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### HC MESHKOV BREST (BLR) vs PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th 2020 - 18:45 - SPORTS COMPLEX VICTORIA (BREST)





#### LAUNCH A STREAK

After beating Aix (34-31) in Lidl Starligue last Sunday, Paris Saint-Germain will look a second consecutive win in Brest. Earning 2 points against HC Meshkov will allow Paris to move to the first half of Group A, with a game in hand. The new date of the game against Szeged is still to be determined by EHF.

#### **TAKE REVENGE**

The Rouge et Bleu want to bounce back after falling short against Flensburg (28-29), last week, in front of their own crowd. They also wants to comeback with a win from Brest, where they lost on the same score (28-29), last time they came, three seasons ago, in February 2018.

#### **MIKKEL, NUMBER 1**

Last Sunday, Mikkel Hansen played his 334<sup>th</sup> career game with Paris Saint-Germain, a new record in club history. The Danish left back beat the record set by the goalkeeper Patrice Annonay, who played 333 games with Paris between 2005 and 2016.

#### MISTER 2000

Few days after breaking the record of games with Paris Saint-Germain, Mikkel Hansen can be the first player to reach 2000 goals with the club. The number 24 has now scored 1996 goals, all competitions included.

#### **LOOKS FAMILIAR**

Paris new player, Dainis Kristopans, spent two seasons with HC Meshkov Brest, between 2015 and 2017. The right back won two Belarusian championships and two Belarusian Cups. In EHF Champions League, he scored 62 goals on his first season and 76 goals on the second season.

#### **KRISTOPANS TARGETING 400 MARK**

Dainis Kristopans has 397 career goals in EHF Champions League so far. He scored 395 with his three former teams (Presov, Brest, Vardar) and 2 last week with Paris. The Latvian can reach the 400<sup>th</sup> career goal mark tonight.

#### **KOUNKOUD AT 100**

Benoît Kounkoud scored his 100<sup>th</sup> career goal in EHF Champions League against Flensburg, last Wednesday. The former member of the club youth system scored all these goals with Paris, since he joined the professional team in 2014.

#### **RAUL VS RAUL**

Two Spanishes coaches will face each other tonight: Raul Gonzalez on Paris side and Raul Alonso on Brest side. Raul Alonso was assistant of Manolo Cadenas for HC Meshkov before becoming head coach in April 2019. He spent most of his playing and coaching career in Germany. He was assistant coach at THW Kiel between 2010 and 2015, when the German team won two Champions League titles.

#### **EXPECTATIONS**

Last season, HC Meshkov Brest failed to reach the Round of 16 for first time since the 2014-2015 season. Since several years, Brest dominates outrageously all Belarus competitions but hope to do better in their new Champions League campaign.

### **SQUAD**

No injury for Paris and all the players are available for tonight's game, except Sadou NTanzi who didn't travel with the team.



HOW MANY ACTUAL OR FORMER PLAYERS OF PARIS RECEIVED THE IHF PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD?

Answer in the next Game Notes



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Statistics in Velux EHF Champions League - Group phase



### O win / O tie / 1 loss

3<sup>rd</sup> attack of Group A (28 gpm) 7<sup>th</sup> defense of Group A (29 gpm) 28 goals scored / 29 goals against



## 1 win / 0 tie / 1 loss

6<sup>th</sup> attack of Group A (24,5 gpm) 2<sup>nd</sup> defense of Group A (24,5 gpm) 49 goals scored / 49 goals against

#### **HEAD-TO-HEADS AGAINST BREST**

23/08/2018	Prep	<b>PARIS</b> vs BREST	<b>35</b> -29
24/02/2018	LDC	<b>BREST</b> vs PARIS	<b>29</b> -28
24/09/2017	LDC	<b>PARIS</b> vs BREST	<b>32</b> -28
15/02/2015	LDC	<b>PARIS</b> vs BREST	<b>36</b> -25
19/10/2014	LDC	BREST vs <b>PARIS</b>	28- <b>29</b>

In EHF CL vs Brest: 3 wins and 1 loss



2020-2021 Season

		Pts	W	D	L	
1	Flensburg	4	2	0	0	
2	Kielce	2	1	0	1	
3	Elverum	2	1	0	0	
4	Porto	2	1	0	1	
5	Brest	2	1	0	1	
6	Paris	0	0	0	1	
7	Vardar	0	0	0	1	
8	Szeged	0	0	0	1	

#### **LAST GAMES**

### LIDL STARLIGUE 27/09/2020 34-31



SCORE 65 SHOOTING ACCURACY (%) 63 23 GOALKEEPER SAVES (%) 28 ASSISTS 0

**TURNOVERS** 6 2 MINUTES



#### **NEXT GAMES**

LIDL STARLIGUE W3 06/10/2020

LIDL STARLIGUE W2 03/10/2020 19:00



PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL



**CESSON RENNES METROPOLE HANDBALL** 

#### LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS 23/09/2020



29 28 SCORE 61 SHOOTING ACCURACY (%) 66 NC GOALKEEPER SAVES (%) NC ASSISTS NC 19 **TURNOVERS** 15

2 MINUTES

SAINT-RAPHAËL VAR

HANDBALL



**PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL** 



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### STATISTICS

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Most goals scored by PSG in a game season 2019-2020: 41 goals @ Tremblay (J12)

