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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022/23

MOTW Round 10: HBC Nantes vs Barça

HBC NANTES (FRA) VS BARÇA (ESP)

GROUP B



Thursday 15 December 2022, 20:45 CET



Playing hall

Neodif XXL
Parc des Exp. de la Beaujoire
Route de Saint-Joseph de
Porterie
44300 Nantes, France
Capacity: 10,750

ROUND 10



BARÇA

Most games vs Barça:

Eduardo Gurbindo	7
Kiril Lazarov	7
Dragan Pechmalbec	7
Rock Feliho	6
Valero Rivera	6

Most goals vs Barça:

Valero Rivera	36
Kiril Lazarov	19
Romain Lagarde	17
Nicolas Tournat	14
David Balaguer	13
Eduardo Gurbindo	13

- The last Match of the Week in the Machineseker EHF Champions League in the year 2022 sees HBC Nantes hosting titleholders Barça, the only unbeaten team in the 2022/23 group phase going into round 10.

- Barça have dropped one point in nine matches to lead group B with 17 points; Nantes are third with 12 points.

- Barça defeated Nantes 34:29 in the reverse fixture in Spain in November and are on an 18-match unbeaten streak (16 wins, two draws) in the CL since losing to Kielce in a group phase match more than a year ago.

- Nantes have beaten Barça only once in eight previous duels – 29:25 in a group phase match in December 2017.

- Their 35:27 home defeat to Barça in October 2020 is still among the three biggest defeats in Nantes' CL history.

- Nantes have won all four CL 2022/23 home matches so far and scored at least 35 goals in each of them; the 34:29 defeat in Barcelona has actually been the only time this CL season Nantes did not score at least 30 times.

- Barça have remained unbeaten in five CL matches played in France since losing 28:25 to eventual champions Montpellier HB in the Last 16 of the 2017/18 season.

- Overall, Barça have won 33 of their 43 matches against French teams in European competitions.

- Nantes have four Spanish players – including former Barça wing Valero Rivera; Barça have four internationals from France – including their top scorer, Dika Mem (52).

- The MOTW also involves Portuguese (Nantes' Pedro Portela and Alexandre Cavalcanti; Barça's Luis Frade) and Swedish meetings (Nantes' Linus Persson; Barça's Hampus Wanne and Jonathan Carlsbogård).

- Left back Thibaud Briet is currently Nantes' best scorer, with 38 goals; Aymeric Minne netted 27 times in the first four matches for Nantes but the centre back has since been ruled out with an ankle injury.

- Nantes are playing in their fifth CL season, but have already made it to the EHF FINAL4 two times; in 2018, they even reached the final, but lost to Montpellier.

- In their second appearance, in 2021, they were defeated in the semi-final by Barça.

- Barça are competing in their 26th CL season and have won the title a record 10 times, including in both of the last two seasons.

- Barça have won four of their 10 CL trophies at an EHF FINAL 4 event (since 2010); last season, they became the first team to win the EHF FINAL4 in consecutive years.

- Injury report** – Nantes: Aymeric Minne (ankle), Viktor Hallgrímsson (elbow); Barça: Aitor Ariño (knee).

Most games vs HBC Nantes:

Aleix Gómez	8
Dika Mem	8
Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas	8
Aitor Ariño	7
Raul Entrerrios	7
Cédric Sorhaindo	7

Most goals vs HBC Nantes:

Dika Mem	38
Ludovic Fabregas	28
Aleix Gómez	20
Raul Entrerrios	16
Timothey N'guessan	15

Domestic league

Liqui Moly Starligue

Last 3 games:

11/12 @ Dunkerque	W29:32
04/12 vs Sélestat	W31:24
26/11 @ Toulouse	L32:31

Next game:

18/12 @ PAUC

Standings as of 14/12:

1. PSG	13	456:380	24
2. Montpellier	13	418:351	24
3. Nantes	13	435:371	22
4. Chambéry	13	386:370	16
5. PAUC	13	391:383	15
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16. Sélestat	13	355:433	0

