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**MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2022/23**

MOTW Play-offs, Leg 1: Aalborg Håndbold vs GOG

# AALBORG HÅNDBOLD (DEN) VS GOG (DEN)

## PLAY-OFFS



Thursday 23 March 2023, 18:45 CET



### Playing hall

**Sparekassen Danmark Arena**  
Willy Brandts Vej 31  
9220 Aalborg Ost  
Denmark  
Capacity: 5,020

## LEG 1



### Leading goal scorers Aalborg Håndbold in Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23:

Mikkel Hansen (DEN)	60
Sebastian Barthold (NOR)	59
Aron Pálmarrsson (ISL)	49
Mads Hoxer (DEN)	47
Kristian Bjørnsen (NOR)	46
Felix Claar (SWE)	45
Lukas Sandell (SWE)	43
Jesper Nielsen (SWE)	29
René Antonsen (DEN)	18
Benjamin Jakobsen (DEN)	15
Andreas Flodman (SWE)	14

- The MOTW in the first leg of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League play-offs is the first time that Danish sides Aalborg Håndbold and GOG meet each other in a European club competition.

- The teams, however, have a rich tradition in domestic competitions: from their 50 duels in the Danish league and cup since their first meeting in April 2009, Aalborg have won 29 and GOG 15; six games ended in a draw.

- Aalborg also scored more goals: 1,464 against 1,419.

- They have met four times in domestic competitions this season: Aalborg won three of those duels, most recently in the league in February, but GOG triumphed in their cup quarter-final – and went on to lift the trophy.

- Last season, GOG defeated Aalborg in the best-of-three final of the Danish league.

- The winners of this play-off pairing meet defending champions Barça in the quarter-finals for a place at the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2023 on 17/18 June.

- Aalborg reached the play-offs as the fifth-ranked team with 13 points in group B; GOG gathered 15 points and finished fourth in group A.

- The teams combined had five players competing for Denmark when they won the word title in January: Aalborg's Mikkel Hansen, Henrik Møllgaard and Mads Hoxer, and GOG's Simon Pytlick and Lukas Jørgensen; Pytlick made the All-star Team as the left back.

- Hansen will miss the MOTW due to stress symptoms.

- Both Pytlick and Jørgensen will leave GOG after the season and join SG Flensburg-Handewitt; GOG's Swedish international Jerry Tollbring will move to Füchse Berlin.

- Aalborg will also see several key players leave the club: Felix Claar (joining SC Magdeburg), Lukas Sandell (Veszprém), and Aron Pálmarrsson (Hafnarfjörður).

- GOG have five players ranked among the 20 leading CL goal scorers after the group phase: Emil Madsen, Simon Pytlick, Morten Olsen, Lukas Jørgensen, and Jerry Tollbring; Aalborg have one: Sebastian Barthold.

- GOG reached the CL Last 16 twice in the past – in 2004 and in 2006, and both times they played, and lost, against Ciudad Real from Spain.

- Aalborg played the Last 16 or play-offs of the CL three times before: both in 2014 and 2015, they lost to Barça; but in 2021, they defeated FC Porto – and went all the way to the final, where they lost against Barça again.

- Aalborg were only the second team from Denmark to play at the EHF FINAL4, after AG København in 2012.

- Injury report** – Aalborg: N/A; GOG: Kasper Kildelund (foot), Anders Zachariassen (knee).

### Leading goal scorers GOG in Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2022/23:

Emil Madsen (DEN)	77
Simon Pytlick (DEN)	74
Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	69
Morten Olsen (DEN)	67
Lukas Jørgensen (DEN)	65
Oskar Vind (DEN)	33
Lauritz Legér (DEN)	21
Nicolai Pedersen (DEN)	14
Henrik Jakobsen (NOR)	12

### Domestic league

#### Herren Håndbold Ligaen

##### Last 3 games:

18/03 vs Mors	W29:21
04/03 @ Fredericia	L29:28
24/02 vs SønderjyskE	W34:23

##### Next game:

25/03 vs Holstebro

##### Standings as of 22/03:

<b>1. Aalborg</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>741:636</b>	<b>39</b>
2. GOG	23	789:709	39
3. Bjerringbro	23	699:650	34
4. Kolding	23	655:629	30
5. Skjern	23	656:618	29
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14. Midtjylland	23	600:692	3

