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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

The race to reach Hamburg intensifies

There are few tougher assignments in handball than winning the EHF European League Men, and that is proving as true as ever in the 2024/25 season. The group matches and main round have showcased the breadth of talent across the continent, but now it is time for the knockout phase – only the elite remain in the race to the EHF Finals Men 2025 as the road to Hamburg becomes clearer.

As has become tradition since the competition's inception in 2020, all the drama will be played out in packed arenas on Tuesday nights – EHF European League night – in front of adoring fans who remain not close to the action, but part of the action. It is their unwavering, passionate support that adds so much to this handball theatre.

Last season, it was SG Flensburg-Handewitt who clinched the title at the Barclays Arena and they have given themselves a strong chance of defending the throne, as they were among one of four main round group winners who have booked themselves a place in the quarter-finals.

Before they reenter the competition, the knockout phase throws-off with the play-offs on Tuesday, 25 March. The eight teams who finished second and third in their main round groups must go the long way round on the road to Hamburg, with the four winners of the two-legged ties progressing to the quarter-finals.

If the qualification rounds, group matches and main round were not gruelling enough, the action is going to be taken up to a whole new level once the play-offs begin. The teams are only two rounds away from a place in Hamburg on 24/25 May for the EHF Finals Men 2025, but only the very strongest will make it, with determination and dedication set to be the deciding factors on the route to success. That is why the competition's campaign slogan is: ALL IN – Greatness is earned.

Get ready for all the thrilling action in the EHF European League Men play-offs!

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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GOG

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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 Schjøberg 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



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1. Tiago Ribeiro Alves
2. Miguel Sanchez–Migallon Naranjo
3. Antonio Ivo Liques
4. Christopher Hedberg
5. Gabriel Oliveira Cavalcanti
7. Stiven Tobar Valencia
11. Bêlone Ferraira De Almeida Moreira
12. Bernardo Miguel Simao de Almeida
17. Gabriel da Costa Sequeira
20. Fábio Franca Silva
22. Alexis Borges Hernández
23. Ole Rahmel
24. Ander Izquierdo Labayen
25. Edijeso Freitas Quaresma
27. Rui Miguel Pereira Baptista
28. Filip Taleski
30. Demis Cosmin Grigoras
31. Gustavo De Almeida e Sousa
32. Kristóf Laszlo Palasics
41. Gustavo Alexandre Cascao Capdeville
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