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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2024/25 GROUP PHASE

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16 ELITE TEAMS EMBARK ON LONG JOURNEY TO BUDAPEST

Ready, steady, go! A total of 16 elite teams from all over the continent are ready to get another enthralling journey to the most coveted trophy in women's club handball underway. Welcome to the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase!

Last season, that trophy went for a record sixth time, but first time in five years, to Györi Audi ETO KC. The Hungarian powerhouse ended the dream run of HB Ludwigsburg – then playing under their previous club name, SG BBM Bietigheim – as they beat the surprise finalists from Germany in the final in Budapest in June.

The road to the EHF FINAL4 is a long one, and the group phase decides which 12 teams will continue their campaign in the play-offs or the quarter-finals in early 2025. Györ start their title defence in group B – and fans don't have to wait long to see them lock horns with Ludwigsburg again, as the two finalists

from last season will already meet in the group phase of the new season.

The same section of the competition includes several more teams that have played EHF Champions League finals in the past, most notably three-time winners Vipers Kristiansand and WHC Buducnost, who have lifted the trophy twice before, as well as Brest Bretagne Handball, the 2021 runners-up. With Team Esbjerg, the group has another regular EHF FINAL4 contender in the mix, while Odense Håndbold and CS Rapid Bucuresti both have featured in the quarter-finals in recent seasons.

Over in group A, the race to the play-off and quarter-final spots will be just as intense, with eight teams that make for a well-balanced section. This line-up also includes three former titleholders: CSM Bucuresti, Krim Mercator Ljubljana, and HC Podravka Vegeta, the Croatian side which proudly returns to Europe's top flight after two years.

This trio has to be prepared for stiff competition with 2023 runners-up FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and EHF FINAL4 regulars Metz Handball among the other contenders in the group.

This section also has a strong Nordic flavour thanks to Storhamar Handball Elite – the winners of the EHF European League last season – and Nykøbing Falster Håndbold. In an interesting duel, Storhamar will meet the team again they beat in last season's EHF European League final, CS Gloria 2018 BN.

The stage is set for another tantalising season as handball fans across the globe are following their favourite teams and players during the group phase, with matches traditionally being played on Saturdays and Sundays.

Enjoy the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase!

EHF Media & Communications



After the success of EHF's 30th anniversary season digital campaign, 'Handmade History', EHF Marketing launched a new EHF Champions League campaign last season, carrying the slogan 'Dare to Rise'.

This 360-degree campaign across all fields of the competition will continue with new visuals in the 2024/25 season.

'Dare to Rise' inspires players and fans to overcome challenges, face their fears, and reach their full potential. It encourages them to step out of their comfort zone, set their goals higher, and push themselves beyond their perceived limits.



How to follow the group phase

EXPERIENCE THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN ON EHF'S DIGITAL CHANNELS

Fans can follow the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 on multiple digital channels.

EHFCL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Subscribers to the EHFCL Weekly newsletter receive a fresh slice of the latest news directly to their inbox every Friday during the season. From exclusive interviews and a light-hearted look at the game to the popular 'This is me' series with the personal stories of the stars. [Subscribe here.](#)

HOME OF HANDBALL APP

The Home of Handball app is available on iOS and Android and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions in one place. The app allows each user to individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition. [Download here.](#)

FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Join the conversation and engage with fellow fans on social media. The EHF Champions League socials provide a steady stream of sharable and engaging content during the group phase: on Facebook, X (Twitter), YouTube, Instagram, Twitch, and TikTok.

EUROHANDBALL.COM WEBSITE

Read all about your favourite teams and players before, during, and after the group phase matches on eurohandball.com. EHF's official website presents all fans with the latest news, features, interviews, previews, live blogs, and reviews throughout the season.

GENERAL

EHFTV

The place to go for live streaming of all EHF competitions, including premium events such as the EHF Champions League Women, is EHFTV. Ahead of the 2024/25 season, EHFTV has been revamped, allowing EHF to expand its audience and reach with the availability of live and on-demand streaming in new territories while significantly enhancing the users' experience on the platform at the same time.

The channel will feature live commentary on the MOTW in each round of the EHF Champions League Women group phase. EHFTV's new archive channel is more robust than ever before, with matches from the last three decades of EHF competitions, including the EHF Champions League.

LIVE BROADCASTERS

Broadcasters will bring the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 to viewers in over 60 territories across the European continent. Fans in countries that are not covered by a local or regional broadcaster will have access to EHFTV.

AUT	DAZN / DYN / PlutoTVxDAZN Handball	LTU	Sport 1
BIH	Arena Sport	MKD	Arena Sport
CRO	Arena Sport	MNE	Arena Sport
CAN	DAZN	NED	Ziggo
CZEAMC		NOR	Handball Kanalen / EveryPlay
DEN	DR / Handball Kanalen / EveryPlay	POLEurosport	
ESPDAZN		POR	Sport TV
FARDR / Handball Kanalen / EveryPlay		ROU	Digi Sport / Prima Sport
FIN	Handball Kanalen / EveryPlay	SRB	Arena Sport
FRA	Eurosport	SLO	Arena Sport / KanalA (VOYO)
GEO	Silknet	SUI	DAZN / DYN / PlutoTVxDAZN Handball
GER	DAZN / DYN / PlutoTVxDAZN Handball	SVKAMC	
HUN	AMC	SWE	Handball Kanalen / EveryPlay
ITA	PallamanoTV	TUR	TRT
JPNDAZN		World	EHFTV (geo-restrictions may apply)
KOS	Arena Sport		

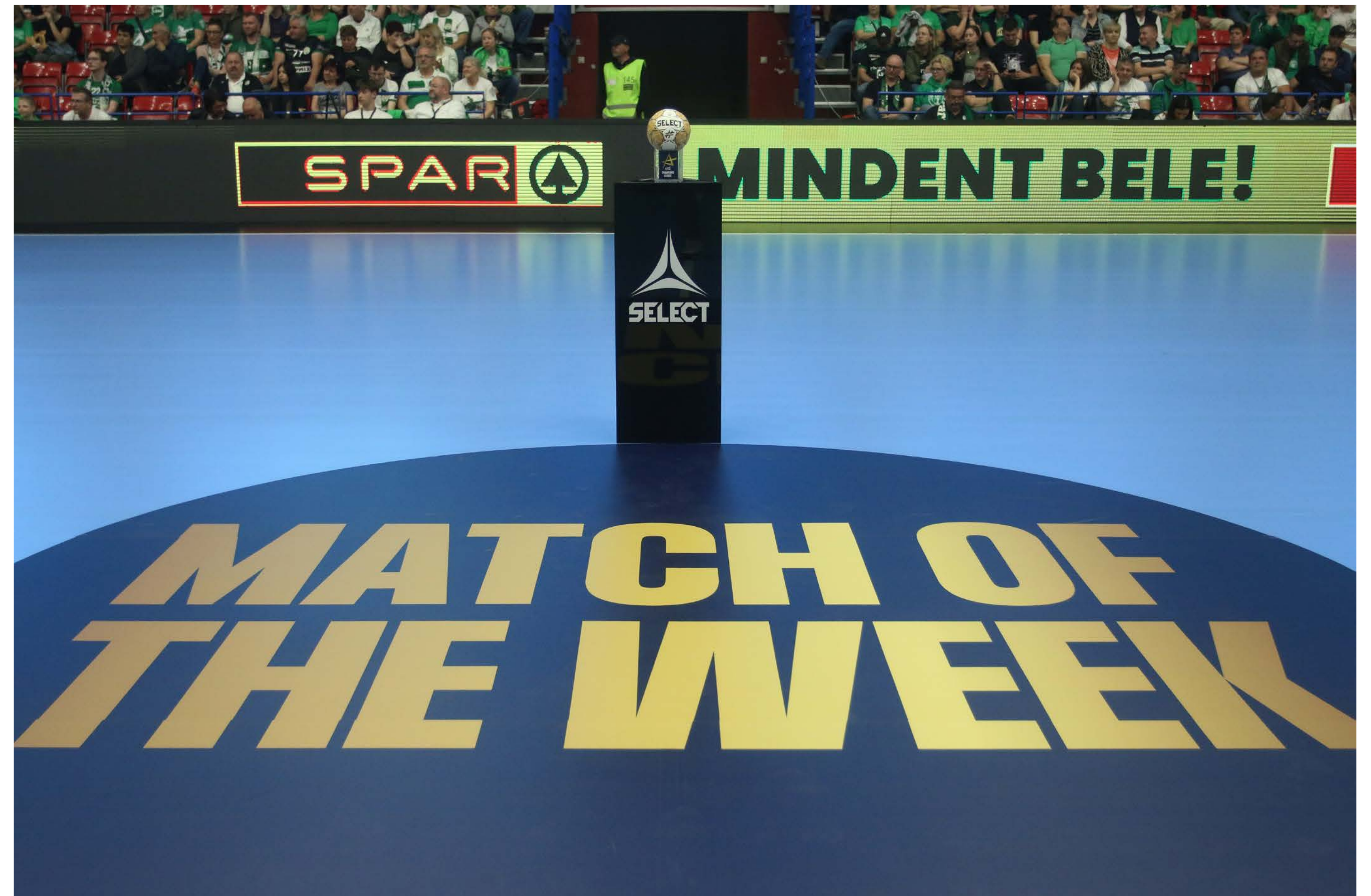
Match of the Week

Match of the Week (MOTW) is back for the 2024/25 seasons of the EHF Champions League Women and Machineseker EHF Champions League. MOTW sees fans brought closer to the action in the most significant game of the week through special coverage.

Each round, one match earns the prestigious MOTW title, and fans are offered exclusive insights, behind-the-scenes footage, and on-site interviews by the content creators. Fans can follow the EHFCL social media channels on match days and throughout the week to get the unique perspective and full experience.

In each MOTW, don't miss the traditional award for the Player of the Match. The award recognises the most valuable player on the field and celebrates their remarkable performance with a special trophy presented after the game.

For the 2024/25 season, all MOTW games will feature live English commentary on the revamped EHFTV platform, ensuring fans around the world receive special coverage that brings the action even closer.



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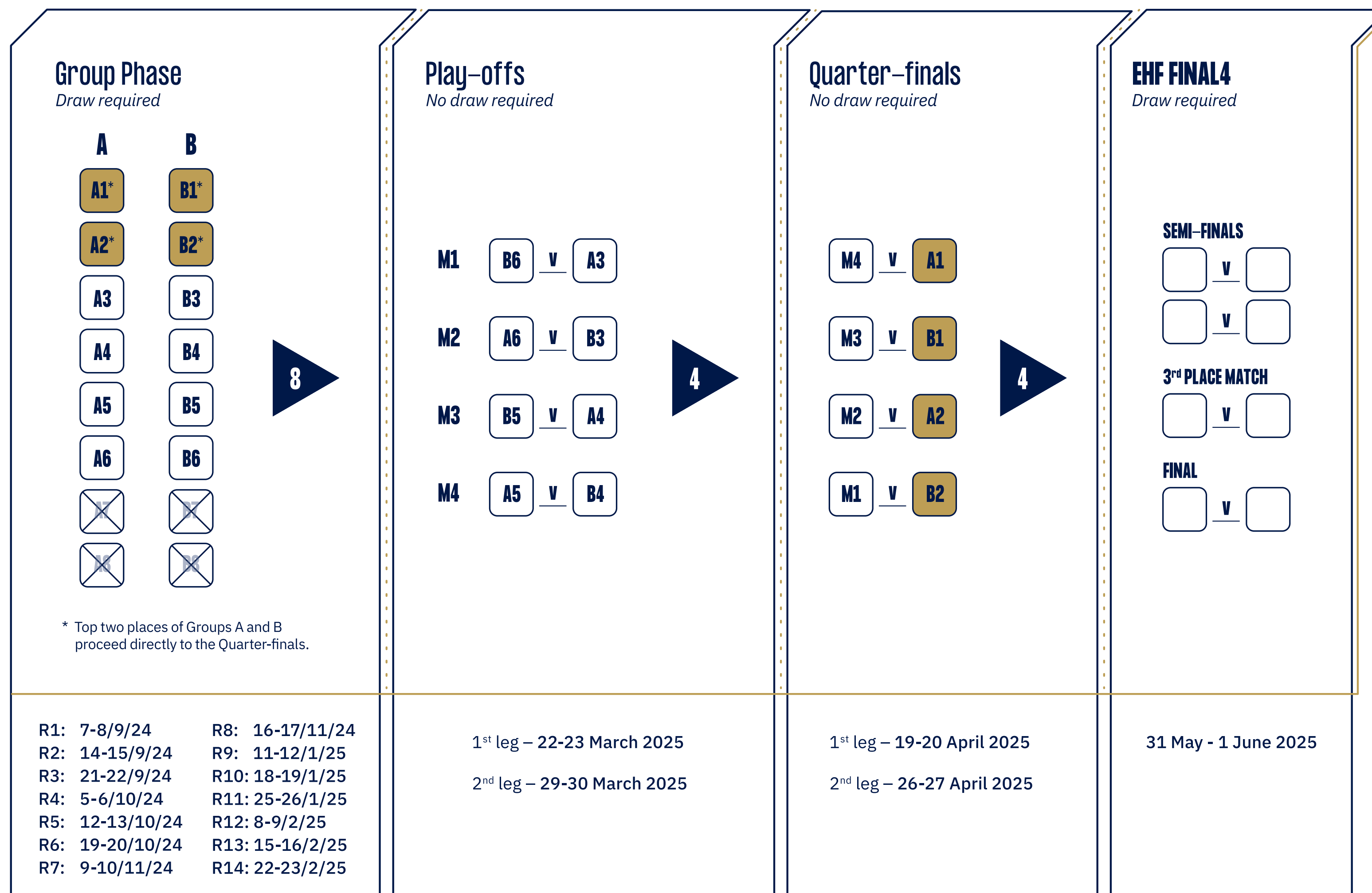
SEASON 2024/25



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2024/25 SEASON

Playing system and dates



The line-up of the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase consists of an interesting blend of 16 teams from nine different countries.

There are two teams from one city, one club on debut, one seven-time winner, six former or current champions, and Győr close to their 300th match in the top flight — those are only some of the standout numbers before the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase throws off.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE GROUP PHASE

0 teams have competed in all 10 EHF FINAL4 events so far; Győr only missed the 2015 edition and have taken part nine times.

1

sustainable trophy, designed in 2020 and showing the moment a ball hits the net, is the prize the 16 teams in the 2024/25 group phase are playing for.

1 player has won the EHF Champions League Women seven times and now aims for her eighth trophy: Vipers goalkeeper Katrine Lunde, who took the title with Viborg (2009, 2010), Győr (2013, 2014), and Vipers (2021, 2022, 2023).

1 city is represented by two teams, as in the previous season: the Romanian capital, by CSM and CS Rapid Bucuresti.

1 debutant is among the 16 teams in the group phase: CS Gloria 2018 from Romania.

1 draw only is needed before the EHF FINAL4 Women 2025: for the semi-finals; the play-offs and quarter-finals are decided by the final ranking of the group phase.

2 group winners and two runners-up qualify directly from the group phase to the quarter-finals.

2 nations are represented by three teams each in the group phase: Denmark (Esbjerg, Odense, Nykøbing) and Romania (Gloria, CSM and Rapid).

2 teams per group — those that finish seventh and eighth — will terminate their international journey after the first stage of the competition.

3 nations are represented by two teams each: France, Hungary, and Norway.

4

different clubs have won the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest since its premiere in 2014: Györ (five times), Vipers (three times), Buducnost and CSM Bucuresti (once).

4 different throw-off times make it easy for fans to follow the EHF Champions League, with matches starting either at 16:00 or 18:00 CE(S)T on Saturdays and 14:00 or 16:00 CE(S)T on Sundays.

5 players in the 2024/25 group phase were EHF Champions League top scorer in the past: Zsuzsanna Tomori (2013 for FTC), Cristina Neagu (2015 for Buducnost, 2018 and 2022 for CSM), Ana Gros (2021 for Brest), Henny Reistad (2023 for Esbjerg), Anna Vyakhireva (2024 for Vipers).

6 titles make Györ the all-time record champions.

9

of the 16 group phase teams in 2024/25 have played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Györ, Vipers, Metz, CSM, Brest, Esbjerg, FTC, Buducnost, and Ludwigsburg (as Bietigheim).

9 different nations — one less than in the last season — are part of the group phase: Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, and Croatia.

