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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



HC PPD ZAGREB

Vlado ŠOLA (Coach) – Denis ŠPOLJARIĆ (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
2	ŠIPIĆ	Marin	1996	190	107	LP	Croatia	Croatia
11	SRNA	Zvonimir	1998	202	100	LB	Croatia	
7	MANDIĆ ©	David	1997	187	87	LW	Croatia	Croatia
8	BOŽIĆ-PAVLETIĆ	Josip	1994	187	83	RW	Croatia	Croatia
9	KLARICA	Luka Lovre	1996	197	102	RB	Croatia	Croatia Youth
10	BURIĆ	Senjamin	1990	198	100	LP	Bosnia Herzegovina	Bosnia Herzegovina
12	JANDRIĆ	Todor	1998	199	101	GK	Serbia	Serbia
13	VUGLAC	Mario	1992	191	92	RB	Croatia	Croatia
14	OBRAĐOVIĆ	Nemanja	1991	200	105	CB	Serbia	Serbia
15	STOJNIC	Darko	1997	200	113	LP	Slovenia	Slovenia
16	AŠANIN	Matej	1993	206	110	GK	Croatia	Croatia
22	BOŽOVIĆ	Miloš	1994	199	97	LB	Montenegro	Montenegro
23	LALJEK	Ivan	1992	180	85	CB	Croatia	
24	MATANOVIC	Vlado	1995	182	85	RW	Croatia	Croatia
33	RAVNIC	Valentino	1995	190	82	LW	Croatia	Croatia
44	HRSTIĆ	Matej	1996	197	102	LB	Croatia	Croatia
71	GRAHOVAC	Nikola	1998	201	111	LP	Croatia	Croatia
88	VLAH	Aleks	1997	191	90	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia

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