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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

Four more rounds of thrilling group phase action!

The Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2024/25 is ready for four more rounds of thrilling group phase action as the competition returns from its winter break and the 2025 IHF World Championship. Many players from the topflight clubs have been representing their national teams over the past few weeks. Players from world champions Denmark, runners-up Croatia, bronze medallists France, semi-finalists Portugal and other nations that impressed handball fans worldwide are now eager to continue the club season in Europe's premium competition when play resumes on 12/13 February.

After 10 of the 14 rounds in the Machineseeker EHF Champions League group phase, both groups have a runaway leader who opened a four-point gap. In group A, One Veszprém HC won nine of their 10 matches and have a significant head start when the race to the quarter-final and play-off spots heats up in the last four rounds. With Paris Saint-Germain Handball, Sporting CP, and Füchse Berlin, three teams find themselves close together on the next three positions, followed by Dinamo Bucuresti. Lower down the table, HC Eurofarm Pelister, Orlen Wisla Plock and European debutants Fredericia Håndbold Klub will likely battle it out for the last play-off berth in this group.

Over in group B, record and defending champions Barça have proved that their hunger for success has not been stilled by any means. Boasting a four-point lead going into the last four rounds, they are followed by three teams which are separated by just a single point, setting up a breathtaking finish to the group phase: HBC Nantes, Aalborg Håndbold, and OTP Bank - PICK Szeged. The second part of the table promises just as much excitement, as Industria Kielce, SC Magdeburg, Kolstad Håndbold and HC Zagreb are heading into a close battle for play-off spots, with only two teams making the cut.

The stage is set for an enthralling finish to the group phase, and fans cannot wait to closely follow their favourite teams and players as the race to the Machineseeker EHF Champions League knockout phase is truly on.

Michael Wiederer
EHF President

Sæsonens største hjemmekamp venter

En lang vinterpause er forbi, det samme er VM-slutrunden og der er atter gang i klubhåndbolden - det har vi glædet os til!

I lørdags kom vi atter i aktion i Herreligaen, hvor en tæt topkamp på udebane mod BSH endte med en sejr på 29-26. Da GOG samtidig spillede uafgjort mod Skjern, betyder resultatet at vi er tilbage på førstepladsen i ligaen, hvilket står mål med de ambitioner vi har for sæsonen.

Onsdag venter dog en noget større mundfuld, når vi Sparekassen Danmark Arena slår dørene op til forårets første hjemmekampe - der samtidig er identisk med sidste sæsons finale i Machineseeker EHF Champions League.

Dengang i Köln tabte vi finalen med et enkelt mål, mens vi i sæsonens første indbyrdes kamp i Spanien måtte se os slået 35-27.

Vi har endnu aldrig taget point mod spanierne, men stimer er til for at blive brudt, så vi er fast indstillet på at onsdag aften bliver første gang det sker.

For at lykkes er det ikke blot nødvendigt at alle mand rammer dagen i samtlige 60 minutter, men også at vi kan lykkes med at gøre noget som ingen gjorde til den nyligt afsluttede VM-slutrunde, nemlig at få skudt hul på den danske målvogter Emil Nielsen, der vel i skrivende stund må betegnes som verdens bedste på den position.

Vi har dog også to stærke målmænd i Niklas Landin og Fabian Norsten, der også evner at steppe op når det gælder.

Dertil kommer Barcas superstjerne Dika Mem, samt en håndfuld andre dygtige spillere som franske Timothy N'Guessan og Melvyn Richardson, portugisiske Luis Frade, svenskerne Hampus Wanne og Jonathan Carlsborgård, samt stortalentet Petar Cikusa.

Dermed er der lagt op til et brag af dimensioner, når vi jagter flere vigtige point i Champions League-tabellen, så vi forhåbentlig kan sikre os direkte advancement til turneringens kvartfinaler.

Vi glæder os utrolig meget til at se jer alle igen i Sparekassen Danmark og håber at kunne give jer endnu en håndboldoplevelse i verdensklasse.

Samtidig vil vi også gerne vise Barca, hvorfor vi i hele 2024 var ubesejret på Sparekassen Danmark Arena - det sker nemlig kun med fuld opbakning fra alle mand på tribunerne.

Så lad os igen stå sammen til onsdagens og vise, at vi i Aalborg har en af verdens bedste hjemmebaner.

Rigtig god kamp til alle!

