

Group B (Tuesday)

18.30 Dinamo Tbilisi (GEO) v Pro Recco (ITA)

Last 5 matches:

Tbilisi: LLLLL

Recco: DWDWW

Day 7:

Recco v Dinamo 24-9

Revaz Chomakhidze, head coach, Dinamo:

"We are facing one of the best teams in the Europe while not having the best period. Three of our players are absent and the rest of the team is recovering after the Europeans so I have to plan some change in the roster, in case we miss the players. Any line-up we start the match with will be ready to play on our maximum level against such an interesting rival."

Giorgi Magrakvelidze, player, Recco:

"We definitely have one of the strongest opponents. Against Pro Recco we will do our best to show the fans the nice side of the game."

Vincenzo Renzuto Iodice, player, Pro Recco:

"We have a great desire to start again with Pro Recco after a two-month break after the European Championships. An insidious game awaits us, Dinamo Tbilisi is a team that can bother us, in fact it is the Georgian national team and unlike us they have been together in this long period. For us to arrive first is fundamental, we want to show that we are stronger and able to finish in front of the two Hungarians."

18.30 FTC-Telekom (HUN) v A-Híd OSC-Budapest (HUN)

Last 5 matches:

FTC: WWDWD

OSC: WLWLD

Day 7:

OSC v FTC 10-10

Zsolt Varga, head coach, FTC-Telekom:

"It's an interesting situation since we have only been together for four days after the European Championships, but it's the same for our opponent. We will do our best to keep the three points at home in front of our crowd and stay in the race for the first place in the group."

Soma Vogel, goalkeeper, FTC-Telekom:

"After a break we are playing in the LEN Champions League again. It is going to be a hard game because the team had only a week to practice together after the Europeans. The success we experienced in the last couple weeks

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gave us extra motivation which should help the team to win against OSC this time.”

Lajos Vad, coach, OSC:

“After the European Championships the Champions League round comes very quickly. We do not have enough time to prepare for this game, however, the two clubs know each other very well. Of course we expect a very tight game.”

Balazs Erdelyi, player, OSC:

“To reach the Final 8, this is a very important match for us. I think the 6 on 5s will decide the game.”

20.30 CN Terrassa (ESP) v Waspo 98 Hannover (GER)

Last 5 matches:

Terrassa: LLLWW

Hannover: LLLWL

Day 7:

Hannover v Terrassa 8-9

Didac Cobacho, head coach, Terrassa:

“We face this second round of the Champions League with the same enthusiasm we started with. As I said at the beginning, every point we take must be celebrated as a great success. Right now we have nine points, a figure that nobody imagined we could achieve. We face a visit of Hannover, a very strong team with international players. The most notable of them are Darko Brguljan, a player of enormous quality, and left-handed Russian Ivan Nagaev. Many of their players have also played in the European Championship, so they'll be in good shape for the game. We beat them in their pool and now our goal is to beat them at home and present our fans a victory. To do that, we have to be very tidy, especially in defence. This is key for us, because we cannot compete against these teams in high-scoring matches.”

Agusti Pericas, player, Terrassa:

“The match in Hanover was very hard. They had a very good start, with a lot of intensity. If we can hold in the first few minutes, we'll have better chance, because I think we're capable of keeping a high tempo for longer. They have a little bit of anarchic players, who sometimes tend to finish off quickly, which means they neglect their defence a little bit. We have a more controlled game, more patient, to find the best offensive ending. Besides, this time we play at home, with our fans behind us, a factor that should push us towards victory.”

Karsten Seehafer, head coach, Hannover:

“We haven't forgotten the game in Hannover. This is a new game with the same opponent and we play away. The focus for a lot of players in this season

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is the national teams, in the club we are only successful if get motivation for our own games. That is the task for the next encounters."

Petar Muslim, player, Hannover:

"After a long break this will be the first important match. As we lost the last one we played against them, we will do our best not to repeat the same mistakes which I hope will lead to our victory."

Aleksander Radovic, player, Hannover:

"First Champions League game is always difficult after the European Championship but we have to find our motivation, especially after losing the last game against them. They are fast and aggressive, a classic Spanish team."

20.30 CN Marseille (FRA) v HAVK Mladost Zagreb (CRO)

Last 5 matches:

Marseille: WWWLL

Mladost: DWLWL

Day 7:

Mladost v Marseille 12-11

Marc Amardeilh, head coach, Marseille:

"This home game against Mladost is crucial in the race for the Final 8. We were too inconsistent in the first leg in Zagreb but we disturbed them at times. We will have to be concentrated and determined for four periods to obtain a victory."

Ugo Crousillat, player, Marseille:

"Against Mladost, we know it'll be a very hard match. This is a very good team, but we are ready and strong. During the last matches in Champions League we could prove we were strong against some of the best teams of the competition. We have to set the pace and we have to be aggressive. Personally, I'm motivated and excited to play my first match of this year and after a long international truce."

Zoran Bajic, coach, Mladost:

"This game is very important on our road to the Final 8 of the Champions league. Marseille has great players witch makes them a very serious team and good opponent. Luckily, our team is in good health so we can go with full power in this match and hope to come back home with three points."

Lovre Milos, player, Mladost:

"The key to our win is the best defence and of course the fast transition and great attack on a level which we had during the first part of the club season. Now for us it is important to adjust from the national team to club games."

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With all respect for Marseille I think we are the better team and we look forward to win this game."

