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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 Fühse 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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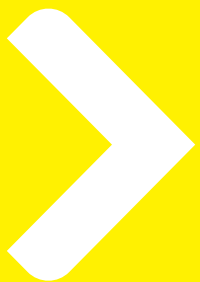
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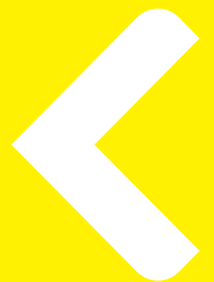
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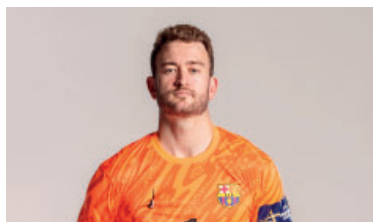
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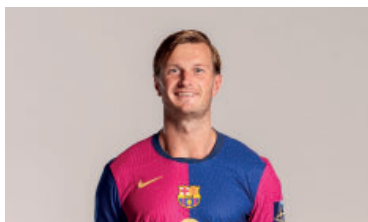
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1 GONZALO PÉREZ DE VARGAS
GOALKEEPER

10/01/1991
188 cm
86 Kg



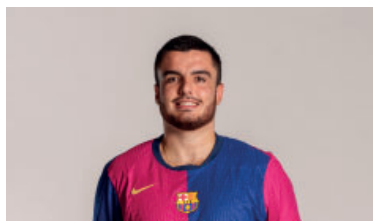
9 CARLSBOGARD
LEFT BACK

19/04/1995
195 cm
96 Kg



10 DIKA MEM
RIGHT BACK

31/08/1997
194 cm
103 Kg



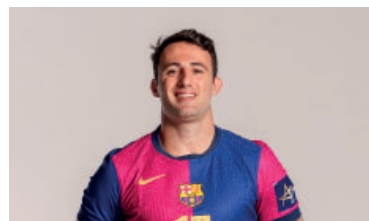
11 JAIME GALLEGO MURO
LINE PLAYER

10/12/2001
199 cm
116kg



12 EMIL NIELSEN
GOALKEEPER

10/05/1997
185 cm
125kg



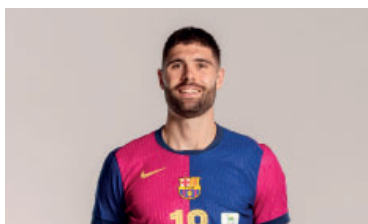
13 AITOR ARIÑO
LEFT WING

05/10/1992
184 cm
86 Kg



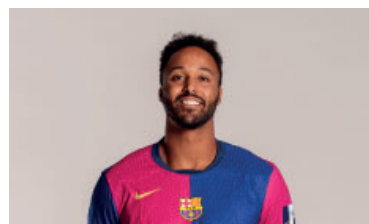
15 WANE
WINGER

10/12/1993
185 cm
84 Kg



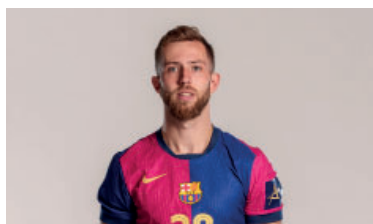
18 BLAZ JANC
RIGHT WING

20/11/1996
185 cm
85 Kg



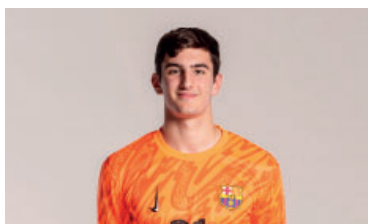
19 TIMOTHEY N'GUESSAN
LEFT BACK

18/09/1992
195 cm
109 Kg



20 ALEIX GÓMEZ
RIGHT WING

07/05/1997
183 cm
81 Kg



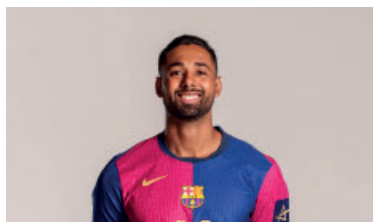
21 FILIP SARIC
GOALKEEPER

08/10/2004
195 cm
75 Kg



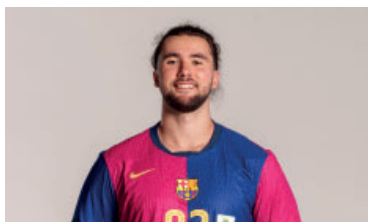
22 THIAGUS PETRUS
FIELD PLAYER

25/01/1989
199 cm
107 Kg



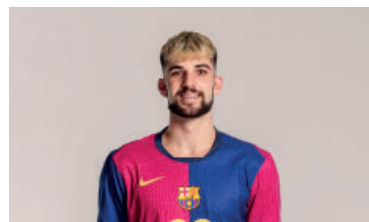
66 MELVYN RICHARDSON
RIGHT BACK

31/01/1997
190 cm
89 Kg



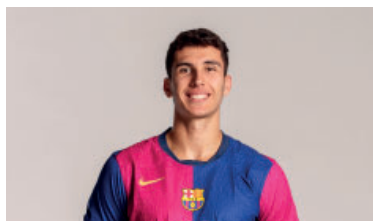
82 LUIS FRAIDE
LINE PLAYER

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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14/07/1971



SC MAGDEBURG

Coach: Bennet Wiegert

PLAYER	AGE	POSITION	HEIGHT
1 HERNANDEZ FERRER, SERGEY	29	Goalkeeper	198 cm
80 PORTNER, NIKOLA	30	Goalkeeper	194 cm
31 STIEGLITZ, OSKAR	17	Goalkeeper	190 cm
54 BERGENDAHL, OSCAR	29	Line Player	192 cm
55 BIALAS, SEBASTIAN	19	Centre Back	185 cm
7 CLAAR, FELIX	27	Centre Back	192 cm
34 DAMGAARD NIELSEN, MICHAEL	34	Left Back	192 cm
38 DRACHAU, JULIUS	20	Left Back	190 cm
18 HEIN, LEON	21	Line Player	190 cm
17 HORNKE, TIM	34	Right Wing	188 cm
23 JENSEN, MAGNUS SAUGSTRUP	28	Line Player	195 cm
10 KRISTJANSSON, GISLI THORGEIR	25	Centre Back	191 cm
21 LAGERGREN, ALBIN	32	Right Back	186 cm
5 LANGE, PABLO	19	Left Wing	190 cm
2 LIEHR, JOSIAS	21	Right Back	187 cm
14 MAGNUSSON, ÓMAR INGI	27	Right Back	186 cm
22 MERTENS, LUKAS	28	Left Wing	182 cm
6 MUSCHE, MATTHIAS	32	Left Wing	187 cm
24 O'SULLIVAN, CHRISTIAN	33	Centre Back	190 cm
3 PERSSON, ISAK	23	Right Wing	190 cm
11 PETTERSSON, DANIEL	32	Right Wing	179 cm
49 SCHÖBE, LEANDER	18	Right Wing	187 cm
15 SERPADILLA CUENCA, ANTONIO	25	Left Back	198 cm
20 WEBER, PHILIPP	32	Left Back	194 cm
9 ZECHEL, TIM	28	Line Player	196 cm
8 ZEHNDER, MANUEL	24	Centre Back	190 cm



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