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# Höchstleistung

#### Foreword Nicolas Limbach





Dear Friends of Sitting Volleyball,

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We are delighted to welcome the PVE 2025 Champions Cup Men to Leverkusen. It is a tremendous honor for the Bayer Sports Family to host this prestigious international sitting volleyball tournament. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Paravolley Europe for entrusting us with the opportunity to organize this remarkable event.

Sitting volleyball exemplifies the spirit of inclusive sports, and we are especially thankful for the invaluable support from our volleyball department. Their dedicated volunteers and supporters have played a crucial role in making this event possible.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all our sponsors, with special thanks to the State Chancellery for their generous support. This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate 75 years of Para Sport at TSV Leverkusen - a proud chapter in our club's history. Leverkusen has established itself as a key hub for sitting volleyball in Germany and will continue to serve as the federal training center leading up to the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles.

We are particularly excited to witness the emergence of young talent, with 15-year-old Karl Kruber already on the path to joining the national team.

We look forward to an exhilarating tournament, wish all teams the best of luck, and hope everyone enjoys their time here in Leverkusen.

Nicolas Limbach, Head of Sports & Clubs



#### Foreword Klaus Beck





#### Dear athletes, officials and fans,

With great pleasure we welcome you to Leverkusen for the PVE 2025 Champions Cup Men - an international tournament featuring the best sitting volleyball teams in Europe. This year's tournament holds special significance, as it marks the return of the prestigious European Champions Cup to the legendary Haberland Hall, 25 years after its debut in this very venue.

The Leverkusen team is proud to host this high-level competition and looks back on a rich history of success in the European Cup. In the very first edition of the newly formed PVE Champions Cup in Italy, our team fought its way to an impressive second place. In the previous format, the old European Cup,

the team even managed to win the trophy three times.

Remarkably, three players from that era - Renger, Soicke and Schrapp are still part of the team today, bringing valuable experience and passion to the court. This year, the goal is clear: to reach the final and challenge the strong favorites from Bosnia.

A special thanks goes to our dedicated organizing team - Quade, Frischmann, Mimberg, and Lügger - who, together with the many volunteers from the Para Sports Department, made this tournament possible.

We wish all teams exciting matches, fair competition, and unforgettable moments both on and off the court. To all spectators - enjoy the action and help us celebrate the spirit of international sportsmanship!

Welcome to the PVE 2025 Champions Cup Men - and welcome to Leverkusen!

#### Klaus Beck.

President TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen



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#### Foreword Branko Mihorko





#### To our valued Paravolley Community,

We extend our sincere appreciation to the six teams and TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen who have contributed to the successful organisation of this pivotal European club competition. Paravolley Europe recognises that the strength of our sport lies in the growth and development of our club competitions. Each year, we strive to elevate our events – Euroleague, Champions Cup, and the newly proposed Challenge Cup – providing platforms for both top-tier competition and crucial developmental opportunities. Our vision is to create a comprehensive framework for all European clubs to participate in and host international events.

The success of the upcoming event will be a testament to the meticulous planning and dedication of TSV Bayer O4 Leverkusen. We wish all teams, officials, and guests a safe and enriching experience in Leverkusen. We are confident this event will leave a lasting legacy.

**Branko Mihorko,** President ParaVolley Europe















### **Preliminary Report**

## 75 years Para Sport

### PVE 2025 Champions Cup Men to be played in Leverkusen

The best sitting volleyball teams in Europe will be guests in Leverkusen: on May 2 and 3, 2025, six club teams will play for Europe's sitting volleyball crown - and host TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen believes it has at least a good chance of making it to the final.

"In the year after the Paralympics, the focus is a little more on the club teams," says Leverkusen's Parasport Managing Director Jörg Frischmann: "As German champions, we wanted to give our players the opportunity to compete at the highest level at home."

On May 2, six teams from five nations will now play in two groups of three in Herbert-Grünewald-Hallen 8 and 9 for a place in the semi-finals: defending champions OKI Fantomi Sarajevo will play in Group A against SKISO Sinovi Bosne Lukavac, who also come from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Aluron CMC ParaVolley Zawiercie from Poland. Leverkusen will face IOK Zagreb from Croatia and Ortopedia I Santi Nola from Italy in Group B. On Saturday, May 3, the semi-finals and the placement matches are on the schedule, with the final scheduled for 5 p.m. TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, the German record champions, believe that a place in the final is within the realms of possibility: "On paper, the defending champions from OKI Fantomi Sarajevo and our team are probably the favorites," reveals Frischmann, who is looking forward to bringing another real sitting volleyball highlight to Leverkusen after the EuroCup 2000 and the European Championships 2005, in addition to the annual Theodor Zühlsdorf Cup - to mark the 75th anniversary of the Parasport department.