### Domestic league

#### Herren Håndbold Ligaen

##### Last 3 games:

15/03 @ Nordsjælland	W31:34
04/03 vs Kolding	W37:27
26/02 @ Ribe-Esbjerg	W31:40

##### Next game:

25/03 vs Skanderborg-Aarhus

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## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Aalborg Håndbold vs GOG 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European competitions

### AALBORG HÅNDBOLD VS DANISH CLUBS 0-0-0

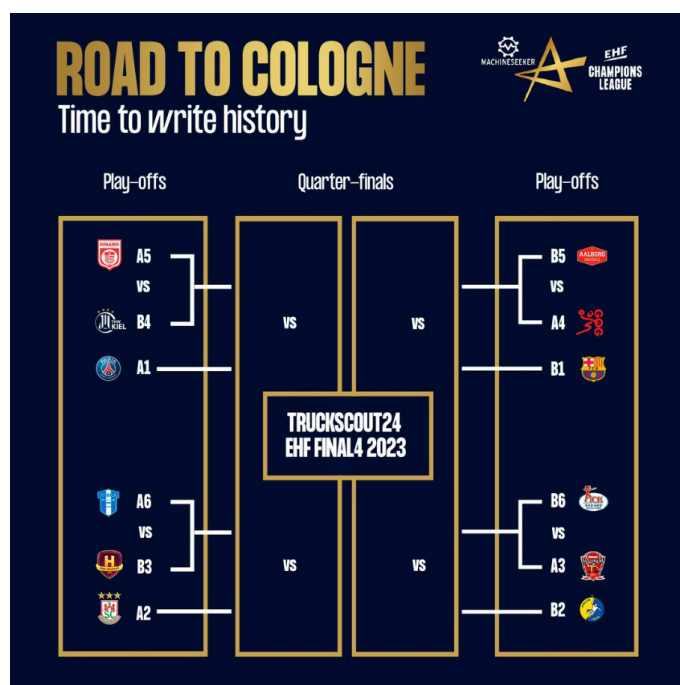
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No previous encounters in European competitions

### GOG VS DANISH CLUBS 1-1-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
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2021/22	Mors-Thy Handbold	30:24	27:27	EHF European League – Qualification Round 2
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### AALBORG HÅNDBOLD'S RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 1-0-5

23.03.2014	Aalborg DEN	Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona ESP	22:29
29.03.2014	Barcelona ESP	FC Barcelona ESP vs Aalborg Handball DEN	31:20
15.03.2015	Aalborg DEN	Aalborg Handball DEN vs FC Barcelona ESP	11:31
22.03.2015	Barcelona ESP	FC Barcelona ESP vs Aalborg Handball DEN	29:22
01.04.2021	Porto POR	FC Porto POR vs Aalborg Håndbold DEN	32:29
07.04.2021	Aalborg DEN	Aalborg Håndbold DEN vs FC Porto POR	27:24

### GOG'S RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 0-0-4

04.12.2004	Gudme/Fyn DEN	GOG Gudme DEN vs BM Ciudad Real ESP	29:45
11.12.2004	Ciudad Real ESP	BM Ciudad Real ESP vs GOG Gudme DEN	34:31
03.12.2006	Gudme/Fyn DEN	GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN vs BM Ciudad Real ESP	28:33
09.12.2006	Ciudad Real ESP	BM Ciudad Real ESP vs GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme DEN	31:30

## MOST GOALS IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) FOR AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

Sebastian Barthold	8	01.04.2021	FC Porto vs Aalborg Håndbold	32:29
Henrik Møllgaard	7	01.04.2021	FC Porto vs Aalborg Håndbold	32:29
Morten Slundt	6	23.03.2014	Aalborg Handball vs FC Barcelona	22:29
Felix Claar	6	07.04.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs FC Porto	27:24
Emil Berggren	5	22.03.2015	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball	29:22

## MOST GOALS IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) AGAINST AALBORG HÅNDBOLD

Kiril Lazarov	8	15.03.2015	Aalborg Handball vs FC Barcelona	11:31
Victor Iturriza	8	01.04.2021	FC Porto vs Aalborg Håndbold	32:29
Antonio Areia	7	01.04.2021	FC Porto vs Aalborg Håndbold	32:29
Kiril Lazarov	6	29.03.2014	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball	31:20
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	6	22.03.2015	FC Barcelona vs Aalborg Handball	29:22
Victor Iturriza	6	07.04.2021	Aalborg Håndbold vs FC Porto	27:24

