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Foreword EHF President



Dear handball friends,

Three exhilarating rounds until we wave goodbye to 2024!

The Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25 resumes on Wednesday 20 November after a three-week international break, with all to play for in both groups.

Round 8 sees the return matches from round 7, which delivered plenty of drama. HBC Nantes drew with Barça to break the defending champions' winning streak, and the Spanish club will want to return to their victorious ways at the Palau Blaugrana on Thursday 21 November.

The last round was memorable for HC Eurofarm Pelister, who earned their first win in 25 EHF Champions League games. Pelister will take that confidence to their home game against Fredericia Håndbold Klub, who won their first game themselves in round 6 when they beat Orlen Wisla Plock. The Danish side will travel to Poland in round 9 in a bid to repeat the feat.

Fans have witnessed some impressive wins in the first seven rounds of the competition – not least Dinamo Bucuresti's 38:31 victory over Füchse Berlin in the last round. That put Dinamo within touching distance of the top two in their group. Round 10's game between Bucuresti and Paris Saint-Germain, currently second, will be key.

Sporting CP started the season strongly but suffered defeats to Dinamo and to PSG in the last two games. They restart with a crucial home match against Paris, where a win will keep them very much in the running.

Group A is currently led by Veszprém, with 12 points and a superior goal difference to PSG. Having beaten Plock, Pelister and Fredericia in the last three rounds, the Hungarian champions should be confident of adding a further six points to their tally in the upcoming games.

Pelister and Plock's game in round 10 is also one to keep an eye on as the two battle for the last play-offs spot. Fredericia, who like Plock start round 8 with two points, also remain in contention.

In group B, just four points separate second-placed Nantes from seventh-placed SC Magdeburg and the upcoming rounds will help clarify the situation ahead of the end of the group phase. Rounds 8 and 9, where the middle of the pack – OTP Bank-PICK Szeged, Aalborg Håndbold, Industria Kielce and Kolstad Håndbold – all meet once more, will be absolutely critical. Kolstad and Szeged came out with one-goal home wins against Aalborg and Kielce respectively in round 7, while round 6 saw away victories for the two Scandinavian sides.

Meanwhile 2023 champions Magdeburg have a real fight on their hands in the coming weeks as they seek to stay in the competition – a task that is looking challenging right now.

With all the excitement on the horizon, enjoy the last rounds of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League in a record-breaking 2024!

Michael Wiederer
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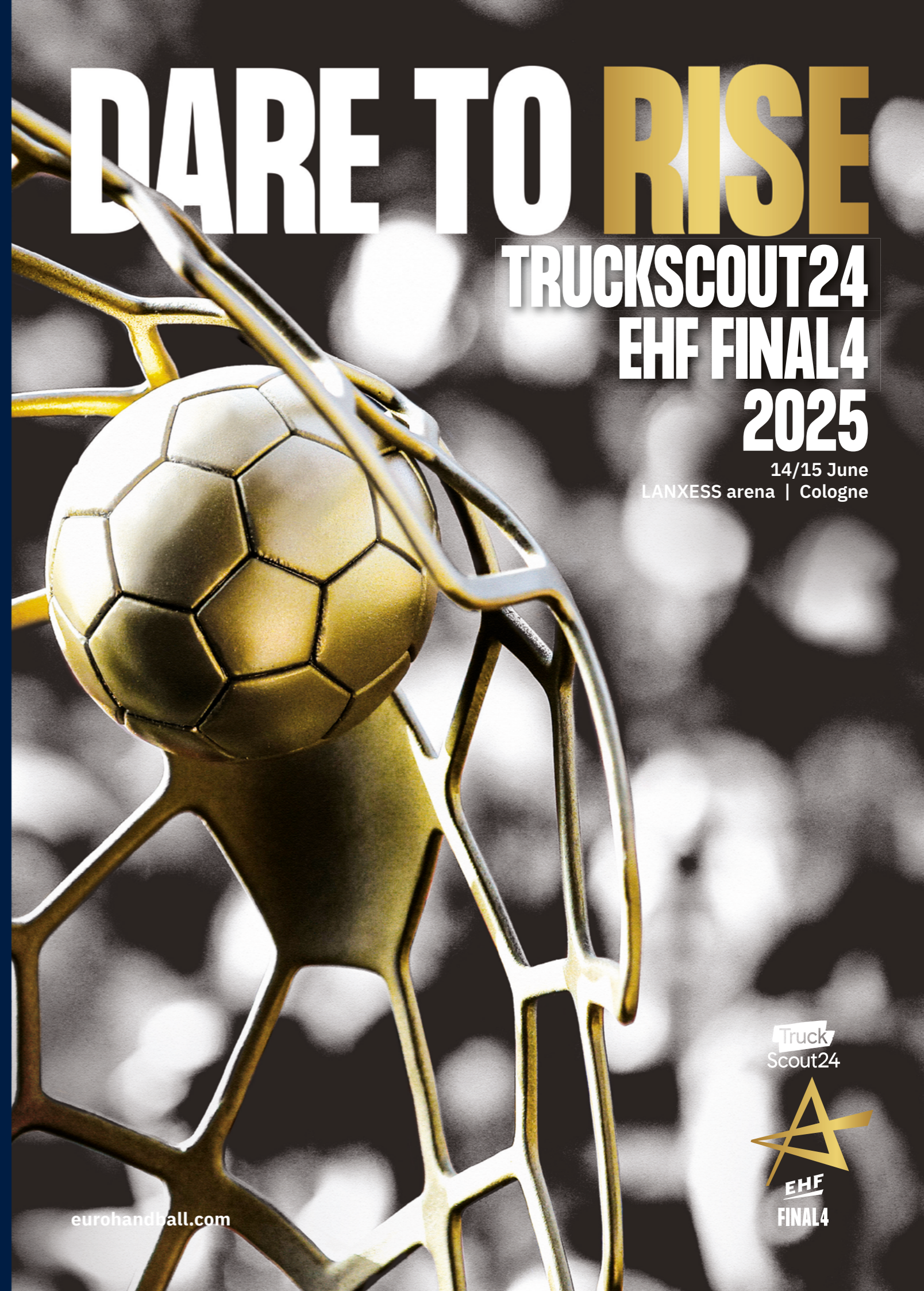
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HBC NANTES

