikkel Sjöberg (Höj)
Linus Nilsson (end of career)
Jakob Nygren (HIF Karlskrona)

Coach: Sebastian Seifert (since 2014)

Captain: Alexander Borgstedt

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Round 3 (2): 2001/02, 2002/03
Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Other

Challenge Cup: Last 16 2003/04
Swedish league: 2 titles (1976 and 1992)

YSTADS IF (SWE)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
23	Anton	Andersson	SWE	Right Wing	21.9.1993	Ystad, SWE	190	90	
21	Freddy	Andersson	SWE	Right Wing	3.4.1998	Ystad, SWE	187	80	
8	Hampus	Andersson	SWE	Left Wing	24.9.1993	Ystad, SWE	190	93	20
5	Kim	Andersson	SWE	Right Back	21.8.1982	Malmø, SWE	200	103	18
7	Linus	Andersson	SWE	Right Wing	21.8.1996	Ystad, SWE	174	78	7
3	Martin	Bager	DEN	Line Player	14.1.1982	Köpenhamn, DEN	194	104	8
16	Andreas	Björkman Myhr	SWE	Goalkeeper	6.1.1996	Stockholm, SWE	187	81	
15	Alexander	Borgstedt	SWE	Left Back	11.6.1986	Gothenburg, SWE	190	96	25
17	Johan	Dahlin	SWE	Left Wing	11.3.1996	Ystad, SWE	179	81	2
18	Linus	Ekberg	SWE	Centre Back	3.1.1996	Lund, SWE	182	79	
12	Hampus	Erlandsson	SWE	Goalkeeper	16.6.1992	Ystad, SWE	186	77	
26	Emilio	Garro	SWE	Line Player	1.6.1996	Mora, SWE	188	86	
27	Anton	Hallbäck	SWE	Right Back	15.1.1996	Gothenburg, SWE	186	83	10
6	Emil	Hansson	SWE	Centre Back	7.5.1997	Ystad, SWE	196	86	10
20	Viktor	Hedin	SWE	Centre Back	30.12.1998	Bielefeld, GER	188	82	
4	Herman	Hugosson	SWE	Line Player	6.12.1991	Ystad, SWE	195	94	4
25	Simon	Kjällstrom	SWE	Left Back	15.4.1998	Eslöv, SWE	195	95	
12	Mans	Landgren	SWE	Goalkeeper	2.5.1998	Ystad, SWE	179	80	
22	Julius	Martinsson	SWE	Centre Back	29.6.1992	Karlshamn, SWE	190	93	1
24	Lukas	Nilsson	SWE	Left Back	16.11.1996	Ystad, SWE	192	97	58
55	Philip	Nilsson	SWE	Left Wing	27.1.1989	Ystad, SWE	189	93	11
1	Anders	Persson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20.9.1982	Ystad, SWE	199	105	
11	Lukas	Sandell	SWE	Right Back	3.2.1997	Lund, SWE	191	84	10
9	Oscar	Zareba	SWE	Centre Back	2.12.1992	Ystad, SWE	185	87	1



YSTADS IF (SWE)

Coach and key players profiles



Sebastian Seifert coach

- head coach in Ystad since the summer of 2014 after one year as assistant coach in the club
- born in Ystad, he started his playing career in the club, but had his greatest triumphs during his eight years in Danish KIF Kolding Kobenhavn
- won five Danish championships and reached the semi-final of the CL in the 2001/02 season with KIF
- after ending his career in Kolding in 2009, he returned to Ystad, where he played four years before becoming assistant coach and later head coach.
- played 103 internationals for Sweden and scored 171 goals



Anders Persson goalkeeper

- joined Ystad in the summer of 2014 from German Bundesliga club GWD Minden
- just like his coach, Sebastian Seifert, he was born in Ystad, and started his career in Ystads IF
- before returning to Ystad in 2014, he had a foreign career of six years, representing Danish Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and German Minden
- has played nine internationals for Sweden, but has not been called up for the national team lately



Lukas Nilsson left back

- born in Ystad and has played for the club all his career
- made himself known outside Sweden in the qualification matches for the EHF Cup group phase - in Round 2, scored 15 goals away against Perm, and in the following round 13 away against Tatabanya
- also impressed as part of the Swedish team at the EHF EURO 2016 in Poland
- has also caught the eye of several European top clubs already



Kim Andersson right back

- nominated for the World Handball Player of the Year 2012, finishing joint-third place behind winner Daniel Narcisse
- nomination capped a brilliant year for the right back which included Olympic Silver with Sweden and winning the VELUX EHF Champions League with THW Kiel for a third time
- his first two seasons with KIF were disrupted with a shoulder injury
- joined his home-town club in the summer of 2015 to move closer to his family

EC trophies: EHFCL 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12

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CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)

May 2015 marked a brilliant month for the handball division of CSM Bucuresti, the multi-sport club from the Romanian capital. Both sides - men and women - made it to their domestic play-off-finals, where they both faced Baia Mare. While the women won, the men were defeated but still reached their best position ever in the Romanian league.

