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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back for the resumption of the EHF Champions League Men. In the two months since our last action, the handball elite have been competing in the World Championship in Egypt and those on duty for their national teams now return to focus on Europe's top-flight.

The performances in Egypt once again reminded us just how strong European teams are on the world stage and my congratulations go to champions Denmark on securing back-to-back titles. Together with runners-up Sweden and Spain, who finished in third, there were 27 players at EHF Champions League clubs who medalled in Egypt whose aim now is to make it a year to remember by finishing with an EHF Champions League medal.

From the first ball, group A has been dominated by two sides who are only separated by goal difference at the top. Łomża Vive Kielce and SG Flensburg-Handewitt have enjoyed a fine campaign to date and are closing in on a place in the quarter-finals, having won six of their eight matches so far. With Paris Saint-Germain, who finished third at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 in December, also fighting for a place in the next phase, this group promises to have plenty of twists and turns before its conclusion.

In group B, Barça have blown away all before them, winning all eight of their matches to sit pretty at the top on 16 points. Telekom Veszprém have kept with up with Catalan club, sitting three points behind having won six of their eight matches. The Hungarian side have a one-point advantage over Motor as the second half of the season begins, while Aalborg Håndbold, who saw six players win medals at the World Championship, lie in fourth on 10 points.

With every team's goal to reach Cologne, it would be remiss of me not to highlight another team in group B: THW Kiel. Although their results in the 2020/21 season have been mixed, the German outfit were crowned winners of the 2020 season in a memorable VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 in December. Filip Jicha's side were the toast of Europe after two epic performances in Cologne and my congratulations go to all concerned at the Wunderino Arena. Of course, it was both unfortunate and sad that such an achievement was not witnessed by spectators inside a full LANXESS arena but, in these uncertain times, it was uplifting to see so many supporters across the world tuning into watch each match.

In these Covid-19 dominated days, we have done our utmost to ensure the welfare of the teams with the implementation of a strict and detailed hygiene concept. It has helped us ensure a safe the return of top-flight handball to arenas across Europe and hopefully soon we will be able to see the return of you, the fans, who are the heartbeat of handball.

So, as the pace on the road to Cologne and the EHF FINAL4 on 12/13 June 2021 increases, I wish all teams a safe and happy return to action and wish you all the very best of luck on your EHF Champions League Men journey.

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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HBC NANTES

Alberto ENTRERÍOS (Coach) – Grégory COJEAN (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	DUMOULIN	Cyril	1984	200	100	GK	France	France A
2	DAMATRIN	Baptiste	2000	177	81	LW	France	France Junior
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	95	RB	France	
4	OVNIČEK	Rok	1995	183	81	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
5	MILIĆ	Milan	1998	198	85	RB	Serbia	Serbia A
6	NYOKAS	Olivier	1986	187	86	LB	France	France A
7	RIVERA	Valero	1985	186	83	LW	Spain	Spain A
8	CAVALCANTI	Alexandre	1996	203	102	LB	Portugal	Portugal A
9	AUGUSTINUSSEN	Sebastian	1996	192	93	RW	Denmark	
10	PECHMALBEC	Dragan	1996	194	94	LP	France	France A
11	FIGUERAS	Adrià	1988	193	95	LP	Spain	Spain A
13	FELIHO ©	Rock	1982	192	100	DEF	France	
14	BATAILLE	Mathieu	1987	195	103	LP	France	
15	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	186	76	CB	France	France Youth
16	NIELSEN	Emil	1997	195	120	GB	Denmark	Denmark A
17	LAZAROV	Kiril	1980	193	96	RB	North Macedonia	North Macedonia A
18	GURBINDO	Eduardo	1987	195	92	RB	Spain	Spain A
19	BALAGUER	David	1991	185	91	RW	Spain	Spain A



RK CELJE PIVOVARNA LAŠKO

Tomaz OCVRK (Coach) – Ales ANZIC (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	IVIC	Filip	1993	195	95	GK	Croatia	Croatia A
4	CVETKO	Tobias	1997	192	92	LB	Slovenia	
6	MAZEJ	Tadej	1999	196	94	LW	Slovenia	Slovenia A
9	RAZGOR ©	David	1989	180	78	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
10	COKAN	Tim	2002	191	81	RW	Slovenia	Slovenia Youth
11	MARGUC	Gal	1997	179	75	RW	Slovenia	Slovenia A
13	SARAC	Josip	1999	201	103	LB	Croatia	Croatia A
14	GROSELJ	Matic	1998	194	95	RB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
16	VUJOVIC	Miljan	2001	198	90	GK	Slovenia	Slovenia A
22	CEPIC	Radojica	2003	201	104	CB	Montenegro	Montenegro A
25	KODRIN	Tilen	1995	192	89	LW	Slovenia	Slovenia A
27	HORZEN	Kristjan	2000	192	98	LP	Slovenia	Slovenia A
28	GREBENC	Jan	1993	195	95	LB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
33	KLJUN	Tadej	2002	196	79	RB	Slovenia	Slovenia Youth
55	MLAKAR	Žiga	1991	192	95	RB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
57	LEBAN	Patrik	1990	187	94	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia A
77	NOVAK	Domen	1999	182	80	RW	Slovenia	Slovenia Youth
90	NACINOVIC	Veron	2001	200	103	LP	Croatia	Croatia Youth

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