11 nations represent the winners of the EHF Champions League so far: Hungary (seven titles), Denmark (six), Austria, Norway (four), Montenegro, Slovenia (two), Croatia, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, and Spain (one).

13

different clubs have played at the 10 EHF FINAL4 events in Budapest so far (since 2014); Györ lead with nine participations, followed by Vardar with five.

16 or 18 matches will be played by those four teams that make it to the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest (31 May–1 June 2025), depending on whether they skip the play-offs or not.

18 times in the last 18 seasons, record and current defending title holders Györ have qualified for at least the quarter-finals; 16 times they advanced to the semi-finals.

78 is the record for most goals scored at the EHF FINAL4, set by Henny Reistad in only 10 matches.

112

group matches will be thrown off between September 2024 and February 2025.

113 goals for Vipers made Anna Vyakhireva the competition's top scorer last season; in 2024/25, the right back plays for Brest.

132 matches are scheduled before the champions can be crowned in Budapest on 1 June 2025.

219

wins (alongside 21 draws and 50 defeats) give Györ the lead in the all-time standings of the EHF Champions League Women.

320 is the record number of matches Buducnost have played in EHF Champions League history (since 1993/94); in 2022/23, they became the first team to pass the 300-match milestone.

1,016 was Anita Görbicz's career tally of EHF Champions League goals when the Hungarian standout retired in 2021; she became the first-ever player to pass the 1,000-goal mark, an achievement matched by three other — and in 2024/25 still active — players: Jovanka Radicevic, Cristina Neagu, and Andrea Lekic.

1,141

goals have been scored by Jovanka Radicevic in 20 EHF Champions League seasons; currently playing for Krim, the Montenegrin star will retire after the 2024/25 season.

7,380 goals were scored in the 132 matches of the 2023/24 season, including 6,261 goals in the 112 group matches, 455 in the play-offs, 428 in the quarter-finals, and 236 at the EHF FINAL4, for an average of 55.9 goals per match.

20,022 spectators at the sold-out EHF FINAL4 2023 in Budapest marked a new world record for women's handball attendance; this record has been broken at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, though remains valid for women's club handball.

TEAMS BY AGE AVERAGE

CS Rapid Bucuresti	29.0 (21/09/1995)
Vipers Kristiansand	28.9 (23/10/1995)
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	28.1 (06/07/1996)
HB Ludwigsburg	28.1 (26/07/1996)
Team Esbjerg	27.6 (22/12/1996)
Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	27.5 (19/02/1997)
CS Gloria 2018 BN	27.2 (14/06/1997)
CSM Bucuresti	26.7 (04/12/1997)
Györi Audi ETO KC	26.3 (23/04/1998)
<i>CL 2024/25 average</i>	26.2
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	25.7 (30/11/1998)
Storhamar Håndball Elite	25.6 (15/01/1999)
Odense Håndbold	25.6 (20/01/1999)
HC Podravka Vegeta	24.6 (20/01/2000)
Brest Bretagne Handball	23.7 (04/12/2000)
Metz Handball	23.4 (01/04/2001)
WHC Buducnost	22.4 (28/03/2002)

TEAMS BY HEIGHT AVERAGE

CSM Bucuresti	179.5
CS Rapid Bucuresti	178.0
Team Esbjerg	177.8
HC Podravka Vegeta	177.1
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	177.1
CS Gloria 2018 BN	176.8
Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	176.8
WHC Buducnost	176.7
HB Ludwigsburg	176.4
<i>CL 2024/25 average</i>	176.3
Györi Audi ETO KC	176.3
Odense Håndbold	175.6
Brest Bretagne Handball	175.5
Metz Handball	175.1
Vipers Kristiansand	174.7
Storhamar Håndball Elite	174.2
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	173.2

SHORTEST



161 cm

Mia Emmenegger

Vipers Kristiansand

Mia Emmenegger	SUI	Vipers Kristiansand	161
Emma Friis	DEN	CSM Bucuresti	162
Kristina Kristiansen	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	163
Zoë Sprengers	NED	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	163
Matilde Vestergaard	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	164
Juliette Faure	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	164
Delia Golvet	FRA	Metz Handball	164
Tina Abdula	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	164
Vilde Jonassen	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	164
Malin Aune	NOR	Odense Håndbold	165
Marit Jacobsen	NOR	Team Esbjerg	165
Pauline Coatanea	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Chloé Valentini	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Dorka Papp	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	165
Masa Kuzmanovic	MNE	WHC Buducnost	165
Asuka Fujita	JPN	CS Gloria 2018 BN	165
Claire Koestner	FRA	Metz Handball	166
Dalma Varga	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	166
Paula Arcos	ESP	Vipers Kristiansand	166
Dagmara Nocun	POL	CS Gloria 2018 BN	166

TALLEST



194 cm

Kristine Breistøl

Györi Audi ETO KC

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Albertina Kassoma	ANG	CS Rapid Bucuresti	194
Mette Tranborg	DEN	Team Esbjerg	192
Crina Pintea	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	192
Emma Jacques	FRA	Metz Handball	190
Andreea Ailincai	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	190
Gabriela Moreschi	BRA	CSM Bucuresti	190
Betchaidelle Ngombele	CGO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	190
Valeriia Maslova	RUS	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	188
Catharina Broch	NOR	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	187
Luciana Resende	POR	Team Esbjerg	187
Blanka Böde-Bíró	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	187
Zsuzsanna Tomori	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	187
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Angela Stefania Stoica	ROU	Rapid Bucuresti	186
Lara González	ESP	Rapid Bucuresti	186

YOUNGEST



30/07/2008

Maja Takács

Györi Audi ETO KC

Maja Takács	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	30/07/2008
Laura Himer	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	22/08/2007
Nina Ramusovic	MNE	WHC Buducnost	18/07/2007
Veronika Balogh	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	10/07/2007
Diána Szilágyi	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	24/05/2007
Arina Vári	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	02/05/2007
Anna Szeibert	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	08/04/2007
Iva Mladenovska	MKD	Brest Bretagne Handball	14/01/2007
Elena Mitrovic	MNE	WHC Buducnost	22/12/2006
Dalma Varga	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	16/12/2006
Renáta Keceli-Mészáros	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	10/10/2006
Alina Fábián	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	20/09/2006
Yvana Atangana	CMR	Metz Handball	17/09/2006
Katja Vukovic	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	13/09/2006
Andrea Jørgensen	DEN	Odense Håndbold	25/08/2006
Bítia Balázs	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14/08/2006
Teodora Roncevic	MNE	WHC Buducnost	11/08/2006
Dorka Papp	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	26/07/2006
Elena Erceg	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	07/06/2006
Luca Táder	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	31/05/2006

OLDEST



22/07/1977

Mette Sahlholdt

Nykøbing Falster Håndbold

Mette Sahlholdt	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	22/07/1977
Katrine Lunde	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	30/03/1980
Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	HB Ludwigsburg	17/01/1985
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	04/10/1986
Jovanka Radicevic	MNE	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	23/10/1986
Zsuzsanna Tomori	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	18/06/1987
Andrea Lekic	SRB	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	06/09/1987
Elena Dinca	ROU	CS Gloria 2018 BN	02/07/1988
Cristina Neagu	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	26/08/1988
Antje Döll	GER	HB Ludwigsburg	03/10/1988
Beatrice Edwige	FRA	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	03/10/1988
Armelle Attingré	MNE	WHC Buducnost	15/01/1989
Allison Pineau	FRA	Metz Handball	02/05/1989
Jana Knedlikova	CZE	Vipers Kristiansand	22/06/1989
Kristina Kristiansen	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	13/07/1989
Amra Pandžic	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	20/09/1989
Sandra Toft	DEN	Györi Audi ETO KC	18/10/1989
Polina Gorshkova	RUS	CS Rapid Bucuresti	22/11/1989
Marta López	ESP	CS Rapid Bucuresti	04/02/1990
Eun Hee Ryu	KOR	Györi Audi ETO KC	24/02/1990

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO OR MORE TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS

All matches of the EHF Champions League Women shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches shall be played in 2x30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

GROUP PHASE

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

- during the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) higher number of plus goals in all matches;

- after completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;

- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- d) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of each club.

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- > Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws
- > The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.
- > The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose if it wishes to throw first or last.
- > If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

- > In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- > Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- > Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- > While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- > If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

CLUBS





WELL-KNOWN OPPONENTS AND RETURNEES WELCOME THE ONLY DEBUTANT

Group A of the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 is expected to display well-balanced competition. Among the eight teams, three former EHF Champions League winners – CSM Bucuresti, Krim Mercator Ljubljana, and HC Podravka Vegeta – will aim for glory in the hope of returning to their famous pasts. Hungary, France, Slovenia, Croatia, Norway and Denmark each have one representative, while Romania is the exception with two sides.

Metz Handball are always a contender for the final tournament, proving that with their 2023/24 result when they finished fourth. They keep the same goal for this season, too, despite significant changes to their squad. Hatadou Sako, Alina Grijseels, Kristina Jørgensen and Louise Burgaard are no longer part of the club, but Metz's reinforcements are keeping head coach Emmanuel Mayonnade's team up among the top contenders.

Hungarian champions FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria are coming to the EHF Champions League full of confidence after winning the domestic double. Following their EHF FINAL4 final appearance in 2022/23, last season they got as far as the quarter-finals. Their new signings further strengthen the team as coach Allan Heine hopes they will return to the top four teams again.

One of their opponents will again be Krim, as the teams already shared a group last season. Slovenian champions and the record participants in the EHF Champions League, Krim are entering their 29th season in the competition, intending to reach the EHF FINAL4 Women 2025. After building the team for three years, they hope the club's 40th anniversary will be a historic one and that they will bid farewell to star right wing Jovanka Radicevic, who retires after the 2024/25 season, with the best gift possible.

CSM Bucuresti are confident in their strength, eyeing a return to the EHF FINAL4 for the first time since 2018. Bringing experienced names into the mix after the

departure of six players, such as goalkeeper Gabriela Moreschi and players Alina Grijseels, Djurdjina Jaukovic, Inger Smits, and Emma Friis, CSM are determined to remain the best Romanian team in the competition, of course still led by the second-best scorer of all time in the EHF Champions League, Cristina Neagu.

Podravka, Storhamar Handball Elite, and Nykøbing Falster Håndbold are making their comeback to Europe's top flight. The Croatian champions are back after a two-year hiatus with coach Ivica Obrvan leading the team for the first time in the EHF Champions League. A team equipped with Croatian talents and experienced players, they are aiming to progress further just as they did in the EHF European League last season.

Nykøbing's last top-flight season was in 2017/18 and since then the Danish team have had on-and-off success in the EHF European League. After finishing runners-up in 2022/23, they failed to progress from the group phase last season. Now, with new

experience and a balanced team, they are eager to show why they deserve to be among Europe's elite teams.

What better way to return to the EHF Champions League than with the EHF European League title in your hands? Storhamar have kept the base of their squad for their second ever EHF Champions League season. Meaning, coach Kenneth Gabrielsen will have a well-tuned team to compete with any opponent in this group.

One of those opponents will be the team they beat in the EHF European League final last season: CS Gloria 2018 BN, the only debutants in the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25. The Romanian side have brought in players with top-flight experience, like Ivana Kapitanovic, Nikolina Vukcevic, and Gréta Kácsor. Still boosted by last season's performance, Gloria certainly will be no easy nut to crack.

Danijela Vekić

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball 10-2-8 (541:521)

22:18

11.11.1995	ASPTT Metz vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	21:25 (11:11)
19.11.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	31:18 (18:7)
15.11.1997	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (18:13)
11.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:11)
31.10.1999	ASPTT Metz vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:19 (11:12)
20.02.2000	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:24 (12:13)
10.04.2011	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:31 (12:17)
17.04.2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:29 (14:13)
28.01.2017	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:28 (14:13)
25.02.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:23 (15:10)
04.02.2018	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:25 (13:10)
03.03.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:27 (13:9)
13.10.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:34 (16:20)
16.11.2019	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:24 (10:14)
20.01.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (18:15)
24.01.2021	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:29 (14:17)
29.04.2023	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:32 (13:15)
07.05.2023	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:33 (17:17)
09.09.2023	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:38 (13:19)
17.02.2024	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:24 (14:9)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti 3-0-9 (322:349)

6:18

07.04.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:25 (17:15)
15.04.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:27 (15:14)
05.10.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:31 (18:13)
11.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	28:34 (10:17)
25.01.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	33:23 (19:10)
21.02.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:24 (16:13)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti (cont.)

18.10.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:19 (12:10)
09.01.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:27 (14:16)
13.11.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:30 (20:16)
20.11.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	27:21 (16:11)
04.12.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:24 (10:11)
10.12.2022	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:33 (11:17)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 9-0-8 (467:466)

18:16

17.11.1996	Ferencvaros Budap. vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:24 (13:15)
11.01.1997	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Ferencvaros Budap., EHF Champions League – Group D	22:20 (12:11)
08.11.1997	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:24 (16:13)
25.01.1998	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:25 (13:12)
28.10.2006	FTC Budapest vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana, ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final	25:34 (11:19)
17.02.2013	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:26 (14:15)
03.03.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:25 (15:12)
09.02.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:25 (10:10)
10.03.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (16:11)
24.10.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	32:25 (14:14)
21.11.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:32 (13:13)
26.03.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League - Play-offs	33:26 (15:14)
02.04.2022	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	26:22 (8:10)
09.10.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:32 (15:15)
14.01.2023	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group A	37:26 (19:10)
23.09.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:26 (15:10)
20.01.2024	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:28 (14:17)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Storhamar Handball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta 9-1-0 (302:266)

19:1

22.01.1995	Podravka Koprivnica vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:14)
19.03.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (13:12)
13.05.2006	FTC Budapest vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Cup – Final	37:36 (16:19)
20.05.2006	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs FTC Budapest, EHF Cup – Final	32:33 (14:20)
18.10.2015	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:16 (13:5)
15.11.2015	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:27 (12:16)
19.10.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:31 (17:17)
02.11.2019	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (15:14)
18.09.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	33:27 (15:15)
16.02.2022	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:33 (16:15)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions

Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti 7-0-3 (264:260)

14:6

06.04.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:21 (19:13)
15.04.2018	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:20 (14:9)
05.04.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:31 (11:14)
13.04.2019	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	23:22 (11:9)
02.02.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:27 (16:14)
01.03.2020	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:26 (14:13)
13.09.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:26 (17:10)
13.02.2021	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:22 (16:12)
28.04.2024	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:27 (14:15)
04.05.2024	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:23 (15:14)

Metz Handball vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 8-1-9 (492:506)

17:19

04.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:26 (14:10)
01.02.1998	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:25 (12:11)
11.01.2003	Krim ETA N. Roberts vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Champions League – Group D	34:22 (18:9)
09.02.2003	Handball Metz Metropole vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:31 (12:17)
09.11.2008	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:19)
03.01.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	29:33 (12:18)
24.10.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:37 (12:22)
09.01.2010	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:31 (20:14)
18.02.2012	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:21 (8:13)
10.03.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:24 (14:9)
20.10.2013	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	21:20 (12:7)
02.11.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:21 (13:11)
10.10.2020	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	33:27 (19:11)
16.01.2021	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:26 (10:14)
17.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	28:29 (17:15)
09.02.2022	Metz Handball vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:27 (17:15)
12.11.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	22:28 (10:14)
19.11.2023	Metz Handball vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	40:31 (20:12)

Metz Handball vs Storhamar Handball Elite 2-0-0 (57:46)

4:0

11.09.2022	Metz Handball vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:22 (21:9)
12.02.2023	Storhamar Handball Elite vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:26 (16:11)

Metz Handball vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

Metz Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta 2-0-0 (72:51)

4:0

06.10.2019	Metz Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	40:26 (24:13)
08.11.2019	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:32 (15:15)

Metz Handball vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 9-1-2 (332:293)

19:5

04.02.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	21:24 (9:14)
03.03.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:26 (14:12)
07.10.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:18 (15:7)
11.11.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:33 (16:17)
02.02.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	32:26 (16:11)
02.03.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:22 (12:11)

CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana (cont.)