Most goals conceded by PSG in a game against 2019-2020: 32 buts @ Tremblay (J12)

Less goals scored by PSG in a game season 2019-2020: 29 goals @ Nantes (J17)

Less goals against by PSG in a game season 2019-2020: 23 goals @ Aix (J8)

Best shooting success in a game season 2019-2020: 80% against Istres (J1) (35 goals on 44 shoots)

Worst shooting success in a game season 2019-2020: 60% vs Nîmes (J5) (31 goals on 52 shots)

Most stops in a game season 2019-2020: 18 stops @ Pontault (R32 French Cup) & @ Aix (J15) - Rodrigo Corrales

Number of consecutive wins at home in Lidl Starligue: 36 (last loss 08/06/2017 against Nantes, 37-38)

Number of games without losses at home in EHF Champions League: 41 (last loss 16/11/2014 against Kiel, 25-27)

Number of games without losses at home all competitions: 56 (last loss 08/06/2017 against Nantes)

#### **VARIOUS STATISTICS**

Biggest winning streak in club history: **18** games (03/10/18 to 09/05/2019)

Biggest losing streak during 2019-2020 season:

1 game

Biggest goal difference in a victory game in 2019-2020:

+17 against Aix (J8) and St-Raph (J13)

Biggest goal difference in a loss game in Lidl Starligue 2018-2019:

-2 against Saint-Raphael (J23)

**89%** of wins on the season 2019-2020 in all competitions included, best rate for a French team

**6** consecutive titles of french champions, best rate for a French team

**26** points in group phase of Champions League 2018-2019: new record since the new rule's instauration

**115** pts cumuled in group phase of Champions League since 2015-2016, against 104 for Barcelone

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Best scorer in a season in Lidl Starligue: Hansen – 228 goals (2015-2016)

Only player over 200 goals in a season in Lidl Starligue:

**Hansen** (2014-15 with 203 goals and 2015-16 with 228 goals)

Best scorer on shots season 2019-2020: Syprzak – 65 goals

Best scorer on penalty kick season 2019-2020: **Hansen** – 47 goals

Most goals on shots in a game season 2019-2020:

14 - Hansen (@ Créteil 21/11/2019 W10)

Best shooting accuracy on shots season 2019 -2020: 77 % - Hansen

Best goal per game average season 2019-2020: Hansen - 7,08 gpm

Best assists provider season 2019-2020: Remili - 18

Most assists passes in a game season 2019-2020:

Remili – **7** (vs Chambéry J6)

Most saves in one game season 2019-2020:

Corrales - 18 (against Aix - J15)

Most saves this season season 2019-2020: Corrales - 130

Most saves on shots this season season 2019-2020: Corrales - 125

Best saves rate in a game season 2018-2019: Gérard - 50%

Most titles of France Championship: Nikola Karabatic – **12** (7 with Montpellier and 5 with Paris)



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Games:1

Stops:9

## ROSTER



### 1 Vincent GERARD

Lidl Starlique 2020-2021 EHF CL 2020-2021

Games: 1 Stops: 3 Stops per game: 3 Success rate: 20% Warnings: 0

2 minutes: 0

Disqualification: 0

32 yo 1m89 **GOALKEEPER** French 97 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Stops in LDL: 105 Stops in LDL: 3 086 Including 188 penalties

Stops in EHF CL:79 Stops in EHF CL: NC

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2019

After started in Metz, Vincent Gérard played in Montpellier and then Istres, where he won the Coupe de la Lique 2009 with being named MVP of the final. In Dunkerque (2010-2015), he won a title of French champion (2014). The « Lorrain » joined for a second time the MHB in 2015 and won four trophies including the Champions League 2018. With the French national team, he became European Champion in 2014 and World champion in 2017. He was elected best goalkeeper at the 2017 World Cup, Euro 2018 and 5 times in Lidl Starligue.

EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1

Goals: 0



### 7 Sadou NTANZI

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 0 Goals per game: 0 Success rate: 0% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

20 yo 1m83 **CENTER-BACK** French 80 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL:9 Goals in LDL: 9 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

In career

Goals in EHF CL: 4 Goals in EHF CL: 4

### From Club youth system

Sadou Ntanzi joined the Paris Saint-Germain youth system in 2017, before making his debuts with the professional team in April 2019. The 20-year-old played 11 games of Lidl Starlique, 5 of Champions League and scored 13 goals. Named best centre back of the U18 European Championship in 2018 (with 41 goals), Sadou Ntanzi signed his first professional contract last June.