Group A (Wednesday)

19.00 Szolnoki Dozsa (HUN) v Spandau 04 Berlin (GER)

Last 5 matches:

Szolnok: LLWLW

Spandau: LDLWL

Day 7:

Spandau v Szolnok 10-14

Zivko Gocic, head coach, Szolnok

"Our latest game in the domestic league demonstrated that we hadn't teamed up after the long break. We have not played an official game for two months just as the team of Spandau, as their players have also been involved in the European Championship. We won 14-10 against Spandau last December, which was a very important victory for us. This upcoming game will be very tough, I am expecting an acute encounter, therefore we will probably need to give more than our 100 per cent in order to win. Our victory in Berlin will only have a real value if we can beat Spandau in our home pool as well."

Mark Banyai, goalie, Szolnok

"We had a long break followed by our first game of stake on Saturday. We will have two Champions League matches in February, one of which is the encounter with Spandau. I have not played in the game in Berlin last December, as I took part in the U20 World Championship in Kuwait. My teammates referred to the game in Berlin as an extremely tough match, where we won by four goals. We are preparing for our first Champions League game of the year by watching videos and practicing tactical schemes. Our target is to win."

Petar Kovacevic, head coach, Spandau:

„It is the first game after the long break, which was also extended by the Europeans. We had eleven players who took part in various national teams at the Championships, so we had a very short preparation. Szolnok is always difficult to play and we are missing Dmitrii Kholod and Marko Stamm. We have to handle this situation and the team has to take the responsibility."

Maurice Juengling, player, Spandau:

„Szolnok showed what they could do in the last game. We were able to control part of the game, but finally they made it. So we have to change something and go our way. Our preparation was very short because of the European Championships, so we will see how it will work. In the second round we want to target the qualification for the Final 8 again."

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19.15 Zodiac Athletic Barceloneta (ESP) v Jadran Split (CRO)

Last 5 matches:

Barceloneta: WWWDW

Jadran: LWLLL

Day 7:

Jadran v Barceloneta 5-13

Jesus Martin, head coach, Barceloneta

"This one will be the first match after the break for the European Championship. Most of our players have done a great tournament, won the silver medal and we'd like to achieve the same, to reach the final. We hope all our players will recover for this home game. They have changed their coaching staff and also had many absentees in the game we played in Split. I expect a difficult game because of many factors but we play at home and we want the victory in order to keep the top positions."

Alvaro Granados, player, Barceloneta:

"This is a vitally important game to start the second round well, with the added difficulty that it's been a long time since our team has played or trained together. We'll deal with it as well as possible and go for victory."

Alberto Munarriz, player, Barceloneta

"We come back to the Champions League after 12 players of the team took part at the European Championship: ten for Spain, one for Serbia and one for Italy. We've only had a very short period back together but we're looking forward to picking up the competition at home. This is a very important match. The first leg was a relatively comfortable game but they've now changed their coach and we don't know if their way of playing has also changed. We have to take it seriously and try to set the pace of the game. In this second round we have many more home games than away games so it's vital for us to ensure every victory we can."

Mile Smodlaka, head coach, Jadran:

"I'm pleased with my first game in this role, we won against Crvena Zvezda in the Regional League. I didn't have much time to make big changes because I was part of Croatian team staff at the European Championships in Budapest. It will be hard to win in Barcelona, our chance might be that many of their players played in the European Championships, and if they are a bit tired, we can try to take some advantage..."

Andelo Setka, player, Jadran:

"I didn't play at the Europeans because of injury, now I'm ready. It is the same situation with our centre Ivan Krapic. We are going to do our best in Barcelona. They are one of the best teams in Europe, it will be a big challenge for us."

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20.00 Sintez Kazan (RUS) v Jadran Carine Herceg Novi (MNE)

Last 5 matches:

Sintez: WLLLL

Jadran Carine: LDLWW

Day 7:

Jadran Carine v Sintez 12-9

Marat Zakirov, head coach, Sintez:

"Jadran is an excellent team, most of the players are the backbone of the Montenegrin national team which won the bronze medal at the European Championship! It will be a difficult match. It is important for our team to show a good game in front of our fans and claim all three points."

Artem Odintsov, player, Sintez:

"We are playing the upcoming game at home with a good team. In the home game we want to show a good game and deliver a win to our fans."

Petar Radanovic, head coach, Jadran Carine:

"It will be a very good and strong game just like the one in Herceg Novi in December. Sintez can be just better at home. Five of our players were in Budapest as members of Montenegro national team and they are very tired, while the rest of team is ready for this important game. The time zone difference of two hours in Russia is an advantage of the host team as well."

Marko Petkovic, player, Jadran Carine:

"Just nine days after the European Championship in Budapest we have a very important game in Russia. Kazan has a strong team with very strong pressing type of water polo. Five of us were in Budapest so the team was not together for more than a month. Anyway, we are ready for this game and we will give our best in Kazan."

20.30 Jug Adriatic Osiguranje Dubrovnik (CRO) v Olympiacos Piraeus (GRE)

Last 5 matches:

Jug: WLWWL

Olympiacos: WWWDW

Day 7:

Olympiacos v Jug 6-5

Vjekoslav Kobescak, head coach, Jug:

"This first game after the long break will be tough for both teams. We didn't have enough time to prepare well for this game but Olympiacos has the same problem. Anyway, looking forward to the big clash."

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Alex Papanastasiou, player, Jug:

"It's hard to play this big match with just few trainings behind us. We will try to play our best this moment and I hope at the end of the game we will have a reason to celebrate."

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