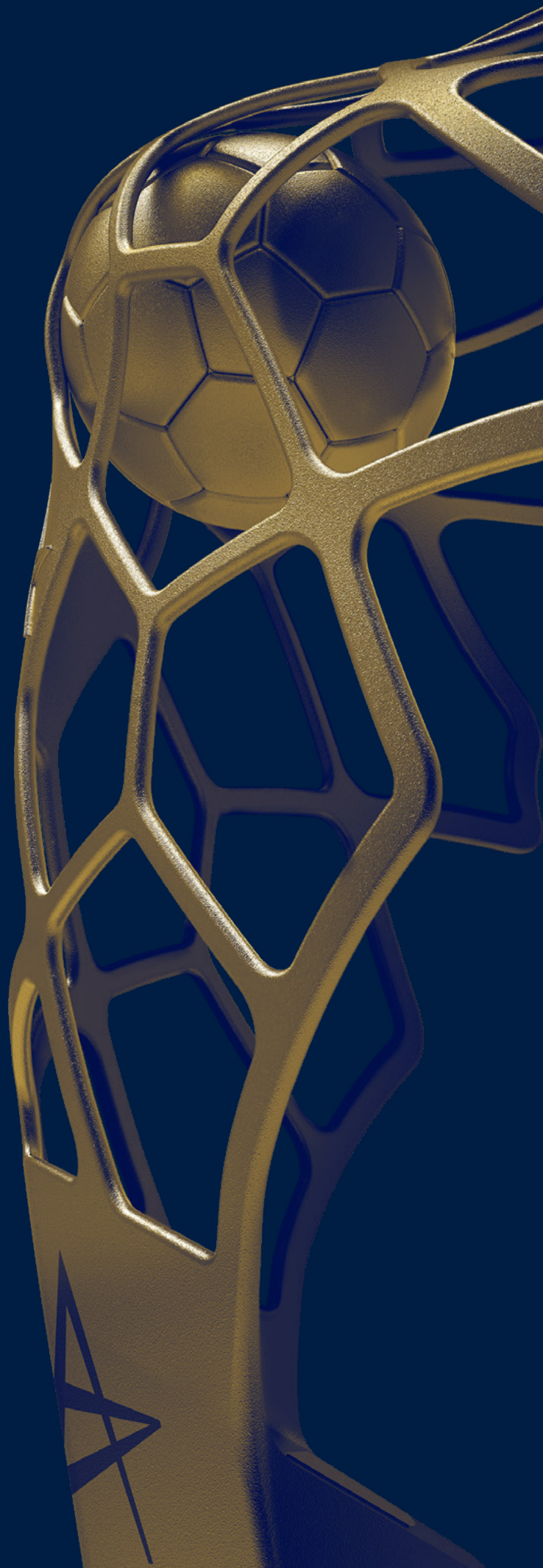


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Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2025/26 group phase back for fiery conclusion

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.

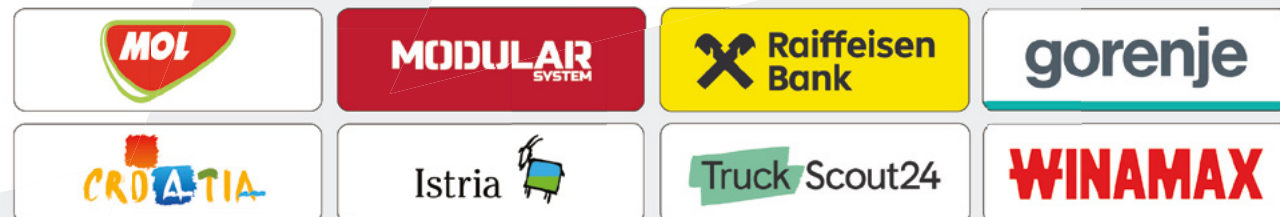
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#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	PEŠIĆ	Ivan	1989	194	114	GK	Croatia	Croatia
2	LAGARDE	Romain	1997	194	98	LB	France	France
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	105	RB	France	France
4	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	187	87	CB	France	France
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