### 9 Adama KEITA

EHF CL 2020-2021 Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 2 Goals per game: 2 Success rate: 100% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

Games:1 Goals:1

## **LEFT WING**

with Paris Saint-Germain Goals in LDL: 56

including 0 penalties

Goals in LDL: 56

22 yo

French

In career

including 0 penalties

1m85

83 kg

Goals in EHF CL: 44 Goals in EHF CL: 44

#### From Club youth system

Adama Keita is playing his second season as a professional with the Paris Saint-Germain. From Club youth system, the left winger was captain and best scorer of the reserve team. Selected in few youth French national teams, Adama Keita, born in Paris, won the bronze medal at the U21 World Championship in 2017, together with Melvyn Richardson or Dika Mem. His older brother Mahamadou also plays in Lidl Starligue, with the US Ivry and the same position.



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### 10 Dainis KRISTOPANS

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021 EHF CL 2020-2021

with Paris Saint-Germain Goals in LDL:1

**RIGHT BACK** 

including 0 penalties

29 yo 2m15 135 kg Latvian

including 0 penalties

Games:1 Goals: 2

In career

Goals in LDL: 1

Goals per game: 1 Success rate: 50%

Warning:1 2 minutes:1

Games: 1

Goals:1

Disqualification: 0

Goals in EHF CL: 2 Goals in EHF CL: 397

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Tallest handball player in the world (2m15), Dainis Krištopāns will share the right-back position with Nedim Remili, coached by his former coach at Varder Skopje, Raul Gonzalez. In 2019, the Latvian international won the Champions League with the Macedonian club and finished best player at his position in the competition.



## 11 Benoît KOUNKOUD

EHF CL 2020-2021

Goals in LDL: 175

**RIGHT WING** 

1m90 22 yo French 89 kg

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021 Games: 1

Games:1 Goals:1

with Paris Saint-Germain

In career

Goals in LDL: 175

Goals: 2 Goals per game: 1 Success rate: 50%

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0

Games:1

Stops: 6

Warnings: 0 2 minutes: 0

Stops per game: 6

Success rate: 24%

Disqualification: 0

Disqualification: 0

Goals in EHF CL: 100 Goals in EHF CL: 100

### From Club youth system

Benoît Kounkoud joined the youth system of the club in 2014 after his performances with his club of La Source, on La Réunion island. He discovered the Lidl Starlique few months later at 17 years old. With the French national team, the right wing became U20 European Champion in 2014 and U21 World Champion in 2015. His rise is rewarded by a selection in the French national team at the 2016 European championship. After getting injured and undergoing knee surgery, he missed the second part of the 2018-2019 season. He is one of the oldest players in the team after Luc Abalo and Mikkel Hansen.



### 12 Yann GENTY

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1 Stops:2

with Paris Saint-Germain

38 yo 1m85 French 89 kg

Stops in LDL: 6

**GOALKEEPER** 

In career

including 0 penalties

Stops in LDL: 3 007 Stops in EHF CL: NC

Stops in EHF CL: 2

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Born in Enghien-les-bains (Val d'Oise, France), in 1981, Yann Genty began handball at 4 years old at the club of Saint-Gratien as a wing. Then, he went in direction to Billere Handball where he spent two seasons, and joined Aurilac and Istres in 2010, where he replaced Vincent Gerard, who left for Dunkerque. After a period in Cesson, Yann Genty joined the Chambery squad, where he finished best goalkeeper for his first season. In May 2019, he was called by the French team coach for the first time, to play the last two qualification matches of the Euro 2020.



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### 14 Ferran SOLE SALA

Lidl Starlique 2020-2021

Games: 1

Goals: 2

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0

Goals per game: 2 Success rate: 67% EHF CL 2020-2021

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 423

1m93

84 kg

2m

102 ka

Games:1 Goals: 4

including 0 penalties

32 yo

Danish

In career

28 yo

Spanish

Goals in EHF CL: 4

including 0 penalties

**RIGHT WING** 

Goals in LDL: 2

Goals in EHF CL: 4

Disqualification: 0

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Born in Barcelona, Ferran Solé started in Spain, at BM Granollers, where he finished as the EHF Cup 2015-2016's top scorer, before taking the road to the Fenix Toulouse Handball in France. He won the 2018 European Championship with the Spain and finished as the best right wing of the competition. Last January, he won the 2020 edition with his national team.



### 15 Henrik TOFT HANSEN

EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1

Goals: 1

**RIGHT BACK** 

with Paris Saint-Germain

LINE PLAYER

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals: Goals per game: Success rate:

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Warning:

2 minutes:

Games:

Disqualification:

Goals in LDL: 63 Goals in LDL: 63 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties Goals in EHF CL: 38 Goals in EHF CL: 237

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2018

Henrik Toft Hansen began his professional career in Mors, in the north of Denmark, his native region. After ten seasons, he moved to Germany, first of all in Hamburg and then in Flensburg alongside with his brother, René. The line player won all major titles with team Denmark: 2012 European championship, 2016 Olympic Games and 2019 World championship together with his teammate in Paris, Mikkel Hansen. He is the second of five children, three boys and two girls. His wife, Ulrika, plays at the Issy Paris club.



