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#### FC BARCELONE HANDBALL vs PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2021 – 20:45 – PALAU BLAUGRANA – BARCELONE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE – WEEK 5 – BROADCAST: EUROSPORT 2



#### STAD WADS

Paris and Barcelona are the two best teams in the competition since the 2015-2016 season and the introduction of the new format. Paris Saint-Germain Handball collected 138 points in the group stages, while Barcelona collected 154 points.

#### **ROAD TRIP**

Paris Saint-Germain will play his first game of four consecutive away games tonight. After fighting against the Blaugrana tonight, the Rouge & Bleu will face Montpellier Handball on Sunday. Then, they will fly to Poland to play against Kielce on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> before returning to France and the Aréna du Pays d'Aix, against PAUC.

### WHAT A GAME!

The EHF Match of the Week looks like a real fight: the eight-time French champions against FC Barcelona Handball, ten-time national champions and EHF Champions League title holders. Barca beat Aalborg 36-23 in the last Final4.

#### THEY KNOW BARCELONA

Three current Paris players have worn the Barcelona jersey: Kamil Syprzak (2015-2019), Mikkel Hansen (2008-2010) and Nikola Karabatic (2013-2015), who won the Champions League with the Catalan club in 2015.

#### **FRENCH CONNECTION**

Barcelona have four French internationals in their squad: Dika Mem, Ludovic Fabregas, Melvyn Richardson and Timothey Nguessan. In Paris, eight players have already played for Les Bleus: the Karabatic brothers, Vincent Gérard, Yann Genty, Matthieu Grébille, Benoît Kounkoud, Elohim Prandi and Nedim Remili.

#### A GOLDEN RECORD

Barcelona has one of the most impressive records in handball, with 10 Champions League titles (record), two Cups and five Supercups. The club dominates the national competitions with 28 championships, 25 Copa del Rey, 16 ASOBAL Cups and 24 Spanish Supercups.

#### **NEW COACH**

After 12 years on the Barcelona bench, Xavi Pascual has been replaced by Carlos Ortega, who played for the Spanish club during 11 seasons (1994-2005) and won the European title six times.

#### **PERFECT START**

Raul Gonzalez's men have made a perfect start in the league, winning six of their six games. The Rouge & Bleu are now alone at the top of the Liqui Moly Starligue with a three-point lead over Aix, second.

#### **MISTER 1 100**

Nikola Karabatic can reach a new symbolic cap in the EHF Champions League. The Parisian who has won the most championships in France must score once to reach 1 100 goals.

#### **BLUE JERSEY**

Six players have been called up to the French national team for the Golden League 2022 first step against Norway and Denmark on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>: Vincent Gérard, Nikola Karabatic, Elohim Prandi, Nedim Remili, Luka Karabatic and Benoît Kounkoud.

#### **THE GROUP**

All the players are available for this game. Luka Karabatic and Benoit Kounkoud are back in the group after their injuries.



TRIVIA QUESTION

WHICH PARISIAN PLAYER HAVE WON THE MOST FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TITLES?

Answer in the next Game Notes



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Statistics in EHF Champions League - Group phase 2021-2022



# 2 wins / 1 tie / 1 loss

1<sup>st</sup> attack of group B (34,75 gpm) 7<sup>th</sup> defense of group B (30,75 gpm) 139 goals scored / 123 goals against



## 3 wins / 0 tie / 1 loss

2<sup>nd</sup> attack of group B (31,25 gpm) 1st defense of group B (26,75 gpm) 125 goals scored / 107 goals against

#### LAST HEAD-TO-HEADS AGAINST BARCELONE

28/12/2020	LDC	<b>BARCELONE</b> vs PARIS	<b>37</b> -32
01/12/2019	LDC	PARIS vs <b>BARCELONE</b>	32 <b>-35</b>
19/10/2019	LDC	<b>BARCELONE</b> vs PARIS	<b>36</b> -32
03/12/2016	LDC	<b>BARCELONE</b> vs PARIS	<b>35</b> -32
12/11/2016	LDC	<b>PARIS</b> vs BARCELONE	<b>33</b> -26
15/02/2014	LDC	<b>BARCELONE</b> vs PARIS	<b>38</b> -28
20/10/2013	LDC	PARIS vs BARCELONE	29- <b>33</b>