ONE VESZPRÉM HC

Xavier PASCUAL (Coach) – Antonio GARCIA (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	APPELGREN	Mikael	1989	192	104	GK	Sweden	Sweden
2	GONÇALVES	Thiagus	1989	199	108	LP	Brasil	
5	MARTINOVIC	Ivan	1998	194	95	RB	Croatia	Croatia
9	DESCAT	Hugo	1992	183	94	LW	France	France
12	CORRALES	Rodrigo	1991	200	112	GK	Spain	Spain
15	HESHAM	Ahmed	2000	194	92	LB	Egypt	
21	ELISSON	Bjarki	1990	190	94	LW	Iceland	Iceland
23	LIGETVÁRI	Patrik	1996	205	115	LB	Hungary	Hungary
24	MARGUC	Gasper	1990	180	84	RW	Slovenia	Slovenia
25	CINDRIC	Luka	1993	183	94	LW	Croatia	Croatia
29	REMILI	Nedim	1995	195	101	RB	France	France
32	LENNE	Yanis	1996	187	88	RW	France	France
39	ELDERAA	Yehia	1995	190	97	CB	Egypt	
44	DODIC	Stefan	2003	194	93	CB	Serbia	Serbia
46	PECHMALBEC	Dragan	1996	194	96	LP	Serbia	Serbia
80	MESILHY	Ahmed	1994	187	102	LP	Egypt	
90	ZEINELABEDIN	Ali	1990	194	95	LB	Egypt	

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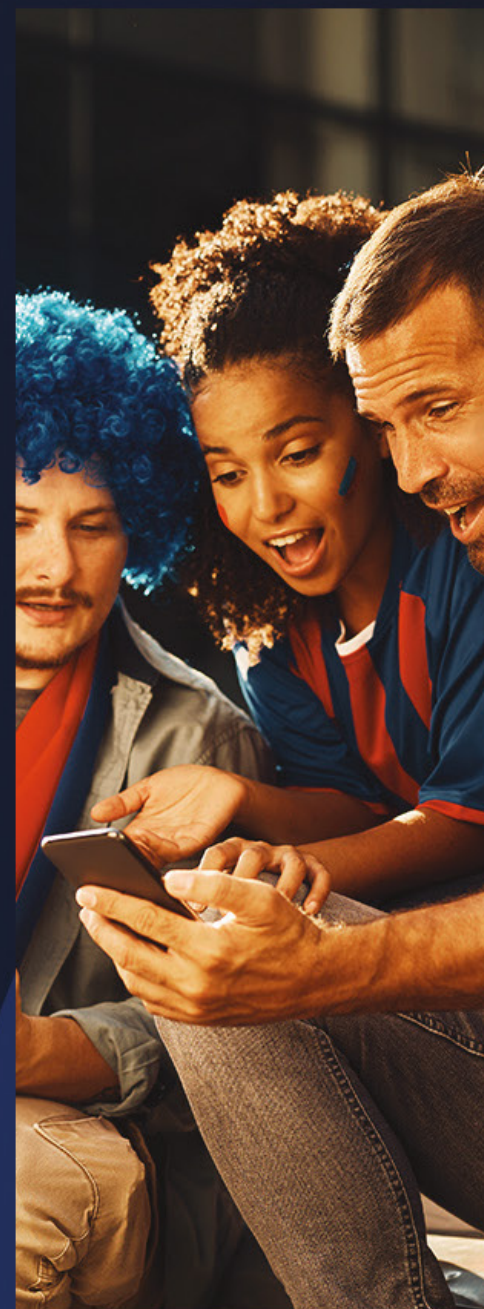


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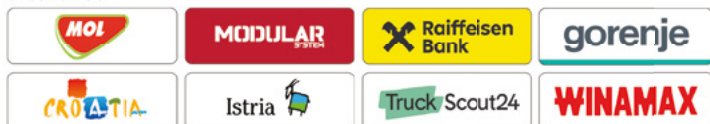
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