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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

Three exhilarating rounds until we wave goodbye to 2024!

The Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25 resumes on Wednesday 20 November after a three-week international break, with all to play for in both groups.

Round 8 sees the return matches from round 7, which delivered plenty of drama. HBC Nantes drew with Barça to break the defending champions' winning streak, and the Spanish club will want to return to their victorious ways at the Palau Blaugrana on Thursday 21 November.

The last round was memorable for HC Eurofarm Pelister, who earned their first win in 25 EHF Champions League games. Pelister will take that confidence to their home game against Fredericia Håndbold Klub, who won their first game themselves in round 6 when they beat Orlen Wisla Plock. The Danish side will travel to Poland in round 9 in a bid to repeat the feat.

Fans have witnessed some impressive wins in the first seven rounds of the competition – not least Dinamo Bucuresti's 38:31 victory over Füchse Berlin in the last round. That put Dinamo within touching distance of the top two in their group. Round 10's game between Bucuresti and Paris Saint-Germain, currently second, will be key.

Sporting CP started the season strongly but suffered defeats to Dinamo and to PSG in the last two games. They restart with a crucial home match against Paris, where a win will keep them very much in the running.

Group A is currently led by Veszprém, with 12 points and a superior goal difference to PSG. Having beaten Plock, Pelister and Fredericia in the last three rounds, the Hungarian champions should be confident of adding a further six points to their tally in the upcoming games.

Pelister and Plock's game in round 10 is also one to keep an eye on as the two battle for the last play-offs spot. Fredericia, who like Plock start round 8 with two points, also remain in contention.

In group B, just four points separate second-placed Nantes from seventh-placed SC Magdeburg and the upcoming rounds will help clarify the situation ahead of the end of the group phase. Rounds 8 and 9, where the middle of the pack – OTP Bank-PICK Szeged, Aalborg Håndbold, Industria Kielce and Kolstad Håndbold – all meet once more, will be absolutely critical. Kolstad and Szeged came out with one-goal home wins against Aalborg and Kielce respectively in round 7, while round 6 saw away victories for the two Scandinavian sides.

Meanwhile 2023 champions Magdeburg have a real fight on their hands in the coming weeks as they seek to stay in the competition – a task that is looking challenging right now.

With all the excitement on the horizon, enjoy the last rounds of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League in a record-breaking 2024!

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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Estimats amics i amigues de l'handbol,

Queden tres apassionants jornades abans de dir adeu al 2024!

La Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25 es reprèn el dimecres 20 de novembre després d'una pausa internacional de tres setmanes, amb tot per decidir en ambdós grups.

La jornada 8 presenta els partits de tornada de la jornada 7, que va oferir molta emoció. L'HBC Nantes va empatar amb el Barça i es va trencar així la ratxa guanyadora dels campions defensors, i el club català voldrà tornar al camí de la victòria al Palau Blaugrana el dijous 21 de novembre.

La darrera jornada va ser memorable per a l'HC Eurofarm Pelister, que va aconseguir la seva primera victòria en 25 partits de la Champions League de l'EHF. El Pelister afrontarà amb confiança el seu partit a casa contra el Fredericia Håndbold Klub, que també va aconseguir la seva primera victòria a la jornada 6 en guanyar l'Orlen Wisla Plock. L'equip danès viatjarà a Polònia en la jornada 9 amb la intenció de repetir la gesta.

L'afició ha presenciat victòries impressionants en les primeres set jornades de la competició, com ara el triomf per 38-31 del Dinamo de Bucarest sobre el Fühse Berlín en la darrera jornada. Això ha situat el Dinamo a prop dels dos primers llocs del seu grup. El partit de la jornada 10 entre el Bucarest i el París Saint-Germain, actualment segon, serà clau.

L'Sporting CP va començar la temporada amb força, però ha patit derrotes contra el Dinamo i el PSG en els dos darrers partits. Ara es preparen per a un partit crucial a casa contra el París, on una victòria els mantindrà molt vius en la competició.

El grup A està liderat actualment pel Veszprém, amb 12 punts i una diferència de gols superior a la del PSG. Després de vèncer el Plock, el Pelister i el Fredericia en les tres darreres jornades, els campions hongaresos confien a sumar sis punts més en els pròxims partits.