In EHF CL against Barcelona: 1W-0D-6L

	EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	2021-2022 SEASON						
		Pts	W	D	L			
1	Kielce	8	4	0	1			
2	Barcelone (-1)	6	3	0	1			
3	Veszprém (-1)	6	3	0	1			
4	Paris (-1)	5	2	1	1			
5	Porto	4	2	0	3			
6	Bucarest (-1)	2	1	0	3			
7	Motor (-1)	2	1	0	3			
8	Flensburg (-1)	1	0	1	3			

#### **LAST GAMES**

# LIQUI MOLY STARLIGUE W6 17/10/2021 36-29

	36	SCORE	29
OAR	71	SHOOTING ACCURACY (%)	57
	37	GOALKEEPER SAVES (%)	24
	2	ASSISTS	0
WY- GERWIN	13	TURNOVERS	9
	6	2 MINUTES	2









**PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL** 

#### EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE W4 14/10/2021 40-32

	40
	73
PARS	29
	NC
STANT - GERMAN	NC
	4

32 SCORE 73 SHOOTING ACCURACY (%) 63 29 GOALKEEPER SAVES (%) 25 NC ASSISTS NC NC **TURNOVERS** NC 2 MINUTES



**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE W6 27/10/2021 18H45** 

**NEXT GAMES** 



**LOMZA VIVE KIELCE** 



**PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN HANDBALL** 



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# **STATISTICS**

#### **TEAM STATISTICS**

Most goals scored by PSG in a game season 2021-2022: 45 goals vs Cesson (02/10/2021 - LSL J4)

Most goals conceded by PSG in a game season 2021-2022: 34 goals vs Veszprém (16/09/2021 – EHF CL J1)

Less goals scored by PSG in a game season 2021-2022: 31 goals vs Veszprém (16/09/2021 - EHF CL J1)

Less goals against by PSG in a game season 2021-2022: 22 goals vs Nîmes (02/10/2021 - LSL J4)

Best shooting success in a game season 2021-2022: 81% vs Toulouse (19/09/2021 – LSL J2)

Worst shooting success in a game season 2021-2022: 58% vs Nîmes (09/10/2021 – LSL J5)

Most stops in a game season 2021-2022: 17 stops vs Nîmes (09/10/2021 - LSL J5)

Number of consecutive wins at home in Lidl Starligue: 46 (from 08/06/2017 to 25/04/2021)

Number of games without losses at home in EHF Champions League: 41 (from the 16/11/2014 vs Kiel to 01/12/2019 vs Barca)

Number of games without losses at home all competitions: 56 (from the 08/06/2017 vs Nantes to 01/12/2019 vs Barcelone)

#### **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 2020-2021:

+22 against Limoges (J7)

Biggest goal difference in a loss game in Lidl Starlique 2020-2021:

No loss

**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
- **129** pts cumuled in group phase of Champions League since 2015-2016, against 128 for Barcelone

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Best scorer season 2021-2022: Mikkel Hansen - 30

Best scorer in a season in Lidl Starligue: Hansen – 228 buts (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 2021-2022 : Nedim Remili – 27

Best scorer on penalty kick season 2021-2022 : Mikkel Hansen - 25

Best shooting accuracy on shots season 2021 - 2022: 88,86% - Elohim Prandi

Best goal per game average season 2021 -2022 : **5** – Mikkel Hansen

Most saves in one game season 2021 -2022: 17 - Vincent Gérard

Most saves this season season 2021 - 2022 : 52 - Vincent Gérard

Most saves on shots this season 2021 - 2022: 47 - Vincent Gérard

Best saves rate in a game season 2021 - 2022: 35 % - Yann Genty

Longest distance in a game season 2021 - 2022 : /

Most sprints in a game season 2021-2022:/

Higher jump in a game season 2021-2022:/

Fastest player in a game season 2021 - 2022 : /

Most titles of France Championship: Nikola Karabatic – **13** (7 with Montpellier et 6 with Paris)