## MOST GOALS IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) FOR GOG

Klaus Jørgensen	9	11.12.2004	BM Ciudad Real vs GOG Gudme	34:31
Kasper Nielsen	8	04.12.2004	GOG Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	29:45
Fredrik Petersen	8	09.12.2006	BM Ciudad Real vs GIG Svendborg TGI Gudme	31:30
Torsten Laen	7	03.12.2006	GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	28:33
Thomas Mogensen	7	09.12.2006	BM Ciudad Real vs GIG Svendborg TGI Gudme	31:30

## MOST GOALS IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) AGAINST GOG

Carlos Prieto	9	11.12.2004	BM Ciudad Real vs GOG Gudme	34:31
Rolando Urios	8	04.12.2004	GOG Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	29:45
Olafur Stefansson	7	04.12.2004	GOG Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	29:45
Alberto Entrerrios	6	03.12.2006	GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	28:33
Petar Mitlicic	6	03.12.2006	GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme vs BM Ciudad Real	28:33
Olafur Stefansson	6	09.12.2006	BM Ciudad Real vs GIG Svendborg TGI Gudme	31:30

## LAST 10 GAMES IN THE MACHINESEEKER EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



### Aalborg Håndbold: current run – won two

01.03.2023 Celje SLO	@ RK Celje Pivovarna Laško SLO	W 31:34
22.02.2023 Aalborg DEN	vs Elverum Handball NOR	W 31:24
15.02.2023 Kielce POL	@ Industria Kielce POL	L 33:28
09.02.2023 Aalborg DEN	vs Pick Szeged HUN	W 33:27
15.12.2022 Aalborg DEN	vs THW Kiel GER	L 26:30
08.12.2022 Barcelona ESP	@ Barça ESP	L 32:26
01.12.2022 Nantes FRA	@ HBC Nantes FRA	L 35:28
23.11.2022 Aalborg DEN	vs HBC Nantes FRA	L 32:35
02.11.2022 Kiel GER	@ THW Kiel GER	D 36:36
26.10.2022 Aalborg DEN	vs Barça ESP	L 33:39



### GOG: current run – won one

01.03.2023 Odense/Fyn DEN	vs HC PPD Zagreb CRO	W 33:29
23.02.2023 Bucharest ROU	@ CS Dinamo Bucuresti ROU	L 30:27
15.02.2023 Odense/Fyn DEN	vs Orlen Wisla Plock POL	W 31:24
08.02.2023 Veszprém HUN	@ Telekom Veszprém HC HUN	W 36:37
14.12.2022 Odense/Fyn DEN	vs FC Porto POR	W 34:33
07.12.2022 Magdeburg GER	@ SC Magdeburg GER	L 36:34
30.11.2022 Odense/Fyn DEN	vs Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 35:40
23.11.2022 Paris FRA	@ Paris Saint-Germain Handball FRA	L 41:36
03.11.2022 Odense/Fyn DEN	vs SC Magdeburg GER	W 33:32
27.10.2022 Porto POR	@ FC Porto POR	W 26:33

## 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 Machineseecker 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: Ludovic Fabregas (Barça)  
 Round 11: Sebastian Barthold (Aalborg Håndbold)  
 Round 12: Kay Smits (SC Magdeburg)  
 Round 13: Ante Kuduz (CS Dinamo Bucuresti)  
 Round 14: Jannick Green (Paris Saint-Germain Handball)  
 Play-offs, Leg 1:



## AALBORG HÅNDBOLD PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST GOG

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A									
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Felix Claar	SWE	2	1	0	1	2	1,00	2	2'
Andreas Flodman	SWE	2	1	0	1	6	3,00	3 (2)	0
Mikkel Hansen	DEN	2	2	0	0	10	5,00	5 (2)	4'
Jesper Nielsen	SWE	1	1	0	0	5	5,00	5	0

Felix Claar (Alingsås HK 2016/17); Andreas Flodman (Alingsås HK 2016/17); Mikkel Hansen (FC Barcelona Borges 2008/09); Jesper Nielsen (Rhein-Neckar Löwen 2020/21).

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Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A									
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Nejc Cehste	SLO	2	1	0	1	13	6,50	7	0
Anders Zachariassen	DEN	4	2	0	2	5	1,25	4	0

Nejc Cehste (RK Gorenje Velenje 2013/14); Anders Zachariassen (SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2017/18, SG Flensburg-Handewitt 2019/20).

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