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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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Benvolguts amics de l'handbol,

16 equips d'elit estan preparats per a una captivadora temporada de la Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

Tot i que els records encara són recents de la 11al'onzena victòria rècord del Barça a la EHF Champions League fa només uns mesos, la nova temporada ja està llesta per començar. Un total de 16 equips d'elit de tot el continent estan preparats per iniciar una altra apassionant cursa pel trofeu més preuat de l'handbol masculí de clubs. Benvinguts a la Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

El Barça va tornar al tron guanyant la TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 a Colònia el passat juny passat, derrotant l'Aalborg Håndbold en una final d'alt nivell que va concloure una altra temporada captivadora de la competició d'elit europea.

Tant el Barça com l'Aalborg tornen a la graella de sortida per a la campanya 2024/25, i els aficionats no hauran d'esperar gaire per veure'ls enfrontar-se de nou, ja que els finalistes de la temporada passada ja es veuran les cares a la fase de grups de la nova temporada, ja que tots dos han estat sortejats al grup B.

La mateixa secció de la competició inclou diversos equips més que han jugat finals de la EHF Champions League en el passat, especialment els guanyadors en dues ocasions, el l'SC Magdeburg, que van aixecar el trofeu el 2023, i els campions del 2016, l'Industria Kielce.

Amb l'HC Zagreb i l'HBC Nantes, el grup compta amb dos finalistes més anteriors, mentre que l'experimentat OTP Bank - PICK Szeged i l'ambiciós Kolstad Håndbold completen una alineació forta en aquesta meitat de la competició.

A l'altre costat, al grup A, la cursa per les places de play-off i quarts de final serà igualment intensa, amb vuit equips que formen una secció ben equilibrada. El Veszprém HC i el París Saint-Germain Handball són dos contendents perpetus pel trofeu, que esperen que la temporada 2024/25 sigui finalment la del seu èxit definitiu.

Novament, l'Orlen Wisla Plock i l'HC Eurofarm Pelister seran obstacles difícils de superar per a qualsevol equip, mentre que un trio que ha fet estralls a la EHF European League en els darrers anys ara té l'objectiu de fer el mateix al màxim nivell europeu: el Fűchse Berlín, l'Sporting CP i el Dinamo de Bucaresturesti.

El grup A també inclou l'únic debutant de la EHF Champions League d'aquesta temporada, ja que l'equip danès del Fredericia Håndbold Klub estarà ansiós per fer que els seus primers passos al màxim nivell continental siguin inoblidables.

Tot està preparat per a una altra temporada apassionant, amb els aficionats de l'handbol d'arreu del món seguint els seus equips i jugadors preferits durant els partits de la fase de grups, que tradicionalment es juguen els dimecres i dijous al vespre.

Gaudiu de la Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25!

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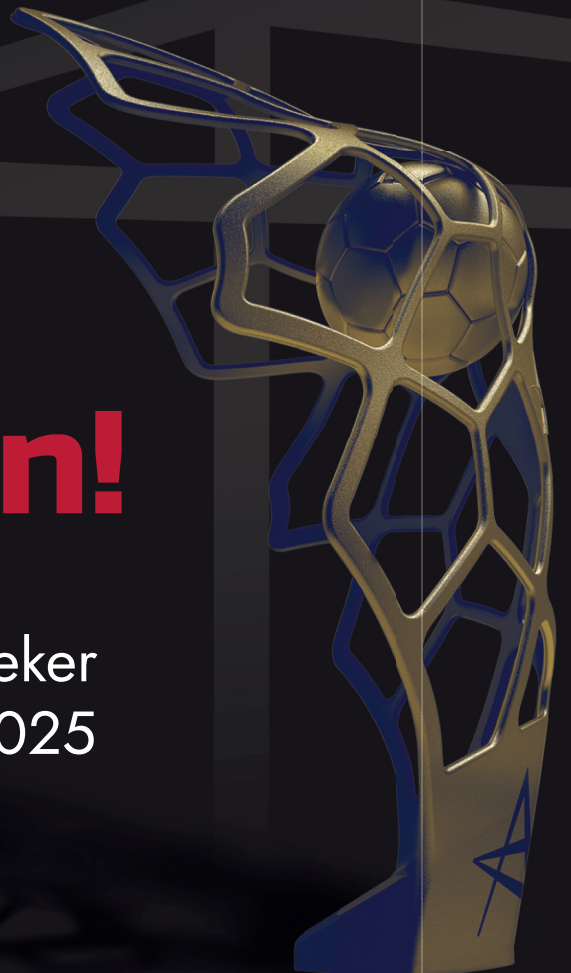


