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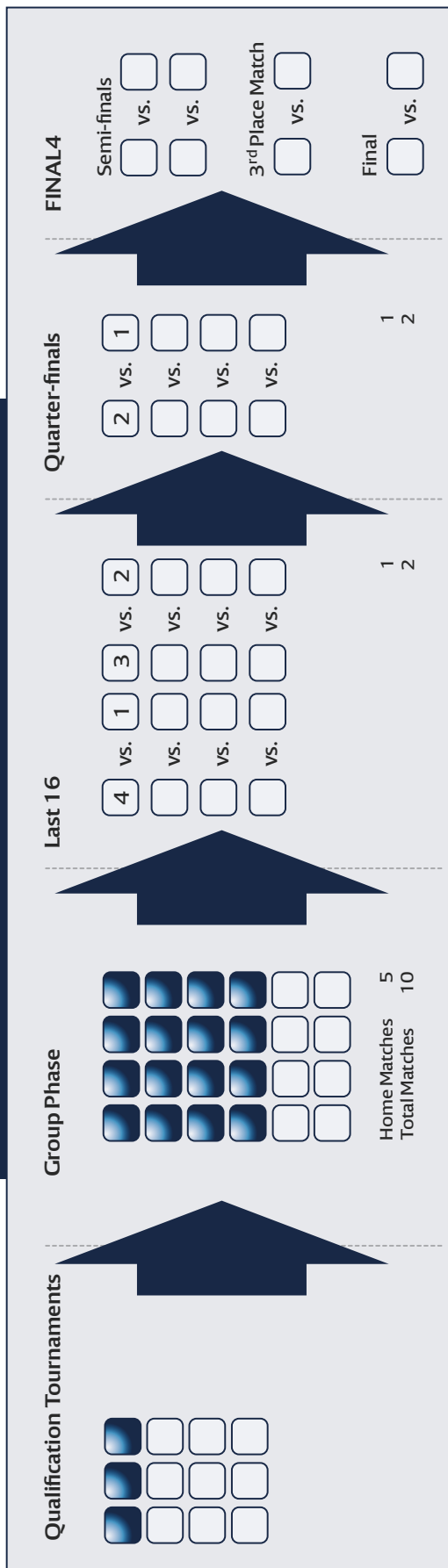
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VELUX EHF Champions League 2014/15 playing system



Season 2014/15 playing dates

Qualification Tournaments 12 teams 3 tournaments with semi-finals and finals 06.-07.09.2014	Group Phase 4 groups with 6 teams each 24.-28.09.2014 19.-23.11.2014 01.-05.10.2014 26.-30.11.2014 08.-12.10.2014 03.-06.12.2014 15.-19.10.2014 11.-15.02.2015 12.-16.11.2014 18.-22.02.2015	Last 16 16 teams first leg 11.03.-15.03.2015 second leg 18.03.-22.03.2015	Quarter-finals 8 teams first leg 08.04.-12.04.2015 second leg 15.04.-19.04.2015	FINAL4 4 teams 30/31.05.2015
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Facts and figures of the group phase

6816 goals, 76 Lazarov strikes and a Kielce clean sweep

Zagreb had the best defensive record and the highest number of spectators, Kielce took the maximum 20 points, Barcelona had the best scoring record and Kiel the clearest win of all, just a few of the facts and figures to enjoy from the VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase, which ended on Sunday night.

1 team won all ten of their group phase matches: Vive Tauron Kielce. The Polish champions achieved this feat for the second time and it is only the third occurrence since the implementation of the current playing system in the 2009/10 season. In 2009/10 it was Ciudad Real (ESP) and Kielce managed it the first time around in the 2012/13 season.

1 point in ten matches for Russian Champions Chekhovskie Medvedi saw them hold the weakest record of all 16 teams and the only one without a single win on their account. In contrast, Schaffhausen finished sixth in their group with six points, the best of all bottom ranked teams.

2 Last 16 debutants are on their maiden voyage in the knockout phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League: Dunkerque (FRA) and La Rioja (ESP).

2 nations are represented by three teams each in the Last 16: Germany and France. In the 2013/14 Last 16 four German teams were part of this stage, only one French side (PSG) had made it that far.

3 teams managed to be part of all Last 16 rounds since the 2009/10 season: THW Kiel, FC Barcelona and MKB-MVM Veszprem.

3 goals scored by Metalurg in the first half of their match at Kiel (3:17) was the worst first half scoring performance this season.

7 points was the lowest needed to clinch a berth for the Last 16. Two victories and three draws were enough for Aalborg to finish fourth in Group D. Back in 2009/10, five points was enough for Bosna Sarajevo to reach the Last 16.

8 nations are represented in the Last 16: Germany and France (three teams each), Hungary, Poland, Spain and Denmark (two each), Croatia and FYR Macedonia (one each).

9 of the 120 group matches ended in a draw. Aalborg were involved in three tied matches.

11 teams which had been part of the Last 16 last season are back again: Kolding, Aalborg, Barcelona, PSG, Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Flensburg, Kiel, Veszprem, Vardar, Kielce and Plock.

12 matches ended with a goal difference of +10 or more

16 times FC Barcelona were or are among the 16 best teams of the EHF Champions League. Kiel and Veszprem follow with 15 participations, ahead of Zagreb's 13.

19 goals was the biggest margin in one group matches, occurred in the Kiel vs Metalurg duel (35:16).

20 points out of a maximum 20 were won by Kielce in the group phase. Kiel and Veszprem dropped just one match each and earned 18 points, ahead of Barcelona (17) and Vardar (15).

36 goals was the lowest total score of the group phase. It came in Zagreb vs Metalurg (19:17).

37 group matches had an attendance of 5,000 or more spectators.

42 group matches ended with an away win.

+63 was the best goal difference of all 24 teams, scored by THW Kiel, ahead of Barcelona (58) and Kielce (41).

69 group matches ended with a win for the home team.

73 goals, scored in Medvedi vs Vardar (34:39), was the highest scoring match.

76 goals from Kiril Lazarov (FC Barcelona) saw him end the group phase as top scorer ahead of Timur Dibirov (Vardar, 69) and last season's overall top scorer Momir Ilic (Veszprem, 67).

248 goals conceded by RK PPD Zagreb in ten group matches was the lowest in the competition. The Croatian champions are followed by THW Kiel (259) and MKB MVM Veszprem (262).

6,816 goals were scored in the 120 group matches, which mean an average of 56.8 goals per match. 1,792 goals were scored in Group C (average of 59.7), 1,711 in Group B (57.0), 1,665 in Group A (55.5) and 1,648 in Group D (54.9).

9,500 spectators on average attended the home matches of RK PPD Zagreb to top this ranking ahead of THW Kiel (8,491).

13,000 spectators attended the match Zagreb vs Paris Saint-Germain, the highest so far this season.

Rankings after the group phase

Points: 20: Vive Tauron Kielce, 18: THW Kiel, 18: Veszprem

Goals scored: 338 goals: FC Barcelona, 322 goals: THW Kiel, 313 goals: Vardar, 312 goals: Vive Tauron Kielce

Biggest winning margin: +19: Kiel vs Metalurg (35:16)

Highest goal total in a match: 73 goals: Medvedi vs Vardar (34:39)

Lowest number of goals in a match: 36 goals: Zagreb vs. Metalurg (19:17)

Preview of the Last 16 draw

Defending champions lurk in the fourth pot

While some teams had known their seeding for the Tuesday's Last 16 draw already before the last round of the VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase, only the last match day and the very last two of the 120 group phase matches completed the distribution of all knockout stage tickets and seeding of all teams.