The reward was their first appearance in a European Cup competition. Led by their new coach Zvonko Shundovski (previously coach of the Macedonian national team and former Romanian champions HCM Constanta, EHF Cup finals participant in 2014) they cleared their first international hurdle by eliminating Austrian runners-up Bregenz in the second qualification stage, before reaching the group phase by beating Spanish side Frigorificos Morrazo.

Shundovski and the new general manager Bogdan Vasiliu, who replaced Constantin Caliman, now even have a special reinforcement in their squad as alongside their pre-season transfers, Macedonian centre and left back Naumce Mojsovski joined the Romanian runners-ups from Qatari team Lekhwiya.

But in the group phase CSM have to cope with some long-term injuries. Ramon Somlea and Marko Simovic are out after shoulder surgeries, Robert Militaru suffered a ligament rupture of the left foot and Milos Kostadinovic is out after his fifth metatarsal fracture in his right foot - but he hopes that he might be back for the next international matches.

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: CSM vs Bregenz Handball (GER) 28:24
2nd leg: Bregenz vs CSM 22:23
Aggregate score: 50:47

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: CSM vs Frigorificos Morrazo (ESP) 31:24
2nd leg: Morrazo vs CSM 29:29
Aggregate score: 60:53

Newcomers:

Javier Humet (HCM Constanta)
Linus Persson (Bjerringbro-Silkeborg)
Naumche Mojsovski (Lekhwiya Handball Team)

Left the club:

Cosmin Capota (CSM Ploiesti)
Florin Dragomir (CSA Steaua Bucuresti)
Pål Wetterbrandt (IF Hallby Handboll)
Alexandru Dimache (CSA Steaua Bucuresti)
Adrian Lupse (CSM Satu Mare)
Razvan Mledenciu (Energia Targu Jiu)
Linus Persson (destination unknown)

Coach: Zvonko Shundovski (since July 2015)

Captain: Iulian Stamate

Past achievements

Other

Romanian league: - runners-up (2015)

CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
32	Mario	Blazevic	BIH	Goalkeeper	30.5.1977	Banja Luka, BIH	189	91	
13	Tiberiu	Constantinescu	ROU	Right Wing	21.10.1987	Bucuresti, ROU	187	92	3
15	Javier	Humet Gaminde	ESP	Right Back	22.1.1990	Barcelona, ESP	196	87	18
1	Ionut Ciprian	Iancu	ROU	Goalkeeper	18.2.1994	Ploiesti, ROU	192	86	
21	Milos	Kostadinovic	SRB	Right Wing	2.12.1988	Bor, SRB	180	85	2
23	Sasa	Marijanac	SRB	Centre Back	6.1.1989	Vrbas, SRB	189	95	14
8	Robert Mihai	Millitaru	ROU	Left Back	4.1.1994	Targu Jiu, ROU	196	93	
5	Krsto	Milosevic	SRB	Left Back	6.1.1988	Belgrade, SRB	194	99	20
18	Naumce	Mojsovski	MKD	Centre Back	17.6.1980	Struga, MKD	187	92	
24	Andrei Nicusor	Negru	ROU	Left Wing	24.5.1994	Resita, ROU	180	77	16
18	Marius Ioan	Novanc	ROU	Line Player	8.11.1980	Arad, ROU	194	103	11
4	Valentin	Patru	ROU	Centre Back	16.2.1988	Pucioasa, ROU	183	92	1
16	Linus	Persson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31.7.1988	S Åsum, SWE	186	89	
14	Marian	Rapciuga	ROU	Left Wing	18.3.1981	Medias, ROU	195	90	
31	Adrian Vladut	Rotaru	ROU	Line Player	1.7.1994	Onesti, ROU	191	101	1
7	Marko	Simovic	MNE	Right Back	19.2.1987	Cetinje, MNE	195	91	8
3	Vlad	Sincelean	ROU	Left Wing	9.4.1994	Sighisoara, ROU	176	78	
19	Ramon Alin	Somla	ROU	Left Back	20.2.1994	Campia Turzii, ROU	195	95	4
99	Iulian	Stamate	ROU	Line Player	23.5.1983	Moreni, ROU	201	111	10
11	Marius	Stavrositu	ROU	Centre Back	3.9.1980	Constanta, ROU	182	80	2
44	Nicolae Cristian	Ungureanu	ROU	Right Back	24.12.1994	Ploiesti, ROU	194	99	



CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)

Coach and key players profiles



Zvonko Shundovski coach

- has attracted huge interest from European clubs after leading FYR Macedonia's national team to the 5th place in the EHF EURO 2012
- chose Constanța in spite of interest for several German clubs
- has been coaching in Romania since 2012, taking over at CSM in 2015, after HCM Constanța has been relegated to the second league for financial troubles
- learnt Romanian quickly, and now can communicate perfectly with his players
- describes himself as a perfectionist and he thinks the key for success is drinking two-three cups of espresso every morning



