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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

The fight for glory starts with 32 teams

Three German teams and one Portuguese club have lifted the EHF European League trophy since the competition's launch in 2020 and each edition has brought even more action than the one before. Fans have always been at the heart of handball and with their support, the EHF European League is ready to claim back Tuesday nights, as the countdown to the group matches has reached its end.

Last season culminated with the thrilling EHF Finals Men 2024 in Barclays Arena, Hamburg, where Flensburg proved to be the toughest out of the 32 teams that took the start in the competition. The fans stayed close to the action with the help of the extended TV coverage, the live streaming on EHFTV and the exclusive sneak-peeks on our social media channels.

For the second year in a row, the group matches features 32 teams distributed in eight groups, with the matches starting in October 2024. Only half of the participants will progress to the EHF European League main round, which starts in February 2025. The strongest teams will continue the route to the trophy through the play-offs, the quarter-finals and, ultimately, the EHF Finals Men 2025 on 24/25 May.

After an intense qualification round that concluded at the beginning of September, 10 teams filled in the remaining spots in the groups and are now ready to fight among the best. Some of the notable teams that take the start in the 2024/25 season are THW Kiel, the EHF FINAL4 2024 bronze medallists, former EHF Champions League winners Montpellier Handball and defending champions Flensburg. With top teams taking the main stage in the EHF European League Men, hard work and dedication will make a difference on the path to success, and our seasonal campaign slogan illustrates this: ALL IN – Greatness is earned.

We look forward to another thrilling season in the EHF European League Men!

Enjoy the matches!

Yours in sport,

Michael Wiederer
EHF President

Foreword GOG

Statements of Head Coach, Kasper Christensen, about the EHF European League season:

First of all *we want* to move on from the group stage. From there anything can happen. *We are* a club with big ambitions and our dream is final 4.

GOG has great traditions in Europe and *we look forward* to once again having the possibility to show ourselves in Europe. In addition, the European matches give us important experience for our young talents, and give us as a team many matches on a high level.

Statements of Captain, Nicolai Pedersen, about the EHF European League season:

It's a special season for me and the team because *we've* completely changed the core of the team. There are only a few players left from the first season, so our main focus as a group is to build a *new* team and create synergy so that *we can* make the most of everyone's strengths. Personally, *I want* to improve my game and contribute as much as I can to the team. *I'm* really motivated to do that.

I wouldn't say there's one specific match *I'm* looking forward to the most. It's *always* a privilege to play European games and test ourselves against other strong teams that *we don't* face regularly in our domestic league. *I'm* most excited to see how *we* perform as a team *when we're* in a tight situation and playing for a win. *We're* optimistic as a team and believe *we can* go far in the tournament and play beautiful, fast handball.

We have new coach Kasper Christensen (former coach of Ikast Handball) for the season and some *new* players, so *we use* a lot of time on implementing the *new* things and learn each other, so *we are* ready for the *new* season. *We want* to play fast and watchable handball for the upcoming season.



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2. William Dalby Enoch
3. Nicolai Nygaard Pedersen
4. Kasper Teglgaard Pedersen
5. Jacob Dalager
7. Lasse Sunesen Vilhelmsen
8. Frederik Tilsted
9. Henrik Jakobsen
10. Frederik Emil Pedersen
11. Kasper Dahl Jacobsen
12. Peter Johannesson
13. Andreas Johann Nielsen
14. Simon Humlegaard
15. Tobias Schjølberg Grøndahl
16. Oliver Briese Havregaard Nielsen
19. Oskar Vind Rasmussen
21. Kasper Emil Kildelund
22. Hjalte Langmach
23. Joachim Lyng Als
27. Oskar Møller Jakobsen
28. Emil Oxenvad Tonnesen
29. Hjalte Lykke
37. Linus Niclas Persson
64. Salah Boutaf
66. Anton Lindskog
77. Magnus Árason
71. Alexnadre Christoffersen Blonz
78. Aksel Kaj Larsen

RK GORENJE

VELENJE

1. Matevs Skok
9. Tarik Velic
10. Urban Pipp
11. Vlado Matanovic
12. Luka Sandic
13. Teo Jerzernik
14. Goti Maricic
19. Zan Pajk
20. Jernej Drobez
21. Tine Poklar
22. Nande Starman
23. Malik Tatar
24. Tilen Sokolic
28. Anze Blagotinsek
32. Emir Talešovic
33. Enej Slatinek Jovicic
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