Domestic league

Liga ASOBAL

Last 3 games:

11/12 @ Léon	W30:42
02/12 vs Sinfín	W43:19
27/11 @ Cisne	W25:43

Next game:

04/02 @ Granollers

Standings as of 14/12:

1. Barça	15	575:399	30
2. Granollers	15	492:443	26
3. Cuenca	15	453:425	21
4. Léon	15	507:494	18
5. Torrelavega	15	479:473	17
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16. Sinfín	15	397:471	6

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

HBC Nantes vs Barça 1-0-7 (216:247) 2:14

07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	31:25 (13:16)
02.12.2017	HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A	29:25 (16:11)
24.04.2019	HBC Nantes vs Barça Lassa, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:32 (12:16)
04.05.2019	Barça Lassa vs HBC Nantes, VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:26 (17:14)
01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:35 (15:18)
17.02.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:29 (14:17)
12.06.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	31:26 (15:13)
03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes, Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B	34:29 (16:17)

HBC NANTES VS SPANISH CLUBS 3-0-7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2015/16	Fraikin BM. Granollers	27:26		EHF Cup – Final Tournament – Semi-final
2017/18	FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25	25:31	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Barça Lassa	25:32	26:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2019/20	Abanca Ademar Leon	34:28		EHF Cup – Group C
2020/21	Barça	27:35	29:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Barça		26:31	EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2022/23	Barça		29:34	Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Barça vs HBC Nantes 34:29 (16:17) 03.11.2022 (Barcelona, ESP)



(Machineseecker EHF Champions League 2022/23 – Group B)

Referees: Duarte Santos/Ricardo Fonseca (Portugal).

Suspensions: 2' – 4' (Petrus 2' – Maqueda 2', Monar 2').

Number of 7m: 4/2 – 3/1.

Attendance: 3,119.

	Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas		Andreas Hofmann	
BARÇA	Emil Nielsen		Viktor Hallgrímsson	
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	Jonathan Carlsbogård	(1)	Ruben Marchan	
	Dika Mem	(3)	Thibaud Briet	
	Aitor Ariño	(1)	Lucas De la Breteche	
	Hampus Wanne	(3)	Linus Persson	
	Blaz Janc	(5)	Valero Rivera	
	Timothey N'guessan	(5)	Alexandre Cavalcanti	
	Aleix Gómez	(3)	Alexander Shkurinskiy	
	Thiagus Petrus		Baptiste Damatrin-Bertrand	
	Luka Cindric	(3)	Pedro Portela	
	Domen Makuc		Jorge Maqueda	
	Haniel Langaro		Jérémy Toto	
	Melvyn Richardson	(3)	Théo Monar	
	Ludovic Fabregas	(6)	Kauldi Odriozola	
	Luis Frade	(1)	Alban Simonnet	

BARÇA VS FRENCH CLUBS 33–3–7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1984/85	USM Gagny	25:17	15:15	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
1989/90	US Créteil	23:18	20:19	Champions Cup – Semi-final
1990/91	US Nîmes	23:16	18:16	Champions Cup – Quarter-final

1993/94	OM Vitrolles	26:14	20:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Final
2000/01	Montpellier HB	24:17	25:25	EHF Champions League – Group B
2006/07	Montpellier HB	29:23	25:28	EHF Champions League – Last 16
2007/08	US Ivry handball	34:26	29:27	EHF Champions League – Group A
2010/11	Chambery Savoie HB	38:23	26:27	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Chambery Savoie HB	28:25	30:19	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2011/12	Montpellier Agglomération HB	36:20	28:30	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2013/14	PSG Handball	38:28	33:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group C
2015/16	Montpellier HB	37:27	31:23	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group B
2016/17	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	35:32	26:33	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	HBC Nantes	31:25	25:29	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2017/18	Montpellier HB	30:28	25:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Last 16
2018/19	Montpellier HB	35:27	36:28	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	HBC Nantes	29:26	32:25	VELUX EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB	36:32	35:32	VELUX EHF Champions League – Group A
2019/20	Paris Saint-Germain HB		37:32	VELUX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2020/21	HBC Nantes	30:29	35:27	EHF Champions League – Group B
2020/21	HBC Nantes		31:26	EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final
2021/22	Paris Saint-Germain Handball	30:27	28:28	EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	HBC Nantes	34:29		Machineseecker EHF Champions League – Group B

