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Foreword EHF President



Dear handball friends,

### 16 elite teams ready for captivating Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25 season!

While memories are still fresh of Barça clinching their record-extending 11th EHF Champions League title just a few months ago, the new season is ready for throw-off. A total of 16 elite teams from all over the continent are set to start another enthralling race to the most coveted trophy in men's club handball. Welcome to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

Barça returned to the throne by winning the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 in Cologne last June, defeating Aalborg Håndbold in a high-class final that concluded yet another captivating season of Europe's top-flight competition.

Both Barça and Aalborg are back on the starting grid for the 2024/25 campaign – and fans don't have to wait long to see them lock horns again, as the finalists from last season will already meet in the group phase of the new season, since they were both drawn into group B.

The same section of the competition includes several more teams that have played EHF Champions League finals in the past, most notably two-time winners SC Magdeburg – who lifted the trophy as recent as 2023 – and 2016 champions Industria Kielce.

With HC Zagreb and HBC Nantes, the group has two more former finalists in the mix, while the experienced OTP Bank - PICK Szeged and the ambitious Kolstad Håndbold complete a strong line-up in this half of the competition.

Over in group A, the race to the play-off and quarter-final spots will be just as intense, with eight teams that make for a well-balanced section. Veszprém HC and Paris Saint-Germain Handball are two perennial contenders for the trophy, who both hope that 2024/25 will finally become their season of ultimate success.

Again, Orlen Wisla Plock and HC Eurofarm Pelister will be high hurdles to clear for any team, while a trio that rocked the EHF European League in recent years now aim to do nothing but the same at Europe's top level: Füchse Berlin, Sporting CP and Dinamo Bucuresti.

Group A also includes the only EHF Champions League debutants this season, as Danish outfit Fredericia Håndbold Klub will be eager to make their first steps at the continental top level unforgettable ones.

The stage is set for another tantalising season as handball fans across the globe are following their favourite teams and players during the group phase matches, traditionally played on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Enjoy the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

**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
2	MILOSAVLJEVIĆ	Marko	1998	201	96	LB	Serbia	Serbia
3	BRIET	Thibaud	1999	205	105	RB	France	France
4	MINNE	Aymeric	1997	187	88	CB	France	France
5	YOSHIDA	Shuichi	2001	193	110	LP	Japan	Japan
6	BONNEFOND	Baptiste	1993	193	99	LB	France	France
7	RIVERA©	Valero	1985	186	87	LW	Spain	Spain
8	ABDI	Ayoub	1997	197	100	RB	Algeria	Algeria
9	AVELANGE-DEMOUGE	Théo	1996	183	78	RW	France	
10	OVNIČEK	Rok	1995	183	89	CB	Slovenia	Slovenia
11	TOURNAT	Nicolas	1994	200	116	LP	France	France
13	BOS	Julien	1998	188	85	RB	France	France
14	DE LA BRETÈCHE	Lucas	2001	193	89	CB	France	
15	GABER	Matej	1991	198	124	LP	Slovenia	Slovenia
17	LEOPOLD	Noam	2002	186	86	LW	Switzerland	Switzerland
19	ODRIOZOLA	Kauldi	1997	182	90	RW	Spain	Spain
30	BIOSCA	Ignacio	1995	193	100	GK	Spain	Spain



# KOLSTAD HÅNDBALL

Christian BERGE (Coach) – Nilsen Stian GOMO (Assistant coach)



#	NAME	SURNAME	YEAR	HEIGHT (CM)	WEIGHT (KG)	POS.	NATIONALITY	SELECTION
1	EGGEN	Lars	1991	188	94	GK	Norway	Norway
2	HALD	Aksel	2003	192	94	RB	Norway	
3	BERGE	Christoffer	2005	192	85	RB	Norway	
4	ECK	Vetle	1993	190	99	LB	Norway	Norway
5	SAGOSEN	Sander	1995	195	101	CB	Norway	Norway
6	BRONKEN	Leon	2006	186	83	LB	Norway	
7	AALBERG	Adrian	1992	183	84	LW	Norway	Norway
9	ÓSKARSSON	Gunnar	2002	180	77	CB	Iceland	Iceland
10	SØNDENÅ	Magnus	1991	184	85	RB	Norway	Norway
12	GUÐMUNDSSON	Sigurjón	1997	187	85	GK	Iceland	
14	GULLERUD	Magnus	1991	194	100	LP	Norway	Norway
15	JÓHANSSON	Sveinn	1999	195	105	LP	Iceland	Iceland
22	JEPSSON	Simon	1995	205	108	LB	Sweden	Sweden
23	SØGARD	Gøran	1994	194	102	LB	Norway	Norway
30	BERGERUD	Torbjørn	1994	200	113	GK	Norway	Norway
42	HERNES	Martin	2001	200	115	LP	Norway	
48	GUDJONSSON	Björn	1994	192	86	RW	Iceland	Iceland

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