The draw of the VELUX EHF Champions League Last 16 will take place on Tuesday, 24 February, at 12:30 hrs local time at the Gartenhotel Altmansdorf 2 in Vienna and it will be live streamed on ehfTV.com with commentary from Tom O Brannagain.

Who to draw the short straw?

Three participants of the last VELUX EHF FINAL4 - runners-up THW Kiel, record winners FC Barcelona and the fourth team of the last season MKB-MVM Veszprem made it to the top pot, together with Vive Tauron Kielce, who finished third in the 2013 edition.

One of the favourites will have to face the defending champions SG Flensburg-Handewitt, who were eyeing the Pot 2 finish before the last round, however they had to settle for the Pot 4 after their Sunday's defeat at the hands of Orlen Wisla Plock.

There will be no protection from the teams of the same country at the draw, which means that a reunion of the last year's all-German final rivals Flensburg and THW Kiel is possible.

Four times at the draw a fourth ranked teams of the group phase will be pulled against a first ranked team except against the winner of its own group of the group phase. The fourth ranked teams will host the first leg of the Last 16.

Lion's den in Pot 3

The remaining four pairings will be determined after a third ranked team of the group phase will be drawn against against a second ranked team four times. Again, the teams from the same group cannot meet.

PSG Handball and KIF Kolding Kobenhavn made it to the second pot for the second year in a row as HC Vardar and MOL-Pick Szeged accompany them. All four of the runners-up will face a formidable opposition from Pot 3. Orlen Wisla Plock, who beat not only Flensburg, but also FC Barcelona this season are joined by three teams who have a lion in their club's crest or in their moniker – Zagreb, Rhein-Neckar and Dunkerque.

The first leg is scheduled for 11-15 March, the second leg will be played 18-22 March. The winning teams of the Last 16 qualify for the quarter-finals.

Where to follow

On ehfTV.com there will be live streaming of the draw followed by interviews and reactions from the clubs' representatives.

The live ticker of the draw will go live on Tuesday morning on eurohandball.com and the event will also be extensively covered on the official Twitter channel of the VELUX EHF Champions League @ehfcl.



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Last 16 Draw
24.2 12:30 CET Live on
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POT 4	POT 1
La Rioja Flensburg Montpellier Aalborg	THW Kiel FC Barcelona Veszprem Kielce
POT 3	POT 2
Zagreb Wisla Plock Rhein-Neckar Löwen Dunkerque	PSG Handball KIF Kolding Kobenhavn Vardar Pick Szeged

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POT 1



THW Kiel (GER)

The German champions cruised into the knockout stage of Europe's premier club competition with an impressive nine wins out of 10, having suffered their only defeat in the opening round when they lost 27:25 at HC PPD Zagreb.

The upset seemed to have spurred the treble former VELUX EHF Champions League winners into action as they demonstrated trademark high-tempo handball for the remainder of the group stage campaign. Especially impressive was their double win over an expensively assembled Paris Saint-Germain Handball within a week, as they dislodged the French side despite the protracted absence of prolific left back Filip Jicha who had undergone ankle surgery before the competition started.

Icelander Aron Palmarrsson, who also suffered an injury early in the campaign, initially did a good job taking over Jicha's scoring mantle but the depth of Kiel's roster showed when he too was sidelined, as Croatia's Domagoj Duvnjak, Serb Marko Vujin and Germany's own Steffen Weinhold held the backcourt together. With Jicha and Palmarrsson back to full fitness, the former scoring an impressive nine goals against HC Metalurg on his return, Kiel will be odds-on favourites to reach the quarter-finals no matter who they face in the last 16.

Such is Kiel's strength in every department that any fourth-placed team facing them in a doubleheader whose winner will advance to the last eight is bound to be an underdog against one of the meanest and most menacing squads Europe has ever seen.



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Kit colours

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Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red

GROUP A Final Table:

1. THW Kiel	10	9	0	1	322:259 (63)	18
2. PSG Handball	10	6	0	4	297:266 (31)	12
3. HC PPD Zagreb	10	6	0	4	241:248 (-7)	12
4. Naturhouse La Rioja	10	4	1	5	305:305 (0)	9
5. HC Meshkov Brest	10	2	2	6	267:293 (-26)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	1	8	233:294 (-61)	3

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ HC PPD Zagreb	L25:27 (13:9)
vs Naturhouse La Rioja	W34:32 (20:16)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	W25:24 (11:11)
@ HC Metalurg	W 42:27 (22:15)
@ PSG Handball	W27:25 (12:13)
vs PSG Handball	W33:29 (14:15)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W34:27 (16:16)
@ Naturhouse La Rioja	W34:30 (14:11)
vs HC Metalurg	W35:16 (17:3)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W33:22 (17:11)

Top scorers:

1. Marko Vujin (SRB)	45
2. Joan Cañellas Reixach (ESP)	43
3. Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)	40
4. Steffen Weinhold (GER)	32
5. Dominik Klein (GER)	28
Aron Palmarrsson (ISL)	28

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 18
Winners (3): 2006/07, 2009/10, 2011/12
Runners-up (4): 1999/2000, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2013/14
Semi-final (3): 1996/1997, 2000/01, 2012/13
Quarter-final (5): 1998/99, 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2010/11
Group Phase (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1997/98, 2001/02, 2003/04

German league: 19 titles (1957, 1962, 1963, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014)
German cup: 9 titles

POT 1



FC Barcelona (ESP)

Being favourites was no new experience to Barcelona, as they started out in Group B in September. Being Barcelona will always make the pride of Catalonia favourites, and like so many times before, they lived up to that status.

An injury or two along the way as no big deal for a team who have two world class players in virtually all positions, and a few hick-ups on away ground in the form of a 27:27 draw against KIF Kolding Kobenhavn and a 34:31 defeat against Orlen Wisla Plock did not really spoil the impression of a Barca team in full control.

When they were forced into a direct show-down for the group win against Kolding on the second to last matchday, they did not stumble in the Palau Blaugrana, of course, but decided the matter already in the first half, and finally winning 33:27, leaving no doubt who was the better team in the group.



Playing hall

Palau Blaugrana

Av. Aristides Maillol, s/n
08028 Barcelona
Spain
Capacity: 7,250

GROUP B Final Table:

1. FC Barcelona	10	8	1	1	338:280 (58)	17
2. KIF Kolding Kobenhavn	10	6	2	2	292:273 (19)	14
3. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	6	1	3	288:280 (8)	13
4. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	10	6	0	4	288:277 (11)	12
5. Alingsas HK	10	1	0	9	252:298 (-46)	2
6. Besiktas MOGAZ HT	10	1	0	9	253:303 (-50)	2

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Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ Alingsas HK	W38:28 (21:16)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	W30:25 (13:12)
vs Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W35:25 (19:12)
@ KIF Kolding Kobenhavn	D27:27 (16:14)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W37:33 (16:16)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W36:27 (14:16)
vs Alingsas HK	W42:29 (18:17)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	L31:34 (15:17)
vs KIF Kolding Kobenhavn	W33:27 (19:11)
@ Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W29:25 (14:12)

Top scorers:

1. Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	76
2. Nikola Karabatic (FRA)	44
3. Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (ISL)	43
4. Sjarhei Rutenka (BLR)	35
5. Jesper Brian Nøddesbo (DEN)	27

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 18
Winner (7): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2010/11
Final (3): 2000/01, 2009/10, 2012/13
Semi-final (2): 2007/08, 2013/14
Quarter-final (3): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2011/12
Last 16 (1): 2003/04
Main Round (1): 2008/09

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2002/03, Runners-up 2001/02
Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 1993/94, 1994/95

Spanish league: 21 titles (1969, 1973, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Spanish cup: 18 titles
Asobal cup: 9 titles

POT 1

MKB-MVM Veszprém (HUN)



MKB-MVM Veszprém won their group in the VELUX EHF Champions League in the third year running but this time it was arguably the strongest group of the competition. Carlos Ortega's men overan the group with only one considerable hiccup (in Mannheim, where Veszprém was badly beaten) and did so with László Nagy absent from four games.

