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#### Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back for the resumption of the EHF Champions League Men. In the two months since our last action, the handball elite have been competing in the World Championship in Egypt and those on duty for their national teamsow return to focus on Europe's top-flight.

The performances in Egypt once again reminded us just how strong European teams are on the world stage and my congratulations go to champions Denmark on securing back-to-back titles. Together with runners-up Sweden and Spain, who finished in third, there were 27 players at EHF Champions League clubs who medalled in Egypt whose aim now is to make it a year to remember by finishing with an EHF Champions League medal.

From the first ball, group A has been dominated by two sides who are only separated by goal difference at the top.Łomża Vive Kielce and SG Flensburg-Handewitt have enjoyed a fine campaign to date and are closing in on a place in the quarter-finals, having won six of their eight matches so far. With Paris Saint-Germain, who finished third at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 in December, also fighting for a place in the next phase, this group promises to have plenty of twists and turns before its conclusion.

In group B, Barça have blown away all before them, winning all eight of their matches to sit pretty at the top on 16 points. Telekom Veszprém have kept with up with Catalan club, sitting three points behind having won six of their eight matches. The Hungarian side have æone -point advantage over Motor as the second half of the season begins, while Aalborg Håndbold, who saw six players win medals at the World Championship, lie in fourth on 10 points.

With every team's goal to reach Cologne, it would be remiss of me not to highlight another team in group B: THW Kiel. Although their results in the 2020/21 season have been mixed, the German outfit were crowned winners of the 2020 season in a memorable VELUX EHF FINAL4 2020 in December. Filip Jicha's side were the toast of Europe after two epic performances in Cologne and my congratulations go to all concerned at theWunderino Arena. Of course, it was both unfortunate and sad that such an achievement was not witnessed by spectators sirde a full LANXESS arena but, in these uncertain times, it was uplifting to see so manysupporters across the world tuning into watch each match.

In these Covid-19 dominated days, we have done our utmost to ensure the welfare of the teams with the implementation of a strict and detailed hygiene concept. It has helped us ensure a safe the return of top-flight handball to arenas across Europe and hopefully soon we will be able to see the return of you, the fans, who are the heartbeat of handball.

So, as the pace on the road to Cologne and the EHF FINAL4 on 12/13 June 2021 increases, I wish all teams a safe and happy return to action and wish you all the very besonof luck your EHF Champions League Men journey.

Michael Wiederer EHF President



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10	Alex Dujshebaev
11	Nicolas Tournat
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18	Igor Karacić
19	Krzysztof Lijewski
22	Uladzislau Kulesh
23	Arkadiusz Moryto
25	Haukur Thrastarson
27	Cezary Surgiel
32	Angel Fernandez
33	Andreas Wolff
41	Sebastian Kaczor
44	Daniel Dujshebaev
48	Tomasz Gębala
50	Artsem Karalek
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7	Vasco Costa
8	Tomas Abreu
9	Manuel Spath
10	Miguel Martins Soares
11	Djibril Omar Mbengue
13	Francisco Costa
14	Rui Silva Sousa Martins
15	Daymaro Salina Amador
16	Nikola Mitrevski
18	Miguel Oliveira
19	Ivan Sliskovic
20	Tiago Sousa
21	Leonel Fernandes
23	Diogo Branquinho
24	Diogo Silva da Borges
25	Antonio Areia Rodrigues
27	Andre Gomes
29	Miguel Alves
33	Diogo Marques
44	Jesus Hurtado Vergara
69	Bernardo Pegas
79	Martim Costa
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