"This is also a good opportunity and a nice stage for us to say thank you to the state of NRW and our partners - above all Bayer - for the high status that para sport enjoys here," says Frischmann, "and we hope that many fans of para sports will come along or simply curious people who want to see something new."



#### Eurocup 2000 & European Championships 2005

Did you know that the Para Sport department of TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen has already hosted two major international sitting volleyball events in its 75-year history? In 2000, the German record champions hosted the Eurocup, in 2005 the European Championships - and now, 20 years later, the Champions Cup.





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### OKI Fantomi Sarajevo (BIH)



#### SKISO Sinovi Bosne Lukavac (BIH)





Name		Jersey No.
SAFET	ALIBAŠIĆ	11
NEKO	DACIĆ	3
MIRZET	DURAN	12
ISMET	GODINJAK	7
BELMIN	GRAČIĆ	14
FARUK	NUHANOVIĆ	8
BENIS	KADRIĆ	4
ADNAN	KEŠMER	18
ZIKRET	MAHMIĆ	2
IRSAD	MAHMUTOVIĆ	13
MIRSAD	MIROJEVIĆ	5
EDIN	ÐINO	10
VEJIZ	ŠABIĆ	6
ARMIN	ŠEHIĆ	16

Name		Staff
SEAD	MRŠO	COACH
MIRZA	MRŠO	ASS. COACH
MIRSAD	MIROJEVIĆ	TEAM MANAGER



Name		Jersey No.
ALMEDIN	IMŠIROVIĆ	2
DŽEVAD	JUSUFOVIĆ	4
ERMIN	JUSUFOVIĆ	3
ENSAD	KADRIĆ	7
SEAD	KASUMOVIĆ	10
ENIZ	MUJIĆ	9
EDIN	NURKOVIĆ	16
AMIR	OSMANOVIĆ	15
ADNAN	FAJIĆ	12
JUSUF	SEMIĆ	5
HAŠIM	SINANOVIĆ	13
ENIS	TOKIĆ	8
ELVIS	ŠERIFOVIĆ	14
ASMIR	ALIHODŽIĆ	11

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ADNAN	BAJRIĆ	THERAPIST
DAUTOVIĆ	NERMIN	TEAM MANAGER





### Aluron CMC ParaVolley Zawiercie (POL)





Name		Jersey No.
LUKASZ	DABROWSKI	6
FILIP	GACA	66
DAWID	GASIOR	2
DAMIAN	GROTEK	14
DAWID	KOLODZIEJ	11
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**Group A** 



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## Schedule: Friday 02.05.25

Time	Matchup	
10:00	Aluron CMC Warta Zawiercie	SKISO Sinovi Bosne Lukavac
10:15	I Santi Ortopedie Nola	IOK Zagreb
15:00	SKISO Sinovi Bosne Lukavac	OKI Fantomi Sarajevo
15:15	IOK Zagreb	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen
18:00	OKI Fantomi Sarajevo	Aluron CMC Warta Zawiercie
18:15	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen	I Santi Ortopedie Nola

## Finals: Saturday 03.05.25

Time	Matchup	
10:00	Winner Group A	Runner-Up Group B
10:15	Winner Group B	Runner-Up Group A
12:00	3rd Group A	3rd Group B
15:00	Loser SF1	Loser SF2
17:00	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

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DOMINIK	ALBRECHT	6
MAGNUS	FISCHER	15
STEFAN	HÄHNLEIN	5
KARL	KRUBER	8
THOMAS	RENGER	14
LUKAS	SCHIWY	11
JUERGEN	SCHRAPP	9
SIEGMUND	SOICKE	10

Name		Staff
JÜRGEN	SCHRAPP	COACH
BRAM	TUESVELD	ASS. COACH
ILONA	BRAAM GEERTS	THERAPIST
THOMAS	GEERTS	TEAM MANAGER





Name		Jersey No.
DARKO	BARIĆ	2
JASMIN	BRKIĆ	16
BORIS	DIMITRIĆ	6
DUBRAVKO	DŽEKO	15
HRVOJE	HORVAT	11
SLAVEN	HORVAT	7
NENAD	ILIBAŠIĆ	3
DAMIR	KASAP	4
ANTO	KRIŠTO	5
ANTE	MIHALJEVIĆ	12
HRVOJE	RADOŠ	14
EDVIN	ZDIONICA	8
IVAN	ĆOSIĆ	10
ŽELJKO	ŠARIĆ	1