07.11.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	23:25 (11:12)
14.11.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:22 (12:11)
11.09.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:28 (17:19)
12.02.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (13:14)
16.03.2024	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	24:30 (12:18)
24.03.2024	CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	30:24 (14:13)

CSM Bucuresti vs Storhamar Handball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSM Bucuresti vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold 1-0-1 (61:51)

2:2

22.10.2017	NFH – Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:22 (13:14)
04.11.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs NFH – Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub, EHF Champions League – Group A	39:26 (18:12)

CSM Bucuresti vs HC Podravka Vegeta 2-0-0 (65:52)

4:0

25.09.2021	HC Podravka Vegeta vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:36 (15:16)
08.02.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:21 (19:10)

CSM Bucuresti vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Storhamar Handball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold 1-0-1 (53:54)

2:2

14.10.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs NFH – Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:26 (15:15)
19.11.2017	NFH – Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (11:12)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs HC Podravka Vegeta 7-2-3 (306:286)

16:8

22.02.1998	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:23 (15:10)
01.03.1998	Podravka Koprivnica vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:20 (11:11)
08.11.1998	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (15:15)
30.01.1999	Podravka Koprivnica vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:21 (10:13)
10.10.2010	HC Podravka Vegeta vs RK Krim, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:35 (16:19)
13.11.2010	RK Krim vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:22 (12:12)
02.10.2011	HC Podravka Vegeta vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:24 (13:12)
05.11.2011	RK Krim Mercator vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	22:22 (13:11)
21.10.2012	HC Podravka Vegeta vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:22 (14:11)
18.11.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:22 (14:12)
20.10.2018	HC Podravka Vegeta vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:27 (15:13)
03.11.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:20 (14:10)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions

Storhamar Handball Elite vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold 2-0-0 (54:52)

4:0

06.01.2024	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF European League – Group A	26:27 (10:12)
11.02.2024	Storhamar Handball Elite vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold, EHF European League – Group A	27:26 (15:15)

Storhamar Handball Elite vs HC Podravka Vegeta 1-0-1 (50:45)

2:2

20.01.2024	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF European League – Group A	23:19 (13:9)
04.02.2024	Storhamar Handball Elite vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF European League – Group A	31:22 (19:11)

Storhamar Handball Elite vs CS Gloria 2018 BN 1-0-0 (29:27)

2:0

12.05.2024	CS Gloria 2018 BN vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF European League – EHF Finals, Final	27:29 (15:14)
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Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta 4-0-2 (155:147)

8:4

13.01.2019	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold - NFH vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Cup – Group D	24:28 (10:13)
09.02.2019	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold – NFH, EHF Cup – Group D	25:28 (11:14)
22.01.2023	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF European League – Group C	28:23 (12:10)
05.02.2023	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold, EHF European League – Group C	24:29 (11:16)
14.01.2024	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold, EHF European League – Group A	25:23 (12:6)
17.02.2024	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF European League – Group A	23:22 (12:9)

Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Podravka Vegeta vs CS Gloria 2018 BN

No previous encounters in European competitions



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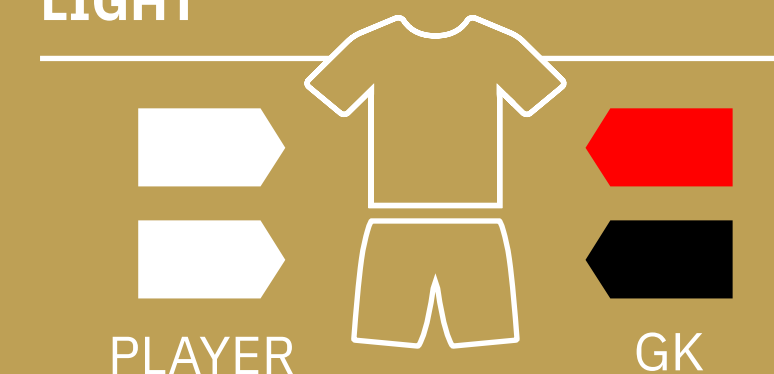


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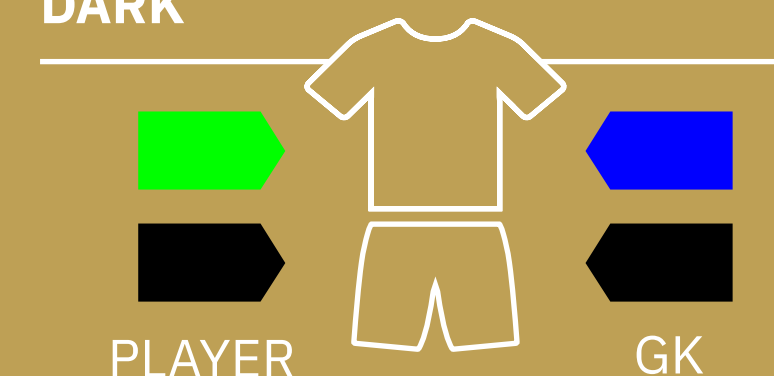
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GROUP A

FTC have been on a rise in recent years. After finishing runners-up upon their first EHF FINAL4 appearance in 2023, they secured a Hungarian double at the end of the 2023/24 season for the first time since 1997.

Entering his first full season at the helm of FTC after taking over from Martin Albertsen in October 2023, coach Allan Heine hopes FTC will continue where they left off with an even stronger squad. Bringing in Laura Glauser, Daria Dmitrieva, Orlane Kanor and Valeriia Maslova to the mix of an already experienced team, will see FTC aiming high again.



FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA

MAIN FACTS

- > FTC enter their 23rd season in the EHF Champions League following their domestic success, winning both the Hungarian league and cup
- > head coach Allan Heine arrived at the club at the start of the 2023/24 season as assistant of fellow Dane Martin Albertsen, but took full control in October 2023 following Albertsen's departure
- > the main core of the team remained the same and has been strengthened with the additions of Laura Glauser, Daria Dmitrieva, Orlane Kanor, and Valeriia Maslova
- > in 2023/24, Andrea Lekic became only the fourth player to pass the 1,000-goal mark in EHF Champions League Women history
- > FTC have reached the EHF FINAL4 Women in their hometown Budapest once – in 2023, when they even made it to the final

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 23
Runners-up (2): 2001/02, 2022/23
Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01
Quarter-finals (8): 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2023/24
Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22
Main Round (2): 2012/13, 2019/20
Group Matches (6): 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2005/06; Semi-finals 2004/05
Women's EHF Cup: Winners 2010/11, 2011/12; Semi-finals 2006/07, 2014/15

Hungarian league: 14 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994-97, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015, 2021, 2024)

Hungarian cup: 15 titles (1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1993-97, 2001, 2003, 2017, 2022-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
1994/95 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	1	2	135:129	+6	7:5	3rd Gr. B
1995/96 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	2	1	145:137	+8	8:4	2nd Gr. B
1996/97 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	10	6	1	3	264:208	+56	13:7	Semi-finals
1997/98 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	6	1	1	4	147:159	-12	3:9	3rd Gr. B
1999/00 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	4	0	4	204:201	+3	8:8	Quarter-finals
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10	Semi-finals
2001/02 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	12	6	2	4	348:341	+7	14:10	Runners-up
2002/03 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	6	0	2	252:228	+24	12:4	Quarter-finals
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6	Quarter-finals
2006/07 FTC Budapest HUN	6	2	0	4	177:188	-11	4:8	3rd Gr. D
2007/08 Budapest Bank-FTC HUN	6	1	0	5	165:192	-27	2:10	4th Gr. D
2012/13 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	8	0	4	346:336	+10	16:8	3rd MR Gr. 2
2013/14 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	6	3	0	3	162:161	+1	6:6	3rd Gr. B
2015/16 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	378:383	-5	16:12	Quarter-finals
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10	Quarter-finals
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12	Quarter-finals
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12	Quarter-finals
2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	4	1	7	334:348	-14	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2020/21 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	0	7	434:428	+6	18:14	Play-offs
2021/22 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	3	4	430:427	+3	21:11	Play-offs
2022/23 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	20	11	1	8	575:535	+40	23:17	Runners-up
2023/24 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	18	5	2	11	495:519	-24	12:24	Quarter-finals
Total:	242	121	20	101	6,679:6,539	+140	262:222	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

5	MATCHES Longest winning run
8	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
46	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win	42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997
Biggest defeat	40:20 (18:9) v SG BBM Bietigheim GER (a), 18.09.2022
Longest winning run	5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012) 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015) 8 matches (13.03.2021 – 13.11.2021)
Longest losing run	4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007) 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013) 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017) 4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018) 4 matches (07.04.2019 – 13.10.2019) 4 matches (04.04.2023 – 23.09.2023)
Longest run without win	6 matches (04.06.2023 – 22.10.2023)
Most goals	46 v DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46W (a), 22.10.2022
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016 40 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 40:20L (a), 18.09.2022
Most goals both teams	73 v DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46W (a), 22.10.2022 73 v Ikast Handbold DEN 37:36W (h), 28.10.2023
Fewest goals	17 v Volgograd AKVA RUS 22:17L (a), 03.03.2001
Fewest goals opponent	16 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997 16 v TUS Walle Bremen GER 27:16W (h), 25.01.1997 16 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 28:16W (h), 18.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	36 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 18:18D (h), 31.03.1996

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Laura	Glauser	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Besancon, FRA	178
3	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line player	03/10/1988	Paris, FRA	182
10	Veronika	Borbála Balogh	HUN	Left back	10/07/2007	Budapest, HUN	174
11	Daria	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre back	09/08/1995	Togliatti, RUS	181
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06/11/1991	Budapest, HUN	176
15	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left wing	12/11/1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	168
16	Blanka	Böde-Bíró C	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/09/1994	Vác, HUN	187
18	Diána	Szilágyi	HUN	Goalkeeper	24/05/2007	Budapest, HUN	178
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left back	26/04/1998	Buxtehude, GER	182
21	Gréta	Márton	HUN	Left wing	03/10/1999	Mohács, HUN	172
22	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left back	16/06/1997	Guadeloupe, FRA	178
23	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left back	18/06/1987	Budapest, HUN	187
24	Dorka	Papp	HUN	Right wing	26/07/2006	Budapest, HUN	165
26	Angela	Malestein	NED	Right wing	31/01/1993	Baam, NED	173
38	Petra Anna	Simon	HUN	Centre back	12/11/2004	Budapest, HUN	168
41	Bítia	Balázs	HUN	Right wing	14/08/2006	Budapest, HUN	173
42	Katrin Gitta	Klujber	HUN	Right back	21/04/1999	Budapest, HUN	169
49	Anna Rebeka	Szeibert	HUN	Left back	08/04/2007	Tatabánya, HUN	181
57	Panna	Szilágyi	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/01/2006	Budapest, HUN	168
58	Réka	Bordás	HUN	Line player	26/08/1997	Karcag, HUN	184
61	Valeriia	Maslova	RUS	Right back	23/01/2001	Rostov on Don, RUS	188
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line player	15/03/1990	Belgrade, SRB	183
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre back	06/09/1987	Belgrade, SRB	178
90	Szandra	Szöllosi-Zácsik	HUN	Left back	22/04/1990	Budapest, HUN	185
96	Laura	Himer	HUN	Centre back	22/08/2007	Békéscsaba, HUN	174
97	Alina	Fábián	HUN	Line player	20/09/2006	Debrecen, HUN	172
99	Luca	Táder	HUN	Left back	31/05/2006	Budapest, HUN	177





COACH



Allan Heine



- > has been in charge of FTC since October 2023, when he took over as head coach from fellow Dane Martin Albertsen; the duo had arrived in the summer of 2023 to succeed FTC's long-term coach Gábor Elek
- > previously worked together with Albertsen for two years with the Swiss women's national team
- > led FTC to their second straight Hungarian cup title, beating rivals Győr 25:23 in the final, and their first league title since 2021, finishing two points clear of Győr
- > started his coaching career as a 30-year-old at Aalborg in 2010, and has since worked at Ringkøbing, Viborg, and Nantes, and as an assistant at the Danish national team in 2015

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|------------------|---|-------------|
| Daria Dmitrieva | < | (Krim/SLO) |
| Laura Glauser | < | (CSM/ROU) |
| Orlane Kanor | < | (Rapid/ROU) |
| Valeriia Maslova | < | (Brest/FRA) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Anett Kovács | > | (Esztergom/HUN) |
| Anett Kisfaludy | > | (Esztergom/HUN) |
| Anna Kukely | > | (Mosonmagyaróvár/HUN) |



GOALKEEPER 

Laura Glauser

 @lauraglauser

- > French international, who arrived at FTC in the summer of 2024 from CSM Bucuresti
- > spent 10 years at Metz in her native France before joining Győr in 2020
- > made the CL All-star Team in her second year with Győr
- > gave birth to daughter Kaniela in 2018, returned to the court after three months
- > made national team debut in 2012, won seven medals since 2016

OG: S 2016, S 2024; EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016;
WCh: G 2023, S 2021





LEFT WING 

Gréta Márton


 @gretamarton

- > Hungarian international, who scored a personal best 51 goals in the CL 2021/22 season
- > 2024/25 is her 10th straight CL season with FTC, after making her debut in 2015/16
- > was key member of the Hungarian team that won the 2019 Junior WCh
- > has been a regular in Hungarian national team since her debut in 2017



LEFT BACK 

Emily Bölk

 @emily_boelk

- > German international, who joined FTC in 2020 from Thüringer HC
- > was among the team's four best scorers in 2023/24, with 71 goals
- > joined Viborg's youth academy at age 14, made Bundesliga debut with Buxtehuder SV at 16, and played two seasons for THC before moving to FTC
- > became the youngest German international to score 100 goals
- > her mother, Andrea, was also a national team player for Germany



CENTRE BACK 

Andrea Lekić

 @lekicandrea

- > Serbian international, who arrived at FTC in the summer of 2022 from Krim
- > previously played CL with Buducnost, Vardar, CSM Bucuresti, Győr, and Krim
- > won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, was runner-up four times, and played in eight semi-finals
- > during the CL 2023/24 group phase, she became the fourth female player in CL history to pass the 1,000-goal mark
- > in 2013, won WCh silver with Serbia and was named World Player of the Year
- > EURO 2012 All-star Team centre back

CL: 2013
WCh: S 2013



CENTRE BACK 

Daria Dmitrieva

 @dashikdmitrieva07

- > Russian international, who joined FTC in 2024 after two years on loan at Krim in Slovenia
- > previously played CL with CSKA
- > missed the entire 2019/20 season due to an Achilles tendon injury
- > born in Togliatti, played for Volgograd before rejoining hometown club Lada in 2015
- > won Olympic gold with Russia in 2016 and was named in the All-star Team

OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2018



RIGHT BACK 

Valeriia Maslova

 @lrmaslova_

- > one of two Russian internationals to arrive at FTC in the summer of 2024
- > came over from Brest, the club FTC defeated in the 2023/24 play-offs
- > scored a stunning total of 101 goals in just 15 matches for the French side in the CL 2023/24 season
- > started her career in Rostov and reached the CL 2018/19 final, which they lost to Győr
- > also played for Buducnost and CSKA
- > won the 2018 Youth WCh; is a senior international since that year



RIGHT BACK 

Katrin Klujber

 @keti_klujber

- > one of the leading players of the current Hungarian generation
- > a prolific goal scorer for both club and national team
- > scored 54 goals during her CL debut campaign in 2018/19 and has scored more than 60 times in each season since, including 114 in 2022/23 and 100 in 2023/24
- > had breakthrough at a young age, making her debut in the Hungarian league at 16
- > won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros

EHF Cup: 2016



RIGHT WING 

Angela Malestein

 @angelamalestein

- > Dutch international, who arrived in Budapest in the summer of 2020
- > left Netherlands as a 19-year-old talent in 2012 and spent the next eight years in Germany – with Blomberg and Bietigheim
- > named best right wing of the 2022/23 European season at the inaugural EHF Excellence Awards 2023
- > first played in Dutch national team at age 16; was part of the team that won the world title in 2019

EURO: S 2016, B 2018; WCh: B 2017, G 2019



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Katrin
Klujber**

@keti_klujber

100 GOALS



**Andrea
Lekic**

@lekicandrea

81 GOALS



**Angela
Malestein**

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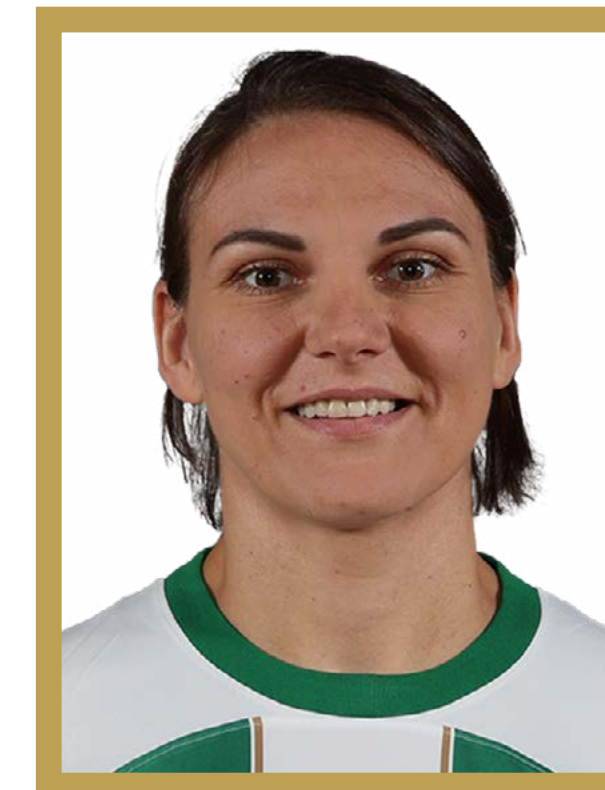
72 GOALS



**Emily
Bölk**

@emily_boelk

71 GOALS



**Dragana
Cvijic**

@dragana_cvijic

44 GOALS





METZ HANDBALL

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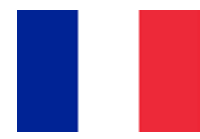
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Metz enter the 2024/25 season with a clear goal – to reach the EHF FINAL4 for a fourth time. Upon their first three appearances, including last season, they failed to make the final.