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



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	PEŠIĆ	Ivan	1989	194	114	GK	Croatia	Croatia
2	MILOSAVLJEVIĆ	Marko	1998	201	96	LB	Serbia	Serbia
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	105	RB	France	France
4	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	187	88	CB	France	France
5	YOSHIDA	Shuichi	2001	193	110	LP	Japan	Japan
6	BONNEFOND	Baptiste	1993	193	99	LB	France	France
7	RIVERA©	Valero	1985	186	87	LW	Spain	Spain
8	ABDI	Ayoub	1997	197	100	RB	Algeria	Algeria
9	AVELANGE-DEMOUGE	Théo	1996	183	78	RW	France	
10	OVNIČEK	Rok	1995	183	89	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia
11	TOURNAT	Nicolas	1994	200	116	LP	France	France
13	BOS	Julien	1998	188	85	RB	France	France
14	DE LA BRETÈCHE	Lucas	2001	193	89	CB	France	
15	GABER	Matej	1991	198	124	LP	Slovenia	Slovenia
17	LEOPOLD	Noam	2002	186	86	LW	Switzerland	Switzerland
19	ODRIOZOLA	Kauldi	1997	182	90	RW	Spain	Spain
30	BIOSCA	Ignacio	1995	193	100	GK	Spain	Spain



SC MAGDEBURG

Bennet WIEGERT (Coach) – Yves GRAFENHORST (Assistant coach)



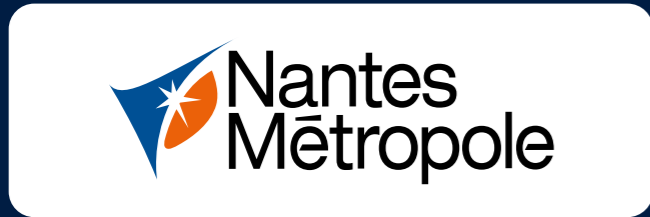
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1	HERNANDEZ FERRER	Sergey	1995	198	101	GK	Spain	Spain
3	PERSSON	Isak	2000	190	90	RW	Sweden	Sweden
5	LANGE	Pablo	2005	190	90	LW	Germany	
8	ZEHNDER	Manuel	1999	190	90	CB	Switzerland	Switzerland
9	ZECHEL	Tim	1996	196	115	LP	Germany	Germany
10	KRISTJANSSON	Gisli Thorgeir	1999	191	95	CB	Iceland	Iceland
14	MAGNUSSON	Ómar Ingi	1997	186	85	LW	Iceland	Iceland
15	SERRADILLA CUENCA	Antonio	1999	198	100	LB	Spain	Spain
20	WEBER	Philipp	1992	194	91	LB	Germany	Germany
21	LAGERGREN	Albin	1992	186	88	RB	Sweden	Sweden
22	MERTENS	Lukas	1996	182	85	LW	Germany	Germany
23	SAUGSTRUP	Magnus	1996	195	105	LP	Denmark	Denmark
24	O'SULLIVAN	Christian	1991	190	95	CB	Norway	Norway
34	DAMGAARD NIELSEN	Michael	1990	192	91	LB	Denmark	Denmark
54	BERGENDAHL	Oscar	1995	192	109	LP	Sweden	Sweden
80	PORTNER	Nikola	1993	194	90	GK	Switzerland	Switzerland

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