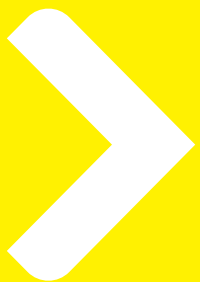
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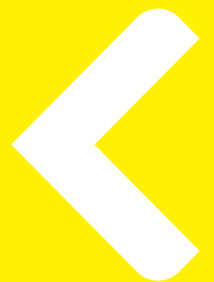
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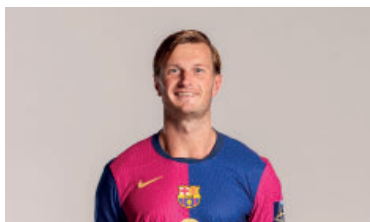


BARÇA



1 **GONZALO PÉREZ DE VARGAS**
GOALKEEPER

10/01/1991
188 cm
86 Kg



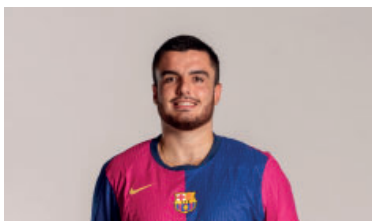
9 **CARLSBOGARD**
LEFT BACK

19/04/1995
195 cm
96 Kg



10 **DIKA MEM**
RIGHT BACK

31/08/1997
194 cm
103 Kg



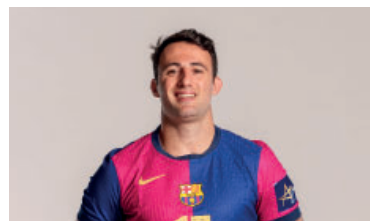
11 **JAIME GALLEGO MURO**
LINE PLAYER

10/12/2001
199 cm
116kg



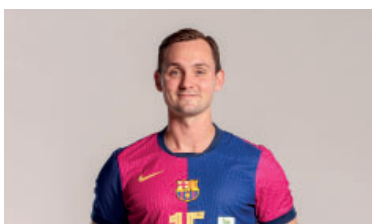
12 **EMIL NIELSEN**
GOALKEEPER

10/05/1997
185 cm
125kg



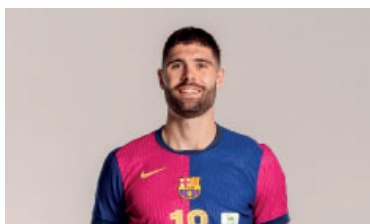
13 **AITOR ARIÑO**
LEFT WING

05/10/1992
184 cm
86 Kg



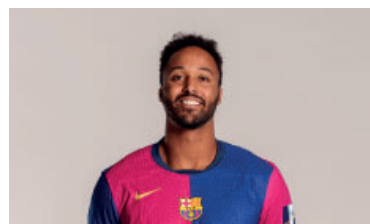
15 **WANE**
WINGER

10/12/1993
185 cm
84 Kg



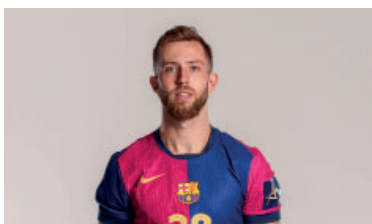
18 **BLAZ JANC**
RIGHT WING

20/11/1996
185 cm
85 Kg



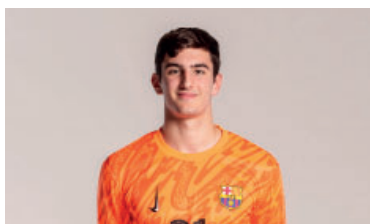
19 **TIMOTHEY N'GUESSAN**
LEFT BACK

18/09/1992
195 cm
109 Kg



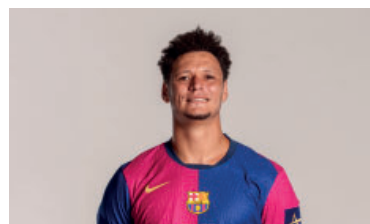
20 **ALEIX GÓMEZ**
RIGHT WING

07/05/1997
183 cm
81 Kg



21 **FILIP SARIC**
GOALKEEPER

08/10/2004
195 cm
75 Kg



22 **THIAGUS PETRUS**
FIELD PLAYER

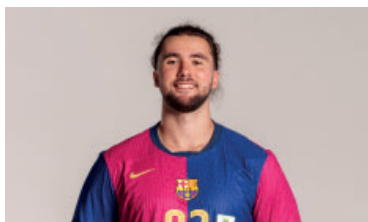
25/01/1989
199 cm
107 Kg

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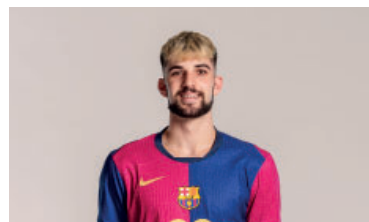