Summer signing Roland Mikler has been outstanding and so are Christian Zeitz, who filled in for László Nagy without a problem and Máté Lékai also had some great games for the defending Hungarian champion.

Veszprém are trying to implement new offensive variations but the strength of the Hungarian outfit remains their solid defence as best seen in Skopje, where Veszprém kept Vardar on 23 goals and won thanks to a marvellous Mikler save and cheeky steal from Cristian Ugalde in the last minute.

The ageing squad of Veszprém regularly has notable sidelined players, apart from long-time absentee Iman Jamali Chema Rodriguez missed the last two games against Celje and Montpellier.



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Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: grey

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: black

GROUP C Final Table:

1. MKB-MVM Veszprém	10	9	0	1	300:262 (38)	18
2. HC Vardar	10	7	1	2	313:289 (24)	15
3. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	6	0	4	302:282 (20)	12
4. Montpellier Aggl. HB	10	3	2	5	293:317 (-24)	8
5. RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	10	3	0	7	284:293 (-9)	6
6. Chekhovskie Medvedi	10	0	1	9	300:349 (-49)	1

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ Chekhovskie Medvedi	W37:32 (19:17)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	W27:24 (10:11)
vs Montpellier Aggl. HB	W30:29 (14:11)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W24:21 (14:9)
@ HC Vardar	W24:23 (13:11)
vs HC Vardar	W32:24 (16:10)
vs Chekhovskie Medvedi	W38:31 (17:16)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L25:32 (10:18)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W29:26 (15:10)
@ Montpellier Aggl. HB	W34:20 (14:9)

Top scorers:

1. Momir Ilic (SRB)	67
2. Christian Zeitz (GER)	32
3. Renato Sulic (CRO)	31
4. Gasper Marguc (SLO)	27
5. Andreas Nilsson (SWE)	25

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 20
Final (1): 2001/02
Semi-final (3): 2002/03, 2005/06, 2013/14
Quarter-final (9): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13
Last 16 (2): 1993/94, 2010/11, 2011/12
Group Phase (3): 1994/95, 1995/96, 2007/08

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2007/08, Runners-up 1996/97

Hungarian league: 22 titles (1985, 1986, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Hungarian cup: 23 titles

POT 1



KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)

The game that all Kielce supporters will remember from this season's group phase is the Round 10 encounter against Motor Zaporozhye. Kielce were trailing 10:19 at half-time, but staged an astonishing comeback in the second half to take home a 28:27 win.

This victory saw them extending their winning streak to 10 out of 10, making Kielce the only team to reach the Last 16 with a flawless record.

In the 2012/13 season they had achieved the same and eventually reached the VELUX EHF FINAL4. However, Kielce's streak was far from being a walk in the park.

Injuries to key players such as line player Julen Aguinagalde forced coach Talant Dujshabaev to put left back Michal Jurecki on the line, while right wing Ivan Cupic became centre back in the 27:25 away win against Aalborg in Round 5.

"It is incredible that we achieved a perfect record, I'm very happy about it, but I'm waiting for all the players to return to full fitness, as the competition is hard and we need to make changes during the games," Dujshabaev says.



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Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark

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Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green

GROUP D Final Table:

1. KS Vive Tauron Kielce	10	10	0	0	312:271 (41)	20
2. MOL-Pick Szeged	10	6	1	3	276:264 (12)	13
3. Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	10	4	0	6	257:263 (-6)	8
4. Aalborg Handball	10	2	3	5	256:269 (-13)	7
5. HC Motor Zaporozhye	10	3	0	7	283:284 (-1)	6
6. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	2	2	6	264:297 (-33)	6

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	W33:28 (15:14)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	W37:32 (18:17)
vs HC Motor Zaporozhye	W30:26 (17:14)
@ Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	W28:25 (14:12)
@ Aalborg Handball	W27:25 (13:12)
vs Aalborg Handball	W33:26 (18:15)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W33:24 (14:12)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	W27:26 (14:11)
vs Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	W36:32 (19:15)
@ HC Motor Zaporozhye	W28:27 (10:19)

Top scorers:

1. Karol Bielecki (POL)	56
2. Ivan Cupic (CRO)	42
3. Denis Buntic (CRO)	34
4. Krzysztof Lijewski (POL)	31
5. Michal Jurecki (POL)	26

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 12
Semi-final (1): 2012/13
Last 16 (5): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14
Last 32 (2): 1996/97, 1998/99
Group Matches (3): 1999/2000, 2003/04, 2010/11

Other

Other EC records: 11 participations in other ECs

Polish league: 11 titles (1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Polish cup: 11 titles

POT 2

PSG Handball (FRA)



HANDBALL



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Kit colours

Light

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Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: grey

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: grey

As expected, one of the most expensively assembled outfits in the history of club handball progressed to the Last 16 without too much fuss but their tally of 12 points from a possible 20 in the group phase is a modest one given the resources poured into the star-studded outfit.

PSG made a ferocious start by winning their opening four games, but the first real test of their credentials – a double-header against THW Kiel – exposed all the chinks in a glittering armour and highlighted defensive weaknesses that coach Philippe Gardent will want to address urgently. Apart from losing twice to Kiel, PSG were also beaten by HC PPD Zagreb and in the last round by modest Naturhouse La Rioja, albeit with a makeshift outfit as Gardent rested several key players.

PSG are a side packed with attacking talent but lack of defensive steel was clearly seen in most of their group matches, as they also ground out a somewhat fortuitous 29:28 win at eliminated Meshkov Brest before the sharp dip in form.

Hence, their Last 16 clash with one of the third-placed teams from the other three groups is likely to be a thrilling and high-scoring affair. With Thierry Omeyer between the posts and a myriad of fellow Frenchmen who covered themselves in glory when they won the country's fifth world championship title in Qatar last month, PSG should be able to overcome the challenge and reach the quarter-finals.

GROUP A Final Table:

1. THW Kiel	10	9	0	1	322:259 (63)	18
2. PSG Handball	10	6	0	4	297:266 (31)	12
3. HC PPD Zagreb	10	6	0	4	241:248 (-7)	12
4. Naturhouse La Rioja	10	4	1	5	305:305 (0)	9
5. HC Meshkov Brest	10	2	2	6	267:293 (-26)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	1	8	233:294 (-61)	3

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ HC Metalurg	W27:22 (11:11)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W27:22 (11:9)
vs Naturhouse La Rioja	W32:25 (18:9)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	W29:28 (15:12)
vs THW Kiel	L25:27 (13:12)
@ THW Kiel	L29:33 (15:14)
vs HC Metalurg	W35:24 (19:10)
HC PPD Zagreb	L24:25 (13:14)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W36:25 (18:14)
@ Naturhouse La Rioja	L33:35 (16:15)

Top scorers:

1. Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	61
2. William Accambray (FRA)	30
3. Fahrudin Melic (MNE)	28
4. Narcisse Daniel (FRA)	27
5. Igor Vori (CRO)	26

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2014/15 season): 3
Quarter-final (1): 2013/14
Last 16 (1): 2005/06

Other

EHF Cup: quarter-final 2006/07, Last 16 2003/04

French league: 1 title (2012/13)
French cup: 2 titles

POT 2

KIF Kolding København (DEN)



For the second year in succession, KIF Kolding København managed to finish second in their group, and the Danish champions can only hope for more success in the Last 16 this season than last year, where two clear defeats to HC Metalurg marked a surprisingly early end for the ambitious Scandinavian side.