With significant changes to his team, head coach Emmanuel Mayonnade will try to find the right balance and make the fans happy, who dream of colouring the MVM Dome yellow at the end of the season. Having traditionally strong opponents in the preparation period, which included Győr and Krim this time, Metz are eager to prove again why they are the French powerhouse leading the way in recent years.

GROUP A



METZ HANDBALL

MAIN FACTS

- > this will be Metz's 18th season in the EHF Champions League, after they won their domestic league for a 26th time in 2023/24
- > Metz won the domestic double in France for the ninth time last season
- > the team has gone through significant changes, with Alina Grijseels, Kristina Jørgensen, Louise Burgaard, and Hatadou Sako among the players that left
- > on the other side, Allison Pineau and Laura Flippes have returned to Metz after time abroad, and Petra Vamos, Tyra Axner, Zsofi Szemerey, and Anne Emmanuelle Augustine are also joining
- > head coach Emmanuel Mayonnade enters his ninth year at the helm

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 18

Semi-finals (3): 2018/19, 2021/22, 2023/24

Quarter-finals (5): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20*, 2020/21, 2022/23

Main Round (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

Group Matches (7): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2012/13

French league: 26 titles (1989, 1990, 1993-97, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004-09, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016-19, 2022-24)

French cup: 12 titles (1990, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF : GA	GD	Points	Stage
1996/97 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	0	2	4	108:137	-29	2:10	4th Gr. C
1997/98 ASPTT Metz HB FRA	6	1	1	4	135:166	-31	3:9	4th Gr. B
1999/00 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	3	0	3	130:121	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. A
2002/03 Handball Metz Metropole FRA	6	1	0	5	142:176	-34	2:10	4th Gr. D
2008/09 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8	3rd Gr. D
2009/10 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	1	3	163:174	-11	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2011/12 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	298:322	-24	7:17	4th MR Gr. 2
2013/14 Metz Handball FRA	6	3	0	3	149:144	+5	6:6	3rd Gr. C
2014/15 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	305:318	-13	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
2016/17 Metz Handball FRA	14	8	0	6	376:338	+38	16:12	Quarter-finals
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	Quarter-finals
2018/19 Metz Handball FRA	16	11	1	4	470:389	+81	23:9	Fourth Place
2019/20 Metz Handball FRA	12	7	3	2	361:321	+40	17:7	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 Metz Handball FRA	18	12	1	5	459:414	+45	25:11	Quarter-finals
2021/22 Metz Handball FRA	20	14	1	5	554:475	+79	29:11	Third Place
2022/23 Metz Handball FRA	16	13	1	2	487:411	+76	27:5	Quarter-finals
2023/24 Metz Handball FRA	18	13	0	5	588:522	+66	26:10	Fourth place
Total:	194	106	13	75	5,270:4,970	+300	225:163	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

10

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

10

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

42

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win	38:13 (20:6) v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO (h), 22.10.2022
Biggest defeat	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run	10 matches (22.10.2022 – 29.04.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches (22.10.2022 – 29.04.2023)
Longest losing run	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
Longest run without win	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997)
	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
Most goals	42 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
	42 v MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL 42:26W (h), 30.09.2023
Most goals opponent	39 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:30L (a), 15.01.2022
	39 v Ikast Handbold DEN 36:39L (h), 17.09.2023
Most goals both teams	76 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019
Fewest goals	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996
Fewest goals opponent	13 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13W (h), 22.10.2022
Fewest goals both teams	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Camille	Depuiset	FRA	Goalkeeper	19/10/1998	Dijon, FRA	180
3	Ludvine	Kaakil-Talaba	FRA	Back	02/05/2005	Baie Mahault, FRA	170
5	Nelya	Goval	FRA	Left wing	30/11/2005	Corneilles en Parisis, FRA	173
6	Chloé	Valentini C	FRA	Left wing	19/04/1995	Besançon, FRA	165
7	Allison Marie	Pineau	FRA	Left back	02/05/1989	Marron, FRA	181
8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Left back	25/08/1994	Glostrup, DEN	182
9	Tyra	Axnér	SWE	Left back	18/03/2002	Minden, GER	178
14	Yvana	Atangana	CMR	Left back	17/09/2006	Yaounde, CMR	178
15	Anne Emmanuelle	Augustine	FRA	Line player	10/07/2001	Fort de France, FRA	180
16	Fatima	Camara	FRA	Goalkeeper	07/12/2004	Sarrebourg, FRA	174
17	Claire	Koestner	FRA	Centre back	10/02/2006	Colmar, FRA	166
18	Fiona	Gooroosamy	FRA	Right back	18/02/2006	Strasbourg, FRA	178
19	Delia	Golvét	FRA	Right wing	21/10/2005	La Trinite, FRA	164
20	Laura	Flippes	FRA	Right back	13/12/1994	Strasbourg, FRA	171
23	Zaliata	Mlamali	FRA	Left wing	23/02/2003	Marseille, FRA	172
24	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right back	29/11/2001	Metz, FRA	190
27	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line player	27/08/2002	Mont St Martin, FRA	182
28	Lucie	Granier	FRA	Right wing	11/06/1999	Marseille, FRA	167
31	Djazz	Chambertin	FRA	Left back	24/06/1997	Ravenne, ITA	177
32	Maily	Etilopy	FRA	Left back	16/03/2006	Clamart, FRA	168
37	Zsófi	Szemerey	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/06/1994	Kazincbarcika, HUN	183
38	Petra	Vamos	HUN	Centre back	14/09/2000	Ózd, HUN	170
98	Manon	Errard	FRA	Right wing	09/02/2005	Noumea, FRA	178





COACH



Emmanuel Mayonnade



- > long-term Metz head coach, in charge since the 2015/16 season
- > became only the second French coach to reach the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest when Metz qualified for the first time in 2019
- > made All-star Team of EHF Champions League season several times
- > started coaching at age 23 in Mios and stayed with the French club for 10 years, leading them to two EHF Challenge Cup titles
- > took over the Dutch national team in March 2019 and won the world title that year, but left after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021

Challenge Cup: 2011, 2015 (as coach)
WCh: G 2019 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Allison Pineau | < | (Krim/SLO) |
| Laura Flippes | < | (CSM/ROU) |
| Petra Vamos | < | (DVSC/HUN) |
| Zsofi Szmerey | < | (Mosonmagyóvár/HUN) |
| Tyra Axner | < | (Nykøbing/DEN) |
| Anne Emmanuelle Augustine | < | (Nice/FRA) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Alina Grijseels | > | (CSM/ROU) |
| Kristina Jørgensen | > | (Győr/HUN) |
| Mia Brkic | > | (Podravka/CRO, on loan) |
| Louise Burgaard | > | (Odense/DEN) |
| Julie Le Blevec | > | (Saint-Armand/FRA) |
| Hatadou Sako | > | (Győr/HUN) |
| Mélanie Halter | > | (Mosonmagyóvár/HUN, on loan) |



GOALKEEPER 

Camille Depuiset

 @camille_dpst

- > French international, who arrived at Metz in the summer of 2022
- > has spent her career so far in France, previously playing for Toulon (2015-19) and Bourg-de-Péage (2019-22)
- > part of the French team that won the W19 EHF EURO 2017 in Slovenia
- > faces strong competition for the goalkeeper position in the national team, but did play at the 2023 WCh where France won gold

WCh: G 2023



LEFT WING 

Chloé Valentini

 @chloppette

- > after playing for eight seasons in Besançon, moved to Metz in the summer of 2021
- > scored 97 goals in the CL 2023/24 season, her personal best for a European season
- > part of a very talented French generation, alongside Laura Flippes, Méline Nocandy and Orlane Kanor
- > has already won five medals with the French national team since her debut in 2020

EURO: S 2020; OG: G 2020, S 2024;
WCh: G 2023, S 2021



LEFT BACK 

Anne Mette Hansen

 @a_to_the_m

- > Danish international, who arrived at Metz in the summer of 2023 after six years in Győr, her first club abroad
- > won the CL twice with Győr; was named CL All-star left back after winning her second title in 2018/19
- > started handball at age nine in Copenhagen and joined local club København Håndbold in 2014
- > won 2012 Youth WCh, has been regular member of the senior team from the following year

CL: 2018, 2019
EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2013, 2021, 2023; OG: B 2024



LEFT BACK 

Allison Pineau

 @allisonpineau

- > highly experienced former French international, who returned to Metz in 2024 after 12 years with other clubs
- > had initially planned to retire after the 2023/24 season with Krim in Slovenia
- > also played for clubs like Buducnost, Paris 92, Brest, Baia Mare, and Vardar
- > was named the World Player of the Year in 2009, and made the All-star Team of the WCh in 2009 and 2011
- > retired from the French national team after the 2021 WCh, having scored nearly 700 goals in 273 matches

OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011, 2021; EURO: G 2018, B 2016





CENTRE BACK 

Petra Vámos


 @petra.vamos38

- > Hungarian international, who joined Metz in summer of 2024 from DVSC
- > started to play handball when she was eight years young; also competed in athletics until the age of 13
- > joined the national handball academy in 2014 for five years before signing with DVSC in 2019
- > was captain of the successful Hungarian junior national team
- > her younger sister, Míra, also plays handball; she is a left wing at DVSC




LINE PLAYER 


Sarah Bouktit

 @sarahbouktit


- > started her career at Metz and returned to the club in 2021 after one season with Fleury
- > was Metz's best scorer in the CL 2023/24 season, with 107 goals
- > named All-star line player of W17 EHF EURO 2019; took part in EHF Respect Your Talent programme that year
- > made her national team debut for France in an EHF EURO Qualifier in March 2022
- > the 2023 world title was her first medal with the French national team

WCh: G 2023; OG: S 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Laura Flippes

 @laura.flippes

- > came back to Metz in the summer of 2024, the club where she had started her professional career
- > moved to Paris 92 in 2020 and went abroad to Romanian powerhouse CSM Bucuresti for one season in 2023
- > a versatile player, who can also be used as a right wing
- > has won a string of medals with the French national team since 2016
- > made the All-star Team of the Tokyo Olympics where France took gold

EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; OG: G 2020, S 2024;
WCh: G 2017, S 2021



RIGHT WING 

Lucie Granier

 @l_granier

- > one of the breakthrough players in French handball in recent years
- > joined Metz in 2023 from Besançon
- > played six years for Besançon, finishing third with that club in the French league in 2020/21
- > scored a personal best 53 goals in the CL 2023/24 season
- > born in Marseille, made her national team debut in 2021; won silver with France at WCh just two months later

WCh: G 2023, S 2021; OG: S 2024



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Sarah
Bouktit**

@sarahbouktit

107 GOALS 



**Kristina
Jørgensen**

@kristina_jorgensen

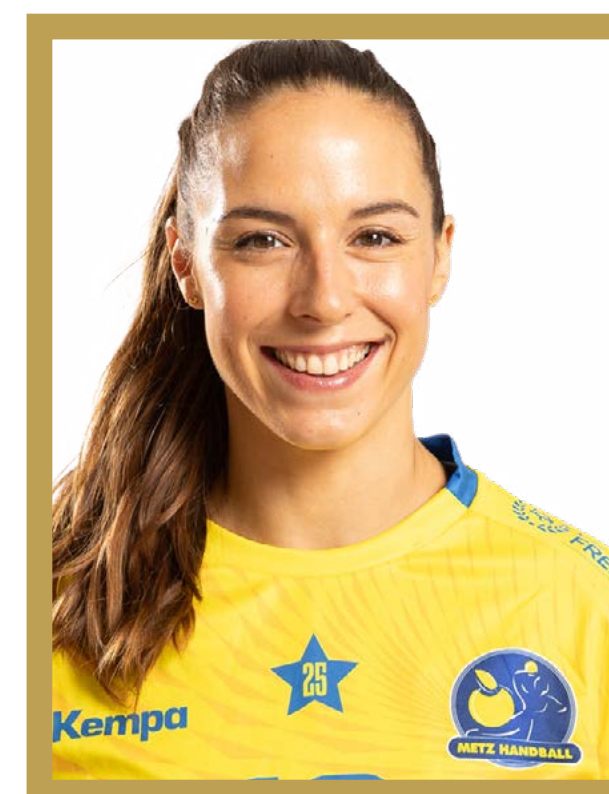
100 GOALS 



**Chloé
Valentini**

@chloppette

97 GOALS 



**Louise
Vinter Burggaard**

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63 GOALS 



**Alina
Grijseels**

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55 GOALS 



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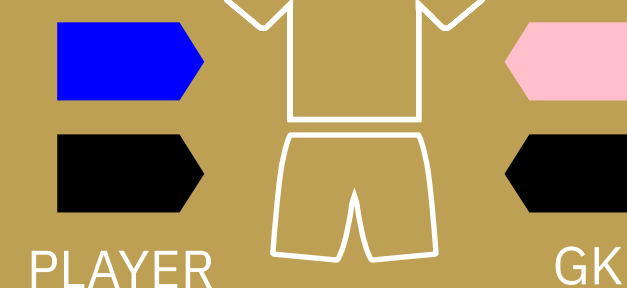
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DARK



LIGHT



The quarter-finals have become a true stumbling block for CSM Bucuresti. The 2016 champions reached that stage of the EHF Champions League in each of the six seasons since 2018, but never made it back to the EHF FINAL4.

With Helle Thomsen returning as head coach after six years, CSM will again try to make it happen in the 2024/25 season. Still led by star player Cristina Neagu, the club has strengthened their roster with the arrivals of Alina Grijseels, Gabriela Moreschi, Djurdjina Jaukovic, Daciana Hosu, and Emma Friis.