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# ROSTER



# 1 Vincent GERARD

EHF CL 2021-2022

with Paris Saint-Germain

34 yo French 97 kg

1m89

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-2022

Games: 4

Stops in LDL: 3 352 Stops in LDL: 371

Games: 6 Stops: 52

Stops: 44

Including 208 penalties

In career

Stops per game: 8,67

Success rate: 35,62 %

Disqualification: 0

Stops in EHF CL: 244

**GOALKEEPER** 

Stops in EHF CL: NC

Warnings: 1 2 minutes: 0

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2019

After his debut in Metz, Vincent Gérard first went to Montpellier and then Istres where he won the Coupe de la Lique 2009 by being designated MVP of the final. His time in Dunkirk (2010-2015) was marked by a title of French champion (2014). The Lorrain returned to the MHB in 2015 and won four trophies including the 2018 Champions League. In selection, he is European Champion (2014), World Champion (2017) and Olympic Champion (2021). He was voted best goalkeeper at the 2017 World Cup in Euro 2018.



### **6 Luc STEINS**

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-EHF CL 2021-2022 with Paris Saint-Germain

**CENTER-BACK** 

25 yo 1m73 Dutch 73 kg

2022

Goals: 10

2 minutes: 2 Disqualification: 0

Games: 6

Goals per game: 1,67

Success rate: 71% Warning: 1

Games: 4 Goals: 10

Goals in LDL: 68 Goals in LDL: 214

including 0 penalties

including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 51

Goals in EHF CL: 51

In career

At Paris Saint-Germain since November 2020

Luc Steins joins Paris in November 2020 as a medical joker, after Nikola Karabatic's injury. He started as a pro at the age of 17 with the Limburg Lions, winning two doubles Championship and Cup of the Netherlands in 2015 and 2016, before leaving for Massy. Steins was named best player of Prolique 2016-2017, then signed at Tremblay-en-France, where he played two seasons and then entered Toulouse in the summer of 2019. The 25-year-old has 66 selections and 190 national team goals.



#### 7 Sadou NTANZI

21 yo French 1m83

Liqui Moly Starlique 2021-2022

EHF CL 2021-2022

In career

80 kg

Games: 6

Games: 4

Goals in LDI: 24

**CENTER-BACK** 

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 71

Goals: 5

2 minutes: 0

Goals: 1

including 1 penalty

including 1 penalty

Goals in EHF CL: 52

Goals per game: 0,83 Success rate: 100 % Warning: 0

Disqualification: 0

Goals in EHF CL: 52

Sadou Ntanzi joined the Paris Saint-Germain training center in 2017, before making his first steps with the professional team in April 2019. In the second half of the 2020-2021 season, the 21-year-old was loaned to Fénix Toulouse Handball. In 2018, he was named the best semi-centre of the U18 European Championship with 41 goals.

From Club youth system



1m85

83 kg

2m15

1m90

89 kg

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# 9 Adama KEITA

Liqui Moly Starlique 2021-2022

Games: 6 Goals: 20

Goals per game: 3,33 Success rate: 86 % Warning: 0

2 minutes: 2 Disqualification: 0 **LEFT WING** 

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

23 yo

French

Goals in LDI: 106

including 1 penalty

Goals in LDI: 106 including 1 penalty

Goals in EHF CL: 56 Goals in EHF CL: 56

From Club youth system

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4 Goals: 5

Adama Keita plays his third season with the Paris Saint-Germain professional group. Coming from the club's youth system, the left winger is the former captain and top scorer of the reserve team. Selected several times as a young French team, the Parisian-born won the bronze medal at the U21 World Championship in 2017, with Melvyn Richardson and Dika Mem. His older brother Mahamadou also played in Lidl Starligue, at the US Ivry, and at the same position.