El partit entre el Pelister i el Plock a la jornada 10 també serà interessant, ja que ambdós equips lluiten per l'últim lloc de play-off. El Fredericia, que igual que el Plock comença la jornada 8 amb dos punts, també es manté en la lluita.

Al grup B, només quatre punts separen el segon classificat, el Nantes, del setè, l'SC Magdeburg, i les pròximes jornades ajudaran a clarificar la situació de cara al final de la fase de grups. Les jornades 8 i 9, on es troben els equips de la part mitjana de la taula –OTP Bank-PICK Szeged, Aalborg Håndbold, Industria Kielce i Kolstad Håndbold– seran absolutament crítiques. El Kolstad i el Szeged van guanyar a casa per un sol gol contra l'Aalborg i el Kielce respectivament en la jornada 7, mentre que la jornada 6 va veure victòries fora de casa per als dos equips escandinaus.

Mentrestant, el campió del 2023, el Magdeburg, té per davant un repte important les pròximes setmanes per seguir a la competició, una tasca que es presenta complicada en aquests moments.

Amb tota l'emoció que ens espera, gaudiu de les darreres jornades de la Machineseeker EHF Champions League en un 2024 que bat rècords!

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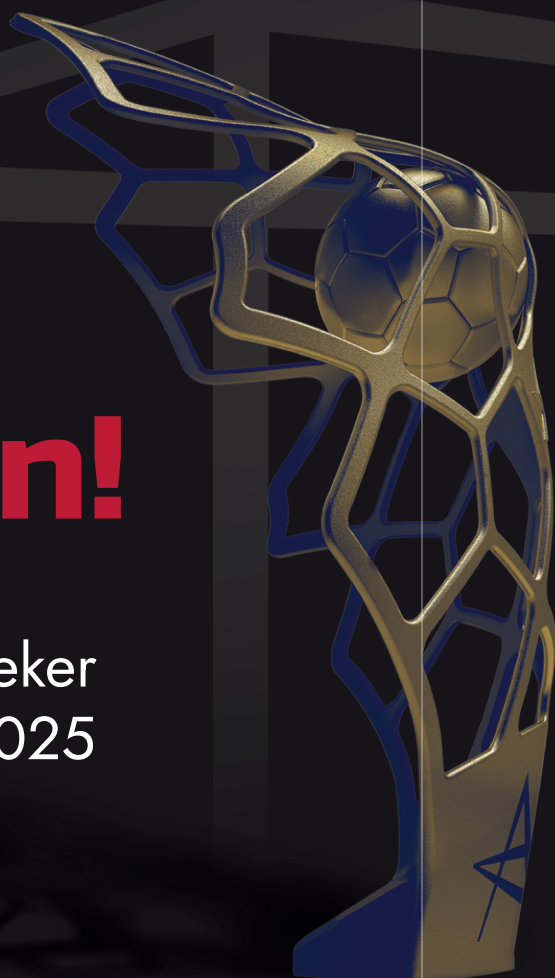


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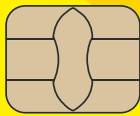


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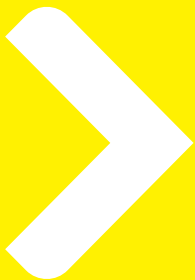
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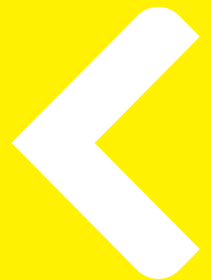
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1 **GONZALO PÉREZ DE VARGAS**
GOALKEEPER

