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Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2025/26 group phase back for fiery conclusion

The Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2025/26 group phase returns after more than two months — and crunch time has well and truly arrived. Over the four remaining rounds that promise plenty of high-stakes action, direct quarter-final tickets will be booked and play-off places clinched.

Ahead of round 11, four clubs are in promising positions to take those direct quarter-final places. Füchse Berlin and Aalborg Håndbold are the clear leaders on top of group A, while defending title holders SC Magdeburg and their predecessors on the podium Barça are even more comfortably atop group B.

Both groups see a similar situation below the leaders, with four clubs in each looking set to secure play-off tickets and two sides hoping to climb from the difficult positions they find themselves in ahead of the final rounds.

In group A, One Veszprém HC, Sporting Clube de Portugal, Industria Kielce and last season's third-place finishers HBC Nantes occupy positions three to six. Prior to round 11, there is a gap of five points between Veszprém and second-ranked Aalborg, and four points from Nantes in sixth to Kolstad in seventh. Below Kolstad, Dinamo Bucuresti count two points in their account and have a slim chance of progressing — but there is enough time and enough points available for either Dinamo or Kolstad to cause an upset.

In group B, the race for the play-offs is closer, while at the top, Magdeburg and Barça are all but sure of directly progressing to the quarter-finals. There are eight points between Magdeburg and third-ranked Orlen Wisla Plock, while Barça hold a six-point gap over the Polish side.

Plock, OTP Bank - PICK Szeged, GOG and Paris Saint- Germain enter round 11 in the play-off positions, but only two points separate PSG from seventh-ranked HC Eurofarm Pelister. HC Zagreb are bottom-placed with two points in what has been an exciting group phase that has seen every team collect points and only Magdeburg hold a perfect record of wins.

The individual scoring race ahead of round 11 sees PSG's Elohim Prandi on top with 84 goals and Füchse's Mathias Gidsel second with 83. During the break between rounds, both featured alongside numerous other Machineseeker EHF Champions League players at the Men's EHF EURO 2026. There, Gidsel led Denmark to their first Men's EHF EURO title in 14 years, finishing the championship as top scorer and earning the MVP award. Germany placed second, Croatia clinched bronze and Iceland placed fourth after their first semi-final in over a decade.

Now, the players return to their club jerseys and eye the next trophy.

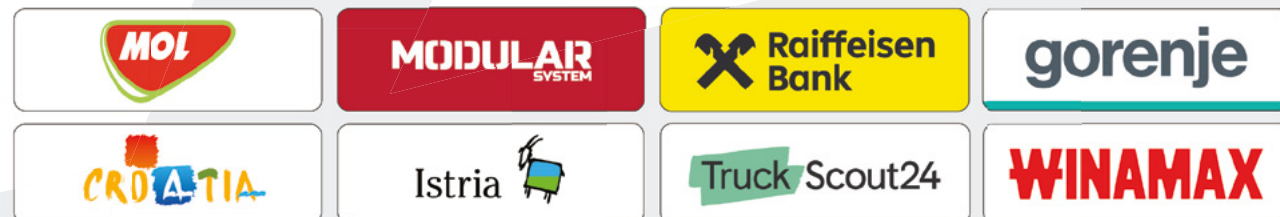
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Grégory COJEAN (Coach) – Dimitri FLEURANCE (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	PEŠIĆ	Ivan	1989	194	114	GK	Croatia	Croatia
2	LAGARDE	Romain	1997	194	98	LB	France	France
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	105	RB	France	France
4	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	187	87	CB	France	France
5	YOSHIDA	Shuichi	2001	193	110	LP	Japan	Japan
6	TARRAFETA	Ian	1999	188	88	CB	Spain	Spain
7	RIVERA©	Valero	1985	186	86	LW	Spain	Spain
8	NYATEU	O'Brian	1992	188	99	CB	France	
9	AVELANGE-DEMOUGE	Théo	1996	183	79	RW	France	
10	OVNIČEK	Rok	1995	183	88	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia
11	TOURNAT	Nicolas	1994	200	116	LP	France	France
13	BOS	Julien	1998	188	84	RB	France	France
15	GABER	Matej	1991	198	124	LP	Slovenia	Slovenia
16	BIOSCA	Ignacio	1995	193	100	GK	Spain	Spain
17	LEOPOLD	Noam	2002	186	86	LW	Switzerland	Switzerland
18	ABDI	Ayoub	1997	197	98	RW	Algeria	Algeria
19	ODRIOZOLA	Kauldi	1997	182	90	RW	Spain	Spain



