

Barcelona Dragons vs. Frankfurt Galaxy



Players to watch: #1 QB Zach Edwards - Week 10: 195 yards, 48,7% completion rate, was sacked 12 times **Week 9:** 214 yards, 4 TDs, 57,14% completion rate. MVP **Week 8:** 4 passing TDs, 454 passing yards, 2 rushing TDs, 45 net rushing yards. **Week 7:** 100 passing yards, 2 Interceptions, scored the first rushing TD for the Dragons (in the whole season), 31,25% completion rate. He was sacked 7 times against Hamburg. **Week 6:** 254 passing yards, 5 TDs. **Season:** 9 games, 2359 passing yards (passing leader in the ELF), 20 TDs, 53,03% completion percentage. Played DIV III Football (St. Scholastica) and for the L'Hospitalet Pioners in Spain (the second most successful Spanish team in the national competition). He was ranked as the 7th best player in the ELF by Lorenz Leinweber (Sports Illustrated).

#5 WR Jean Constant - Week 10: 8 receptions, 74 receiving yards **Week 9:** 7 receptions, 128 receiving yards, 3 TDs. **Week 8:** 4 receptions, 96 yards. **Week 7:** Had a kickoff return for 94 yards but there was a holding on this play - as a receiver: 4 receptions for 37 yards. MVP **Week 6:** 9 receptions (some incredible ones), 164 receiving yards, 3 TDs + a lot of return yards: Started the game with the incredible return to Berlin's 19yd-line. The drive resulted in a TD - Barcelona scored in the first 3 minutes of the game like in the week before against Frankfurt. **Season:** Receiving leader in the ELF: 9 games, 1012 yards, 7 TDs. According to Lorenz Leinweber (Sports Illustrated) he is the best player of the ELF.

#4 WR Rémi Bertellin - Week 10: 7 receptions, 91 receiving yards. **Week 9:** 2 receptions, 38 yards, 1 TD. **Week 8:** 8 receptions, 271 yards, 1 TD.

Additional player stats: #8 K Giorgio Tavecchio - Week 10: 1 out of 2 FGs (missed a 50 yards attempt). **Week 9:** 1/1 FG - 3 out of 6 kickoffs have been touchbacks. Missed the game against Cologne due to illness. **Week 7:** 1/1 FG (27 yards), 2/2 PAT, 4 kickoffs (average 61,2 yards) - 1 TB. **Week 6:** 6/7 PAT 0/1 FG - 5 out of 8 kickoffs resulted in touchbacks. Had an outstanding first game in the ELF. He scored and thus tied his personal NFL record: 56 yards - the same distance as his longest FG in the NFL. Improved the performance on special teams (in Week 5) and had an overall impact on the team. Former NFL kicker, played his first game for the Oakland Raiders in September 2017 - five years after he had signed his first NFL contract with the San Francisco 49ers. Had an outstanding first performance against the Tennessee Titans (4 FG, 2 PAT - NFL Special Teams Player of the Week), he earned the same award in his first game for the Atlanta Falcons in 2018 (3/3 FG and 2 PAT). NFL career stats: 21/26 FG, longest 56 yards. He kept the game ball in 2017 after his outstanding NFL debut.

Head Coach: Adam Rita, 73 years old, born on Kaua'i, Hawaii. 1965-1968 played as a center for Boise State. 1969-1976 Boise State Broncos as coach. Started in 1983 as coach in the CFL for the BC Lions. Inactive from 2004-2011. Worked in 2012 for the first time as a coach in Europe - Prague Panthers, (notable for German broadcast - 2020 Berlin Adler). 4x Grey Cup CFL as coach and two additional times as GM. Adam Rita was a Chicago Bears fan especially when Mike Ditka (NFL champion in 1963) and Gale Sayers (1965-1971) played. He also likes the Cowboys and the 49ers because some of his former players joined those teams later in their careers. As coach he looked up to his mentor Anthony J. Knap (inducted in the Boise State Hall of Fame in 1982).

Week 9: Another week - another change on the coaching staff: "Marcell Frazier is no longer our Defensive Line Coach. He left the discipline of the franchise to join Missouri Valley College. From the Barcelona Dragons we want to thank him for his dedication and work during these months in which he has been part of our coaching staff and we wish him all the best for the future. The franchise is already working to reinforce this position."

