

EHF Spoken Words

(nachträgliche Streichungen)

I was born in 1993
the year when they started the Championsleague
they started off in a small way

with 60.000 spectators and 80 plays

but they grew bigger day by day,

*year by year,
as I did learn to fight my fears.
When I grew up and played with friends,
They upgraded their excellence.*

Spain's 8 years of victory flow:
Santander – Irun – Barcelona, five times in row,
and Portland San Antonio.

The stars of my childhood had spanish names,
though:

„El conquistador“ and „El gigante“ –
with these names I was upping my ante.

*– they came from ex-jugoslavia and (ex-)sovietunion
and the fans felt with them a real strong communion.*

After 8 years of spanish domination

– Not only me (grew up with handball and) worked on my will-formation –

teams from other countries overtook the narration:

Magdeburg - Montpellier – Celje
these teams they broke the spanish spells.

New stars were born, and my heart they could catch:

We all remember „Kara“ and „Kretsche“.

Meanwhile, as I evolved to be a teen,
the championsleague grew up to a much bigger scene:

136 games and 375.000 spectators in 2004

To compare with the first year: more than 6 times more !

In 10 years the „Championsleague – prototype“
developed into a real handball hype.

*For the next 10 years, Germany and Spain
only their teams won the title – no pain, no gain,*

And since 2010, when I was quite full-blown,
they started to do the VELUX EHF Final 4 here in Cologne.

*In 2013 it was THW Kiel,
with their 3. Championship they took over the wheel.*

But the next year Barcelona took out their sledge and won their 8th title, now they were legend.

In the last 8 years this sport was ennobled
Here in front of you ecstatic spectators – handball got global.
This incredible sport with their gladiators
evolved into a crime thriller for more and more spectators.

*At least the final in 2016
went down to history books, between
Veszprem and Kielce, and they did the twist
in a shootout they added Poland as the only fifth
country to the winner-list.
(nachträgliche Streichung, dafür:)*

At least the finals in 16/17
Went down at the history books, a keen
competition – spectacular games like a hammer fist –
Added Kielce and Vardar to the winner list.

Now I am 25, just as the EHF championsleague
We are gorgeous and powerful, there is no fatigue:

40 meters by 20, this little court
surrounded by thousands fans of this sport:
7 players, 3 steps and a dribble
only these little seeds that we dabbled
and look how we grew up until today:
millions spectators want to see us play.
This incredible handball sport is gigantic
and be sure: this year we gonna make you frantic.