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



HBC Nantes: current run – lost one

08.12.2022 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 37:33
01.12.2022 Nantes FRA	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 35:28
23.11.2022 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 32:35
03.11.2022 Barcelona ESP	@ Barça ESP	L 34:29
27.10.2022 Nantes FRA	vs THW Kiel GER	W 38:30
05.10.2022 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 24:35
29.09.2022 Nantes FRA	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 41:30
22.09.2022 Nantes FRA	vs Pick Szeged HUN	W 35:30
14.09.2022 Kielce POL	@ Lomza Industria Kielce POL	L 40:33
13.06.2021 Cologne GER	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 28:31



BARÇA

Barça: current run – unbeaten 18

08.12.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 32:26
30.11.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs THW Kiel GER	W 26:24
24.11.2022 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	D 30:30
03.11.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs HBC Nantes FRA	W 34:29
26.10.2022 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	W 33:39
06.10.2022 Lillehammer NOR	@ Elverum Handball NOR	W 30:46
29.09.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 38:30
22.09.2022 Barcelona ESP	vs Lomza Industria Kielce POL	W 32:28
14.09.2022 Szeged HUN	@ Pick Szeged HUN	W 28:35
19.06.2022 Cologne GER	vs Lomza Vive Kielce POL	W 37:35 *

* after shoot-out

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR HBC NANTES VS BARÇA

Valero Rivera	9	17.02.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes	30:29
Valero Rivera	8	24.04.2019	HBC Nantes vs Barça Lassa	25:32
Thibaud Briet	8	03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes	34:29
Valero Rivera	6	12.06.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes	31:26
Rudolf Faluvegi	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes	31:25
Romain Lagarde	5	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes	31:25
David Balaguer	5	02.12.2017	HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25
Nicolas Tournat	5	04.05.2019	Barça Lassa vs HBC Nantes	29:26
Rok Ovnicek	5	01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça	27:35
Dragan Pechmalbec	5	01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça	27:35
Linus Persson	5	03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes	34:29
Valero Rivera	5	03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes	34:29

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR BARÇA VS HBC NANTES

Ludovic Fabregas	9	24.04.2019	HBC Nantes vs Barça Lassa	25:32
Dika Mem	7	01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça	27:35
Dika Mem	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes	31:25
Dika Mem	6	02.12.2017	HBC Nantes vs FC Barcelona Lassa	29:25
Kamil Syprzak	6	07.10.2017	FC Barcelona Lassa vs HBC Nantes	31:25
Aron Palmarsson	6	01.10.2020	HBC Nantes vs Barça	27:35
Dika Mem	6	12.06.2021	Barça vs HBC Nantes	31:26
Ludovic Fabregas	6	03.11.2022	Barça vs HBC Nantes	34:29

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Emil Nielsen	4 matches, 0 goals	with Nantes 3/0 (2020-2021); with Barça 1/0 (2022)
Valero Rivera	8 matches, 43 goals	with Nantes 6/36 (2019-2022); with Barça 2/7 (2017)

MOTW 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the Machineseeeker EHF Champions League 2022/23 season.

The trophy will be handed over on court shortly after the match.