#### 18 Nedim REMILI

EHF CL 2020-2021

1m95 24 yo French 99 kg

Lidl Starlique 2020-2021

In career

Games: 1 Goals: 2

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0

Disqualification: 0

Goals per game: 2 Success rate: 33% Games:1 Goals: 3

Goals in LDL: 382 Goals in LDL: 555 including 0 penalties including 27 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 289 Goals in EHF CL: 289

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2016

Trained at the US Créteil, where his father Kamel used to play and is the actual general manager, Nedim Remili has started his fourth season under Paris jersey. With the Rouge et Bleu, the right back won 9 trophies and received the award of the best young player of the Velux EHF Champions League in 2016. With the French national team, he was World champion in 2017 and finished best right back of the competition. In the next two years, he also won two bronze medals, at the 2018 Euros and the 2019 World championship.



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### 20 Mathieu GREBILLE

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021 EHF CL 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 4 Goals per game: 4 Success rate: 100% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

Games:1 Goals: 1

**LEFT WING** 

28 yo French 1m98 97 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 4

Goals in LDL: 479

including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 238

Goals in FHF CI : 1

### At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Born in 1981, Mathieu Grébille started playing handball when he was young, and, in 2007, he participated to his first stages with the young French team. Then, he joined the youth system of the Montpellier Handball, and played his first match with the professional squad. In 2012, he is selected in the French team to participate to the Euro 2014 qualifying. Two years later, he won the European championship, in Danemark in 2014, and became World champion in 2015.



### 21 Kamil SYPRZAK

Lidl Starlique 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals:1 Goals per game: 1 Success rate: 50% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1 Goals: 2

LINE PLAYER

28 yo Polish

2m07 113 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 66 Goals in LDL: 66 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 48 Goals in EHF CL: 252

#### At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2019

After starting his professional career in Plock, where he became champion of Poland in 2011, Kamil Syprzak signed in Barcelona. He won 14 trophies in four seasons with the Catalan club before joining the Paris Saint-Germain Handball. He is the tallest and heaviest player of the Paris squad with 2.07m and 113kg. With the Polish national team, he won the bronze medal at the 2015 World championship, scoring the decisive goal of his team in the overtime against Spain.



### 22 Luka KARABATIC

EHF CL 2020-2021 Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 5 Goals per game: 5 Success rate: 100% Warning:1 2 minutes: 0

Disqualification: 0

Games:1

Goals: 5

LINE PLAYER

Goals in LDL: 268

including 0 penalties

with Paris Saint-Germain

31 yo 2m02 French 110 kg

In career

Goals in LDL: 552

including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 210 Goals in FHF CI:188

#### At Paris Saint-Germain since 2015

Luka Karabatic played tennis at high level when he was a teenager. He chose handball at 19 years old, joined Montpellier youth system before signing his first professional contract and won 14 trophies with the MHB. After three seasons in Aix-en-Provence, he signed at Paris Saint-Germain Handball, such as brother coming from Barcelona, Nikola Karabatic, at the Summer 2015. Named twice best defender of the Velux EHF Champions League, the new captain added 11 trophies to his prizes list with Paris. With the French national team, he became European champion in 2014 and World champion in 2015 and 2017.



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### 23 Viran MORROS

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Games: 1

Goals: 0

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

Goals per game: 0 Success rate: 0%

#### EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1

Goals: 0

Goals in LDL:19

DEFENDER

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 19 including 0 penalt

Goals in EHF CL: 145

1m99

92 kg

1m96

99 kg

35 vo

Spanish

In career

Goals in EHF CL: 12

including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2018

Before joining the Paris Saint-Germain in June 2018, Viran Morros played during 16 seasons in Spain. Between Teucro, Leon, Ciudad Real or Barcelona, the Catalan won 10 championships, 16 national cups and 8 supercups. He increased his trophies list with 3 Velux EHF Champions League, 1 EHF Cup Winners' Cup and 2 Super Globes. With the Roja, he is elected best defender of the Euro 2012, became World champion in 2013 and European champion in 2018 and 2020. He already won 3 titles with Paris.