This season, their stunning opening 35:21 win against reigning Champions League winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt made KIF rolling from the start, and the 27:27 draw against Barcelona soon after also raised an eyebrow or two in handball Europe.

After new year, an increasing list of injuries made things a bit harder for Kolding who could consider themselves lucky that eight of the ten rounds of the group phase were played before Christmas this season.

KIF did not stand a chance, as the group win was decided in Barcelona, and they only just managed to defend their second place through a narrow 34:33 home win against Alingsas HK.

GROUP B Final Table:

1. FC Barcelona	10	8	1	1	338:280 (58)	17
2. KIF Kolding København	10	6	2	2	292:273 (19)	14
3. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	6	1	3	288:280 (8)	13
4. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	10	6	0	4	288:277 (11)	12
5. Alingsas HK	10	1	0	9	252:298 (-46)	2
6. Besiktas MOGAZ HT	10	1	0	9	253:303 (-50)	2

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W35:21 (19:13)
@ Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W33:24 (16:11)
@ Alingsas HK	W23:19 (15:13)
vs FC Barcelona	D27:27 (14:16)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	W29:28 (15:14)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	D30:30 (14:14)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L20:27 (10:15)
vs Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W34:31 (19:16)
@ FC Barcelona	L27:33 (11:19)
vs Alingsas HK	W34:33 (16:15)

Top scorers:

1. Bo Dybdal Spellerberg (DEN)	59
2. Kim Andersson (SWE)	44
3. Lukas Karlsson (SWE)	37
4. Torsten Laen (DEN)	29
5. Kasper Ryan Irming Andersen (DEN)	25

Alternative playing hall

Broendby Hallen
Broendby Stadion 20
2605 Brøndby
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Capacity: 5,000

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 12
Semi-final (1): 2001/02
Quarter-final (1): 2002/03
Last 16 (7): 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14
Last 32 (1): 1993/94
Group Phase (1): 1994/95

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 1999/2000, Quarter-final 2007/08
EHF Cup: Quarter-final 2012/13

Danish league: 13 titles (1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2014)
Danish cup: 8 titles



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: orange/blue

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: orange/blue

POT 2

HC Vardar Skopje (MKD)



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: red/white
Player short: red/white
Goalkeeper shirt: red/black/yellow

Dark

Player shirt: black/Red
Player short: red/white
Goalkeeper shirt: black/grey

Just like the other hot shots of the group, the Macedonian team also had their ups and downs but Vardar's otherwise smooth run to the second spot only saw one notable hiccup: their defeat in Veszprém (32-24).

The off-day in Veszprém was made up for one in Mannheim, where the Skopje outfit put up a near-perfect performance. It is not such a great surprise from a Spanish coach to built his team around defense and Raúl Gonzalez has a hugely effective wall backed by the ever excellent Arpad Sterbik.

With the occasional injuries of Alex Dujšebaev, Matjaz Brumen and Sterbik and long-term absentee Blazenko Lackovic the burden of scoring falls mainly on Timur Dibirov and Igor Karacic, who both have outstanding seasons.

Vardar's main strength is their defence, however, the Skopje outfit are also prolific in attack: Gonzalez's men scored the most goals in Group C.

While last year Vardar tended to lose focus away from their passionate crowd this year they only lost once on the road and beat Löwen, Medvedi and Celje away.

GROUP C Final Table:

1. MKB-MVM Veszprém	10	9	0	1	300:262 (38)	18
2. HC Vardar	10	7	1	2	313:289 (24)	15
3. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	6	0	4	302:282 (20)	12
4. Montpellier Aggl. HB	10	3	2	5	293:317 (-24)	8
5. RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	10	3	0	7	284:293 (-9)	6
6. Chekhovskie Medvedi	10	0	1	9	300:349 (-49)	1

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W27:26 (12:12)
vs Chekhovskie Medvedi	W39:28 (24:12)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	W28:25 (13:13)
@ Montpellier Aggl. HB	D34:34 (19:17)
vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	L23:24 (11:13)
@ MKB-MVM Veszprém	L24:32 (10:16)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W34:32 (19:17)
@ Chekhovskie Medvedi	W39:34 (19:16)
vs Montpellier Aggl. HB	W30:26 (18:13)
@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	W35:28 (20:13)

Top scorers:

1. Timur Dibirov (RUS)	69
2. Igor Karacic (CRO)	52
3. Alex Dujšebaev (ESP)	43
4. Alem Toskic (SRB)	29
5. Sergei Gorbok (RUS)	26

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 9

Quarter-final (1): 2013/14

Last 32 (1): 1999/2000

Group Phase (6): 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2007/08, 2009/10

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: semi-final 1998/99, 2004/05, 2010/11, quarter-final 2006/07

SEHA league: 2 titles (2012, 2014)

Macedonian league: 8 titles (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2013)

Macedonian cup: 8 titles

POT 2



MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)

The reigning Men's EHF Cup champions enjoyed a bright start to the group phase, losing just one of their first seven matches (32:37 against Kielce).

Backed by their Spanish quintet – four players and coach Juan Carlos Pastor stem from Spain – the Hungarian side secured their spot at the Last 16 already after Round 7.

But neither Jose Manuel Sierra's heroic saves in goal nor top scorer Zsolt Balogh's thunderous strikes were enough to overcome the injuries the team suffered from at the start of 2015.

A 23:23 draw against Aalborg in Round 10 stopped Szeged's two-game losing streak who nevertheless finished second in Group D.



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange
Player short: silver
Goalkeeper shirt: black / red / green

Dark

Player shirt: blue or red
Player short: blue or red
Goalkeeper shirt: black / red / green

GROUP D Final Table:

1. KS Vive Tauron Kielce	10	10	0	0	312:271 (41)	20
2. MOL-Pick Szeged	10	6	1	3	276:264 (12)	13
3. Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	10	4	0	6	257:263 (-6)	8
4. Aalborg Handball	10	2	3	5	256:269 (-13)	7
5. HC Motor Zaporozhye	10	3	0	7	283:284 (-1)	6
6. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	2	2	6	264:297 (-33)	6

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs HC Motor Zaporozhye	W27:26 (13:11)
@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce	L32:37 (17:18)
@ Aalborg Handball	W28:25 (15:11)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W34:24 (16:13)
vs Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	W23:21 (11:10)
@ Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	W25:24 (15:12)
@ HC Motor Zaporozhye	W29:25 (16:12)
vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce	L26:27 (11:14)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	L29:32 (15:19)
vs Aalborg Handball	D23:23 (10:10)

Top scorers:

1. Zsolt Balogh (HUN)	56
2. Dean Bombac (SLO)	48
3. Ferenc Ilyés (HUN)	25
Jonas Källman (SWE)	25
5. Niko Mindegia Elizaga (ESP)	23
Rajko Prodanovic (SRB)	23

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 13
Quarter-final (2): 1996/97, 2003/04
Last 16 (5): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2010/11, 2012/13
Main Round (1): 2007/08
Group Phase (3): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2011/12
Qualification (1): 2013/14

Other

EHF Cup: quarter-final 2000/01, Last 16 1994/95, 1999/2000

Cup Winners' Cup: semi-final 1993/94, quarter-final 2002/03, 2008/09

Hungarian league: 2 titles (1996, 2007)

Hungarian cup: 6 titles

POT 3

RUKOMETNI KLUB
PRVO PLINARSKO DRUŠTVO
ZAGREB



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light
Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark
Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red

HC PPD Zagreb (CRO)

Having advanced to the VELUX EHF Champions League Last 16 for the first time since the 2011/12 season, a fired-up Zagreb will want to go a step further and emulate the success of three years ago when they reached the quarter-finals. Zagreb could not have qualified in more dramatic fashion, with their Bosnian acquisition Dusko Celica scoring a last-gasp winner from almost the halfway line in a 31:30 defeat of Naturhouse La Rioja which sealed the Croatian side's passage with a match to spare.