SPORTING CP

Ricardo COSTA (Coach) – Ricardo CANDEIAS (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
2	SILVA	Edney	1998	192	98	LP	Brazil	
3	BERLIN	Emil	2001	186	83	RB	Sweden	
5	ÁLVAREZ	Carlos	2003	181	82	RW	Spain	Spain
6	COSTA	Francisco	2005	190	86	RB	Portugal	Portugal
7	SUÁREZ	Natán	1998	185	80	CB	Spain	
8	GURRI	Jan	2002	190	95	CB	Spain	Spain
9	MARTÍNEZ	Pedro	1999	190	88	CB	Argentina	
13	SALVADOR	Salvador	2001	198	110	LB	Portugal	Portugal
17	ÞORKELSSON	Orri Freyr	1999	184	89	LW	Iceland	Iceland
19	GASSAMA	Mamadou	1993	191	92	RW	Spain	Spain
20	KRISTENSEN	Andrè	2000	194	90	GK	Norway	Norway
22	BRANQUINHO	Diogo	1994	185	95	LW	Portugal	Portugal
26	MONTEIRO	Filipe	2004	181	83	CB	Portugal	Portugal
44	MOGA	Christian	1998	197	103	LP	Congo	
79	COSTA	Martim	2002	188	90	LB	Portugal	Portugal
92	ALY	Mohamed	1992	190	130	GK	Egypt	
93	ROMERO	Victor	2004	192	100	LP	Spain	Spain

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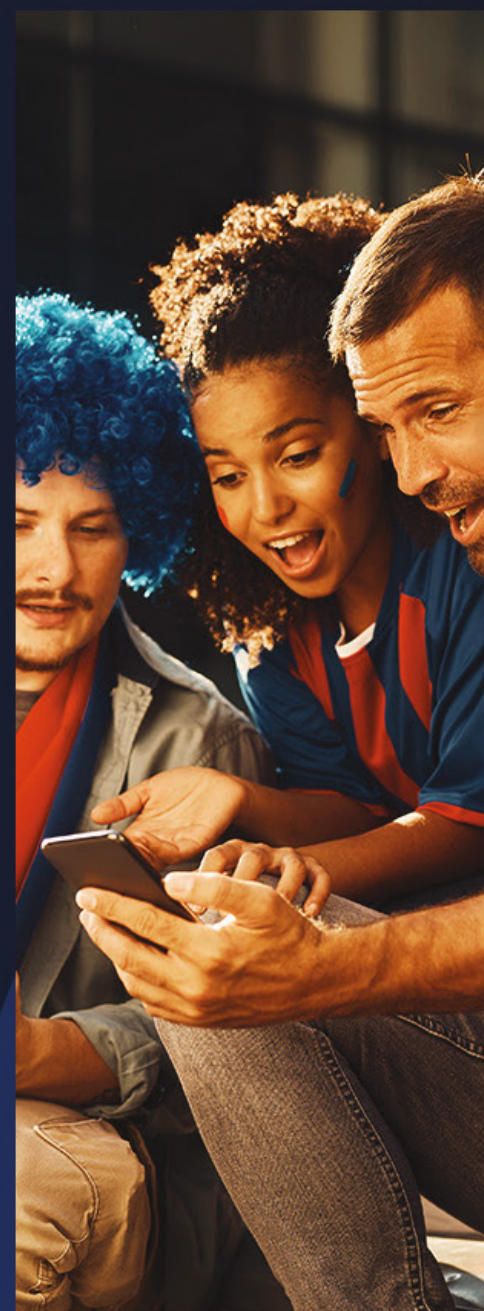


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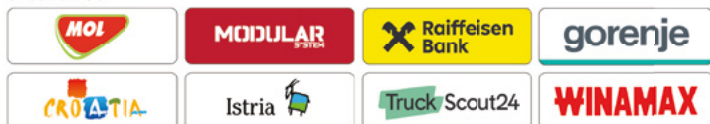


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