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**Foreword EHF President**

**Dear handball friends,**

Usually, the summertime is a quiet time for the EHF Champions League. But not so much in 2022, as we have proudly presented a new title sponsor for Europe's premium men's club handball competition. So, welcome to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23!

Machineseeker has arrived as title sponsor at the start of the competition's anniversary 30th season. Handball history has been written many times and numerous legends have arisen since the first edition in 1993/94. And I am sure the upcoming season will only add to that legacy!

The big question will be if Barça will be holding the trophy for a third straight season at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 in Cologne. The Spanish record champions could not exactly replicate their perfect 2020/21 season, when they won all 20 matches, but they still ended up on the highest step of the podium again in 2021/22.

Barça's attempt for a third consecutive championship will be anything but a walk in the park. They start their journey in the strong group B alongside former champions RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko, Lomza Industria Kielce, and THW Kiel, former finalists HBC Nantes and Aalborg Håndbold, and competition regulars Pick Szeged and Elverum Handball.

On the other hand, group A doesn't look much easier, with multiple EHF FINAL4 contenders Paris Saint-Germain Handball and Telekom Veszprém HC, 2002 trophy holders SC Magdeburg, two-time EHF Finals Men contenders Orlen Wisła Płock, perennial Croatian champions HC PPD Zagreb, Portuguese pride FC Porto, reinforced C.S. Dinamo București, and dangerous Danish side GOG.

New name, same format: All matches in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23 will be played on Wednesdays and Thursdays (at 18:45 and 20:45 CE(S)T), the two best-ranked teams from each group will advance directly to the quarter-finals, while the teams finishing between third and sixth will first proceed to the play-offs.

Enjoy the matches!

**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        |



# ELVERUM HANDBALL

Børge LUND (Coach) – Raymond HAMAR (Assistant coach)



| #  | SURNAME           | NAME          | NATIONALITY | POS. | YEAR | HEIGHT (CM) | WEIGHT (KG) |
|----|-------------------|---------------|-------------|------|------|-------------|-------------|
| 2  | Daniel            | BLOMGREN      | SWE         | LB   | 1997 | 193         | 104         |
| 3  | Josip             | VIDOVIC       | CRO         | CB   | 1990 | 192         | 87          |
| 4  | Christopher       | HEDBERG       | SWE         | RW   | 1992 | 190         | 88          |
| 5  | Kristian          | HÜBERT LARSEN | NOR         | LP   | 2000 | 199         | 103         |
| 6  | Stig-Tore         | MOEN NIKSEL   | NOR         | RB   | 1994 | 193         | 91          |
| 7  | Kasper            | THORSEN LIEN  | NOR         | RW   | 2001 | 191         | 90          |
| 9  | Patrick Helland   | ANDERSON      | NOR         | RB   | 2004 | 193         | 80          |
| 11 | Kassem            | AWAD          | SWE         | LP   | 1995 | 196         | 109         |
| 12 | Emil Kheri        | IMSGARD       | NOR         | GK   | 1998 | 197         | 105         |
| 13 | Uros              | BORZAS        | SRB         | LB   | 1999 | 198         | 101         |
| 14 | Niclas            | FINGREN       | SWE         | LB   | 1995 | 197         | 105         |
| 15 | Tobias Schøllberg | GRØNDAHL      | NOR         | CB   | 2001 | 183         | 85          |
| 16 | Hildre            | SKARE HÅVAR   | NOR         | GK   | 2003 | 187         | 73          |
| 17 | Orri Freyr        | ÞORKELSSON    | ISL         | LW   | 1999 | 185         | 88          |
| 18 | Andreas Horst     | HAUGSENG      | NOR         | BACK | 1998 | 193         | 101         |
| 20 | Endre             | LANGAAS       | NOR         | LP   | 1991 | 185         | 100         |
| 33 | Sindre            | HELDAL        | NOR         | LW   | 1999 | 183         | 83          |
| 45 | Benjamin          | BERG          | NOR         | RB   | 2003 | 198         | 95          |
| 71 | Šimon             | MIZERA        | CZE         | GK   | 2000 | 190         | 90          |

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