Marius Novanc line player

- most experienced player in CSM's roster, having won three Romanian leagues and six Romanian cups
- only player from CSM to have won an European title, the Challenge Cup in 2006
- has invested 10.000 euros in a food truck, which serves langos, a traditional Hungarian food speciality, as its main dish
- after four years in Hungary, where he played for Cegledi and Bekesi, Novanc came back to Romania in 2004 and has changed seven teams
- Romanian tabloids have often nicknamed Novanc a "sex-symbol", as the line player has featured in several TV shows

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2006



Naumce Mojsovski centre back

- after a brief stint in Qatar, at Lekhwiya, Mojsovski has been convinced by coach Shundovski to come back to Europe
- in the top 10 scorers of the CL in 2011 and 2012
- was CSM's only player to be at the EHF EURO 2016, where he scored eight goals for FYR Macedonia, while playing less than an hour for his national team
- most experienced player in CSM's roster, having played in five consecutive seasons in the CL from 2010 to 2015
- his brother, Zlatko, is also an active handball player, having played alongside Naumce for four years in Metalurg



Nicusor Negru right wing

- won the "top scorer" award both in the U19 World Championship in 2013 and in the U21 World Championship in Brazil in 2015
- CSM's go-to guy in the Romanian League, having scored 120 goals in 18 matches
- has been in impressive form even in his early years - when he was only a 14-year old, he was promoted in a group with players that were three years older than him
- his favourite player growing up was Uwe Gensheimer and he wants to play alongside him and Filip Jicha

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Top scorers of the qualification

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Hess Marcel (SUI)	Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)	22
2	Nilsson Lukas (SWE)	Ystads IF (SWE)	19
3	N'guessan Timothy (FRA)	Chambery Savoie Handball (FRA)	18
	Nenadic Petar (SRB)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	18
5	Vrankovic Jakov (CRO)	Dinamo Bucuresti (ROU)	17
6	Balling Christensen Peter (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	16
	Karalek Artsem (BLR)	SKA Minsk (BLR)	16
8	Joendal Magnus (NOR)	OIF Arendal (NOR)	15
9	Damgaard Nielsen Michael (DEN)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	14
	Milosevic Krsto (SRB)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	14
	Nielsen Nikolaj Oris (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	14
	Scigaj Maciej (POL)	Górnik Zabrze (POL)	14
	Skvaril Milan (CZE)	Talent M.A.T. Plzen (CZE)	14
14	Bagersted Jacob (DEN)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	13
	García Barreiro David (ESP)	Frigoríficos Morrazo (ESP)	13
	Hundstrup Stefan (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	13
	Marijanac Sasa (SRB)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	13
18	Bachko Aliaksandr (BLR)	SKA Minsk (BLR)	12
	Bozovic Milos (MNE)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	12
	Cavor Stefan (MNE)	Csurgói KK (HUN)	12

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

2014/15 top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Stas Skube (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	81
2	Mahe Kentin (FRA)	HSV Hamburg (GER)	69
3	Sostaric Mario (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	58
4	Pfahl Adrian (GER)	HSV Hamburg (GER)	55
5	Östlund Viktor (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	54
6	Nielsen Michael Damgaard (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	51
7	Larsen Patrick Wiesmach (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	49
	Pettersson Daniel (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	49
	Tholin Mathias (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	49
10	Christensen Morten Balling (DEN)	Skjern Handbold (DEN)	48
11	Dryapochko Taras (RUS)	St. Petersburg HC (RUS)	47
	Humet Gaminde Javier (ESP)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	47
	Krieg Julian (GER)	Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)	47
	Møllgard Jensen Henrik (DEN)	Skjern Handbold (DEN)	47
15	Bramming Magnus Grubb (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	46
	Szyba Michal (POL)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	46
	Petersen Fredrik Raahauge (SWE)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	46
18	Brännberger Christoffer (SWE)	Haslum Handballklubb (NOR)	45
19	Cutura Dalibor (SRB)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	44
20	Dujmovic Marko (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	43
16	Elezovic Uros (SRB)	HC Vojvodina (SRB)	43

Past winners



2015 Füchse Berlin (GER)



2014 Pick Szeged (HUN)



2013 Rhein Neckar Löwen (GER)



Previous Men's EHF Cup winners

2012 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
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 2010 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 2009 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2008 HSG Nordhorn (GER)
 2007 SC Magdeburg (GER)
 2006 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 2005 Tusem Essen (GER)
 2004 THW Kiel (GER)
 2003 FC Barcelona (ESP)
 2002 THW Kiel (GER)
 2001 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
 2000 Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)
 1999 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
 1998 THW Kiel (GER)
 1997 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 1996 BM Granollers (ESP)
 1995 BM Granollers (ESP)
 1994 Aliza Avides (ESP)

Previous Men's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2012 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 2011 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2010 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2009 Pevafera Valladolid (ESP)
 2008 MKB Veszprem KC (HUN)
 2007 HSV Hamburg
 2006 Chekhovski Medvedi (RUS)
 2005 C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP)
 2004 Portland San Antonio (ESP)
 2003 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
 2002 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
 2001 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 2000 Portland San Antonio (ESP)
 1999 Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP)
 1998 Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP)
 1997 Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)
 1996 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 1995 FC Barcelona (ESP)
 1994 FC Barcelona (ESP)

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