Med venlig Hilsen

Jan Larsen
Direktør,
Aalborg Håndbold





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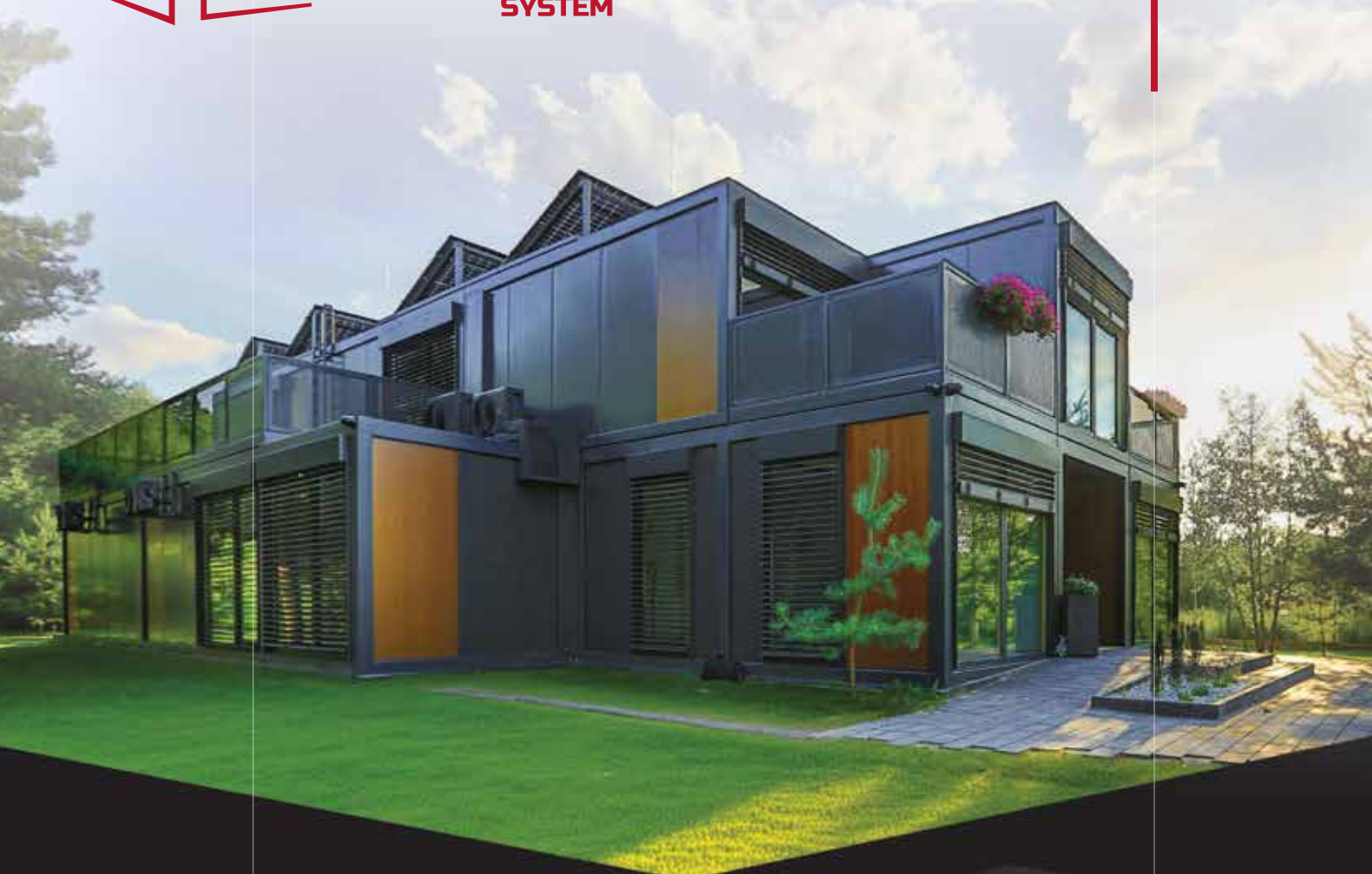
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| 2 | Mads Vestergaard | 17 | Martin Larsen |
| 3 | Lukas Nilsson | 18 | Aleks Vlah |
| 4 | Patrick Wiesmach | 19 | Kristian Bjørnsen |
| 5 | Hjalte Møller | 20 | Felix Möller |
| 6 | Sebastian Barthold | 21 | Henrik Møllgaard |
| 7 | Thomas Arnoldsen | 22 | René Antonsen |
| 8 | Daniel Jensen | 23 | Buster Juul |
| 9 | Miguel Martins | 25 | Marinus Munk |
| 11 | Simon Hald | 26 | Bjarki Jóhannsson |
| 12 | Fabian Norsten | 27 | Mads Krarup |
| 13 | Jens Rasmussen | 30 | Carl Ploug Kirkegaard |
| 14 | Mads Hoxer Hangaard | | |
| 15 | Jack Thurin | | |

Cheftræner Simon Dahl
Ass. træner Benjamin Batsberg

Barça

Spanien



1	Gonzalo Perez de Vargas	35	Domen Makuc
3	Antonio Bazan Legasa	40	Manuel Ortega Ezcurdia
6	Pol Valera Rovira	44	Juan Palomino Morón
9	Jonathan Carlsbogård	66	Melvyn Richardson
10	Dika Mem	82	Luis Frade
12	Emil Nielsen	88	Petar Cikusa
13	Aitor Ariño Bengochea	99	Javier Rodriguez Moreno
15	Hampus Wanne		
17	Jan Blas Clos		
18	Blaz Janc		
19	Timothey N'Guessan		
20	Aleix Gómez Abelló		
21	Filip Saric		
22	Thiagus Petrus dos Santos		
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