### 24 Mikkel HANSEN

#### Lidl Starligue 2020-2021 EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1

Goals: 4

Games:1

Goals: 3

Games: 1 Goals: 6 Goals per game: 6 Success rate: 60% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

## LEFT BACK 31 yo Danish

#### with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL:1089 Goals in LDL:1089 including 0 penalties including 343 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 571 Goals in EHF CL: 826

#### At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2012

The oldest player of the club with Luc Abalo, Mikkel Hansen won 16 trophies since his arrival in 2012. He is the best scorer in history on a Champions League single season (141 goals in 2015-2016) and on Lidl Starligue single season (228). « Mikki » is also the 10<sup>th</sup> scorer in Lidl Starligue history (1013 goals). With the Danish team, he won the Euro 2012, the Olympic Games in 2016 and the World championship in 2019, with being elected best player. He won the IHF world best player trophy three times, in 2011, 2015 and 2018.



## 44 Nikola KARABATIC

#### Lidl Starligue 2020-2021 EHF CL 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 8 Goals per game: 8 Success rate: 80% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 1 Disqualification: 0

### CENTER-BACK 35 yo 1m96 LEFT BACK French 105 kg

#### with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 351 Goals in LDL: 844 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 315 Goals in EHF CL: 1 078

In career

#### At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2015

Nikola Karabatic signed for Paris Saint-Germain in the Summer 2015. With Montpellier, Kiel, Barcelona and Paris, the center-back won 17 championship trophies in 18 seasons, but also 22 national cups, 10 national supercups, 3 Champions leagues, 2 Super Globes and 1 European Supercup. In the French team, he has been Olympic champion twice, World champion four times and European champion three times. The number 44 has been elected three times best handball player of the year (2007, 2014 and 2016).



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### 71 Elohim PRANDI

Lidl Starlique 2020-2021

EHF CL 2020-2021

Games:1

Goals: 1

with Paris Saint-Germain

French In career

21yo

Games:1 Goals:1

Goals: 1 Goals per game: 1 Success rate: 25% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0

Disqualification: 0

Goals in LDL:1

Goals in LDL: 329

Goals in EHF CL:1

including 0 penalties

including 0 penalties

1m93

96 kg

Goals in EHF CL:1

LEFT BACK

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Trained at US Ivry, Elohim Prandi joined USAM Nîmes Gard in 2017. The 22 years old won the World Championship with the U19 French Team in 2017, and the silver medal at the U20 Euro in 2018. The French international scored 94 goals in 18 matches last season with Nîmes. At the end of the 2019-2020 season, he was named best left back of Lidl Starligue and his direct free kick against Creteil was named best goal of the season.



## 99 Dylan NAHI

Lidl Starligue 2020-2021

Games: 1 Goals: 0 Goals per game: 0 Success rate: 0% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0 EHF CL 2020-2021

Games: Goals: LEFT WING 19 yo 1m90 French 98 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 66 Goals in LDL: 66 including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 35 Goals in EHF CL: 35

#### From Club youth system

Coming from the club youth system, Dylan Nahi signed his first professional contract in March 2018. He broke earliness records: first professional game at 15 years old and youngest player on a Champions League Final game sheet when he was 17. He was also the youngest player selected in the French national team history at 18 years old. Dylan Nahi won the U21 World Championship last July, the U19 World Championship in 2017 and was designed best left wing of the tournament. At 19, he already got 8 trophies with Paris.



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## COACH



## Raul GONZALEZ **Head Coach**

Raul Gonzalez was born in 1970, in Spain in the city of Valladolid. He spent his entire professional career at BM Valladolid as center-back during 18 seasons (1987 to 2005). In 1996, at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, he won the bronze medal against France. He won two silver medals at the European Championships in 1996 and 1998.

Born the 8th January 1970 (49)

Nationality: Spanish

#### Coach career:

> BM Ciudad Real (assistant): 2005-2009

> Atlético Madrid (assistant): 2011-2013

> RK Vardar Skopje: 2014-2018

> Macedonia: since 2017

> Paris Saint-Germain: since 2018

#### **TROPHIES**

#### **As Head Coach**

1 CHAMPIONSLEAGUE

**5** MACEDONIA HANDBALL CUPS

4 MACEDONIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**3** SEHA LEAGUES

2 FRANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

**1** LEAGUE CUP

1 FRENCH SUPERCUP

### As assistant (BM Ciudad Real)

**3** CHAMPIONS LEAGUES

**4** SPAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 COPA DEL REY

4 COPA ASOBAL

**3** EHF MEN'S CHAMPIONS

3 SPAIN SUF L.
3 SUPER GLOBE **3** SPAIN SUPERCUPS

He reconverted very quickly and became assistant coach of BM Ciudad Real in 2005. In 2014, he signs as head coach of RK Vardar Skopje, a position he held until 2018. With this club, he won three championships, four Macedonian cups and two SEHA leagues. Raul Gonzalez made a splash in 2017 by winning the Champions League against Paris. In 2018, he started a new challenge and became the coach of Paris-Saint-Germain where he met Luc Abalo, a player with whom he worked from 2008 to 2012 at BM Ciudad Real.

