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MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2023/24

MOTW Round 12: Kolstad Handball vs HC Zagreb

KOLSTAD HANDBALL (NOR) VS HC ZAGREB (CRO)

GROUP A



Wednesday 21 February 2024, 18:45 CET



Playing hall

Trondheim Spektrum
Klostergata 90
7030 Trondheim
Norway
Capacity: 8,600

ROUND 12



Leading goal scorers in Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24:

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (ISL)	64
Sander Sagosen (NOR)	61
Adrian Aalberg (NOR)	37
Simen Lyse (NOR)	35
Gøran Johannessen (NOR)	33
Magnus Rød (NOR)	31
Gabriel Setterblom (NOR)	21
Magnus Gullerud (NOR)	20

- The MOTW in round 12 of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League features two teams that hope to secure a play-off spot in the final weeks of the group phase: Kolstad Handball and HC Zagreb.

- Coming into the MOTW, Kolstad are seventh in group A with nine points, Zagreb sixth with 10 points.

- While the top two in the final group standings head into the quarter-finals directly, the teams ranked between third and sixth advance to the play-offs.

- At home, Zagreb won the reverse fixture against Kolstad 31:20, which marked the biggest CL victory for the Croatian side since October 2012.

- It was also one of the two matches Kolstad have lost by 11 goals this CL season; the other one was a 29:18 home defeat against Aalborg Håndbold.

- Zagreb are playing their record 30th CL season; Kolstad are in their first-ever CL campaign.

- Zagreb, four-time CL finalists in the 1990s, last played in the knockout phase in 2018/19, when they lost in the Last 16 to eventual champions HC Vardar.

- In 2020/21, Zagreb were in the play-offs but both duels with SG Flensburg-Handewitt had to be cancelled amid the coronavirus pandemic.

- Zagreb have conceded the fewest goals of all 16 teams in the group phase this season: 289; however, they have also scored just 289 goals, the second-lowest number after HC Eurofarm Pelister (255).

- Both sides lost their first CL match in 2024 when the competition resumed after a two-month break last week: Kolstad against OTP Bank - Pick Szeged (29:27), Zagreb against Aalborg (32:22).

- Kolstad's Icelandic top scorer Sigvaldi Gudjonsson is the only non-Norwegian player in their squad.

- Zagreb's squad includes six more nationalities besides Croatian: Bosnian, Cuban, Polish, Russian, Serbian, and Slovenian.

- Eight Kolstad players were part of the Norwegian squad for the Men's EHF EURO 2024; four Zagreb players were part of the Croatian roster.

- Two Zagreb players won the CL with different clubs in the past: Ivan Cupic and Timur Dibirov both won the title twice with Vardar in 2017 and 2019; additionally, Cupic lifted the trophy with Industria Kielce in 2016.

- Sander Sagosen is the only CL winner playing for Kolstad, after triumphing with THW Kiel in 2020.

- Zagreb head coach Nenad Sostaric, who replaced Slavko Goluzza earlier this season, has stepped down from his role to recover from back surgery.

- Sostaric's assistant Andrija Nikolic has taken over as head coach until the end of the season.

Leading goal scorers in Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24:

Timur Dibirov (RUS)	43
Luka Lovre Klarica (CRO)	39
Miloš Kos (SRB)	36
Yoel Cuni Morales (CUB)	34
Zvonimir Srna (CRO)	32
Ivan Cupic (CRO)	25
Aleks Kavcic (SLO)	18
Adin Faljic (BIH)	14
Patryk Walczak (POL)	14

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games:

18/02 @ Kristiansand	W31:42
11/02 @ Bækkelaget	W25:35
07/02 vs Runar	W41:32

Next game:

03/03 @ Drammen HK

Standings as of 20/02:

1. Kolstad	20	708:519	37
2. Elverum	20	642:553	33
3. Arendal	19	610:543	28
4. Drummen	19	592:561	27
5. Runar	18	590:529	21
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14. Viking	19	519:627	5

Domestic league

Paket24 Premijer liga

Last 3 games:

10/02 vs Vinkovci	W41:27
16/12 vs Karlovac	W40:19
13/12 @ Trogir	W28:34

Next game:

24/02 vs MRK Sesvete

Standings as of 20/02, championship group:

1. Zagreb	1	41:27	2
2. Sesvete	1	38:33	2
3. Poreč	1	31:29	2
4. Varaždin	1	29:31	0
5. Nexe	1	33:38	0
6. Vinkovci	1	27:41	0

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR KOLSTAD HANDBALL VS HC ZAGREB

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson	11	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Sander Sagosen	3	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Magnus Gullerud	2	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Henning Limstrand	1	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Simen Lyse	1	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Sander Rønning	1	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Gøran Johannessen	1	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR HC ZAGREB VS KOLSTAD HANDBALL