Zagreb advanced to the last 16 on the back of their effervescent home form, winning all five games in the Croatian capital and two of those highlighted the abundance of talent and ability within the youthful roster. Their opening 27:25 victory over group winners THW Kiel sent shockwaves throughout Europe and Zagreb followed up with a 25:24 success against runners-up Paris Saint-Germain Handball.

Although they missed versatile left back Stipe Mandalinic through injury early on, Zagreb shone on home court thanks to inspired and masterful guidance by new coach Veselin Vujovic, who took over shortly before the competition started but missed the first few games due to a suspension dating back to when he coached Macedonian giants Vardar Skopje.

However, Zagreb's away form has been a worrying aspect for Vujovic, as illustrated by tame defeats even against the likes of fifth-placed Meshkov Brest of Belarus. A third-place finish in Group A means Zagreb will face one of the runners-up from the other three groups with a fair chance of progressing to the last eight, which would exceed the club's expectations in a transitional season.

GROUP A Final Table:

1. THW Kiel	10	9	0	1	322:259 (63)	18
2. PSG Handball	10	6	0	4	297:266 (31)	12
3. HC PPD Zagreb	10	6	0	4	241:248 (-7)	12
4. Naturhouse La Rioja	10	4	1	5	305:305 (0)	9
5. HC Meshkov Brest	10	2	2	6	267:293 (-26)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	1	8	233:294 (-61)	3

Group Phase results:
(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs THW Kiel	W27:25 (9:13)
@ PSG Handball	L22:27 (9:11)
vs HC Metalurg	W19:17 (10:8)
@ Naturhouse La Rioja	L21:22 (12:9)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	L22:26 (7:12)
vs HC Meshkov Brest	W25:23 (11:8)
@ THW Kiel	L27:34 (16:16)
vs PSG Handball	W25:24 (14:13)
vs Naturhouse La Rioja	W31:30 (16:13)
@ HC Metalurg	W22:20 (12:10)

Top scorers:

1. Zlatko Horvat (CRO)	48
2. Luka Stepancic (CRO)	28
3. Josip Valcic (CRO)	28
4. Sandro Obranovic (CRO)	22
5. Ilija Brozovic (CRO)	21

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2014/15 season): 21
Final (4): 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99
Semi-final (1): 1999/00
Quarter-final (6): 1995/96, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12
Last 16 (3): 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11
Main Round (1): 2007/08
Group Phase (5): 1993/94, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2012/13, 2013/14

Other
EHF Cup: Runners-up 2004/05
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 2006/07

SEHA League: 1 title (2013)

Croatian league: 24 titles (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Croatian cup: 22 titles

POT 3

Orlen Wisła Płock (POL)



This season actually meant a small promotion for the almost eternal runners-up in Poland.

Wisla Plock managed to change the fourth place in their group last season into a third place this year.

The third position was secured in the very last match of the group phase, as reigning Champions League winners SG Flensburg-Handewitt were defeated 31:27 in the Orlen Arena in the direct duel for the third position.

The Spanish coach Manuel Cadenas, who manages to be Spanish national coach beside being in charge of Wisla has created a solid and consistent team who lives for a great part from the fantastic support they are getting in the Orlen Arena, where they collected the vast majority of their points in the group phase once again.

Actually, KIF Kolding Kobenhavn were the only away team who were able to win in that venue – an achievement which neither group winners Barcelona nor defending champions Flensburg managed to copy.



Playing hall

Orlen Arena

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: lemon green

Dark

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: orange

GROUP B Final Table:

1. FC Barcelona	10	8	1	1	338:280 (58)	17
2. KIF Kolding Kobenhavn	10	6	2	2	292:273 (19)	14
3. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	6	1	3	288:280 (8)	13
4. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	10	6	0	4	288:277 (11)	12
5. Alingsas HK	10	1	0	9	252:298 (-46)	2
6. Besiktas MOGAZ HT	10	1	0	9	253:303 (-50)	2

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W28:19 (13:7)
@ FC Barcelona	L25:30 (12:13)
@ SG Flensburg-Handewitt	L28:35 (16:21)
vs Alingsas HK	W28:25 (15:9)
vs KIF Kolding København	L28:29 (15:14)
@ KIF Kolding København	D30:30 (14:14)
@ Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W35:30 (15:14)
vs FC Barcelona	W34:31 (17:15)
@ Alingsas HK	W23:22 (9:8)
vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt	W31:29 (14:13)

Top scorers:

1. Nemanja Zelenovic (SRB)	41
2. Kamil Syprzak (POL)	37
3. Valentin Marian Ghionea (ROU)	35
Tiago Rocha (POR)	35
5. Alexander Tioumentsev (ESP)	31

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 10
Last 16 (3): 1995/96, 2011/12, 2013/14
Group Phase (5): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2008/09
Qualification (1): 2012/13

Other

EHF Cup: quarter-finals 1993/94, Group Phase: 2012/13

Polish league: 7 titles (1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011)
Polish cup: 10 titles

POT 3



Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)

Löwen are having a roller-coaster season: the Mannheim team are joint leaders of the Bundesliga and flattened the seemingly unbeatable Veszprém in the eight round of Group C but in the same time could only win once away from home (at Medvedi) and even relegated Celje beat them at Zlatorog.

Nikolaj Jacobsen's team might have played some helter-skelter games but the core of the great team is intact: Löwen are best when the Landin directed wall takes up formation and have a chance to score easy goals from fast breaks – usually done by the two excellent wings, Patrick Groetzki and Uwe Gensheimer.

The foundations are solid, however, if some bricks are removed Löwen can become shaky, which happened in the last round, when Vardar pointed out each and every problem Löwen had without Gedeon Guardiola in defence.

With Bjarte Myrhol sidelined, too Löwen rely more on goals from backroom players, where Jacobsen have an international dream team to choose from. Löwen are no lucky pick for any of the 2nd placed teams for sure.