GROUP A



CSM BUCURESTI

MAIN FACTS

- > CSM Buxuresti are heading into their 10th consecutive season in the EHF Champions League; they won the trophy in their debut 2015/16 season, but have not been back at the EHF FINAL4 since 2018
- > Danish coach Helle Thomsen returns on the CSM bench, after previously leading the team in the 2017/18 season
- > star player Cristina Neagu became only the second player to pass the 1,100-goal milestone in the EHF Champions League; she starts the 2024/25 season on 1,132 goals, nine short of leader Jovanka Radicevic
- > French trio Laura Glauser, Grace Zaadi, and Laura Flippes are among the group of seven players that left the club in the off-season
- > CSM dominated the domestic competitions in 2023/24, winning both the Romanian league and cup again

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 10

Winners (1): 2015/16

Semi-finals (2): 2016/17, 2017/18

Quarter-finals (6): 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Romanian league: 7 titles (2015-18, 2021, 2023, 2024)

Romanian cup: 7 titles (2016-19, 2022-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387	+29	21:11	Winners
2016/17 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	427:407	+20	21:11	Third Place
2017/18 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	455:395	+60	21:11	Third Place
2018/19 CSM Bucuresti ROU	14	6	1	7	400:390	+10	13:15	Quarter-finals
2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU	12	7	1	4	314:288	+26	15:9	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	10	1	7	436:411	+25	21:15	Quarter-finals
2021/22 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	9	2	7	437:395	+42	20:16	Quarter-finals
2022/23 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	2	4	498:451	+47	22:10	Quarter-finals
2023/24 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	10	1	7	521:470	+51	21:15	Quarter-finals
Total:	144	82	11	51	3,904:3,594	+310	175:113	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

7 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

44 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win	44:26 (24:15) v WHC Budunost BEMAX MNE (h), 07.01.2024
Biggest defeat	33:23 (19:10) v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN (a), 25.01.2020
Longest winning run	6 matches (04.12.2022 – 22.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (04.12.2022 – 05.02.2023)
Longest losing run	3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016)
	3 matches (10.11.2019 – 25.01.2020)
	3 matches (19.11.2020 – 16.01.2021)
	3 matches (11.04.2021 – 18.09.2021)
	3 matches (12.02.2023 – 07.05.2023)
Longest run without win	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	44 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 44:26W (h), 07.01.2024
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (n), 06.05.2017
Most goals both teams	71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (n), 06.05.2017
	71 v Odense Håndbold DEN 40:31W (h), 14.01.2023
Fewest goals	19 v CSKA RUS 24:19L (a), 11.04.2021
Fewest goals opponent	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:28W (a), 23.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	42 v Rostov-Don RUS 20:22W (a), 11.11.2016

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Gabriela	Moreschi	BRA	Goalkeeper	08/07/1994	Portuguesa, BRA	190
2	Mihaela Andreea	Mihai	ROU	Right wing	15/12/2004	Bucharest, ROU	178
3	Emilie Hegh	Arntzen	NOR	Left back	01/01/1994	Porsgrunn, NOR	184
4	Alina	Grijseels	GER	Centre back	12/04/1996	Wesel, GER	175
5	Maria Alexandra	Voicu	ROU	Centre back	01/04/2006	Bucharest, ROU	
8	Cristina	Neagu C	ROU	Left back	26/08/1988	Bucharest, ROU	180
9	Dana Andreea	Rotaru	ROU	Centre back	20/02/1994	Brasov, ROU	175
10	Inger	Smits	NED	Centre back	17/09/1994	Geleen, NED	179
11	Mioara Bianca	Ciubotaru	ROU	Left back	14/04/2006	Focsani, ROU	182
14	Djurdjina	Jaukovic	MNE	Left back	24/02/1997	Niksic, MNE	185
15	Emma	Friis	DEN	Left wing	31/10/1999	Herning, DEN	162
16	Evelina	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/08/1996	Österhaninge, SWE	185
17	Elizabeth	Omorigie	SLO	Centre back	29/12/1996	Athens, GRE	178
20	Irina	Maxim	ROU	Left back	28/11/2005	Tirgu Neamt, ROU	180
21	Alexandra	Dindiligan	ROU	Left wing	16/02/1997	Galati, ROU	174
25	Trine	Jensen Østergaard	DEN	Right wing	17/10/1991	Skanderborg, DEN	166
28	Monika	Kobylinska	POL	Right back	09/04/1995	Zary, POL	177
32	Noémi	Pásztor	HUN	Line player	02/04/1999	Szombathely, HUN	180
49	Andreea	Ailincai	ROU	Line player	15/12/2003	Bacau, ROU	190
51	Vilde Mortensen	Ingstad	NOR	Line player	18/12/1994	Oslo, NOR	178
77	Crina Elena	Pintea	ROU	Line player	03/04/1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	192
96	Ana Daria	Uhrec	ROU	Goalkeeper	10/05/2005	Bucharest, ROU	178
98	Daciana	Hosu	ROU	Goalkeeper	16/01/1998	Bistrita, ROU	182





COACH



Helle Thomsen



- > Danish coach, who replaced Adrian Vasile in the summer of 2024 for her second stint at the Romanian club, after the 2017/18 season
- > arrived in Bucharest after two seasons in Nantes, leading the French club to the EHF Finals 2024 in Graz
- > also coached club teams Midtjylland, Molde, and Kastamonu
- > combined her club duties with leading the national teams of Sweden in 2014-15 and the Netherlands in 2016-19
- > named EHF Female Coach of the Year in 2018/19 season
- > played for Frederikshavn, Sindal, and Drammen

CWC: 2015 (as coach)
EURO: S 2016, B 2014, 2018; WCh B 2017 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| Daciana Hosu | < | (Ramnicu Valcea/ROU) |
| Inger Smits | < | (Bietigheim/GER) |
| Gabriela Moreschi | < | (Bietigheim/GER) |
| Emma Friis | < | (Ikast/DEN) |
| Alina Grijseels | < | (Metz/FRA) |
| Djurdjina Jaukovic | < | (Brest/FRA) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| Laura Glauser | > | (FTC/HUN) |
| Grace Zaadi | > | (Krim/SLO) |
| Marie Davidsen | > | (Craiova/ROU) |
| Zeljka Nikolic | > | (Craiova/ROU) |
| Jennifer Guttierrez | > | (Krim/SLO) |
| Laura Flippes | > | (Metz/FRA) |
| Stefania Stoica | > | (Rapid/ROU) |




GOALKEEPER 


Gabriela Moreschi

 @gabi.moreschi


- > Brazilian international, who arrived at CSM in the summer of 2024 from Bietigheim (now Ludwigsburg)
- > joined the German side from Fleury Loiret in 2021; previously played two seasons at Larvik (NOR) and had a brief stint at Magura Cisnadia (ROU)
- > won the EHF European League in her first year with Bietigheim, then reached the EHF Champions League final with the club in 2023/24
- > top goalkeeper in CL 2023/24 for both number of saves (216) and penalties stopped (18)

EL: 2022



LEFT WING 

Emma Friis

 @emmafriis15

- > one of the breakthrough players from Denmark in recent years, joined CSM from Ikast in summer of 2024
- > born and bred in Herning, Friis started to play handball at Ikast; made her senior debut in 2016, aged 17
- > in her debut at a major tournament, Friis scored 16 times to help Denmark win bronze at 2021 WCh
- > named MVP of EHF Finals 2023; scored 70 goals in CL 2023/24
- > Denmark's top scorer at EHF EURO 2022 and 2024 Olympics; named All-star left wing at both tournaments

EL: 2023
OG: B 2024; EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023



LEFT BACK 

Cristina Neagu

 @cristinaneaguofficial

- > four-time IHF World Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- > left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost but returned to her hometown club CSM in 2017
- > three times the top scorer of the CL (2015, 2018, 2022), is the second player to pass the 1,100-goal mark
- > best left back at the EHF Excellence Awards 2023
- > all-time top scorer of EHF EURO with 303 goals, named All-star left back of the competition four times
- > 2015 WCh MVP and top scorer, EURO 2010 top scorer

CL: 2015
EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015



LEFT BACK 

Djurdjina Jaukovic

 @djina_jaukovic

- > Montenegrin international, who arrived at CSM in summer of 2024 after four years with Brest in France
- > previously played five seasons for Buducnost (2015-20)
- > missed most of the 2021/22 and 2023/24 seasons due to knee injuries
- > started to play handball aged nine in her hometown Niksic
- > was MVP and top scorer (71 goals) of the W19 EHF EURO 2015
- > helped the senior national team win EHF EURO bronze in 2022, scoring 48 times

EURO: B 2022



CENTRE BACK 

Alina Grijseels

 @alinagrijseels

- > German international, joined CSM in 2024 after one season with Metz
- > was 18 when she joined Dortmund in 2014; spent nine years at the club
- > played for all German youth and junior national teams; won silver at 2014 Youth WCh
- > was Germany's leading scorer at EHF EURO 2022 (44 goals) and 2023 World Championship (34 goals — same as Antje Döll)
- > co-captain for Germany with Emily Bölk; led the side back to the Olympics in 2024 after a 16-year wait



LINE PLAYER 

Crina Pintea

 @crinaelena_pintea

- > rejoined from Győr in summer of 2022, after her earlier stint with CSM between 2019 and 2021
- > in 2018/19, won CL with Győr and was named All-star line player
- > her younger sister, Andreea Ailincăi, is also a professional player with CSM
- > has an Eiffel tower tattoo since playing for Paris changed her life
- > her passion is knitting, produced facemasks during the Covid-19 pandemic

CL: 2019
WCh: B 2015



RIGHT BACK 

Monika Kobylinska

 @monika.kobylinska8

- > a key player in both attack and defence, for both club and country, one of the most experienced Polish players
- > after playing for Gliwice and Plock, she moved to Gdynia, where she became the Polish league's top scorer in 2015/16 with 207 goals
- > moved to German club Metzingen in 2017 before joining French side Brest Bretagne in 2019, where she spent four years before moving to CSM
- > has played for Poland's national team since 2015 and was a CL finalist with Brest in 2021



RIGHT WING 

Trine Østergaard

 @toestergaard

- > Danish international, who arrived at CSM in 2023 after playing for Bietigheim, Odense, and Midtjylland (currently Ikast)
- > gained a lot of CL experience during her nine seasons with Ikast, the club which formed her as a player
- > has been a regular in the Danish national team since 2011, winning five medals
- > was also a decent football player until opting to play only handball at age 15

EL: 2022; EHF Cup: 2011; CWC: 2015
EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2013, 2021, 2023; OG: B 2024



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Cristina
Neagu**

@cristinaneaguofficial

103 GOALS 



**Vilde
Ingstad**

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59 GOALS 



**Emilie
Hegh Arntzen**

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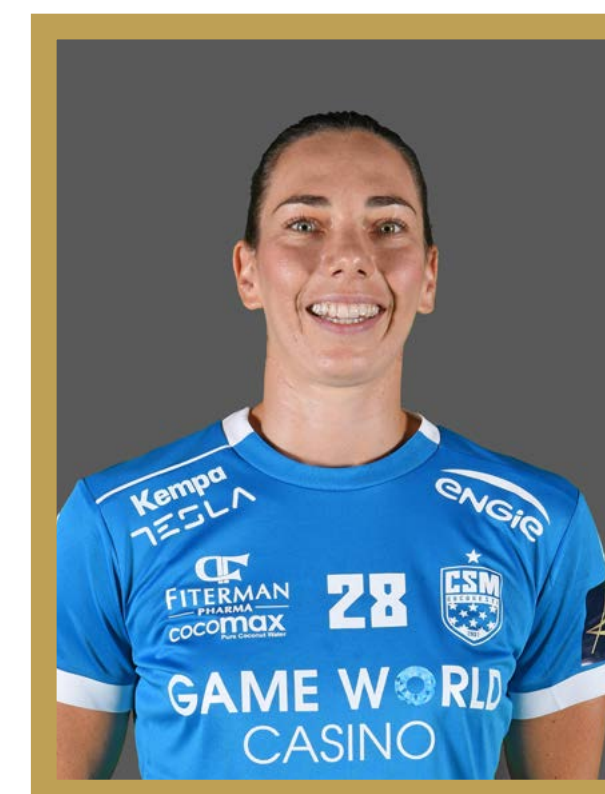
58 GOALS 



**Trine
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50 GOALS 



**Monika
Kobylinska**

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38 GOALS 



KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

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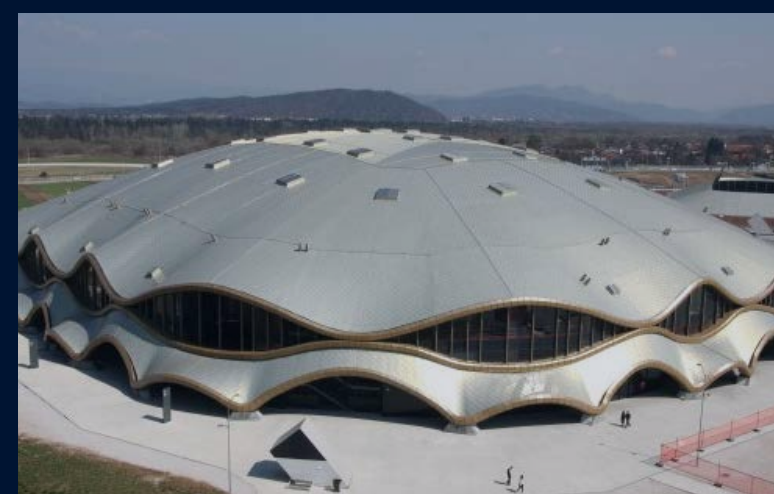
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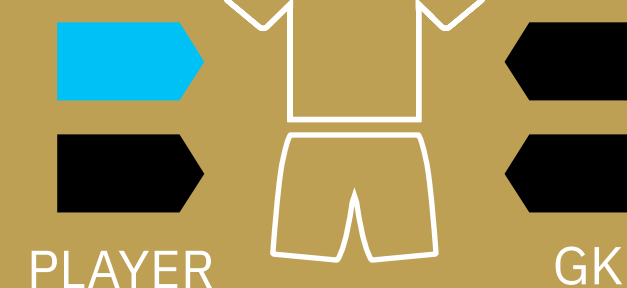


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Krim Mercator Ljubljana are on the path back to success, eager to make their comeback among the top teams. Since head coach Dragan Adzic took over in 2022, they started the project of building a team capable of reaching the EHF FINAL4.

After missing out on the quarter-finals for the last two seasons, the Slovenian side showed they are aiming high with interesting transfers like Ana Gros, Tamara Horacek, and Jennifer Gutiérrez. As the club is celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2024, they hope they will grow stronger with each round of the group stage, forging a strong bond.

GROUP A



KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

MAIN FACTS

- > head coach Dragan Adzic is in his third season with Krim Mercator Ljubljana – only his second club since he started coaching in 2001
- > legendary right wing Jovanka Radicevic has announced her retirement after the 2024/25 season; the all-time top scorer of the EHF Champions League Women starts her final season on 1,141 goals
- > nine new players bolster Krim's squad, including Ana Gros, Tamara Horacek, and Jennifer Gutiérrez
- > Krim won the EHF Champions League in 2001 and 2003, and reached the final on three more occasions
- > in their 29th European top-flight season, Krim are celebrating their 40th anniversary with a new logo design

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 29

Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03

Final (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06

Semi-finals (1): 2012/13

Quarter-finals (5): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2021/22

Play-offs (3): 2020/21, 2022/23, 2023/24

Main Round (10): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 2002/03, 2003/04

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 2015/16

Slovenian league: 29 titles (1995-15, 2017-24)

Slovenian cup: 28 titles (1993-97, 1999-2019, 2022, 2023)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19	8:8	Quarter-finals
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8	8:8	Quarter-finals
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11	13:11	Runners-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32	15:9	Winners
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55	20:4	Winners
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35	14:10	Runners-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37	14:2	Quarter-finals
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27	16:8	Runners-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14	10:6	Quarter-finals
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3	12:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30	15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22	10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0	16:12	Semi-finals
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5	11:13	4th MR Gr. 2
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374	-69	4:20	6th MR Gr. 1
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208	-48	0:12	4th Gr. A



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345	-51	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335	-34	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328	-31	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	1	8	310:348	-38	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
2020/21 RK Krim Mercator SLO	16	3	3	10	371:422	-51	9:23	Play-offs
2021/22 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	18	5	2	11	466:498	-32	12:24	Quarter-finals
2022/23 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	16	7	0	9	452:459	-7	14:18	Play-offs
2023/24 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	16	6	1	9	437:444	-7	13:19	Play-offs
Total:	316	137	20	159	8,412:8,541	-129	294:338	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6	MATCHES Longest winning run
7	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
42	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win	36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997
Biggest defeat	39:20 (19:8) v Buducnost MNE (a), 15.03.2015
Longest winning run	6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003) 6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)
Longest losing run	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
Longest run without win	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
Most goals	42 v DHK Baník Most CZE 29:42W (a), 24.09.2022 42 v DHK Baník Most CZE 42:31W (h), 22.01.2023
Most goals opponent	47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Most goals both teams	76 v 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011 76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Fewest goals	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
Fewest goals opponent	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line player	18/01/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	174
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right wing	23/10/1986	Podgorica	169
5	Tjaša	Stanko	SLO	Left back	05/11/1997	Maribor, SLO	173
6	Ana	Gros C	SLO	Right back	21/01/1991	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	186
8	Tamara	Mavsar	SLO	Left wing	01/04/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	172
11	Ana	Abina	SLO	Left back	30/07/1997	Ljubljana, SLO	180
12	Barbara Elisabeth	Arenhart	BRA	Goalkeeper	04/10/1986	Novo Hamburgo, BRA	181
13	Tea	Pogorelc	SLO	Left back	13/01/2006	Ljubljana, SLO	185
16	Maja	Vojnovic	SLO	Goalkeeper	26/01/1998	Novo mesto, SLO	180
17	Elena	Erceg	SLO	Left wing	07/06/2006	SLO	173
18	Nina	Zulic	SLO	Centre back	04/12/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	170
20	Alja	Varagic	SLO	Right back	11/12/1990	Celje, SLO	185
21	Amra	Pandžic	SLO	Goalkeeper	20/09/1989	Ljubljana, SLO	178
22	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Back	05/11/1995	Pozeda, CRO	178
23	Betchaidelle	Ngombele	CGO	Left back	23/04/2004	Brazzaville, CGO	190
25	Hawa	N'Diaye	FRA	Line player	24/07/1995	Strasbourg, FRA	176
34	Tatjana	Brnovic	MNE	Line player	09/11/1998	Cetinje, MNE	184
75	Dijana	Đajic	SLO	Goalkeeper	03/10/2004	Ljubljana, SLO	185
88	Ema	Abina	SLO	Left wing	18/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	170
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Centre back	01/09/1996	Podgorica, MNE	171