66 MELVYN RICHARDSON
RIGHT BACK

31/01/1997
190 cm
89 Kg



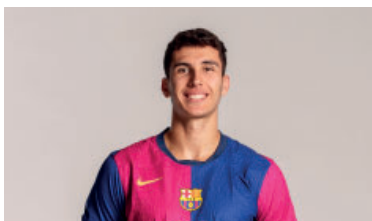
82 LUIS FRAIDE
LINE PLAYER

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



MOL PICK SZEGED

Coach: Michael Apelgren

PLAYER	AGE	POSITION	HEIGHT
95 KONGZ, GYÖRGY	18	Goalkeeper	199 cm
16 MIKLER, ROLAND	39	Goalkeeper	192 cm
19 NAGY, MARTIN	25	Goalkeeper	204 cm
12 THULIN, TOBIAS ALEXANDER GUSTAV	29	Goalkeeper	198 cm
46 BBALOGH, DÁNIEL	18	Left Back	206 cm
27 BÁNHIDI, BENCE	29	Line Player	207 cm
9 BODÓ, RICHÁRD	31	Left Back	203 cm
20 BOGOJEVIC, WILLIAM	27	Left Back	194 cm
25 FRIMMEL, SEBASTIAN	28	Left Wing	190 cm
23 FURKA, MÁRTON	18	Line Player	197 cm
41 GARCÍANDIA ALUSTIZA, IMANOL	29	Right Back	203 cm
18 JELINIC, MARIN	27	Left Wing	194 cm
30 KALARASH, GLEB	33	Line Player	205 cm
21 KUGSERA, MÁTÉ	18	Right Wing	190 cm
34 KUKIC, LAZAR	28	Centre Back	188 cm
71 LUKÁCS, KORNÉL	18	Centre Back	191 cm
51 MACKOVSEK, BORUT	32	Left Back	203 cm
35 REA, BARNABÁS	21	Centre Back	182 cm
77 RØD, MAGNUS ABELVIK	27	Right Back	204 cm
3 SMARASON, JANUS DADI	29	Centre Back	184 cm
24 SOSTARIC, MARIO	31	Right Wing	193 cm
4 SZEPESI, ZSOMBOR	20	Left Wing	192 cm
93 SZILÁGYI, BENJÁMIN	21	Right Wing	189 cm
94 SZUCS, BALÁZS	19	Right Wing	186 cm
31 TOTO, JÉRÉMY	32	Line Player	197 cm
26 VINCZE, PÉTER	18	Left Back	193 cm



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