10/01/1991
188 cm
86 Kg



9 **CARLSBOGARD**
LEFT BACK

19/04/1995
195 cm
96 Kg



10 **DIKA MEM**
RIGHT BACK

31/08/1997
194 cm
103 Kg



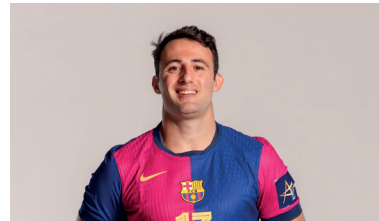
11 **JAIME GALLEGO MURO**
LINE PLAYER

10/12/2001
199 cm
116kg



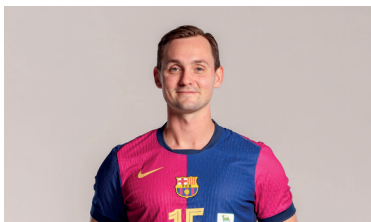
12 **EMIL NIELSEN**
GOALKEEPER

10/05/1997
185 cm
125kg



13 **AITOR ARIÑO**
LEFT WING

05/10/1992
184 cm
86 Kg



15 **WANE**
WINGER

10/12/1993
185 cm
84 Kg



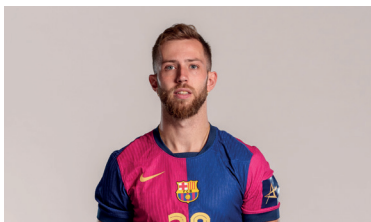
18 **BLAZ JANC**
RIGHT WING

20/11/1996
185 cm
85 Kg



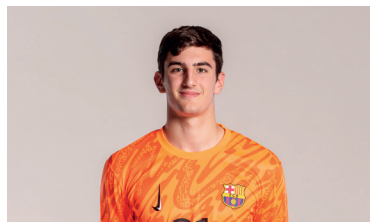
19 **TIMOTHEY N'GUESSAN**
LEFT BACK

18/09/1992
195 cm
109 Kg



20 **ALEIX GÓMEZ**
RIGHT WING

07/05/1997
183 cm
81 Kg



21 **FILIP SARIC**
GOALKEEPER

08/10/2004
195 cm
75 Kg



22 **THIAGUS PETRUS**
FIELD PLAYER

25/01/1989
199 cm
107 Kg



66 MELVYN RICHARDSON
RIGHT BACK

31/01/1997
190 cm
89 Kg



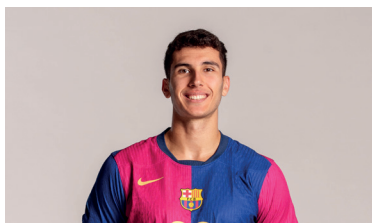
82 LUIS FRAIDE
LINE PLAYER

11/09/1998
193 cm
121 Kg



88 PETAR CIKUSA JELICIC
CENTRE BACK

08/12/2005
185 cm
75 Kg



99 JAVIER RODRÍGUEZ
LINE PLAYER

22/07/2002
200 cm
107 Kg



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COACH

14/07/1971



HBC NANTES

Coach: **Gregory Cojean**

PLAYER	AGE	POSITION	HEIGHT
30 BIOSCA GARCÍA, IGNACIO	29	Goalkeeper	200 cm
16 GRENAPIN, LEO	19	Goalkeeper	188 cm
1 PESIC, IVAN	35	Goalkeeper	194 cm
12 RAMBAUD, SIRIUS	18	Goalkeeper	196 cm
8 ABDI, AYOUB	27	Right Back	197 cm
9 AVELANGE DEMOUGE, THÉO	28	Right Wing	183 cm
25 BERRIAU, JULES	19	Right Back	188 cm
6 BONNEFOND, BAPTISTE	31	Left Back	193 cm
13 BOS, JULIEN	26	Right Back	188 cm
3 BRIET, THIBAUD	24	Left Back	205 cm
14 DE LA BRETECHE, LUCAS	22	Centre Back	193 cm
26 FAVRIL, PIERRE-ALEXIS	20	Left Wing	187 cm
15 GABER, MATEJ	33	Line Player	198 cm
27 GNANHOUAN, ELOI	21	Left Back	194 cm
23 GOHIER, EDGAR	19	Right Wing	183 cm
21 LOBGEAIS, MATHYS	19	Line Player	195 cm
2 MILOSAVLJEVIC, MARKO	26	Left Back	201 cm
4 MINNE, AYMERIC	27	Centre Back	186 cm
20 NASSEQUELA, SALOMON	20	Right Back	183 cm
17 NOAM, LEOPOLD	22	Left Wing	181 cm
19 ODRIEZOLA YEREGUI, KAULDI	27	Right Wing	183 cm
10 OVNICEK, ROK	29	Centre Back	185 cm
24 PEYRABOUT, YONI	18	Left Wing	195 cm
7 RIVERA FOLCH, VALERO	39	Left Wing	185 cm
11 TOURNAT, NICOLAS	30	Line Player	200 cm
28 WENKEGHEU TCHAMBOU MOUKO, ANDRÉ	20	Line Player	197 cm
5 YOSHIDA, SHUICHI	23	Line Player	193 cm



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