COACH



Dragan Adžić



- > Montenegrin coach who led Buducnost to two CL titles in his 10-year stint at that club; arrived at Krim in summer of 2022 to replace Nataliya Derepasko
- > has also been in charge of Slovenian women's national team since 2021 after previously leading Montenegro until 2017
- > retired from playing due to injury in 1998 and started as an assistant coach at Buducnost three years later
- > became head coach of Buducnost and the Montenegrin national team in 2010; won the CL, Olympic silver, and EHF EURO gold two years later

**EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; CWC 2010 (as coach)
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012 (as coach)**

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Ana Gros | < | (Győr/HUN) |
| Jennifer Gutiérrez | < | (CSM/ROU) |
| Philomena Egger | < | (Hypo/AUT) |
| Grace Zaadi | < | (CSM/ROU) |
| Hawa N'Diaye | < | (Brest/FRA) |
| Ana Abina | < | (Ajdovscina/SLO) |
| Tamara Horacek | < | (Nantes/FRA) |
| Amra Pandžić | < | (Baia Mare/ROU) |
| Milica Ignjatovic | < | (Zeleznicar/SRB) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| Aleksandra Rosiak | > | (Lublin / POL) |
| Daria Dmitrieva | > | (FTC/HUN) |
| Allison Pineau | > | (Metz/FRA) |
| Valentina Klemencic | > | (Ludwigsburg/GER) |
| Nina Spreitzer | > | (one-season break) |
| Barbara Lazovic | > | (retired) |



GOALKEEPER 

Barbara Arenhart

 @babiarenhart

- > former Brazilian international, who came to Krim in 2021 after one season with Buducnost
- > had arrived in Europe in 2007 to play for Sagunto in Spain
- > later played for clubs in Norway, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, and Montenegro before moving to Krim
- > made her first appearance in the CL in the 2009/10 season
- > named All-star goalkeeper when Brazil won gold at the WCh 2013
- > retired from the national team after the Paris 2024 Olympics

CWC: 2013
WCh: G 2013



LEFT WING 

Tamara Mavsar

 @tamciii

- > born in Ljubljana, she has played for Krim since joining as a 10-year-old in 2001 – except for two seasons
- > spent 2016/17 with Vardar – and reached the CL final that season – and 2022/23 with Siófok
- > made her CL debut for Krim aged 17
- > in April 2022, she returned to the Slovenian national team from a three-year break after becoming a mother
- > married to Serbia national team coach Uros Bregar, who previously led Krim and the Slovenian national team



LEFT BACK 

Tjaša Stanko

 @tjasastanko

- > Slovenian international, who scored 75 times in the CL 2021/22 in her first season back with Krim following stints at Podravka and Metz
- > voted best young player of the CL 2017/18 in her first period at Krim
- > playing mainly at left back, but is also effective at centre and right back
- > also a leading player for the Slovenian national team; scored 12 goals to help Slovenia beat eventual champions Netherlands 32:26 at the 2019 WCh



CENTRE BACK 

Tamara Horacek

 @tamara_horacek

- > Croatian-born French international, who arrived at Krim in the summer of 2024 from Nantes
- > also played for Metz and Paris 92 in France, and for Siófok in Hungary
- > played EHF Finals in 2021 and 2024
- > scored five times for France in the golden 2023 WCh final against Norway (31:28)
- > daughter of former Croatia national team player Vesna Horacek

EURO: B 2016; OG: S 2016, 2024;
WCh: G 2023, S 2021



CENTRE BACK 

Grace Zaadi

 @gracezaadi

- > experienced French international, who arrived at Krim in 2024
- > previously played for Metz, Rostov-Don, and CSM Bucuresti
- > has Cameroonian roots; the name Grace means 'mercy' or 'blessing' and was given to her by her grandmother
- > winning silver at France's home 2024 Olympics marked her ninth medal with the national team
- > started playing handball at the age of nine, also tried football in her youth

EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; OG: G 2020, S 2016, 2024; WCh: G 2017, 2023, S 2021



LINE PLAYER 

Tatjana Brnovic

 @tbrnovic34

- > scored 34 goals in her debut CL season in 2017/18; was voted Rookie of the Main Round by EHFTV viewers
- > in 2023, she returned to Krim after brief spells at Rostov-Don and Brest
- > made her national team debut for Montenegro in 2017, previously a member of the youth and junior national teams
- > has more than 50 caps for Montenegro, was part of the team that beat France to win bronze at the EHF EURO 2022

EURO: B 2022



RIGHT BACK 

Ana Gros

 @anagros6

- > Slovenian international, who returned to Krim in 2024 after a two-year stint with Győr and winning the CL with the Hungarian side
- > spent her first two seasons at Olimpija and Krim before moving to Győr for the first time; also had stints at THC, Brest, Metz, and CSKA
- > was top scorer of the CL 2020/21 with 135 goals; passed the 100-goal milestone again in 2022/23 (102)
- > her father was a volleyball player
- > graduated from the Faculty of Tourism in Slovenia

CL: 2024



RIGHT WING 

Jovanka Radicevic

 @jovankaradicevic4

- > legendary Montenegrin international, who is playing her 21st CL season in 2024/25 – an all-time record
- > has announced her retirement at the end of the 2024/25 season
- > became the first player to pass the 1,100-goal milestone in the CL
- > arrived at Krim in 2022 after one year at Kastamonu in Türkiye
- > previously played for Buducnost, Győr, Vardar, and CSM; won the CL with Győr in 2013
- > part of Montenegrin team that won Olympic silver and EURO gold in 2012
- > named in All-star Team of EHF EURO 2012 and 2022, and 2015 WCh

CL: 2013
EURO: G 2012, B 2022; OG: S 2012



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Daria
Dmitrieva**

 @dashikdmitrieva07

80 GOALS



**Jovanka
Radicevic**

 @radicevicjoksi4

72 GOALS



**Tamara
Mavsar**

 @tamcili

58 GOALS



**Tjaša
Stanko**

 @tjasastanko

43 GOALS



**Itana
Grbic**

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36 GOALS





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Storhamar Handball Elite are coming in hot with the EHF European League title in their hands. Kenneth Gabrielsen's team will try to transfer the valuable experience of winning a European trophy into the challenging group phase of the EHF Champions League.

In their maiden top-flight season in 2022/23, the Norwegian side progressed to the play-offs, and they will endeavour to do at least the same again in 2024/25. With only minor changes to the squad, Storhamar are determined to put the small city of Hamar firmer on the handball map.

GROUP A



STORHAMAR HÅNDBALL ELITE

MAIN FACTS

- > this is Storhamar's eighth European season, following their debut at international level in the EHF Cup 2008/09
- > they won the EHF European League 2023/24 after beating CS Gloria 2018 in the final, 29:27; both teams will meet again in this season's EHF Champions League group phase
- > one of their top scorers, Guro Nestaker, was among the players that left the club in the off-season; Kjerstin Boge Solaas, June Krogh, Oda Mastad, and Vilde Amalie Klaussen are new additions
- > coach Kenneth Gabrielsen is in his fourth season with the club, having previously led Glassverket and Vipers
- > Storhamar enter the season with a new name for their venue: the OBOS Arena

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 2

Play-offs (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF European League: Winners 2023/24, Quarter-finals 2021/22

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2018/19

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 2009/10

Norwegian league: –

Norwegian cup: –



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2022/23 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	16	4	1	11	429:466	-37	9:23	Play-offs
Total:	16	4	1	11	429:466	-37	9:23	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

1 MATCH
Longest winning run

1 MATCH
Longest unbeaten run

37 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 37:13 (22:7) v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO (h), 17.09.2022

Biggest defeat 21:35 (13:15) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 16.10.2022

Longest winning run 1 match (four times)

Longest unbeaten run 1 match (five times)

Longest losing run 6 matches (16.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)

Longest run without win 6 matches (16.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)

Most goals 37 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13W (h), 17.09.2022

Most goals opponent 39 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:26L (a), 07.01.2023

Most goals both teams 65 v CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU 29:36L (h), 17.12.2022
65 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:26L (a), 07.01.2023

Fewest goals 21 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 21:35L (h), 16.10.2022

Fewest goals opponent 13 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13W (h), 17.09.2022

Fewest goals both teams 47 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 24:23L (a), 03.12.2022

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
6	Ane Cecilie	Høgseth	NOR	Line player	15/01/2001	Oslo, NOR	178
7	Ingeborg Storbæk	Monné	NOR	Left wing	23/05/2004	Elverum, NOR	172
9	Mathilde	Rivas-Toft	NOR	Right back	16/04/1997	Lørenskog, NOR	171
10	Kristin	Venn	NOR	Left wing	05/03/1994	Orkdal, NOR	169
11	Tina	Abdula	NOR	Right wing	20/09/1997	Skopje, MKD	164
14	Tonje	Enkerud	NOR	Centre back	21/08/1994	Elverum, NOR	177
16	Vilde Amalie	Klaussen	NOR	Goalkeeper	29/06/2005		
18	Olivia Linnèa	Josephine Löfqvist	SWE	Line player	13/07/1998	Hörby, SWE	177
20	Mia Solberg	Svele	NOR	Centre back	16/04/2001	Elverum, NOR	175
23	Line	Ellertsen	NOR	Right back	04/06/1998	Stavanger, NOR	172
24	Anna Klausen	Jacobsen	NOR	Right wing	23/05/2000	Norway, NOR	174
25	Anniken	Obaidli	NOR	Centre back	22/06/1995	Molde, NOR	172
30	Eli Marie	Raasok C	NOR	Goalkeeper	21/11/1996	Fredrikstad, NOR	175
31	Kjerstin	Boge Solaas	NOR	Left back	31/12/1997	Bergen, NOR	
37	Oda Cathrine	Lunne Mastad	NOR	Line player	01/01/1997	Trondheim, NOR	178
55	June Cecilie	Krogh	NOR	Goalkeeper	02/12/2003		185





COACH



Kenneth Gabrielsen



- > became coach of Storhamar in 2020, two years after he left Vipers to take a break from the sport; has meanwhile extended his contract until 2026
- > led Storhamar to their first international title in 2023/24, winning the EHF European League; previously won the Norwegian league and cup and reached the EHF Cup 2017/18 final with Vipers
- > earlier in his career, he spent five years at Glassverket and led them from the second division to the second place in Norway's top flight
- > named best coach of the year in Norway two times: in 2015 and 2024
- > spent his playing career with Norwegian sides Bodø and Sandefjord

EL 2024 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| June Krogh | < | (Follo/NOR) |
| Oda Mastad | < | (Fana/NOR) |
| Kjerstin Boge Solaas | < | (Vipers/NOR) |
| Vilde Amalie Klaussen | < | (Ålgård/NOR) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Susanne Liberg Amundsen | > | (Molde/NOR) |
| Olivia Lykke Nygaard | > | (Ikast/DEN) |
| Guro Nestaker | > | (Ludwigsburg/GER) |
| Mathea Enger | > | (Byåsen/NOR) |



GOALKEEPER 

Eli Marie Raasok

 @elimarieraasok

- > returned to Norway and joined Storhamar in February 2022 after spending almost two years in Denmark with Silkeborg and Randers
- > was among the best goalkeepers during Storhamar's first CL campaign, in 2022/23, with 138 saves in 15 matches
- > started her senior career in 2014 at Oppsal IF, the club she had already joined as a junior
- > played 53 times for national youth and junior teams; made her senior debut in 2023

EL: 2024



LEFT WING 

Kristin Venn

 @kristinvenn

- > has always played in Norway, joining Storhamar from Byåsen in 2018
- > made CL group phase debut with Storhamar in 2022; had previously played CL qualification twice with Byåsen
- > missed first part of CL 2022/23 season due to injury, then netted 18 times in four matches
- > named All-star left wing of Norwegian league in 2019 and 2023; also made All-star Team of W17 EHF EURO 2011

EL: 2024



LEFT BACK 

Kjerstin Boge Solaas

 @kjerstinsolaas

- > Norwegian international, who came to Storhamar in summer of 2024 after spending the last months of the 2023/24 season with Vipers
- > also played for Byåsen HE, Siófok KC, Tertnes HE, and Dale IL
- > made her debut for the national team at age 18 in 2016
- > won gold with Norway at the EHF EURO that same year

EURO: G 2016



CENTRE BACK 

Anniken Obaidli

 @annikenobaidli

- > former Norwegian international, who joined Storhamar from domestic league rivals Molde in 2021
- > became the team's top scorer in CL 2022/23 season with 93 goals
- > helped Storhamar win the EL 2023/24 as she became the competition's top scorer with 68 goals
- > sisters Mona and Sherin also play handball professionally; their father, Khalid, is from Bahrain but moved to Norway before Anniken was born
- > part of the All-star Team in Norwegian league in 2022/23

EL: 2024



CENTRE BACK 

Mia Svele

 @miasvele

- > regarded one of the biggest talents of Norwegian handball, made senior debut for Storhamar at age 16
- > moved to Nykøbing in Denmark in 2020, but soon was out for 14 months after tearing ligaments in her knee
- > reached the EL final with Nykøbing in 2023 before returning to her youth club Storhamar – and winning the EL the following year
- > daughter of the former team captain of the Norwegian national team and current TV commentator, Bent Svele

EL: 2024



LINE PLAYER 

Ane Cecilie Høgseth

 @anehogseth

- > Norwegian international, who signed for Storhamar in 2021 after three seasons with Aker, where she had started her senior career
- > versatile player with an excellent handball IQ, who can play both in attack and defence
- > was named All-star line player of W19 EHF EURO 2019, where Norway took bronze, and took part in EHF's Respect Your Talent programme
- > made senior debut for Norway in EHF EURO Cup in April 2022; was part of team that won EURO title that year

EL: 2024

EURO: G 2022



RIGHT BACK 

Mathilde Rivas-Toft

 @mathilderivastoft


- > returned to Norway and joined Storhamar in 2023 after two years with Viborg in Denmark – the only foreign club in her career so far
- > 2024/25 is her seventh European season, and her third in the EHF Champions League
- > previously played for Molde, Larvik, Aker, Nordstrand, and Oppsal
- > was part of the Norwegian junior national team; was named All-star right wing at 2016 Junior WCh

EL: 2024



RIGHT WING 

Tina Abdula

 @tiina.ab

- > Skopje-born Norwegian right wing, who arrived at Storhamar in 2022 after two years with Dortmund in the German Bundesliga
- > helped Storhamar win EL 2023/24 by netting 37 times since the start of the group phase
- > scored 57 goals in her first CL season with Storhamar in 2022/23
- > started senior career at Tertnes and played three seasons in the former EHF Cup with them

EL: 2024



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Nykøbing Falster Håndbold are entering their second EHF Champions League Women season after their 2017/18 debut. Since then, the Danish side has been trying their luck in the second tier, with their biggest success coming runners-up at the EHF Finals 2023.

Nykøbing aim to get out of the group phase amid fierce competition. Without major changes during the summer, the whole team believes in success and in the words of team captain Kristina Kristiansen, who is able to inspire young players and show that hard work and dedication can lead to great achievements; a huge driving force for the team.

