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# **HBC NANTES vs SL BENFICA**

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**Foreword EHF President**



## **Dear handball friends,**

The EHF European League Men returns, and it is bigger and better than ever. We have already seen 10 fiercely contested matches in the qualification round, and now the group phase begins with 32 teams all playing in the hopes of lifting the trophy at the EHF Finals Men in May.

Last year's champions Füchse Berlin are back in group G, with Dinamo Bucuresti, Chambéry Savoie Montblanc Handball, and HC Izvidac as their opponents. Berlin are not the only German side in the competition. SG Flensburg-Handewitt compete in group E, against Elverum Handball, Kadetten Schaffhausen and HC Lovcen-Cetinje.

Rhein-Neckar Löwen, having defeated HC Vardar 1961 in the qualification round, play against HBC Nantes, IFK Kristianstad, and 2022 champions Sport Lisboa e Benfica in group A. "Recken"-TSV Hannover-Burgdorf also came through qualification to make it four German sides in the group phase, beating Ystads IF HF to claim a spot in group B alongside Górnik Zabrze, AEK Athens and HC Kriens-Luzern.

Romania is also well-represented in the competition this year. CSM Constanta defeated Fraikin BM Granollers in the qualification round to make it to their spot in group H, where they will meet Sporting CP, MOL Tatabánya KC and KGHM Chrobry Glogow.

REBI Balonmano Cuenca are drawn in group C alongside RK Gorenje Velenje, IK Sävehof and Pfadi Winterthur in group F, the last Spanish team, BM Logroño La Rioja, face Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, HC Alkaloid and HC Vojvodina.

Finally, group D consists of RK Nexø, who reached the EHF Finals 2022 and this year must overcome MSK Povazska Bystrica, Skjern Handbold and ABC de Braga if they want to progress in the competition.

As in the last two seasons, all EHF European League Men games will be played on Tuesday evenings at 18:45 CE(S)T and 20:45 CE(S)T, starting on 17 October. The top two teams in each group will progress to the main round; the winners of each of the four main round groups will earn direct qualification to the quarter-finals, with the second and third teams in each main round group taking part in play-offs to determine the remaining quarter-finalists.

Enjoy the matches!

Yours in sport,

**Michael Wiederer**  
**EHF President**



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# HBC NANTES

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
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	105	RB	France	France
4	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	187	88	CB	France	France
5	MAQUEDA	Jorge	1988	197	108	RB	Spain	Spain
6	BONNEFOND	Baptiste	1993	193	99	LB	France	France
7	RIVERA©	Valero	1985	186	87	LW	Spain	Spain
8	CAVALCANTI	Alexandre	1996	203	103	LB	Portugal	Portugal
9	AVELANGE-DEMOUGE	Théo	1996	183	78	RW	France	
10	OVNIČEK	Rok	1995	183	89	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia
11	DAMATRIN	Baptiste	2000	177	82	LW	France	
14	DE LA BRETÈCHE	Lucas	2001	193	89	CB	France	
15	HÖGHIELM	William	1999	186	108	LP	Sweden	Sweden
16	HALLGRÍMSSON	Viktor	2000	203	117	GK	Iceland	Iceland
17	TOTO	Jérémy	1992	197	112	LP	France	France
18	MONAR	Théo	2001	198	112	LP	France	France
19	ODRIOZOLA	Kauldi	1997	182	90	RW	Spain	Spain



# SL BENFICA

Jota GONZÁLEZ (Coach) – João MARQUES (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	JENSEN	Mike	1995	207	115	GK	Denmark	Denmark
2	SANCHEZ-MIGALLON	Miguel	1995	200	99	LW	Spain	Spain
4	HEDBERG	Christopher	1992	193	88	RW	Sweden	Sweden
5	CAVALCANTI	Gabriel	2004	197	97	LB	Portugal	
7	VALENCIA	Stiven	2000	184	84	LW	Iceland	Iceland
11	MOREIRA	Bélone	1990	180	90	CB	Portugal	Portugal
13	MORENO	Paulo	1992	193	108	LP	Cap Verde	Cap Verde
14	FREIRE	Afonso Maria	2005	177	70	RW	Portugal	
22	BORGES	Alexis	1991	198	114	LP	Portugal	Portugal
23	RAHMEL	Ole	1989	193	90	RW	Germany	Germany
24	IZQUIERDO	Ander	2000	193	82	CB	Spain	
27	PEREIRA	Rui Miguel	2001	180	75	CB	Portugal	Portugal
28	TALESKI	Filip	1996	200	86	LB	North Macedonia	North Macedonia
30	GRIGORAS	Demis Cosmin	1993	196	101	RB	Romania	Romania
41	CAPDEVILLE	Gustavo	1997	190	90	GK	Portugal	Portugal
44	DJORDJIC	Petar	1990	195	97	LB	Serbia	Serbia
66	LUMBROSO	Yoav	2000	172	65	CB	Israël	Israël
99	CARVALHO	Guilherme	2003	202	110	LP	Brazil	

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