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4

Goals: 10



# 10 Dainis KRISTOPANS

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-2022

Games: 6 Goals: 14

Goals per game: 2,33 Success rate: 74% Warning: 1

Disqualification: 0

2 minutes: 4

**RIGHT BACK** 

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDI: 85

including 0 penalties

Goals in FHF CI: 52

Latvian 135 kg

30 yo

In career

23 yo

In career

Goals in LDL: 85

including 0 penalties

Goals in FHF CI: 447

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

The tallest player in the world (2m15), Dainis Krištopāns discovers handball with childhood friends. After Latgols (LET), Presov (SVK), Brest (BLR), he landed in Skopje for a first experience under the orders of Raul Gonzalez. In 2019, the Latvian international won the Champions League with the Macedonian club, after having designated MVP of the Final4 and best right-back of the competition. Together with Nedim Remili, he composes one of the best right-back pairs.



#### 11 Benoît KOUNKOUD

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-EHF CL 2021-2022 2022

Games: 4 Games: 5 Goals: 8 Goals: 9

Goals per game: 1,80 Success rate: 90% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 1

Disqualification: 0

**RIGHT WING** French

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 232 Goals in LDL: 232

Goals in EHF CL: 146 Goals in EHF CL: 146

From Club youth system

Benoît Kounkoud joined the club's youth system in 2014 following great performances with La Source club in Reunion Island. He discovered the French championship a few months later, at the age of 17. With the national team jersey, the right win becomes European U20 champion (2014) then U21 world champion (2015). His rise is crowned by a convocation to the French team at the Euro 2016. He is the oldest of the Parisian squad after Mikkel Hansen.



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# 12 Yann GENTY

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-2022

Games: 5

Stops per game: 5 Success rate: 35,71 %

Warnings: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0 GOALKEEPER

39 yo French 1m85 89 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Stops in LDL: 178 including 4 penalties

Stops in LDL: 3 184 Including 130 penalties

Stops in EHF CL: 337

Stops in EHF CL: NC

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Born near Paris, Yann Genty began handball at the age of 4 as a wing player. Finally converted into a goalkeeper, he spent 15 years at Saint-Gratien before joining Billère where he played two seasons. Then, he joined Aurillac and Istres in 2010, where he replaced Vincent Gérard. In 2014, after two seasons in Cesson, Genty joined Chambéry and was voted Lidl Starligue's best goalkeeper for his first season. Selected as a French team in 2019, he won the Tokyo Olympic Games last summer.

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4

Goals: 15

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4

Stops:7



# 14 Ferran SOLE SALA

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-

Games: 6 Goals: 13

Goals per game: 2,17 Success rate: 65% Warning: 0

2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0 **RIGHT WING** 

with Paris Saint-Germain

ris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 98 including 7 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 56

Goals in LDL: 519

28 yo

Spanish

including 7 penalties

1m93

84 kg

Goals in EHF CL: 56

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Né à Barcelone, Ferran Solé est formé au BM Granollers, club avec lequeil il termine meilleur buteur de la Coupe de EHF 2015-2016. Il prend ensuite la route de l'hexagone et signe au Fenix Toulouse Handball. Solé joue un rôle décisif dans la victoire espagnole au championnat d'Europe 2018 et est élu meilleur ailier droit de la compétition. Il obtient la même distinction un an plus tard, à l'occasion du championnat du monde 2019.



### 15 Henrik TOFT HANSEN

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021- EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 6 Games: 4
Goals: 2 Goals: 2

Goals per game: 0,33 Success rate: 33 %

Warning: 1 2 minutes: 3 Disqualification: 0 LINE PLAYER

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Danish 102 kg

2m

34 yo

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 106 Goals in LDL: 106 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 57 Goals in EHF CL: 259

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2018

Henrik Toft Hansen started his professional career in his Mors (northern Denmark). After ten seasons, he moved to Germany in Hamburg and then Flensburg with his brother, René. The line player won all the major titles in national team: Euro 2012, Olympic Games 2016 and World Cup 2019 with Mikkel Hansen. He is the second of a sibling of five childrens, three boys and two girls. His wife, Ulrika, moved to Issy Paris before retiring.