## Ortopedia I Santi Nola (ITA)





Name	Jersey No.
VITTORIO PASCIARI	3
GUIDO PASCIARI	8
GIANCARLO QUINTO	14
ALFREDO DIANA	7
GIUSEPPE MAUTONE	10
DAVIDE NADAI	15
SERGIO IGNOTO	5
ROBERT KERTESZ	11
VICTOR PALAZZOLO	9
SALVATORE STRIANO	16
MICHELE EMANUELE DI IELSI	6
MARCO QUINTO	19
FRANCESCO CERULO	13
FRANCESCO MEO	2
PASQUALE SPACAGNO	18

Name		Staff
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FABIO	MARSILIANI	ASS. COACH
ELVEZIA	CHIACCHIARO	HEAD OF DELEGATION
IMMACOLATA	DI SARNO	TEAM MANAGER
ANTONIO	PASCIARI	SUPPORTER







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# Interview with German head coach Christoph Herzog



What does the Champions Cup in Leverkusen mean for German sitting volleyball? The Champions Cup is the highest club tournament there is and Leverkusen absolutely belongs there. In mid-June we have the Golden Nations League in Kienbaum, and I'm glad that we're back on the map in terms of hosting tournaments.

Who will win and where will Leverkusen finish? Defending champions OKI Fantomi will be tough to beat, but Leverkusen came close last year. I suspect that Leverkusen will meet Lukavac in the semi-finals and then Fantomi in the final. I wouldn't be surprised if our boys have a really good day, but experience shows that Fantomi simply has a different attacking and blocking level.

The European Championships will take place in Budapest, Hungary, from July 23 to August 3. What are your next stops? We'll fly to the Sarajevo Open at the end of May, where we'll also play against SPID and Fantomi outside the tournament. At the beginning of June, before the Golden Nations League, we'll be back in Wroclaw to play a few games with Poland. Then the Golden Nations League, then time off, then a training camp in Leverkusen and at the end of July we'll fly to Budapest for the European Championships.

How has the squad changed since the Paralympics? Thomas Renger and Jürgen Schrapp have retired, and Francis Tonleu is not available this season for work reasons. They played a lot in Paris, so the team structure and atmosphere is completely different now. We have three new players, one is 22, one is 21 and one is 15. This year is perfect for the small transition. At 30 years old and younger, we can put together a good six-man team, not many in Europe can do that, so we're positive about the future.

What is your goal for the European Championships? To become European champions, that's why we're going. The plan is to beat Ukraine and get to the final to face Bosnia. And then win one more set than at the last European Championships in Italy, when we were 2:1 up in the final against Bosnia and lost in the tie-break.

Picture: The German team in Paris with head coach Christoph Herzog (standing, 3rd from left) and 7 Leverkusen players.

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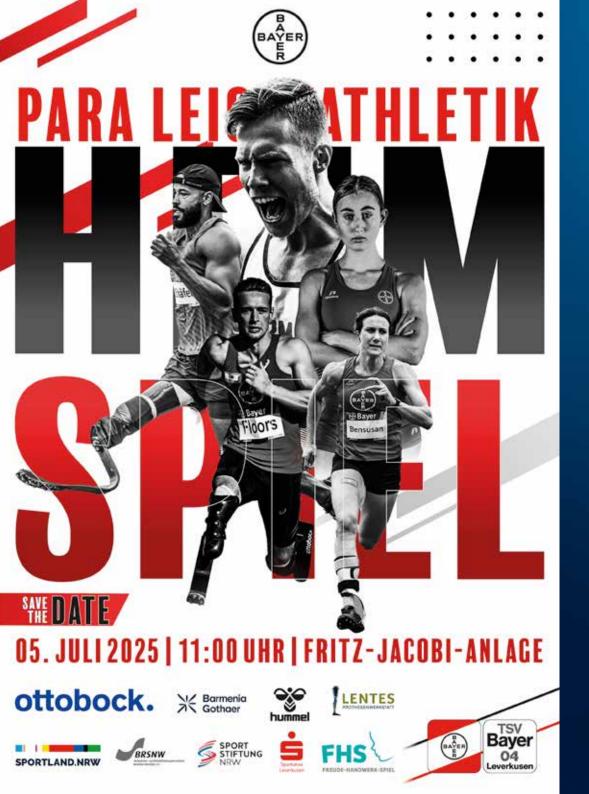
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