GROUP A



NYKØBING FALSTER HÅNDBOLD

MAIN FACTS

- > played in the EHF Champions League for the first time in 2017/18, when they made it to the main round
- > Sofie Börjesson and Zoë Sprengers are the newcomers, Tyra Axné and Lærke Nolsøe left the club, while Ayaka Ikehara retired
- > the Danish club are in their seventh season under head coach Jakob Larsen
- > Nykøbing's biggest success in European competitions is the second place at the EHF Finals 2023; they also reached the semi-finalists of the former EHF Cup once, in 2016/17
- > their top scorer in the EHF European League last season was line player Sofie Bardrum, with 24 goals from six matches

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 2
Main Round (1): 2017/18

Other

EHF European League: Runners-up 2022/23
EHF Cup: Semi-finals 2016/17, Quarter-finals 2018/19

Danish league: 1 title (2017)

Danish cup: 1 title (2018)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2017/18 Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	12	4	1	7	303:333	-30	9:15	5th MR Gr. 1
Total:	12	4	1	7	303:333	-30	9:15	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

2	MATCHES Longest winning run
2	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
36	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win	28:36 (10:15) v Vistal Gdynia POL (a), 10.11.2017
Biggest defeat	39:26 (18:12) v CSM Bucuresti ROU (a), 04.11.2017
Longest winning run	2 matches (10.11.2017 – 19.11.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	2 matches (10.11.2017 – 19.11.2017)
Longest losing run	3 matches (24.02.2018 – 10.03.2018)
Longest run without win	6 matches (28.01.2018 – 10.03.2018)
Most goals	36 v Vistal Gdynia POL 28:36W (a), 10.11.2017
Most goals opponent	39 v CSM Bucuresti 39:26L (a), 04.11.2017
Most goals both teams	65 v CSM Bucuresti 39:26L (a), 04.11.2017
Fewest goals	20 v FC Midtjylland DEN 24:20L (a), 10.03.2018
Fewest goals opponent	21 v Vistal Gdynia POL 27:21W (h), 07.10.2017 21 v FC Midtjylland DEN 21:21D (h), 11.02.2018
Fewest goals both teams	42 v FC Midtjylland DEN 21:21D (h), 11.02.2018

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Sofie Emma	Rebecca Börjesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31/05/1997	Udevalla, SWE	186
2	Caroline Aar	Jakobsen	NOR	Line player	27/12/1994	Trondheim, NOR	170
6	Moa Högdahl	Schønningesen	NOR	Right back	14/03/1996	Trondheim, NOR	179
7	Amalie Wulff	Nielsen	DEN	Centre back	18/05/1999	Ballerup, DEN	170
8	Stine Eiberg	Jørgensen	DEN	Left back	25/11/1998	Høje-Tåstrup, DEN	183
10	Charlotte Lund	Mikkelsen	DEN	Right wing	20/04/1996	Aarhus, DEN	175
11	Rosa	Skovlund Schmidt	DEN	Right wing	18/08/2000	Frederiksberg, DEN	178
12	Catharina Fiskerstrand	Broch	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/06/1998	Oslo, NOR	187
15	Kalidiatou	Niakaté	FRA	Left back	15/03/1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
16	Line Haupt	Christiansen	DEN	Goalkeeper	04/02/2003	Naestved, DEN	183
18	Alberte Kielstrup	Madsen	DEN	Right back	15/09/2000	Assens, DEN	185
21	Matilde Marie	Vestergaard	DEN	Left wing	11/09/2004	Fredericia, DEN	164
22	Zoë	Sprengers	NED	Left wing	19/01/2000	Haarlem, NED	163
26	Mona	Obaidli	NOR	Back	17/02/1997	Molde, NOR	175
29	Julie Louise Vibe	Seeberg	DEN	Line player	23/01/2004	Rudersdal, DEN	178
32	Cecilie	Greve	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/01/1992	Holbæk, DEN	185
34	Sofie	Bardrum	DEN	Line player	03/04/1996	Svendborg, DEN	173
49	Aimee	Von Pereira	GER	Left back	16/02/2000	Hamburg, GER	183
77	Mette	Sahlholdt	DEN	Goalkeeper	22/07/1977	Svendborg, DEN	178
79	Kristina	Kristiansen C	DEN	Centre back	13/07/1989	Høje Taastrup, DEN	163





COACH



**Jakob
Larsen**



- > head coach of Nykøbing since 2017, when he arrived from the men's team of GOG
- > had several stints at Odense in the past
- > born in Greenland, spent his playing career as a left back in Denmark, Spain and France
- > scored more than 500 goals for Greenland and played at three WChs alongside his older brother, Rasmus Larsen
- > married to former Danish international Kamilla Larsen; the pair have two sons

ARRIVALS

Sofie Börjesson < (Vipers/NOR)
Zoë Sprengers < (Dortmund/GER)

DEPARTURES

Tyra Axné > (Metz/FRA)
Lærke Nolsøe > (Ikast/DEN)
Ayaka Ikehara > (retired)



GOALKEEPER 

Sofie Börjesson

 @sofieborjesson

- > experienced Norwegian goalkeeper, who joined Nykøbing from Vipers in the summer of 2024
- > started playing handball at GF Kroppskultur; also played for Kungälv and Sävehof
- > won CL in 2023 with Vipers, four years after her CL debut with Sävehof
- > was part of various Norwegian national YAC teams, winning gold at W17 EHF EURO and bronze at W19 EHF EURO

CL: 2023



LEFT WING 

Zoë Sprengers

 @zoesprengers

- > Dutch international, who is also a prolific beach handball player
- > a speedy left wing, who made the move to Nykøbing from in the summer of 2024; also played for Leverkusen and VOC in Amsterdam
- > made her major championship debut for Netherlands at the 2021 WCh
- > previously, won the W16 Beach Handball EURO in 2016 and took silver at W19 EHF EURO where she was the All-star left wing
- > took part in EHF's Respect Your Talent programme in 2019




LEFT BACK 

Mona Obaidli

 @monaobaidli

- > a versatile Norwegian back, who joined Nykøbing in summer of 2023
- > started playing in her hometown Molde and stayed there until the end of the 2022/23 season
- > scored 15 goals for Nykøbing in the EL 2023/24 group phase
- > both her sisters are also handball players; one of them, Anniken, plays for Storhamar, one of Nykøbing's group phase opponents



LEFT BACK 

Aimee Von Pereira

 @aimee_vp49

- > German back, who arrived at Nykøbing in the summer of 2023
- > previously played two seasons in Denmark for København (2019-21), and in France for Nice (2021-23)
- > before moving abroad, she played for Buxtehude and Leverkusen
- > started to play handball as a young teenager with her twin sister
- > won gold with Germany at W17 EHF EURO in 2017 and was named the MVP of that tournament



CENTRE BACK 

Kristina Kristiansen

 @kristinamulle79

- > former Danish international and one of the most experienced players in the squad
- > arrived at Nykøbing in 2015 after stints at Roskilde and TTH Holstebro
- > team captain, known by many by her nickname “Mulle”
- > played 10 years for the Danish national team (2007-17), won WCh bronze in 2013 and made the EHF EURO All-star Team as centre back the following year

WCh: B 2013



LINE PLAYER 

Sofie Bardrum

 @sofie_bardrum

- > joined Nykøbing in the summer of 2022 after four seasons with Danish league rivals Ajax København
- > started her professional career at Gudme in 2014, has always played for Danish teams
- > strong line player with a never-give-up mentality
- > had her European debut in 2022/23 season in the EHF European League; was the team’s best scorer in the EL 2023/24 group phase



RIGHT BACK 

Alberte Kielstrup

 @albertekielstrup

- > joined Nykøbing in 2021 from Danish league rivals Odense; also spent short time on loan in DHG Odense
- > 2024/25 is her fourth European season; she scored 47 goals in her last two EL campaigns
- > played for various Danish younger age category national teams
- > was part of the squad for the EHF EURO 2022, where Denmark made it all the way to the final

EURO: S 2022



RIGHT WING 

Rosa Skovlund

 @rosaskovlund

- > came to Nykøbing at the start of the 2023/24 season from Ajax København
- > spent more than 10 years at Ajax, coming through the youth ranks of that club
- > scored 21 goals in six matches in the EL 2023/24, her maiden season in a European competition
- > was Nykøbing’s second-best scorer in 2023/24, trailing only Sofie Bardrum (24)



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Capacity:
2,080

KIT COLOURS

DARK



LIGHT



HC Podravka Vegeta, the 1996 champions, return to Europe's top flight after two years. The Koprivnica-based team reclaimed the Croatian throne after losing it to Lokomotiva in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons, and are now eager to show the improvement they have made.

Head coach Ivica Obrvan is leading an almost all-Croatian squad, with a good number of national team players. After reaching the quarter-finals of the EHF European League, Podravka aim to go beyond the group phase of the EHF Champions League this season – something they last managed to do in 2020/21.

GROUP A



HC PODRAVKA VEGETA

MAIN FACTS

- > appear in the EHF Champions League group phase for the 23rd time after they won their first domestic double in Croatia since 2019
- > head coach Ivica Obrvan heads into his first EHF Champions League season with Podravka; he previously led Zagreb and Velenje in the men's top flight
- > Podravka won the trophy in 1995/96 after beating Hypo in the final; current club manager Vlatka Mihoci was among the players back then
- > Podravka have the goal of bringing young Croatian talents to the squad, such as Mia Brkic and Klara Birtic
- > seven players have left the club in the off-season, including sisters Dora Kalas Zulj and Larissa Kalas

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2023/24 season): 23

Winners (1): 1995/96

Runners-up (1): 1994/95

Semi-finals (1): 1997/98

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Main Round (1): 2008/09

Group Phase (16): 1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2021/22

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2000/01, 2005/06

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2004/05

Croatian league: 27 titles (1993-2003, 2005-13, 2015-19, 2021, 2024)

Croatian cup: 26 titles (1993-2004, 2006, 2008-13, 2015-17, 2019, 2022-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY		MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
1993/94	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	123:138	-15	4:8	4th Gr. A
1994/95	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	4	2	2	183:167	+16	10:6	Runners-up
1995/96	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	6	0	2	191:163	+28	12:4	Winners
1996/97	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	5	1	2	208:187	+21	11:5	Quarter-finals
1997/98	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	10	7	0	3	254:220	+34	14:6	Semi-finals
1998/99	Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	3	0	3	148:152	-4	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1999/00	Podravka Dolcela CRO	6	3	0	3	144:144	0	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03	Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	1	3	163:168	-5	5:7	3rd Gr. A
2006/07	Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	171:197	-26	4:8	3rd Gr. C
2007/08	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	173:182	-9	4:8	3rd Gr. A
2008/09	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	12	6	0	6	347:349	-2	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2009/10	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	172:192	-20	4:8	4th Gr. A
2010/11	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	168:180	-12	2:10	4th Gr. D
2011/12	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	2	3	146:161	-15	4:8	4th Gr. B
2012/13	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	3	0	3	136:143	-7	6:6	3rd Gr. B
2013/14	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	128:178	-50	2:10	3rd Gr. D
2014/15	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	0	6	152:191	-39	0:12	4th Gr. B



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY		MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2015/16	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	1	5	117:150	-33	1:11	4th Gr. B
2018/19	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	1	4	142:181	-39	3:9	4th Gr. C
2019/20	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	161:194	-33	2:10	4th Gr. A
2020/21	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	16	2	0	14	370:490	-120	4:28	Play-offs
2021/22	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	14	1	0	13	334:438	-104	2:26	8th Gr. A
Total:		166	55	8	103	4,131:4,565	-434	118:214	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

6 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

41 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 35:20 (21:9) v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 19.02.2000

Biggest defeat 38:14 (16:8) v BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER (a), 31.10.2021

Longest winning run 6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)

Longest unbeaten run 6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)

Longest losing run 14 matches (19.09.2020 – 14.03.2021)

Longest run without win 16 matches (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)

Most goals 41 v Zvezda RUS 41:28W (h), 21.11.2010

Most goals opponent 43 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 43:28L (a), 19.09.2020

Most goals both teams 73 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40L (h), 13.01.2008

Fewest goals 13 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996

Fewest goals opponent 14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:14W (h), 29.04.1995

Fewest goals both teams 30 v HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Antonia	Tucakovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	09/05/1992	Split, CRO	173
2	Nikolina	Kragulj	CRO	Right wing	02/09/1997	Cakovec, CRO	167
4	Katja	Vukovic	CRO	Left wing	13/09/2006	Zagreb, CRO	171
5	Katarina	Pandza	AUT	Left back	17/04/2002	Vienna, AUT	180
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line player	29/05/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	180
7	Klara	Birtic	CRO	Right back	28/03/2002	Slavonski Brod, CRO	181
9	Terezija	Curic	CRO	Left back	18/10/1999	Koprivnica, CRO	176
10	Matea	Pletikosic	MNE	Centre back	24/04/1998	Sinj, CRO	169
11	Mia	Brkic	CRO	Line player	11/05/2003	Zagreb, CRO	182
12	Ana	Crnjak	CRO	Goalkeeper	21/03/2004	Rijeka, CRO	180
18	Sara	Šenvald	CRO	Line player	14/03/1996	Koprivnica, CRO	185
25	Hannah	Vuljak	CRO	Right back	18/08/2002	Koprivnica, CRO	182
44	Tina	Barišic	CRO	Left back	30/10/2000	Knin, CRO	185
50	Andrea	Šimara	CRO	Left wing	13/07/1997	Zagreb, CRO	171
64	Ana	Pandza	AUT	Centre back	24/12/2003	Vienna, AUT	174
88	Kristina	Prkacin	CRO	Left back	21/10/1997	Dubrovnik, CRO	183
96	Josipa	Mamic	CRO	Right wing	07/01/1996	Zagreb, CRO	167
98	Lucija	Bešen	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/03/1998	Zagreb, CRO	182





COACH



**Ivica
Obrvan**



- > former Croatian international, who joined Podravka in the summer of 2023 and took over the national team a few months later for his first coaching job in women's handball
- > previously coached clubs including Metkovic, Medvescak, Velenje, Chambéry, and Zagreb; also led the national teams of North Macedonia and Bosnia Herzegovina
- > won several European cups as a Zagreb player in the pre-EHF era
- > won bronze with Croatia at EHF EURO 1994

EHF Cup: 2000 (as player-coach)
EURO: B 1994 (as player)

ARRIVALS

Mia Brkić	<	(Metz/FRA)
Klara Birtić	<	(Ludwigsburg/GER)
Kristina Prkačin	<	(Lokomotiva/CRO)
Matea Pletikosić	<	(Brasov/ROU)
Terezija Ćurić	<	(Lokomotiva/CRO)
Ana Crnjak	<	(Split/CRO, was on loan)

DEPARTURES

Dora Kalas Žulj	>	(no new club)
Larissa Kalas	>	(Kisvárdá/HUN)
Ivona Mrđen	>	(Bjelovar/CRO)
Lea Franušić	>	(Iasi/ROU)
Ema Guskić	>	(Bjelovar/CRO)
Nika Galinec	>	(Koka/CRO)
Tara Đelekovičan	>	(Koka/CRO)



GOALKEEPER 

Lucija Besen

 @lucbesen

- > Croatian international, who joined Podravka from Lokomotiva in 2022
- > was best goalkeeper of Croatian league in 2023/24, with 137 saves (43%)
- > part of Croatian team that surprisingly won bronze at EHF EURO 2020
- > has a University of Applied Health Science degree in nursing
- > her sisters Gabrijela (goalkeeper at DVSC), Mihaela (left wing in Dugo Selo), and Monika (retired due to injury) also play(ed) handball

EURO: B 2020



LEFT WING 

Andrea Simara

 @andrea_simara

- > part of Croatian national team in both indoor and beach handball
- > also played tennis as a child before choosing handball at age 11
- > played 10 years in Tresnjevka before joining Lokomotiva; was among a group of four players that moved to Podravka in 2022
- > holds master's degree from Faculty of Agriculture

EURO: B 2020



LEFT BACK 

Kristina Prkacin

 @kprkacin88

- > started playing handball at age of 15 in her hometown of Dubrovnik
- > played for four different Croatian clubs and two abroad: Szombathely in Hungary and Buzau in Romania
- > arrived at Podravka from domestic rivals Lokomotiva in 2024
- > Croatia national team player, who was part of the bronze medal-winning team at EHF EURO 2020

CC: 2017
EURO: B 2020



LEFT BACK 

Katarina Pandza

 @katipandza

- > Austrian international, who already joined former CL winners Hypo as a six-year-old
- > later also played for TuS Metzingen and TG Nürtingen in Germany
- > her sister Ana plays as centre back at Podravka; another sister, Ivana, is also a handball player
- > made her European debut in EHF Cup 2018/19 with Hypo Niederösterreich
- > 2021 WCh was her first major event with the Austrian national team



CENTRE BACK 

Matea Pletikosic

 @mateapletikosic

- > born in Sinj, Croatia, but received Montenegrin citizenship in 2020
- > played for Buducnost between 2015 and 2023, interrupted by one season at Krim (2020/21)
- > came to Podravka in the summer of 2024 from Romanian side Brasov
- > made an immediate impact when debuting in the CL at age 17
- > was a youth and junior international for Croatia – part of the All-star Team of W17 EHF EURO 2015 – but plays for Montenegro at senior level

EURO: B 2022



LINE PLAYER 

Sara Senvald

 @sarasenvald

- > Croatian international, who started her career in Podravka's handball academy and returned to the club after five years in the summer of 2021
- > in the meantime, played for Lokomotiva and one season for Neckarsulm in Germany
- > won Challenge Cup in 2017 with Lokomotiva, netting 17 times that season
- > EHF EURO 2022 was her first major event with the national team

CC: 2017



RIGHT BACK 

Klara Birtic

 @klara_birtic

- > arrived at Podravka in the summer of 2024 from Bietigheim after reaching the CL final with the German side
- > first played handball in Djakovo; later played for Split and Zagreb
- > had her CL debut in 2022/23 with Lokomotiva, scoring 47 goals
- > Croatia national team player, previously played for Croatia's youth and junior national teams



RIGHT WING 

Josipa Mamic

 @mamicjosipa96

- > started her career in Dugo Selo, also played for Bjelovar, Lokomotiva, and Dunarea Braila in Romania
- > joined Podravka at the start of the 2023/24 season
- > won a bronze medal with Croatia's national team at the EHF EURO 2020; previously played for Croatia's youth and junior national teams
- > has recovered and come from severe knee injuries three times in her career

EURO: B 2022



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Capacity:
3,007

KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



CS Gloria 2018 BN are crowning their rapid rise in international handball with their first appearance in the EHF Champions League in only their third European season. After reaching the final of the EHF Finals 2024, they are now aiming high in the EHF Champions League.