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# 18 Nedim REMILI

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-2022

Games: 6 Goals: 27

Goals per game: 4,50 Success rate: 64 %

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 3

Disqualification: 0

**RIGHT BACK** 

Goals in LDL: 539

25 yo French 1m95 99 kg

1m98

97 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain

In career

Goals in LDL: 711

including 31 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 383

Goals in EHF CL: 383

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2016

From the US Créteil youth system, club of his father Kamel, former player and current general manager, Nedim Remili begins his sixth season in Paris. With the Red and Blue, the right back women eleven trophies. With France, the right-back became the 2017 World Champion, winning the competition's best right-back at the age of 21. Then, he won two bronze medals at the 2018 Euro and 2019 World Championships. He wons gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4

Goals: 14

Games: 3

Games: 4

Goals: 16

Goals: 6



# 20 Mathieu GREBILLE

Liqui Moly Starlique 2021-EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 6

Goals: 13

2022

Goals per game: 2,17 Success rate: 81% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

**LEFT WING** 

Goals in LDI: 52

with Paris Saint-Germain

French In career

29 yo

Goals in LDI: 527

Goals in FHF CI · 22 Goals in EHF CL: 259

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

Born in Paris, Mathieu Grébille moved to Martinique at 7 years old. He starts handball, while ahead of vice-champion of France cadet high jump. He joined the Montpellier youth system before taking part, at 18, in his first professional match. In 2012, he made his French team debut. He won two major titles with the Bleus, the 2014 European Championship and the 2015 World Championship. He joined Paris Saint-Germain, his second club in his career, after 12 years at the MHB.



# 21 Kamil SYPRZAK

Liqui Moly Starlique 2021-EHF CL 2021-2022

2022

Games: 5 Goals: 22

Goals per game: 4,40

Success rate: 76%

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 3

Disqualification: 0

LINE PLAYER

29 yo

2m07

Polish

113 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 190

Goals in LDL: 190

Goals in FHF CI: 117 Goals in FHF CI: 322

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2019

After starting his professional career in Plock, where he became Polish champion in 2011, Kamil Syprzak signed in Barcelona. He accumulated 14 titles in four seasons with the Catalan club before joining the Paris Saint-Germain Handball. He is no longer the biggest player in the Parisian squad since the arrival of Dainis Kristopans. With the Polish team, he won the bronze medal at the 2015 World Championship, scoring his team's decisive goal in overtime against Spain.



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# 22 Luka KARABATIC

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021- EHF CL 2021-2022 2022

Games: 5 Goals: 17

Goals per game: 3,40 Success rate: 89 %

Warning: 2 2 minutes: 1 Disqualification: 0 LINE PLAYER 32 yo 2m02 French 110 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain In career

Goals in LDL: 339 Goals in LDL: 619 including 0 penalties including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 226 Goals in EHF CL: 248

At Paris Saint-Germain since 2015

Luka Karabatic plays high-level tennis during his teenage years. He chose handball at 19, joined the Montpellier training center before signing pro and winning 14 titles with the MHB. After three seasons in Aix, he joined Paris with his brother Nikola in the summer of 2015. Elected best defender of the Champions League on two occasions, the Parisian captain adds 11 lines to his record with Paris. In blue, he became European (2014), World (2015 and 2017) and Olympic (2021) champions.

