

The ball is back on the men's side...

The women's semi-finals were nothing less than high quality, exciting games with superb individual and team performances. The men's semi-finals promise the same...

It will be the first time in the history of the EHF Champions League that three teams coming from the same country will play for the Final. At the same time, it is guaranteed that the Germans will have a terribly difficult task if they want to take the trophy back after last season.

The title holder, Spanish Ciudad Real, is the "odd one out". Their coach, the former legendary player, Talant Dujshbaev, has just confirmed for ehfCL.com that his players are ready to take their chance again.

HSV Hamburg will be their opponents now. The team of Martin Schwalb kept chasing THW Kiel from a certain distance in the German title race, but a defeat on Tuesday evening decided finally in favour of Kiel.

This weekend may not settle all matters as two very close games can be expected between equally strong teams. Nevertheless, the first semi-final legs will be played at the highest speed possible and the biggest stars will be there to entertain you.

The teams are prepared. Follow their example by reading the weekly Champions League Newsletter with match schedule and TV times.

**SAT 25.04.2009**

17:00 GMT+2, Hamburg GER  
2008/09 EHF Champions League, Men - 1/2 Final



**HSV Hamburg**  
VS  
**BM Ciudad Real**



**SUN 26.04.2009**

17:30 GMT+2, Kiel GER  
2008/09 EHF Champions League, Men - 1/2 Final



**THW Kiel**  
VS  
**Rhein-Neckar Löwen**



## EHFCL.COM REPORTS

Visit the official EHF Champions League website, ehfCL.com, for daily news updates, interviews and stories coming from an expert network of European handball journalists.

### Women's Finals: dates and venues fixed

The Women's Finals will be played in two splendid handball arenas on 9 and 16 May 2009.

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### Flensburg crown Kiel German champion

HSV's away defeat means that THW Kiel take their 15th Bundesliga title in their history.

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### Dujshbaev: Ready for the fight!

Ciudad Real coach, Talant Dujshbaev talks to Eurohandball.com as the most important part of the season is about to begin.


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## COMING UP

### Men's semi-finals, 1<sup>st</sup> leg

 **25.04.2009 17:00 – Hamburg**  
HSV Hamburg (GER) vs  
BM Ciudad Real (ESP)

 **26.04.2009 17:30 – Kiel**  
THW Kiel (GER) vs Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)

All times are shown in local times.

For the latest coverage times and possible changes, please check [ehfCL.com](http://ehfCL.com).

## SPORTKLUB

The Slovenian channel, SPORTKLUB, will join in broadcasting the EHF Champions League for the semi-finals and finals.

## WIN TICKETS FOR THE WOMEN'S FINALS

Together with the teams, the Women's CL Quiz has also arrived at its final phase. The last and most important quiz stage will kick-off on 24 April and close on 30 April.

You will have one week to win the main prize: travel, accommodation and tickets for two persons for one of the Final games.

Take your chance! Visit the Champions League website, submit your answers between 24-30 April, win and be the guest of EHF Marketing in Aalborg or Veszprém, the two splendid venues of the Women's CL Finals!

## CHAMPIONS ON TV

### SATURDAY, 25.04.2009

 **HSV Hamburg**  
vs  
 **BM Ciudad Real**

Live » [ehfTV.com](http://ehfTV.com)

Live » Sport +

Live » Eurosport German

Live » SPORTKLUB

**17:00** Live » Cyprus Sports Channel

Live » A2 Television

Delayed » TV2 Sport

Delayed » Teledporte at 19:30

Delayed » NTV Plus Sport at 19:55

Delayed » Eurosport 2 at 20:30

### SUNDAY, 26.04.2009

 **THW Kiel**  
vs  
 **Rhein-Neckar Löwen**

Live » [ehfTV.com](http://ehfTV.com)

Live » Eurosport German

**17:30** Live » A2 Television

Live » SPORTKLUB

Live » Cyprus Sports Channel

Live » Sport1 Lithuania

Live » NTV Plus Sport

Delayed » Eurosport 2 at 20:15