Raul Gonzalez arrived in the city of light with a reputation as a talented and experienced coach. In his first year with Paris Saint-Germain, he won the Lidl Starligue three games before the end of the championship, as well as the Coupe de la Lique. Despite a defeat in the quarterfinals of the Champions League, the club of the French capital achieved a record season: 26 points combined in group stage, a new record since the introduction of the new competition system.

During the 2019-2020, the Parisian coach won the Trophée des Champions before leading the Paris Saint-Germain to a 6th consecutive title in Lidl Starligue, new record in competition history. The team was qualified for the Coupe de la Ligue Final4 and the EHF Champions League Round of 16 but competitions were suspended due to COVID-19.



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### STADE PIERRE-DE-COUBERTIN

The Stade Pierre-de-Coubertin was inaugurated in 1937 as part of the World Exhibition. Following the damage caused by the Second World War, it was rebuilt in 1946. The major renovation of this historic stadium is from 1990.

Paris Saint-Germain Handball is the resident club. The Club did some work to personalize the stadium, including the creation of a weight room, a medical room or the installation of Rouge et Bleu colored seats, similar to the Parc des Princes.

Some additional work was carried out during the Summer 2016 to allow Paris Saint-Germain Handball to host Champions League matches. Since the 2016-2017 season, all home games are held at Stade Pierre-de-Coubertin. During handball matches, the capacity is 3,500 spectators.

Paris Saint-Germain is on an a 36-game winning streak in Lidl Starligue in Stade Pierre-de-Coubertin. The Rouge et Bleu also broke a record for a French team with 56 straight games without a loss in Coubertin, all competitions included (55 wins and 1 draw against Kiel on March 2018) between June 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. And in Champions League, the team stayed unbeaten at home during more than 5 years, between November 2014 and December 2019. Paris lost only twice since games are played in Coubertin (32 games, 29 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses).

Beyond gamedays, the Stade Pierre-de-Coubertin is where daily practices of the professional team and club youth system take place.









- Press entrance during gamedays Avenue Félix d'Hérelle, Paris 16e
- Press entrance on non-match days 82 avenue Georges Lafont, Paris 16°

#### **Parking Vinci Porte Saint Cloud**

An indoor pay parking is located around the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, rue du Point du Jour.

#### **Gare/Airport**

The Montparnasse train station (5km) and Orly's Airport (25km) are the two nationals and internationals exchange platforms near the stadium.

#### In Subway

The stop Porte de Saint-Cloud on the line 9 is the closer one near the stadium, around 2 minutes of walk. The line 9 of the subway cross the center of Paris by the north, and is in connection with others many lines of subway (1-6-7-8-10-13 to West side and 2-4-5 to East side)

#### In bus

The stop Porte de Saint Cloud, around 2 minutes walk away from the arena, serves many lines: 22-62-72-PC1-175-189-289. The stop Stade Pierre de Coubertin is on the bus line 189 too.



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### **HISTORY**

**1941:** The club was born in 1941 under the leadership of Christian Picard. At the beginning, the club's name was Patriots of Asnieres before taking the name of Asnieres Sports few years later.

**1945**: At the Parc des Princes, in front of 15 000 spectators, the team played its first Coupe de France final but lost against Villemomble. At this time, handball was still played with 11 players.

**1987**: The city of Paris agreed with the city of Asnieres to create a big handball club in the French capital. The team moved in Paris and took a new name: Paris-Racing-Asnières before changing once again for Paris-Asnières.

**1989**: Paris attracted one of the best player of handball, Jackson Richardson. He wore the parisian jersey between 1989 and 1991. At this period, another future World Champion, Patrick Cazal, signed his first professional contract with the club.



**1991/1992:** The Paris Saint-Germain Omnisports, owned by Charles Biétry, has took control of the club called PSG-Asnières. Others sports section like volley-ball, rugby or boxing are launched by the Paris Saint-Germain.

1995/1996: Led by the 1995 World Champion and Olympic Games medalist Stéphane Stoecklin, the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> of the French championship behind the OM-Vitrolles.

**2000/2001:** The Rouge & Bleu and Olivier Girault, winner of the World Cup few months before, lost against the Montpellier Handball during their first participation to the Coupe de France final.

2001/2002: A new chapter has been opened with Louis Nicollin, who stayed owner of the club until 2010.

**2004/2005:** Coached by Thierry Anti, the Rouge et Bleu ended the season at the  $2^{nd}$  place of the French championship and qualified for the 2005-2006 Champions League, where they lost in the round of 16.

**2006/2007:** The club earned his first trophy by winning against Aix-en-Provence in the Coupe de France final.

**2009/2010:** Down in  $2^{nd}$  division after the previous season, the team won the championship and moved back to 1st division.



2008-2009 squad



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**2011/2012:** Qatar Sports Investments became the new owner of the club, which is named Paris Saint-Germain Handball. Under the impulse of Nasser Al-Khelaïfi, a new team is put in place.