EHF CL 2021-2022

Games: 4

Goals: 24

Games: 4

Goals: 13

Games: 4

Goals: 6



### 24 Mikkel HANSEN

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-

Games: 6 Goals: 30 Goals per game: 5

Success rate: 81% Warning: 0 2 minutes: 2

Disqualification: 0

LEFT BACK 33 yo 1m96 Danish 99 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 1245 Goals in LDL: 1245 including 435 penalties including 435 penalties

In career

In career

Goals in EHF CL: 691 Goals in EHF CL: 936

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

Mikkel Hansen is the oldest Parisian in the current team (since 2012) and has won 18 titles since his arrival. Recordman of the most goals scored in a Champions League season (141 in 2015-2016) and Lidl Starligue (228 in 2015-2016), «Mikki» is the 6th scorer in the history of the championship (1,221 goals). With Denmark, he won the Euro 2012, the Olympic Games 2016 and the World Championships 2019 and 2021. He was voted best player in the world three times (2011, 2015 and 2018). He played the most games with Paris (377).



### 44 Nikola KARABATIC

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021- EHF CL 2021-2022 2022

Games: 6 Goals: 16

Goals per game: 2,67 Success rate: 62 %

2 minutes: 0 Disqualification: 0

Warning: 1

CENTER-BACK 36 yo 1m96
LEFT BACK French 105 kg

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 390 Goals in LDL: 878 including 8 penalties including 0 penalties

Goals in EHF CL: 337 Goals in EHF CL: 1099

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2015

Nikola Karabatic signed at Paris Saint-Germain in the summer of 2015. With Montpellier, Kiel, Barcelona and Paris, the center-back has won 19 championships in 20 seasons, but also 23 national cups, 10 national supercuts, 3 Champions Leagues, 2 Super Globes and 1 European Supercup. He is the record holder of French champions' titles (13). With France, he is three-time Olympic champion, four-time World champion and three-time European champion. He is named three times the best player in the world (2007, 2014 and 2016).



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# 71 Elohim PRANDI

**LEFT BACK** 

22 yo French

1m93 96 kg

Liqui Moly Starligue 2021-2022 EHF CL 2021-2022

In career

Games: 6

Games: 4 Goals: 8 Goals in LDL: 126

with Paris Saint-Germain

Goals in LDL: 454

Goals: 25

Goals per game: 4,17 Success rate: 61 % Goals in EHF CL: 51

Goals in EHF CL: 51

Warning: 0 2 minutes: 2 Disqualification: 0

At Paris Saint-Germain since June 2020

From the US Ivry youth system, Elohim Prandi joined USAM Nîmes Gard in 2017. He shines in national youth team by winning the title at the U19 World Cup in 2017 and the U21 World Cup in 2019. He made his first game in the first team a few months later before playing in his first major tournament, the 2020 European Championship. In the 2019-20 season, he finished as the team's top scorer with 94 goals and was voted Lidl Starligue's best left back. He also won the trophy for the most beautiful goal of the season.



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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 (51)

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

1 FRENCH CUP

#### 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 SUPERCUPS

**3** SUPER GLOBE

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 Ligue. 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 2020-2021 season, the Parisian coach won the Coupe de France before leading his team to a seventh consecutive Lidl Starligue title, a record in the history of the competition. The team finished on the third step of the podium at the Final 4 of the EHF Champions League.



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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 realized a 46-game winning streak in Lidl Starligue in Stade Pierre-de-Coubertin from the 08/06/2017 to the 25/04/2021) and 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 three times since games are played in Coubertin (42 games, 37 wins, 2 draws and 3 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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> division after the previous season, the team won the championship and moved back to 1st division.



2008-2009 squad





**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.

<u>2020/2021</u>: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LNH decides to cancel the Champions Trophy and the League Cup. The Rouge & Bleu achieved a historic start to the season by winning the first 22 days of Lidl Starligue. With 27 wins in 29 games, Paris won the French

champion, a few weeks after winning the fifth Coupe de France in its history against Montpellier (26-30).





