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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

It is a real privilege for me to welcome supporters, players, officials and partners to the next few rounds of the group phase in the 2023/24 season of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League, taking us up to round 10, the final one before the competition takes a break until February.

This season may still be in the early stages, but thanks to our title sponsor, Machineseeker, and our other partners, it is clear that the EHF and EHF Marketing are delivering a showpiece club competition that remains the leading indoor sports competition in Europe. I hope that all our fans have been thrilled by the Machineseeker EHF Champions League so far.

We have all been treated to some tremendous action on the court over the opening six rounds. Such is the intensity of the competition, every team has suffered at least one defeat so far. In group A, THW Kiel lead the way with five wins from six; the Zebras began brightly by winning the opening Match of the Week against HC Zagreb, and the only team to get the better of them so far are exciting newcomers Kolstad Handball. Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Aalborg Håndbold and Industria Kielce have also got off to a strong start, and though HC Eurofarm Pelister are still looking for their first points, they have been a credit to the competition so far, pushing some of the top teams close in front of their raucous home crowd.

Record-winners Barça lead the way in group B but only on goal difference, after they suffered their first loss of the campaign, against Telekom Veszprém HC, who join Barça on 10 points. Along the way, we saw a repeat of last year's semi-final at the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne, where on this occasion, Barça edged out SC Magdeburg in a thriller. The current champions are currently in a healthy position with four wins from six, as are GOG, their opponents for round 7's Match of the Week. A win in front of the MOTW cameras will be important, should they not want to be caught by those in the chasing pack, such as FC Porto and Montpellier HB, in what is proving to be a hotly-contested group.

So many teams are still in with a strong chance of going a very long way in this season's competition, and the only thing for certain is that there will be plenty of twists and turns before we reach the play-off round in March and April, let alone the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024 in Cologne in June!

After the conclusion of round 10 on 7 December 2023, the Machineseeker EHF Champions League will be on hiatus until mid-February 2024, with many players on duty for their national teams at what is sure to be a record-breaking event in Germany - EHF EURO 2024. With the world's very best players taking part in both events, it goes to show that the Machineseeker EHF Champions League and EHF EURO are truly the pinnacle of our sport at club and international level.

For the EHF and our broadcast partners, it is a pleasure to bring you the thrilling action from the Machineseeker EHF Champions League from the group phase until the Truckscout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 is played on 8/9 June 2024 at the impressive LANXESS arena in Cologne, Germany. We know that the clubs and players will continue to provide everyone with an exceptional group phase.

On behalf of the EHF and EHF Marketing, I hope that you enjoy the remaining action in 2023.

**Michael Wiederer
EHF President**

Jagten på topplaceringerne fortsætter mod Paris

Torsdag kl. 18.45 gælder det sæsonens tredje hjemmekamp i Machineseeker EHF Champions League, hvor vi efter de indledende ni runder er placeret på andenpladsen i gruppe A.

Som nogen sikkert ved, så giver netop de to øverste placeringer i gruppespillet direkte adgang til de vigtige kvartfinaler i turneringen, så det er selvsagt ekstremt vigtigt at holde sig godt til i toppen.

Puljen føres lige nu af tyske THW Kiel, som vi besejrede på udebane og var uhyre tæt på også at besejre på hjemmebane, mens polske Industria Kielce har samme antal point som os på tredjepladsen.

I seneste uge var vi på besøg i Trondheim til returkampen mod Kolstad Handball, men hvor hjemmekampen var ganske tæt og spændende, var det ingenlunde tilfældet i anden omgang.

Via en helstøbt holdindsats dominerede vi tingene fra start til slut, og med sejren på hele 29-18 blev det slået helt fast hvem der er det stærkeste hold i Skandinavien.

Samtidig glæder vi os over, at vi nu har overstået seks af syv udekampe i gruppespillet, mens der inden torsdag fortsat er fire hjemmekampe tilbage i de trygge rammer i Sparekassen Danmark Arena.

Den første af disse kommer torsdag mod de franske mestre fra Paris Saint-Germain, et storhold med en voldsom økonomi i ryggen, som man dog endnu ikke har fået omsat til en titel i Champions League.

Første opgør i Frankrig endte med et nederlag på 33-30, til trods for at vi var rigtig godt med i langt størstedelen af kampen.

Franskmændene har siden da tabt tre kampe og spillet en uafgjort, og vi vil selvfølgelig gøre alt for, at de heller ikke torsdag får sejrens sødme at smage.

Kan vi det, så er der for alvor slået et hul til flere af forfølgerne, mens vi selv får bidt os fast i toppen af puljen, hvor vi hellere end gerne vil overvinstre inden turneringen genoptages til februar.

Vi håber derfor I alle er klar til igen at give den fuld gas på tribunerne, så vi kan give holdet den bedste mulige opbakning mod et nyt, stort europæisk resultat.

Rigtig god kamp!

Med venlig Hilsen

Jan Larsen
Direktør,
Aalborg Håndbold





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Intet bygger selvtillid som en stærk hjemmebane. Der, hvor du bliver mødt med åbne arme og kærlige krav. Hvor du både lader op og slår dig løs. Med vores designnyhed Nordic Atmosphere har vi skabt de perfekte rammer for familielivet. Et køkken i et enkelt nordisk design, der inviterer til både nærvær og samvær.

De riflede fronter i mørk egetræsfirér flyder sammen i rene linjer – en smuk detalje der går igen i de eksklusive vitrineskabe. Sammen med de glatte skuffefronter i Mørk Sand skaber de en elegant og fortrolig atmosfære. Der er meget, du skal stå på mål for i livet. Nogen står ligefrem på mål for Danmark. Men her skal du bare være dig selv. Se, det er køkkenkærlighed, der holder.

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AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

DANMARK



1	Niklas Landin	16	Nikolai Kauffmann
2	Frederik Munch	17	Martin Larsen
3	Lukas Nilsson	18	Aleks Vlah
4	Patrick Wiesmach	19	Kristian Bjørnsen
5	Marcus Kløve	20	Hjalte Møller
6	Sebastian Barthold	21	Henrik Møllgaard
7	Thomas Arnoldsen	22	René Antonsen
8	Jesper Nielsen	23	Buster Juul
9	Jens Rasmussen	24	Mikkel Hansen
11	Simon Hald	25	Marinus Munk
12	Fabian Norsten	26	Daniel Haslund
13	Lukas Studsgaard	Cheftræner	Stefan Madsen
14	Mads Hoxer Hangaard	Ass. træner	Simon Dahl
15	Jack Thurin		

Paris Saint-Germain

FRANKRIG



1	Stanis Soullier	23	Dominik Mathe
2	Ruben Marchan Criado	26	Louis Perreux
3	Théo Ducap	27	Tony Mendy
6	Luc Steins	28	Yoann Gibelin
7	Sadou Ntanzi	32	Jacob Tandrup Holm
8	Noa Narcisse	33	Victor Crenn
9	Adama Keita	44	Nikola Karabatic
12	Andreas Palicka	45	Leo Villain
14	Ferran Sole Sala	47	Wallem-Konrad Peleka
15	Kent Robin Tønnesen	71	Elohim Prandi
16	Jannick Green	91	Léo Plantin
18	Tidiane Firmesse	98	Amara Karamoku
19	David Balaguer Romeu	Cheftræner	Raúl González
20	Mathieu Grebille	Ass. træner	Patrice Annonay
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22	Luca Karabatic		



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