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Kit colours

Light
Player shirt: yellow
Player short: yellow
Goalkeeper shirt: white/red
Dark
Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue/green

GROUP C Final Table:

1. MKB-MVM Veszprém	10	9	0	1	300:262 (38)	18
2. HC Vardar	10	7	1	2	313:289 (24)	15
3. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	6	0	4	302:282 (20)	12
4. Montpellier Agg. HB	10	3	2	5	293:317 (-24)	8
5. RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	10	3	0	7	284:293 (-9)	6
6. Chekhovskie Medvedi	10	0	1	9	300:349 (-49)	1

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs Montpellier Aggl. HB W35:24 (18:11)
@ MKB-MVM Veszprém L24:27 (11:10)
@ HC Vardar L25:28 (13:13)
vs Chekhovskie Medvedi W34:29 (16:16)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko W31:27 (13:15)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko L28:32 (11:16)
@ Montpellier Aggl. HB W33:29 (18:14)
vs MKB-MVM Veszprém W32:25 (18:10)
@ Chekhovskie Medvedi W32:26 (18:14)
vs HC Vardar L28:35 (13:20)

Top scorers:

1. Uwe Gensheimer (GER) 45
2. Alexander Petersson (ISL) 43
3. Andre Schmid (SUI) 41
4. Kim Ekdahl du Rietz (SWE) 37
5. Patrick Groetzki (GER) 36

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 6
Semi-final (2): 2008/09, 2010/11
Quarter-final (2): 2009/10, 2013/14
Qualification (1): 2011/12

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2007/08
EHF Cup: Winners 2012/13, semi-final 2011/12, quarter-final 2006/07

POT 3

Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral (FRA)



Erratic performances at the start of the season saw Dunkerque losing five of their first six matches, had put the French champions in a must-win situation before the last round, when still four teams in Group D eyed the two remaining tickets.

If they wanted to reach the Last 16 they had to beat Kadetten Schaffhausen. And when it mattered, they delivered.

With an exciting mix of perfectly designed plays, from the back court as well as from the wings, the French side won 29:25, reaching the knockout stages of the VELUX EHF Champions League for the first time the team's history.



Playing hall

Stades de Flandres

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: yellow
Goalkeeper shirt: black/red

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue/red

GROUP D Final Table:

1. KS Vive Tauron Kielce	10	10	0	0	312:271 (41)	20
2. MOL-Pick Szeged	10	6	1	3	276:264 (12)	13
3. Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	10	4	0	6	257:263 (-6)	8
4. Aalborg Handball	10	2	3	5	256:269 (-13)	7
5. HC Motor Zaporozhye	10	3	0	7	283:284 (-1)	6
6. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	2	2	6	264:297 (-33)	6

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs Aalborg Handball	L21:26 (13:13)
@ HC Motor Zaporozhye	W23:21 (9:10)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen	L23:25 (10:12)
vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce	L25:28 (12:14)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged	L21:23 (10:11)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged	L24:25 (12:15)
@ Aalborg Handball	W28:25 (15:13)
vs HC Motor Zaporozhye	W31:29 (17:17)
@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce	L32:36 (15:19)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen	W29:25 (14:14)

Top scorers:

1. Baptiste Butto (FRA)	47
2. Kornel Nagy (HUN)	36
3. Julian Emonet (FRA)	34
4. Theophile Causse (FRA)	20
Romain Guillard (FRA)	20

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 3

Group Phase (1): 2013/14

Qualification (1): 2011/12

Other

EHF Cup: Finals 2011/12, Quarter-final 2006/07, 2007/07, 2009/10

Challenge Cup: Runners-up 2003/04

City-Cup: Quarter-final 1998/99, 1999/2000

French league: 1 title (2014)

French Champions Trophy: 1 title (2012)

French cup: 1 title

French League cup: 1 title

POT 4



Playing hall

Palacio de los Deportes de la Rioja
Avenida Moncalvillo 2
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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: green
Goalkeeper shirt: grey

Naturhouse La Rioja (ESP)

The Spanish runners-up were something of a disappointment in the group stage and barely scraped into the last 16, needing other results to go their way in the home straight. La Rioja advanced thanks to Meshkov's successive defeats at PSG and Kiel which left the Belarusian side devoid of any hope of leapfrogging La Rioja into fourth position, but the fashion of their progress could hardly have pleased the coaching staff and fans.

In fact, La Rioja produced their best performance of the group stage only after their last-16 ticket was booked, overcoming a five-goal deficit in their final home match against PSG to beat the French side 35:33 and instill a degree of confidence ahead of the knockout rounds.

The low point of their campaign was a 29:28 defeat at written-off HC Metalurg, which was the Macedonian side's only win in the group stage and it exposed all the chinks in La Rioja's fragile defensive armour. The Spanish side qualified thanks to their sound attacking, epitomised by an evenly balanced score-sheet with Juan Antonio Garcia leading the way with 46 goals to his name.

But facing one of the winners from the other three groups will by all means and purposes represent a daunting task for La Rioja, who will need to perform above their limits if they are to spring an upset and reach the quarter-finals.

GROUP A Final Table:

1. THW Kiel	10	9	0	1	322:259 (63)	18
2. PSG Handball	10	6	0	4	297:266 (31)	12
3. HC PPD Zagreb	10	6	0	4	241:248 (-7)	12
4. Naturhouse La Rioja	10	4	1	5	305:305 (0)	9
5. HC Meshkov Brest	10	2	2	6	267:293 (-26)	6
6. HC Metalurg	10	1	1	8	233:294 (-61)	3

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

vs HC Meshkov Brest	W39:31 (20:14)
@ THW Kiel	L32:34 (16:20)
@ PSG Handball	L25:32 (9:18)
vs HC PPD Zagreb	W22:21 (9:12)
vs HC Metalurg	W31:27 (13:13)
@ HC Metalurg	L28:29 (16:15)
@ HC Meshkov Brest	D33:33 (18:15)
vs THW Kiel	L30:34 (11:14)
@ HC PPD Zagreb	L30:31 (13:16)
vs PSG Handball	W35:33 (15:16)

Top scorers:

1. Juanin Garcia (ESP)	46
2. Fernandez Perez Angel (ESP)	34
3. Pedro Rodriguez Alvarez (ESP)	33
4. Thiagus Goncalves Dos Santos (BRA)	29
5. Philip Stenmalm (SWE)	24
Victor Vigo Gerpe (ESP)	24

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 2
Group phase (1): 2013/14

Other

EHF Cup: semi-final 2009/10, 2010/11,
Group Phase 2012/13

Spanish league: - (runners-up 2014)
Spanish cup: - (runners-up 2013)

POT 4



SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)

Finishing fourth in their preliminary group is, of course, never good enough for a defending Champions League winner.

However, Flensburg had a troublesome group phase campaign, starting with their stunning 35:21 defeat to KIF Kolding København.

A depressingly long injury list at time did not make things easy for the otherwise tactically clever coach Ljubomir Vranjes, but still the North German team could hope for at least second position in their group until the last match day.

However, on a day when the injury list was even longer than normal, Flensburg ran into a 31:27 away defeat to Plock in the direct duel for third position, after the second place had slipped out of their hands earlier the same day.

Flensburg's chances of copying their triumph from last season have obviously been reduced by the fact that they will meet a group winner in the Last 16 and finish away.

Furthermore, it is a big question how many of their injured key players who will be fit in time for the Last 16.