**2012/2013:** The Paris Saint-Germain Handball, coached by the World Champion Philippe Gardent, won the French championship for the first time of its history. Some international stars were part of the team like Luc Abalo, Samuel Honrubia, Mikkel Hansen or Didier Dinart, which ended his career on this trophy.



**2013/2014:** With Daniel Narcisse, who joined the club at the beginning of the season, Paris reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League for the first time and won against Chambery in the final of the Coupe de France.

**2014/2015**: The Parisians fought until the last game with Montpellier to win their second French championship title. Stronger with the arrival of Thierry Omeyer, the Paris Saint-Germain Handball realized an historic triple crown after winning the Trophée des Champions and the Coupe de France.

**2015/2016:** The Paris Saint-Germain Handball, which host a new coach, Zvonimir Serdarušić, and the Karabatic brothers at the summer 2015, won one more time the Trophée des Champions and in Lidl Starligue. The team participated for the first time to the Final Four of the Champions League, proving the rise in power of the club at the European level.

**2016/2017**: Another triple crown with a third Trophée des Champions, a third consecutive Lidl Starligue and a first win in Coupe de la Ligue. The Ligue des Champions ended by a crual loss at the last second of the game in Final, against Skopje.

**2017/2018**: The Paris Saint-Germain Handball won for the first time Lidl Starligue - Coupe de France - Coupe de la Ligue. The Lidl Starligue title has been reached on the last week, which was also Daniel Narcisse last game, a true legend of French handball. In Champions league, Paris confirmed its power and qualified for Final4, where they ended at the third place.



**2018/2019**: Paris became national champion three games before the end of the Lidl Starligue. Eliminated in quarterfinals of Coupe de France against Montpellier, the Paris Saint-Germain Handball won one week after in Coupe de la Ligue for the third consecutive time. After breaking the record of points in Champions' League group phase, the Rouge & Bleu lost in quarterfinals against Kielce despite an incredible performance at the second leg in Coubertin. The end of season is marked by the retirement of the one of the best French handball player and best goalkeeper ever, Thierry Omeyer.



**2019/2020**: The Paris Saint-Germain Handball won the Trophée des Champions against Montpellier. During the match, Vincent Gérard, new Parisian player and former player of the Montpellier Handball, is named MVP with 17 stops. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rouge & Bleu are crowned champions of Lidl Starligue in April after 18 matches



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## **SEASON BY SEASON**

		GAMES	WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES	GOALS +	GOALS -
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	1	0	0	1	28	29
2020-2021	LIDL STARLIGUE	1	1	0	0	34	31
0-2	COUPE DE FRANCE	-	-	-	-	ı	-
202	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	2	1	o	1	62	60
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	14	11	0	3	444	389
20	LIDL STARLIGUE	18	17	1	0	636	498
2019-2020	COUPE DE FRANCE	3 14	3 11	0	0 3	99 444	72 389
.610	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	1 18	1 17	0	0	34 636	30 498
20	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	1 3	1 3	8	0	34 99	27 72
	TOTAL	<b>37</b> 1	<b>33</b> 1	10	3 0	1 247 34	<b>1 016</b> 30
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	16 1	14 <b>1</b>	0	2 0	514 34	445 <b>27</b>
019	LIDL STARLIGUE COUPE DE	IGUE 26 37		1	1 <b>3</b>	855 <b>1 247</b>	656 <b>1 016</b>
-2(	FRANCE	3	2	0	1	94	89
2018-2019	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	4	4	0	0	126	100
2	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	0 0		2	70	72
	TOTAL	51	44	1	6	1659	1362
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	18	14	1	3	550	498
18	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	22	1	3	796	674
-20	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	5	0	0	173	115
2017-2018	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	4	4	0	0	138	112
2	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	1	0	1	61	60
	TOTAL	55	46	2	7	1718	1459



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		GAMES	WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES	GOALS +	GOALS -
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	20	15	2	3	622	543
7	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	24	0	2	899	729
201	COUPE DE FRANCE	2	1	0	1	66	63
2016-2017	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	4	4	0	0	140	122
2(	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	2	0	0	67	53
	TOTAL	54	46	2	6	1794	1510
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	18	14	1	3	557	486
9	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	23	0	3	883	739
2015-2016	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	4	0	1	183	136
<b>015</b> -	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	3	2	0	1	112	100
2(	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	2	0	0	59	55
	TOTAL	54	45	1	8	1794	1516
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	14	8	1	5	395	363
2	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	22	1	3	842	661
-2015	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	5	0	0	148	117
2014-	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	1	0	0	1	24	25
2	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	2	0	0	71	58
	TOTAL	48	37	2	9	1480	1224



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		GAMES	WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES	GOALS +	GOALS -
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	14	7	1	6	429	402
4	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	19	2	5	825	730
2013-2014	COUPE DE FRANCE			0	0	173	152
013-	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	2	1	0	1	83	72
2(	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	1	0	1	76	59
	TOTAL	49	33	3	13	1586	1415
	LIGUE DES CHAMPIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ю	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	24	1	1	870	699
-201	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	4	0	1	169	136
2012-2013	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	2	1	0	1	68	57
2(	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	33	29	1	3	1107	892