# **SEASON BY SEASON**

		MATCHES	WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES	GOALS+	GOALS -	
7	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	4	2	1	1	139	123	
2021-2022	STARLIGUE	6	6	-	-	225	161	
.20	COUPE DE FRANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-12	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL	10	8	1	1	364	284	
<u></u>	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	19	12	1	6	541	470	
02	STARLIGUE	28	26	1	1	971	738	
2020-2021	COUPE DE FRANCE	1	1	0	0	30	26	
Ö	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	TOTAL	48	39	2	7	1542	1 234	
2019-2020	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	14	11	0	3	444	389	
	STARLIGUE	18	17	1	0	636	498	
	COUPE DE FRANCE	3	3	0	0	99	72	
6	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	1	1	0	0	34	30	
50.	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	1	1	0	0	34	27	
	TOTAL	37	33	1	3	1 2 47	1 016	
	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	16	14	0	2	514	445	
2018-2010	STARLIGUE	26	24	1	1	855	656	
-20	COUPE DE FRANCE	Z		0	1	94	89	
<u>∞</u>	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	4	4	0	0	126	100	
50.	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	0	0	2	70	72	
	TOTAL	51	44	1	6	1 659	1 362	





	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	18	14	1	3	550	498
<u>∞</u>	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
20	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	1	0	1	61	60
	TOTAL	55	46	2	7	1718	1459
	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	20	15	2	3	622	543
17	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	24	0	2	899	729
2016-2017	COUPE DE FRANCE	2	1	0	1	66	63
.916	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	4	4	0	0	140	122
20	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	2	0	0	67	53
	TOTAL	54	46	2	6	1794	1510
	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	18	14	1	3	557	486
16	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	23	0	3	883	739
-20	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	4	0	1	183	136
2015-2016	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	3	2	0	1	112	100
20	TROPHÉE DES CHAMPIONS	2	2	0	0	59	55
	TOTAL	54	45	1	8	1794	1516
	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	14	8	1	5	395	363
15	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	22	1	3	842	661
-20.	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	5	0	0	148	117
2014-201	COUPE DE LA LIGUE	1 0		0	1	24	25
20	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 -
4	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	14	7	1	6	429	402
	LIDL STARLIGUE	26	19	2	2 5		730
.201	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	5	0	0	173	152
2013-2014	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
10	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	0	0	0 0		0	0
	LIDL 26		24	1	1	870	699
.201	COUPE DE FRANCE	5	4	0	1	169	136
2012-2013	COUPE DE LA 2 1		1	0	1	68	57
20	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 - 2021-2022**

