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**Foreword EHF President**

**Dear handball friends,**

It is an immense honour for me to welcome supporters, players, officials and partners to the second part of the 2022/23 season in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League.

Already during the last summer, the EHF and EHF Marketing confirmed Machineseeker as the new title sponsor of the competition. With the addition of our new partners we are confident that the EHF Champions League remains the leading indoor sports competition in Europe.

After becoming the first team to defend the title at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne last June, Barça are seeking their third title in a row this season. After six rounds of the 2022/23 group phase they were well on their way to this ambition as Barça and their rivals from the last final Lomza Industria Kielce occupied the top two spots in group B. However, former EHF Champions League runners-up HBC Nantes and Aalborg Håndbold headed the chasing pack of teams bidding to qualify directly for the quarter-finals.

Telekom Veszprém and Paris Saint-Germain HB, two clubs that have appeared regularly in Cologne, have made a strong early impression in group A – but German champions SC Magdeburg and Danish champions GOG remained within striking distance.

The Machineseeker EHF Champions League continues with the format that we introduced before the start of the 2019/20 season. With the group phase featuring 16 top-class teams in two groups of eight, the top two clubs in each group will qualify directly for the quarter-finals. Four more teams (3rd-6th) in each group will advance to the play-offs, but the teams finishing in seventh and eighth place will be eliminated. Before we reach the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 in Cologne, the knockout phase will consist of the play-offs and the quarter-finals.

As the 'appointment to view' system remains unchanged for this season, fans can enjoy seeing their favourite team's away matches play at 18:45 or 20:45 CET/CEST on Wednesday and Thursday evenings throughout the season.

For the EHF and our broadcast partners, it is a pleasure to bring you the thrilling action from the Machineseeker EHF Champions League from the group phase until the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 is played on 17/18 June 2023. We know that the clubs and players will provide everyone with an exceptional culmination of the group phase. On behalf of the EHF and EHF Marketing, I hope that you enjoy another fantastic season.

Yours in sport,

**Michael Wiederer**  
EHF President





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# HBC NANTES

Grégory COJEAN (Coach) – Dimitri FLEURANCE (Assistant coach)



#	SURNAME	NAME	NATIONALITY	POS.	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	SELECTION
1	Ivan	PEŠIĆ	Croatia	GK	1989	194	110	Croatia
2	Rubén	MARCHÁN	Spain	LP	1994	204	120	Spain
3	Thibaud	BRIET	France	LB	1999	205	95	France
4	Aymeric	MINNE	France	CB	1997	186	76	France Youth
5	Lucas	DE LA BRETÈCHE	France	CB	2001	193	85	France Youth
6	Linus	PERSSON	Sweden	RB	1993	190	95	Sweden
7	Valero	RIVERA©	Spain	LW	1985	186	83	Spain
8	Alexandre	CAVALCANTI	Portugal	LB	1996	203	102	Portugal
9	Alexander	SHKURINSKIY	Russia	LB	1995	193	92	Russia
10	Rok	OVNIČEK	Slovenia	CB	1995	183	81	Slovenia
11	Baptiste	DAMATRIN	France	LW	2000	177	81	France Youth
14	Pedro	PORTELA	Portugal	RW	1990	186	86	Portugal
15	Jorge	MAQUEDA	Spain	RB	1988	197	102	Spain
16	Viktor	HALLGRÍMSSON	Iceland	GK	2000	203	115	Iceland
17	Jérémy	TOTO	France	LP	1992	197	106	
18	Théo	MONAR	France	LP	2001	198	95	France
19	Kauldi	ODRIOZOLA	Spain	RW	1997	182	85	Spain



# BARÇA

Carlos ORTEGA (Coach) – Tomas SVENSSON (Assistant coach)



#	SURNAME	NAME	NATIONALITY	POS.	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)
1	Gonzalo	PEREZ DE VARGAS©	ESP	GK	1991	188	88
9	Jonathan	CARLSBOGARD	SWE	LB	1995	195	96
10	Dika	MEM	FRA	RB	1997	194	104
12	Emil	NIELSEN	DEN	GK	1997	191	125
13	Aitor	ARIÑO	ESP	LW	1992	184	82
15	Hampus	WANNE	SWE	LW	1993	185	84
18	Blaz	JANC	SLO	RW	1996	185	85
19	Timothey	N'GUESSAN	FRA	LB	1992	195	108
20	Aleix	GÓMEZ	ESP	RW	1997	183	81
22	Thiagus	PETRUS	BRA	LP	1989	199	108
25	Luka	CINDRIC	CRO	CB	1993	181	91
33	Artur	PARERA	ESP	LP	2002	192	93
35	Domen	MAKUC	SLO	CB	2000	188	89
37	Haniel	LANGARO	BRA	LB	1995	196	98
66	Melvyn	RICHARDSON	FRA	RB	1997	190	90
72	Ludovic	FABREGAS	FRA	LP	1996	197	102
77	Pablo	URDANGARIN	ESP	RW	2000	195	84
82	Luis	FRADE	POR	LP	1998	193	121

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