Yoel Cuni Morales	8	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Timur Dibirov	6	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Miloš Kos	4	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Davor Cavar	3	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Jakov Gojun	3	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Luka Lovre Klarica	3	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20
Patryk Walczak	3	28.09.2023	HC Zagreb vs Kolstad Handball	31:20

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

N/A

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

N/A

LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Kolstad Handbal: current run – winless four

15.02.2024 Szeged HUN	@ OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN	L 29:27
06.12.2023 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	L 26:25
29.11.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 18:29
22.11.2023 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	D 28:28
15.11.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	W 36:31
25.10.2023 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 27:25
19.10.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs THW Kiel GER	W 34:30
12.10.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN	W 37:24
28.09.2023 Zagreb CRO	@ HC Zagreb CRO	L 31:20
21.09.2023 Trondheim NOR	vs Industria Kielce POL	L 30:32



HC Zagreb: current run – lost one

15.02.2024 Aalborg DEN	@ Aalborg Håndbold DEN	L 32:22
07.12.2023 Bitola MKD	@ HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	W 22:23
29.11.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN	W 30:25
23.11.2023 Kielce POL	@ Industria Kielce POL	L 28:24
16.11.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs Industria Kielce POL	D 22:22
26.10.2023 Szeged HUN	@ OTP Bank – PICK Szeged HUN	L 27:26
19.10.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs HC Eurofarm Pelister MKD	W 27:18
12.10.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	D 30:30
28.09.2023 Zagreb CRO	vs Kolstad Handball NOR	W 31:20
21.09.2023 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 35:31

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY AWARDED AFTER EACH MOTW

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 Machineseker EHF Champions League 2023/24 season.

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

Awarded players in the 2023/24 season:

Round 1: Tomáš Mrkva (THW Kiel)

Round 2: Gergő Fazekas (Orlen Wisla Plock)

Round 3: Arkadiusz Moryto (Industria Kielce)

Round 4: Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (THW Kiel)

Round 5: Emil Nielsen (Barça)

Round 6: Niklas Landin (Aalborg Håndbold)

Round 7: Michael Damgaard (SC Magdeburg)

Round 8: Andreas Palicka (Paris Saint-Germain HB)

Round 9: Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas (Barça)

Round 10: Janus Smarason (SC Magdeburg)

Round 11: Alex Dujšhebaev (Industria Kielce)

Round 12: ...



KOLSTAD HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST HC ZAGREB

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Torbjørn Bergerud	NOR	5	3	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Lars Eggen Rismark	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Henrik Ibsen	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Adrian Aalberg	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Henning Limstrand	NOR	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Vetle Eck Aga	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Sigvaldi Gudjonsson	ISL	3	0	1	2	23	7,67	11	4'
Magnus Gullerud	NOR	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Aksel Hald	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Martin Hovde	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Erlend Johnsen	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Simon Kvam	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Magnus Langeland	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Simen Lyse	NOR	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Magnus Rød	NOR	4	2	0	2	6	1,50	4	2'
Sander Rønning	NOR	1	0	0	1	1	1,00	1	0
Sander Sagosen	NOR	9	8	0	1	42	4,67	9	8'
Gabriel Setterblom	NOR	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Gøran Johannessen	NOR	4	3	0	1	11	2,75	5	2'

Torbjørn Bergerud (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2018/19, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20);

Sigvaldi Gudjonsson (Elverum Handball 2019/20); Magnus Rød (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2018/19,

SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20); Sander Sagosen (Paris Saint-Germain HB 2018/19, Paris Saint-Germain HB 2019/20,

THW Kiel 2020/21, THW Kiel 2021/22); Gøran Johannessen (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2018/19, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20).

HC ZAGREB PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KOLSTAD HANDBALL

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ante Grbavac	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Matej Mandic	CRO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Aljaz Panjtar	SLO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Gabriel Buvinic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Davor Cavar	CRO	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	0
Yoel Cuni Morales	CUB	1	1	0	0	8	8,00	8	0
Ivan Cupic	CRO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	2'
Timur Dibirov	RUS	1	1	0	0	6	6,00	6	0
Adin Faljic	BIH	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	2'
Niko Frankovic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Filip Glavaš	CRO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jakov Gojun	CRO	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	2'
Aleks Kavcic	SLO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Luka Lovre Klarica	CRO	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	2'
Edin Klis	BIH	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Miloš Kos	SRB	1	1	0	0	4	4,00	4	0
Paolo Kraljevic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karpo Sirotic	CRO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Zvonimir Srna	CRO	1	1	0	0	1	1,00	1	0
Matic Suholeznik	SLO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Patryk Walczak	POL	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	2'



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