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

Player shirt: blue with orange
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: black

GROUP B Final Table:

1. FC Barcelona	10	8	1	1	338:280 (58)	17
2. KIF Kolding København	10	6	2	2	292:273 (19)	14
3. Orlen Wisla Plock	10	6	1	3	288:280 (8)	13
4. SG Flensburg-Handewitt	10	6	0	4	288:277 (11)	12
5. Alingsas HK	10	1	0	9	252:298 (-46)	2
6. Besiktas MOGAZ HT	10	1	0	9	253:303 (-50)	2

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ KIF Kolding København	L21:35 (13:19)
vs Alingsas HK	W31:21 (19:10)
vs Orlen Wisla Plock	W35:28 (21:16)
@ Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W27:20 (11:11)
vs FC Barcelona	L33:37 (16:16)
@ FC Barcelona	L27:36 (16:14)
vs KIF Kolding København	W27:20 (15:10)
@ Alingsas HK	W27:22 (16:14)
vs Besiktas MOGAZ HT	W31:27 (15:14)
@ Orlen Wisla Plock	L29:31 (13:14)

Top scorers:

1. Thomas Mogensen (DEN)	57
2. Holger Glandorf (GER)	48
3. Anders Eggert (DEN)	40
4. Lasse Svan (DEN)	30
5. Lars Kaufmann (GER)	20

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 10
Winners (1): 2013/14
Final (2): 2003/04, 2006/07
Semi-final (1): 2005/06
Quarter-final (4): 2004/05, 2008/09, 2010/11, 2012/13
Main Round (1): 2007/08

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2000/01, 2011/12
EHF Cup: Winners 1996/97
City Cup: Winners 1998/99

German league: 1 title (2004)
German cup: 3 titles

POT 4



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: orange/light blue

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Montpellier Agglomération HB (FRA)

Not only did some of the biggest names of French handball leave Montpellier in the summer, Patrice Canayer had to deal with the strongest possible group.

The French outfit also had to do without a lot of sidelined players for certain periods Matej Gaber, Borut Mackovsek, Jure Dolenc than later up-and-comer Mathieu Grebille missed important matches.

Montpellier struggled to maintain form the French team even let Medvedi take their first and only point at Jean-Paul Lacombe and lost away to all the qualified teams. However, when qualification for the knockout stage was at stake Montpellier showed strength and came up with a win in Celje.

Despite all hardships the French side went agonisingly close to catch Veszprém away and even closer to beat Vardar at home, where a last second Sterbik save robbed Montpellier from a victory. These two games showed they are a match for any team in Europe.

However, Montpellier had a terrible run-in as Veszprém imposed the heaviest home defeat on the French outfit in the last round.

GROUP C Final Table:

1. MKB-MVM Veszprém	10	9	0	1	300:262 (38)	18
2. HC Vardar	10	7	1	2	313:289 (24)	15
3. Rhein-Neckar Löwen	10	6	0	4	302:282 (20)	12
4. Montpellier Agg. HB	10	3	2	5	293:317 (-24)	8
5. RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	10	3	0	7	284:293 (-9)	6
6. Chekhovskie Medvedi	10	0	1	9	300:349 (-49)	1

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L24:35 (11:18)
vs RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W35:29 (14:18)
@ MKB-MVM Veszprém	L29:30 (11:14)
vs HC Vardar	D34:34 (19:17)
vs Chekhovskie Medvedi	D32:32 (15:14)
@ Chekhovskie Medvedi	W34:33 (16:17)
vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen	L29:33 (14:18)
@ RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko	W30:27 (10:14)
@ HC Vardar	L26:30 (13:18)
vs MKB-MVM Veszprém	L20:34 (9:14)

Top scorers:

1. Dragan Gajic (SLO)	62
2. Vid Kavtichnik (SLO)	46
3. Mathieu Grebille (FRA)	45
4. Issam Tej (FRA)	31
5. Diego Simonet (ESP)	30

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season):
Winners: 2002/03
Semi-final: 2004/05
Quarter-final: 2000/01, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2010/11
Last 16: 1995/96, 2003/04, 2006/07, 2011/12
Main Round: 2007/08, 2008/09
Group Phase: 1998/99, 1999/00, 2012/13
Qualification: 2013/14

Other:

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2013/14, quarter-final 1996/97, Last 16 1993/94, 1994/95
Cup Winners' Cup: quarter-final 2001/02

French league: 14 titles (1995, 1998-2000, 2002-2006, 2008-2012)
French cup: 10 titles

POT 4



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: Lime
Player short: White
Goalkeeper shirt: Blue

Dark

Player shirt: Red
Player short: White
Goalkeeper shirt: Black

Aalborg Handball (DEN)

It is hard to believe that a team can make it to the Last 16 without winning a single game at home – but Aalborg did exactly this.

With a hard-fought 23:23 draw against Kadetten Schaffhausen being the only 'prey' at the Gigantium Hall, the Danish side heavily relied on strong away performances which they had shown early in the competition with wins at Dunkerque (21:26) and at Zaporozhye (25:28).

However, with six points after nine matches on their account, they needed at least a draw at MOL-Pick Szeged to progress to the Last 16 – and a draw was what they got.

The game was another great performance of the two Norwegians, Harvard Tvedten and Sander Sagosen, who have been the key players in Aalborg's campaign, scoring 41 and 39 goals in the group phase respectively.

GROUP D Final Table:

1. KS Vive Tauron Kielce	10	10	0	0	312:271 (41)	20
2. MOL-Pick Szeged	10	6	1	3	276:264 (12)	13
3. Dunkerque HB G. Littoral	10	4	0	6	257:263 (-6)	8
4. Aalborg Handball	10	2	3	5	256:269 (-13)	7
5. HC Motor Zaporozhye	10	3	0	7	283:284 (-1)	6
6. Kadetten Schaffhausen	10	2	2	6	264:297 (-33)	6

Group Phase results:

(W - win, D - draw, L - loss)

@ Dunkerque HB G. Littoral W26:21 (13:13)
vs Kadetten Schaffhausen D23:23 (11:8)
vs MOL-Pick Szeged L25:28 (11:15)
@ HC Motor Zaporozhye W28:25 (13:13)
vs KS Vive Tauron Kielce L25:27 (12:13)
@ KS Vive Tauron Kielce W33:26 (18:15)
vs Dunkerque HB G. Littoral L25:28 (13:15)
@ Kadetten Schaffhausen D25:25 (14:9)
vs HC Motor Zaporozhye L30:36 (16:16)
@ MOL-Pick Szeged D23:23 (10:10)

Top scorers:

1. Havard Tvedten (NOR)	41
2. Sander Sagosen (NOR)	39
3. Emil Berggren (SWE)	34
4. Christian Jensen (DEN)	28
5. Niclas Barud (SWE)	26

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2014/15 season): 3
Last 16 (1): 2013/14
Group Phase (1): 2010/11

Other

Danish league: 2010, 2013
Danish cup: - (2012 Supercup winner)

Potential head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Last 16 teams in the EC

A1-B4

THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 4-1-3 (229:226) 9:7

18.04.1998	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Final	25:23 (12:9)
22.04.1998	THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, EHF Cup – Final	26:21 (16:9)
28.10.2001	THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, European Championship for Club Teams – Place 3/4	33:31 (17:14)
28.02.2006	THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter Final	28:32 (13:12)
04.03.2006	SG Flensburg Handewitt vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter Final	32:34 (16:17)
22.04.2007	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Final	28:28 (10:12)
29.04.2007	THW Kiel vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Final	29:27 (15:10)
01.06.2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League FINAL4 – Final	30:28 (14:16)

A1-C4

THW Kiel vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB 5-0-1 (170:148) 10:2

31.10.1999	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	19:23 (8:12)
28.11.1999	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	24:18 (12:6)
29.09.2007	Montpellier HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:34 (12:20)
15.11.2007	THW Kiel vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	32:24 (18:14)
09.10.2011	THW Kiel vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	23:24 (14:10)
04.12.2011	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs THW Kiel, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	31:34 (17:16)

A1-D4

THW Kiel vs Aalborg Handball 1-1-0 (62:55) 3:1

14.02.2004	THW Kiel vs AaB Handbold Aalborg, EHF Cup – Quarter Final	30:23 (12:8)
22.02.2004	AaB Handbold Aalborg vs THW Kiel, EHF Cup – Quarter Final	32:32 (15:16)