## **SOCIAL MEDIAS**











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## GAME BY GAME SEASON 2020-2021

Date	Match	Competition	Week	Opponent	R	Score	Rank.	Best scorer Paris	Best scorer opp.	Affluence	Total spect
	-		1 114		Septer	mber 2020			<u>,                                      </u>		
17/09 23/09	1	EHF CL	W1 W2	@ Szeged		20.20	6 <sup>th</sup>		poned	740	
27/09	3	EHF CL LSL	W2 W1	vs Flensburg vs Aix		28-29 34-31	6 <sup>th</sup>	L. Karabatic, 5 N. Karabatic, 8	H. Wanne, 8 M. Ong, 8	882	1622
30/09	4	EHF CL	W3	@ Brest	VV	34-31	0	N. Natabatic, 6	14. Ong, 6	002	1022
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03/10	5	LSL	W2	vs Cesson							
06/10	6	LSL	W3	@ St Raphaël							
09/10	7	LSL	W4	vs Toulouse							
15/10	8	EHF CL	W4	vs Elverum							
17-18/10	9	LSL	W5	@ Ivry							
21-22/10	10	EHF CL	W5	@ Kielce							
24-25/10	11	LSL	W6	@ Tremblay							
29/10	12	EHF CL	W6	vs Skopje	1						
31/10	13	LSL	W7	vs Limoges	Navaa	nber 2020					
12-15/11	14	LSL	W8	@ Nîmes	Noven	11Del 2020					
19/11	15	EHF CL	W8	@ Porto	+ +	-					
21-22/11	16	LSL	W7 W9	vs Chartres	+ +	+				<del> </del>	
26/11	17	EHF CL	W8	vs Porto							
28-29/11	18	LSL	W10	@ Créteil							
					Decen	nber 2020					
03/12	19	EHF CL	W9	vs Kielce							
05-06/12	20	LSL	W11	vs Istres							
10/12	21	EHF CL	W10	@ Skopje							
12-13/12	22	LSL	W12	@ Nantes							
15-16/12	23	LSL	W13	@ Montpellier							
18-20/12	24	LSL	W14	vs Dunkerque							
28-29/12	25	EHF CL	FINAL4			2001					
04-07/02	26	LSL	W15	@ Chambéry	Febru	uary 2021					
10-11/02	27	EHF CL	W13	@ Elverum	+ +						
13-14/02	28	LSL	W16	vs Créteil	+ +						
17-18/02	29	EHF CL	W12	vs Brest	1						
20-21/02	30	LSL	W17	@ Chartres							
24-25/02	31	EHF CL	W13	@ Flensburg							
27-28/02	32	LSL	W18	@ Istres							
					Mar	ch 2021					
03-04/03	33	EHF CL	W14	vs Szeged							
18-21/03	34	LSL	W19	vs Ivry							
25-28/03	35	LSL	W20	@ Toulouse							
31/03	36	EHF CL	Round of 16			#:U2024					
03-04/04	37	LSL	W21	vs Chambéry	Api	ril 2021					
07-08/04	38	EHF CL	Round of 16	vs Chambery	+ +				1	1	
10-11/04	39	LSL	W22	@ Dunkerque	+ +	+				<del> </del>	
15-18/04	40	LSL	W23	vs Montpellier						<u> </u>	
22-25/04	41	LSL	W24	vs Nantes							
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05-06/05	42	LSL	W26	vs Tremblay							
08-09/05	43	LSL	W25	@ Limoges							
12-13/05	44	EHF CL	Quarter-final								
15/05	45	CDF	FINAL		1						
19-20/05	46	EHF CL	Quarter-final	0 11					-	1	
22-23/05	47	LSL	W27	@ Aix							
28-30/05	48	LSL	W28	vs St Raphaël	3	ne 2021					
01-02/06	49	LSL	W29	@ Cesson	Jur	1 <del>e 2</del> 021					
04-06/06	50	LSL	W29 W30	@ Cesson Vs Nîmes	+ +				<del> </del>	1	
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### ANSWER TO THE PREVIOUS TRIVIA QUESTION

#### IN CLUB HISTORY, 38 PLAYERS OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL TEAM PLAYED FOR PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN

Abalo, Accambray, Barachet, Cazal, Claire, Cordinier, Dinart, Franck, Genty, Gérard, Girault, Grébille, Honrubia, L.Karabatic, N.Karabatic, Kempé, Kounkoud, Latchimy, Lathoud, Louis, Martini, Mongin, Monthurel, Nahi, Narcisse, K.Nyokas, O.Nyokas, Omeyer, Prandi, Remili, Richardson, Sorhaindo, Stoecklin, Zuzo.