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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 welcomed 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 ten 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 Industria Kielce occupied the top two spots in group B. However, former EHF Champions League runners-up HBC Nantes and another powerhouse THW Kiel headed the chasing pack of teams bidding to qualify directly for the quarter-finals. Paris Saint-Germain HB and Telekom Veszprém HC, two clubs that have appeared regularly in Cologne, have made a strong early impression in group A – but German champions SC Magdeburg remained within striking distance.

The competition is resuming following the climax of the 28th IHF Men's World Championship, hosted by Poland and Sweden, and won by Denmark. The victorious Danish squad featured 10 EHF Champions League players, as did the respective squads of the beaten semi-finalists, Spain and Sweden, while silver medallists France counted 12 such players in their cohort. Six of the seven players from the All-star team play in the top-tier competition. It goes to show that the EHF Champions League truly is the pinnacle of our sport at club level.

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 played 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
21	Manuel	GASPAR	Portugal	GK	1998	193	103	Portugal



# INDUSTRIA KIELCE

Talent DUJSHEBAEV (Coach) – Krzysztof LIJEWSKI (Assistant coach)



#	SURNAME	NAME	NATIONALITY	POS.	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)
1	Mateusz	KORNECKI	POL	GK	1994	193	91
4	Miguel	SANCHEZ-MIGALLON	ESP	LW	1995	200	99
5	Michał	OLEJNICZAK	MNE	LB	2004	195	93
6	Szymon	WIADERNY	SLO	LB	2001	199	93
7	Benoit	KOUNKOU	FRA	RW	1997	190	92
9	Szymon	SICKO	POL	LP	1997	200	100
10	Alex	DUJSHEBAEV®	ESP	RB	1992	188	94
11	Nicolas	TOURNAT	FRA	LP	1994	200	113
18	Igor	KARACIC	CRO	CB	1988	191	90
23	Arkadiusz	MORYTO	POL	RW	1997	182	84
24	Daniel	DUJSHEBAEV	ESP	LB	1997	197	106
25	Haukur	THRASTARSON	ISL	CB	2001	193	91
27	Cezary	SURGIEL	POL	LW	2002	188	79
30	Elliot	STENMALM	SWE	LB	2001	200	110
33	Andreas	WOLFF	GER	GK	1991	198	117
48	Tomasz	GEBALA	POL	LB	1995	212	124
50	Artsem	KARALEK	BLR	LP	1996	197	110
99	Dylan	NAHI	FRA	LW	1999	192	103

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