Awarded players in the 2022/23 season:

- Round 1: Harald Reinkind (THW Kiel)
- Round 2: Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)
- Round 3: Jannick Green (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)
- Round 4: Timothy N'guessan (Barça)
- Round 5: Tilen Strmljan (RK Celje Pivovarna Laško)
- Round 6: Rasmus Lauge (Telekom Veszprém HC)
- Round 7: Alexandre Cavalcanti (HBC Nantes)
- Round 8: Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (Barça)
- Round 9: Arkadiusz Moryto (Lomza Industria Kielce)
- Round 10:



HBC NANTES PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST BARÇA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Junayd Belbrahim	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Viktor Hallgrímsson	ISL	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Andreas Hofmann	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Ivan Pesic	CRO	7	1	0	6	0	0,00	0	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Mathis Beauchef	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thibaud Briet	FRA	4	0	0	4	11	2,75	8	0
Alexandre Cavalcanti	POR	3	0	0	3	7	2,33	4	2'
Baptiste Damatrin-Bertrand	FRA	4	0	0	4	4	1,00	1 (4)	0
Lucas De la Breteche	FRA	3	0	0	3	3	1,00	2	0
Pierre-Alexis Favril	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Enzo Handjou	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jorge Maqueda	ESP	12	4	0	8	33	2,75	7	14'
Ruben Marchan	ESP	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Aymeric Minne	FRA	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	2	2'
Théo Monar	FRA	4	0	0	4	9	2,25	4	2'
Salomon Nassequela	COD	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kauldi Odriozola	ESP	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Rok Ovnicek	SLO	3	0	0	3	7	2,33	5	0
Linus Persson	SWE	1	0	0	1	5	5,00	5	0
Ernest Pineau	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pedro Portela	POR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Valero Rivera	ESP	6	0	0	6	36	6,00	9	0
Alexander Shkurinskiy	RUS	3	0	0	3	5	1,67	2 (2)	0
Alban Simonnet	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Jérémy Toto	FRA	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Sebastian Vellenoweth	GBR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
André Mouko	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Jorge Maqueda (HC Vardar 2015/16, HC Vardar 2016/17, HC Vardar 2017/18, MOL-Pick Szeged 2019/20, Telekom Veszprém HC 2020/21, Telekom Veszprém HC 2021/22); Ivan Pesic (HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb 2009/10, Croatia Osiguranje Zagreb 2011/12, HC Meshkov Brest 2018/19, HC Meshkov Brest 2020/21); Alexander Shkurinskiy (HC Meshkov Brest 2018/19, HC Meshkov Brest 2020/21 – DNP).

BARÇA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HBC NANTES

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Roberto Domenech	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Emil Nielsen	DEN	4	1	1	2	1	0,25	1	0
Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas	ESP	8	7	0	1	2	0,25	1 (2)	0

Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Aitor Ariño	ESP	7	6	0	1	14	2,00	5	0
Jonathan Carlsbogård	SWE	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Aleksandar Cenic	SRB	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Cindric	CRO	6	5	0	1	16	2,67	5	2'
Ludovic Fabregas	FRA	9	9	0	0	35	3,89	9	8'
Luis Frade	POR	4	4	0	0	2	0,50	1 (2)	4'
Aleix Gómez	ESP	8	7	0	1	20	2,50	5	0
Thiagus Petrus	BRA	8	6	0	2	2	0,25	1 (2)	8'
Blaz Janc	SLO	4	4	0	0	10	2,50	5	4'
Haniel Langaro	BRA	5	3	0	2	18	3,60	7	2'
Domen Makuc	SLO	3	3	0	0	3	1,00	3	0
Dika Mem	FRA	8	7	0	1	38	4,75	7	6'
Timothee N'guessan	FRA	6	5	0	1	15	2,50	5 (2)	0
Artur Parera	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Bruno Reguart	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Melvyn Richardson	FRA	2	2	0	0	7	3,50	4	4'
Martí Soler	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Pablo Urdangarin de Borbon	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Hampus Wanne	SWE	3	2	1	0	12	3,00	5	2'

Luka Cindric (HC Vardar 2017/18); Ludovic Fabregas (Montpellier Agglomeration HB 2013/14, Montpellier HB 2017/18); Thiagus Petrus (MOL-Pick Szeged 2017/18); Haniel Langaro (Naturhouse La Rioja 2016/17); Domen Makuc (RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko 2018/19 – DNP); Emil Nielsen (Skjern Håndbold 2017/18, Skjern Håndbold 2018/19); Melvyn Richardson (Montpellier HB 2017/18); Hampus Wanne (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2018/19).

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