Date	Match	Competition	Week	Opponent	R	Score	Rank.	Best scorer Paris	Best scorer opp.	Affluence	Total spect
					Se	ptember 202	1				
10/09	1	LSL	W1	vs Istres	W	34-25	1 <sup>st</sup>	K. Syprzak, 5	O. Hosni, 6	1646	-
16/09	2	EHF CL	W1	@ Veszprém	L	34-31	5 <sup>th</sup>	M. Hansen, 7	Y. Fathy Omar, 10	-	-
19/09	3	LSL	W2	vs Toulouse	W	43-28	1 <sup>st</sup>	E. Prandi, 8	N. Ilic, 8	1825	3 471
23/09	4	EHF CL	W2	vs Bucarest	W	41-30	2 <sup>nd</sup>	F. Sole Sala, 6	C. Sorhaindo, 9	2 421	5 892
26/09	5	LSL	W3	@ Créteil	W	36-32	1 <sup>st</sup>	M. Hansen, 11	Piroch, Gibelin, 5	-	-
29/09	6	EHF CL	W3	@ Flensburg	D	27-27	5 <sup>th</sup>	M. Hansen, 6	H. Wenne, 7	-	-
02/40		1.61	22/4			Ctober 2021	det	D 11: C 1 7	D. M. II. W. A	2 470	0.770
02/10	7	LSL	W4	vs Cesson	W	45-22	1 <sup>st</sup>	Remili, Syprzak, 7	R. Molinié, 4	2 478	8 370
09/10 14/10	8 9	LSL EHF CL	W5 W4	@ Nîmes vs Motor	W	32-25 40-32	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hansen, Remili, 6 M. Hansen, 6	M. Sanad, 7 A. Kozakevych	2 772	11 142
17/10	10	LSL	W4 W6	vs Motor vs Chambéry	W	36-29	1 <sup>st</sup>	K. Syprzak, 8	I. Goni, 7	2 459	13 601
21/10	11	EHF CL	W5	@ Barcelone	VV	30-29	la.	K. Sypizak, o	I. GOIII, /	2 439	13 601
24/10	12	LSL	W7	@ Montpellier							
27/10	13	EHF CL	W6	@ Kielce							
30/10	14	LSL	W8	@ Aix							
56/16		202		9 7 117	No	vember 2021	1				
10/11	15	CDL	ROUND OF 16								
12-14/11	16	LSL	W9	vs Chartres	1						
18/11	17	EHF CL	W7	vs Porto		1					
20-21/11	18	LSL	W10	vs Saint-Raph							
25/11	19	EHF CL	W8	@ Porto							
27-28/11	20	LSL	W11	@ Limoges							
					Dε	ecember 202	1				
02/12	21	EHF CL	W9	vs Kielce							
04-05/12	22	LSL	W12	vs Nancy							
09/12	23	EHF CL	W10	vs Barcelone							
11-12/12	24	LSL	W13	@ Saran							
14-15/12	25	LSL	W14	@ Nantes							
18-19/12	26	CDL	FINAL FOUR								
					Fe	ebruary 2022			1	ı	
05-06/02	27	LSL	W15	vs Dunkerque							
11-13/02	28	LSL	W16 W11	vs Istres							
16-17/02 19-20/02	29 30	EHF CL LSL	W17	@ Motor vs Limoges	<u> </u>						
23-24/02	31	EHF CL	W17 W12	vs Elmoges vs Flensbourg	-						
27-28/02	32	LSL	W12 W18	vs Nîmes	1						
27-20/02	32	LJL	WIO	VSTAILLES	,	March 2022					
02-03/03	33	EHF CL	W13	@ Bucarest	1 '	Tarchi 2022					
05-06/03	34	LSL	W19	@ Chambéry							
09-10/03	35	EHF CL	W14	vs Veszprém							
12-13/03	36	LSL	W20	vs Nantes							
24-27/03	37	LSL	W21	@ Nancy							
30-31/03	38	EHF CL	ROUND OF 16	,							
						April 2022					
02-03/04	39	LSL	W22	vs Aix							
06-07/04	40	EHF CL	ROUND OF 16								
09-10/04	41	LSL	W23	@ Cesson							
21/04	42	CDF	ROUND OF 8		<u> </u>						
28-30/04	43	LSL	W24	@ Dunkerque		l					<u> </u>
			11/5-			May 2022				1	
05-08/05	44	LSL	W25 QUARTERFINALS	vs Montpellier	<u> </u>				1		
11-12/05	45	EHF CL			<b> </b>	1		-	1		
14/05	46	CDF	SEMIFINALS QUARTERFINALS		1	<del> </del>		-			<del>                                     </del>
18-19/05	47	EHF CL		o.Ch. :	1	<del> </del>		-			<del>                                     </del>
21-22/05	48	LSL	W26	@ Chartres	1	<del> </del>		-			ļ
26-29/05	49	LSL	W27	vs Saran		7400 2022			<u> </u>		
01-02/06	50	LSL	W28	@ Toulouse		June 2022				 	
04-05/06	50	LSL	W28 W29	@ Saint-Raph	1						-
07-08/06	52	LSL	W29 W30	ws Créteil	1						
11/06	53	CDF	FINAL	V3 CIELEII	<del>                                     </del>	1		1	1		<del> </del>
18-19/06	54	EHF CL	FINAL FOUR		<del>                                     </del>	1		1	1		<del> </del>
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# ANSWER OF THE LAST TRIVIAL QUESTION

10 TITLES OF "BEST HANDBALL PLAYER IN THE WORLD" HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY A PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN PLAYER: Jackson Richardson (1995), Stéphane Stoecklin (1997), Nikola Karabatic (2007, 2014, 2016), Thierry Omeyer (2008), Mikkel Hansen (2011, 2015, 2018), Daniel Narcisse (2012).