B1-A4

FC Barcelona vs Naturhouse La Rioja

No previous encounters

B1-C4

FC Barcelona vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB 3-1-2 (167:143) 7:5

11.11.2000	Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	25:25 (11:13)
10.12.2000	FC Barcelona vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	24:17 (13:8)
03.12.2006	Montpellier HB vs FC Barcelona-Cifec, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	28:25 (13:10)
09.12.2006	FC Barcelona-Cifec vs Montpellier HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	29:23 (15:9)
18.03.2012	Montpellier Agglomeration HB vs FC Barcelona Intersport, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	30:28 (17:11)
25.03.2012	FC Barcelona Intersport vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	36:20 (17:8)

B1-D4

FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball 2-0-0 (60:42) 4:0

23.03.2014	Aalborg Handball vs FC Barcelona, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	22:29 (13:15)
29.03.2014	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball, VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16	31:20 (16:11)

Potential head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Last 16 teams in the EC

C1-A4

MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Naturhouse La Rioja

No previous encounters

C1-B4

MKB-MVM Veszprém vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt 1-0-3 (100:113) 2:6

24.02.2001	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs Fotex KC Veszprém, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter Final	31:22 (13:12)
03.03.2001	Fotex KC Veszprém vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter Final	20:22 (9:10)
05.10.2008	MKB Veszprém KC vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group F	29:28 (14:14)
16.11.2008	SG Flensburg-Handewitt vs MKB Veszprém KC, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group F	32:29 (15:15)

C1-D4

MKB-MVM Veszprém vs Aalborg Handball

No previous encounters

D1-A4

KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs Naturhouse La Rioja

No previous encounters

D1-B4

KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs SG Flensburg-Handewitt

No previous encounters

D1-C4

KS Vive Tauron Kielce vs Montpellier Agglomeration HB

No previous encounters

A2-B3

Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Orlen Wisla Plock

No previous encounters

A2-C3

Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen

No previous encounters

A2-D3

Paris Saint-Germain Handball vs Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral

No previous encounters

B2-A3

KIF Kolding København vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 1-0-3 (96:105) 2:6

11.04.1992	RK Zagreb vs Kolding IF, Champions Cup – Semi Final	26:17 (14:7)
20.04.1992	Kolding IF vs RK Zagreb, Champions Cup – Semi Final	26:20 (10:8)
18.01.1995	Kolding IF vs Badel Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:36 (14:18)
16.03.1995	Badel Zagreb vs Kolding IF, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	23:22 (9:12)

B2-C3

KIF Kolding København vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 1-0-1 (50:51) 2:2

24.02.2013	KIF Kolding vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, EHF Cup – Group B	25:23 (13:11)
10.03.2013	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs KIF Kolding, EHF Cup – Group B	28:25 (16:10)

B2-D3

KIF Kolding København vs Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral 2-0-0 (46:42) 4:0

13.10.2013	Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral vs KIF Kolding København, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	18:20 (7:12)
23.02.2014	KIF Kolding København vs Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (15:15)

Potential head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Last 16 teams in the EC

C2-A3

HC Vardar vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 1-1-4 (153:175)

10.11.2002	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs RK Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	25:28 (13:11)
08.12.2002	RK Zagreb vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	30:25 (17:9)
03.04.2005	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje vs RK Zagreb, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi Final	23:21 (10:11)
10.04.2005	RK Zagreb vs Vardar Vatrost. Skopje, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi Final	34:26 (16:11)
07.10.2007	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs HC Vardar PRO – Skopje, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	28:28 (10:16)
10.11.2007	HC Vardar PRO – Skopje vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C	26:34 (12:16)

C2-B3

HC Vardar vs Orlen Wisla Plock

No previous encounters

C2-D3

HC Vardar vs Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral

No previous encounters

D2-A3

MOL-Pick Szeged vs HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb 2-2-4 (211:222) 6:10

23.11.1996	Pick Szeged vs Badel 1862 Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	22:22 (12:13)
18.01.1997	Badel 1862 Zagreb vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B	29:29 (17:13)
08.11.2003	SC Pick Szeged vs RK Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group E	27:26 (15:12)
30.11.2003	RK Zagreb vs SC Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group E	26:25 (15:13)
18.10.2008	Pick Szeged vs HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	30:36 (14:15)
22.11.2008	HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	29:25 (14:14)
29.09.2012	HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	30:27 (15:8)
01.12.2012	Pick Szeged vs HC Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group D	26:24 (16:10)

D2-B3

MOL-Pick Szeged vs Orlen Wisla Plock 2-0-0 (52:33) 4:0

05.10.2008	Wisla Plock SA vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	16:26 (8:14)
15.11.2008	Pick Szeged vs Wisla Plock SA, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	26:17 (15:8)

D2-C3

MOL-Pick Szeged vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen 0-0-2 (52:63) 0:4

12.10.2008	Pick Szeged vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	24:28 (17:13)
09.11.2008	Rhein-Neckar Löwen vs Pick Szeged, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group H	35:28 (15:13)

Current top scorers 2014/15

1	Kiril Lazarov (MKD)	FC Barcelona (ESP)	76
2	Timur Dibirov (RUS)	HC Vardar (MKD)	69
3	Momir Ilic (SRB)	MKB-MVM Veszprém (HUN)	67
4	Alexander Dereven (RUS)	Chekhovskie Medvedi (RUS)	62
	Dragan Gajic (SLO)	Montpellier Agglomération HB (FRA)	62
6	Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	Paris Saint-Germain Handball (FRA)	61
7	Bo Dybdal Spellerberg (DEN)	KIF Kolding København (DEN)	59
	Dmitry Zhitnikov (RUS)	Chekhovskie Medvedi (RUS)	59
9	Manuel Liniger (SUI)	Kadetten Schaffhausen (SUI)	57
	Thomas Mogensen (DEN)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	57
11	Zsolt Balogh (HUN)	MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)	56
	Karol Bielecki (POL)	KS Vive Tauron Kielce (POL)	56
13	Sergiy Onufryenko (UKR)	HC Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)	55
14	Miha Zarabec (SLO)	RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko (SLO)	54
15	Igor Karacic (CRO)	HC Vardar (MKD)	52
16	Sergii Burka (UKR)	HC Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)	51
17	Rastko Stojkovic (SRB)	HC Meshkov Brest (BLR)	49
18	Dean Bombac (SLO)	MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)	48
	Holger Glandorf (GER)	SG Flensburg-Handewitt (GER)	48
	Zlatko Horvat (CRO)	HC Prvo plinarsko drustvo Zagreb (CRO)	48

Bold text indicates players of teams still in the competition.

EHF Champions League Past Winners

2014	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	(GER)
2013	HSV Hamburg	(GER)
2012	THW Kiel	(GER)
2011	FC Barcelona Borges	(ESP)
2010	THW Kiel	(GER)
2009	BM Ciudad Real	(ESP)
2008	BM Ciudad Real	(ESP)
2007	THW Kiel	(GER)
2006	BM Ciudad Real	(ESP)
2005	FC Barcelona-Cifec	(ESP)
2004	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	(SLO)
2003	Montpellier HB	(FRA)
2002	SC Magdeburg	(GER)
2001	Portland San Antonio	(ESP)
2000	FC Barcelona	(ESP)
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1996	FC Barcelona	(ESP)
1995	Elgorriaga Bidasoa	(ESP)
1994	TEKA Santander	(ESP)

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