Week 8: New changes on the staff: "**Ricky Lang** leaves the franchise and is no longer our Defensive Back Coach. The American returns to his country to join the CMS Football. We appreciate his dedication and work with us throughout these weeks and we wish him all the best. **Joe Paopao** is no longer our Quarterback Coach and Offensive Coordinator for personal reasons. From the franchise we want to thank him for his dedication and work throughout these weeks as one of our coaches and as the coordinator of our attack. We wish him all the best. **Patrick Wennin**, our RB Coach, takes the Offensive Coordinator charge for the remainder of the season. He will perform two functions within the coaching staff. **Raúl Saavedra** joins the coaching staff. The new coach will be in charge of carrying out the duties of Linebacker Coach until the end of the season."

Week 7: Michael Wood is the new Defensive Coordinator - Doug Semones is out for personal reasons. The Dragons published their statement on Tuesday. Special Team Co: PJ Gremaud (worked a few years ago for the Wroclaw Panthers). OL-Coach Guiliano Cattaneo was signed shortly before the game against Frankfurt in Week 5 - the amount of sacks against Berlin was lowered to 1 (Frankfurt had 8 against Barcelona in Week 5).



Players to watch: #7 QB Jakeb Sullivan: Height: 1,85m, Weight: 88kg. **Season:** 20 TDs passing, 5 TDs rushing, 1844 passing yards, 66.5% completion rate. DIV II passing record at his college in South Dakota, father was his first ever football coach and HC in high school - He was ranked as the third best player of the ELF by Lorenz Leinweber (Sports Illustrated). **Week 9:** 247 passing yards, 3 TDs, 66,7% completion rate. **Week 8:** 3 TDs (+ 1 rushing TD), 225 yards, 71,4% completion rate. **Week 7:** 206 passing yards, 1 passing TD, 66,7% completion rate / 2 TDs as rushing QB. **Week 5:** 268 yards, 4 TDs but also 3 INTs and a 45,9% completion rate.

#41 LB Sebastian Gauthier: Height: 1,82m, Weight: 95kg, **Week 9:** 6 total tackles (3 solo) - 1 TFL, 1 forced fumble and 1 INT. **Week 8:** 6 solo tackles (12 total tackles), 1 sack, 3 TFL for 9 yards. **Season:** 39 solo tackles, 5 sacks, 4 INT (INT against Panthers in week 3 resulted in pick six), 14 TFL. Swedish player who already played for Frankfurt Universe in the GFL. **Week 4:** 1 INT, 5 solo tackles and 1 TFL against Cologne // **Week 5:** 2 sacks, 7 solo tackles. **Week 7:** 7 solo tackles (10 total tackles), 1 sack, 5 TFL for 8 yards, 1 INT, 1 deflected pass.

#56 LB Sebastian Silva Gomez - Week 9: 5 total tackles (2 solo tackles), 1 TFL, 1 forced fumble, 1 deflected pass. **Week 8:** 4 solo tackles (8 total), 2 sacks / 4 TFL for 17 yards, 1 forced fumble + fumble return TD.

#14 SS Joshua Poznanski - Week 9 MVP: 4 total tackles (3 solo), 1 deflected pass, 2 INT return TD. Got the "Playmaker" and the "Ballhawk" shirt (HC Kösling has a reward system for scoring plays by his defense).

Additional player stats: #11 WR Anthony Mahoungou - He was ranked as the ninth best player of the league by Lorenz Leinweber (Sports Illustrated). **Week 9:** 3 receptions for 19 yards. **Week 8:** 2 receptions, 1 TD, 38 receiving yards. **Week 7:** 8 receptions, 177 receiving yards, 1 receiving TD + recovered the forced fumble (by Zach Blair - Stuttgart) in the end zone. **Week 5:** 2 receptions, 2 TDs (22, 10 yards) - had one kickoff return for 39 yards and 1 solo tackle on defense.

Head Coach: Thomas Kösling - was with the Frankfurt Universe in the GFL. Started as DC, then HC (He is also the DC for Frankfurt Galaxy) - Played LB himself. He works as a police officer. Sebastian Silva Gomez talked about his clear statements and his authority in the podcast "Euro Ballers" (Title: WEEK #3 - around minute ten - German language).

His favorite NFL-Team: Minnesota Vikings - He started watching football when Randy Moss was drafted to the Vikings and was heavily impressed by him. Coaches he looked up to: Markus Grahm (won as a part of the coaching staff the World Bowl in 2006), Mike Williams (gave him his first coaching job - former HC of the Hamburg Huskies), Daniel Garcia and John Rosenberg.