To deal with the challenge, Florentin Pera's team went through significant changes, with eight players leaving and eight reinforcements arriving to be ready to fight with the best. Gloria will be put to the test, also in their strong domestic league, but the support of their ever-present fans will be an additional boost.

GROUP A



CS GLORIA 2018 BN

MAIN FACTS

- > Gloria made their international debut in the 2019/20 season and are the only first-time participants in the EHF Champions League in 2024/25
- > they finished runners up in the EHF European League 2023/24, losing the final against Storhamar – a team they will meet again in the group phase this season
- > finished third in the Romanian league and the Romanian cup last season
- > went through significant changes in the off-season, welcoming the likes of Ivana Kapitanović, Gréta Kácsor, Yaroslava Burlachenko, Eva Kerekes, and Nikolina Vukcevic
- > centre back and team captain Cristina Laslo was the second-best scorer in the EHF European League 2023/24 season with 56 goals

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 1

Other

EHF European League: Runners-up 2023/24

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2019/20

Romanian league: –

Romanian cup: –

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Elena Nicoleta	Dinca	ROU	Left wing	02/07/1988	Slatina, ROU	171
3	Yaroslava	Burlachenko	ROU	Line player	14/05/1992	Kiev, UKR	178
7	Tamires Morena De Araujo	Frossard	BRA	Line player	16/05/1994	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	182
8	Maria	Tanc	ROU	Centre back	28/09/2000	Telciu, ROU	172
10	Danila Patricia	So Delgado Pinto	ESP	Left back	19/09/2001	Lisbon, POR	175
12	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/09/1994	Split, CRO	184
13	Cristina	Laslo C	ROU	Centre back	10/04/1996	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	178
14	Bianca Maria	Bazaliu	ROU	Left back	30/07/1997	Slatina, ROU	182
21	Alexandra Sorina	Perianu	ROU	Goalkeeper	17/04/2003	Braila, ROU	185
25	Eva	Kerekes	ROU	Left wing	07/04/2001	Odorheiu Secuiesc, ROU	171
27	Asuka	Fujita	JPN	Right wing	14/02/1996	Osaka, JPN	165
29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre back	09/07/1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	173
30	Sonia Mariana	Seraficeanu	ROU	Right wing	25/07/1997	Hunedoara, ROU	176
35	Valeriia	Kirdiasheva	RUS	Centre back	28/11/2000	Buzuluk, RUS	177
39	Natalia Agnieszka	Nosek	POL	Right back	20/04/1998	Krakow, POL	180
44	Gréta	Kácsor	HUN	Left back	24/04/2000	Budapest, HUN	173
87	Renata Lais	De Arruda	BRA	Goalkeeper	18/02/1999	Olinda, BRA	180
96	Dagmara	Nocun	POL	Left wing	02/01/1996	Kolno, POL	166
97	Nikolina	Vukcevic	MNE	Line player	28/07/2000	Podgorica, MNE	180
98	Seynabou	Mbengue Rodríguez	ESP	Right back	14/10/1998	Las Palmas, ESP	187





COACH



Florentin Pera



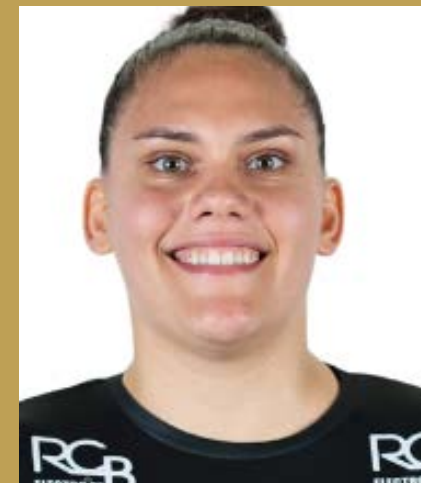
- > Romania women’s national team coach since 2022, who additionally became head coach of Gloria in October 2023
- > started coaching career at age 24 when he was still playing for CS UCM Resita; ended his playing career aged 26 in 2004
- > coached nine different Romanian sides, including former EHF Champions League participants SCM Ramnicu Valcea, before joining CSKA in Moscow in 2021 for his only club abroad
- > his wife, Loredana, is a former handball player; the pair have two children together, a boy and a girl

ARRIVALS

Yaroslava Burlachenko	<	(Buzau/ROU)
Danila So Delgado	<	(Elche/ESP)
Ivana Kapitanovic	<	(Rapid/ROU)
Greta Kacsor	<	(DVSC/HUN)
Dagmara Nocun	<	(Metzingen/GER)
Nikolina Vukcevic	<	(Buducnost/MNE)
Valeriia Kirdiasheva	<	(Rostov-Don/RUS)
Eva Kerekes	<	(Baia Mare/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Paula Posavec	>	(Čakovec/CRO)
Laura Pristăvița	>	(retired)
Florina Chintoan	>	(retired)
Carmen Dumitrița Stoleru	>	(Prahova/ROU)
Yuliya Dumanska	>	(Baia Mare/ROU)
Deborah Kpodar	>	(Dunaújváros/HUN)
Ida-Marie Moesgaard Dahl	>	(SønderjyskE/DEN)
Nina Bulatovic	>	(Buducnost/MNE)



GOALKEEPER



**Renata
De Arruda**

@renataarruda87

- > Brazilian goalkeeper, who joined Gloria in 2022 from Romanian league rivals Cismănești
- > forms strong new goalkeeping duo with Croatia's Ivana Kapitanovic
- > named MVP of the EHF Finals Women 2024; closed the season with 139 saves in 10 games and an astonishing 40.52 per cent save efficiency
- > previously played for Bera Bera in Spain, including one season in the CL
- > won both the Pan-American Games and the South & Central American Championship twice with Brazil; played at 2020 and 2024 Olympics



LEFT WING



**Nicoleta
Dincă**

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- > former Romanian international and experienced player, who has been with Gloria since 2017
- > started her career at Slatina, also played for Rapid, Cluj, Craiova, and Brașov
- > retired from the Romanian national team in March 2024
- > won bronze at the W19 EHF EURO and was the All-star ring wing in 2006; also won silver at W17 EHF EURO and bronze at the Youth WCh



LEFT BACK



**Bianca
Bazaliu**

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- > Romanian international since 2017
- > arrived at Gloria in 2022 after one season with 2024/25 group phase opponents Podravka
- > the year in Croatia was her only one spent at a foreign club
- > previously played six seasons for CSM București, winning the CL in 2016
- > won gold and was named MVP at the 2014 Youth WCh, where she scored 10 times in the final against Germany
- > was Gloria's second-best scorer (42 goals) in EL 2023/24 season

CL: 2016



CENTRE BACK



**Gréta
Kácsor**

@kacsorgreat4

- > joined Gloria in the summer of 2024 from DVSC in her native Hungary
- > was discovered by Vác when she was only 14, in 2014; joined DVSC as her second professional club in 2022
- > won gold at Junior WCh in 2018 and W19 EHF EURO 2019; made national team debut in 2020 and played at 2024 Olympics
- > named best Hungarian youth player of the year twice, in 2017 and 2018



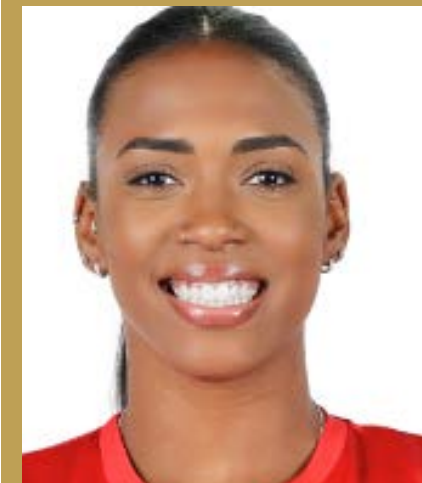
CENTRE BACK



Cristina Laslo

@laslo13.cristina

- > Romanian international, joined Gloria from domestic league rivals Baia Mare in 2022
- > started her career playing for two clubs in her native Cluj, then went abroad in 2017 to join two-time CL winners Buducnost for two seasons
- > returned to Romania and signed for Brasov in 2019
- > led Gloria to EHF European League 2023/24 final with 56 goals
- > regular in Romanian national team; won gold and made All-star Team at 2014 Youth WCh, then won bronze and made All-star Team again at 2016 Junior WCh



LINE PLAYER



Tamires Morena

@tamiresmorena

- > joined Gloria in 2022 from domestic rivals Braila
- > also played for Kisvárda, Larvik, Dijon, Mosonmagyaróvár, and Győr in Europe, as well as Força Atlética, Vila Olímpica, and ALEF Handebol in Brazil
- > part of Brazil national team, won both the Pan-American Games and the South & Central American Championship twice, and played at Olympics in 2016, 2021 and 2024
- > she used to compete in athletics as well; her sister, Monique, was Brazilian weightlifting champion



RIGHT BACK

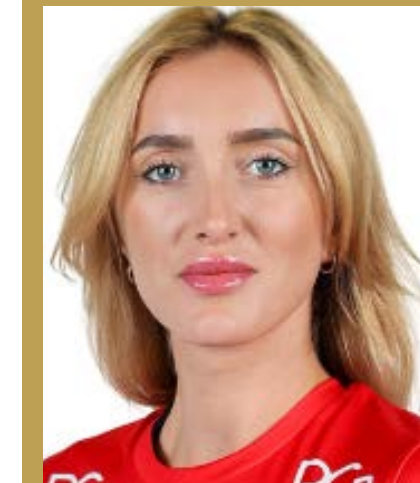


Seynabou Mbengue

@sayna_mbengue

- > Spanish international, who started her career at Gran Canaria
- > moved to Gloria in 2023, her first club abroad; scored 36 goals in her first EL season with the side
- > won EHF European Cup with Gran Canaria in 2022, and former Challenge Cup in 2016 and 2019
- > was part of Spain's younger age category national teams, made her debut in senior team in 2017
- > voted best right back of the Spanish league in 2019 and 2023

EC: 2022; CC 2016, 2019



RIGHT WING



Sonia Seraficeanu

@sonia.seraficeanu

- > started to play the game when she was 11 years old, guided by her older sister, who was also playing handball
- > has played for six Romanian clubs, including Slatina and Baia Mare
- > played at the inaugural EHF Finals 2021 which Baia Mare hosted in Romania; the team finishing third
- > also featured on the right back position early in her career
- > part of the Romanian national team since her debut in 2017



EIGHT TEAMS START RACE TO KNOCKOUT PHASE IN WELL-BALANCED GROUP B

Group B seems to be the most balanced this season, with all eight teams claiming a chance for a berth in the knockout phase. The two teams that won the last seven editions — Györi Audi ETO KC and Vipers Kristiansand — are in the group, as well as the runners-up in 2023/24, German champions HB Ludwigsburg, who have been renamed from SG BBM Bietigheim.

Perennial contenders Györ, the reigning champions, will aim to win the group once again. They hold a positive head-to-head record against all their opponents, including Vipers, against whom they lost at the EHF FINAL4 in 2022 and 2023, before eliminating the Norwegian champions in the quarter-finals last season.

It has been a busy summer for Györ, where 10 players have exited, including centre back Stine Oftedal, the MVP of last season's

EHF FINAL4. Seven players have joined, replenishing the team, including Olympic champion Kristine Breistøl from Team Esbjerg, defensive specialist Kelly Dulfer from HB Ludwigsburg, and backs Kristina Jørgensen and Dione Housheer. Györ have also extended the contract of coach Per Johansson, who won his first EHF Champions League Women trophy with the Hungarian side and will be looking to lead the side to their seventh trophy in the competition.

The challenge will be stiff in group B, with Team Esbjerg — the first Danish team to make it to three consecutive appearances at the EHF FINAL4 — in the mix. The Danish champions have a new coach, as Tomas Axner replaced Jesper Jensen. Esbjerg still have a strong squad, spearheaded by the Norwegian pair of Henny Reistad and Nora Mørk, who won gold with their national team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

After three consecutive titles in the premium European competition, Vipers Kristiansand

were eliminated in the quarter-finals last season. But they still have big ambitions, with their goalkeeping pair of Katrine Lunde — the most decorated player in the competition — and Silje Solberg-Østhassel being one of the best in the Champions League. However, Vipers lost the top scorer of last season, right back Anna Vyakhireva, who signed for their rivals in the group, French outfit Brest Bretagne Handball.

Brest made the final in the 2020/21 season, but have since failed to return to the EHF FINAL4. Nevertheless, they harbour big hopes for this season. Vyakhireva will be one of the main reasons for those big hopes, but it will also be interesting to see how they line up with a new coach at the helm, after former France international, Raphaëlle Tervel, took over from Pablo Morel.

There are two Danish sides in the group, with Odense Håndbold also drawn among the eight sides — a team that were close to their maiden appearance in the EHF FINAL4 last season, falling short in the quarter-finals

against Bietigheim. However, with coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad at the helm, Odense look like a strong challenger again.

Ludwigsburg had a strong approach to improving their squad this summer. They lost goalkeeper Gabriela Moreschi, but brought in Sweden international Johanna Bundsen. Seven other players replenished the squad that pulled off the club's biggest performance ever last season, by qualifying for the EHF Champions League final for the first time in history.

On the other hand, CS Rapid Bucuresti and Buducnost will likely be the teams to face a tough challenge this season. Both missed the knockout stage in 2023/24. The Romanian side have reshuffled their squad a little, while Buducnost rely heavily on young Montenegrin talent.

Adrian Costeiu

Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg 1-2-3 (190:195)

4:8

25.01.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:35 (15:16)
23.02.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	35:30 (15:16)
18.10.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	27:27 (12:12)
09.01.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:28 (16:14)
30.09.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	37:38 (15:20)
21.01.2024	Team Esbjerg vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:37 (15:21)

Vipers Kristiansand vs HB Ludwigsburg 3-1-3 (206:200)

7:7

22.10.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:29 (8:16)
01.11.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:24 (16:13)
06.10.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:27 (14:15)
11.11.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:34 (12:16)
26.09.2020	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:33 (14:15)
10.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	10:0 (0:0)*
09.10.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (16:17)
14.01.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:32 (15:17)

* Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stat.

Vipers Kristiansand vs Buducnost 3-0-1 (101:82)

6:2

14.10.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	29:19 (15:11)
18.11.2017	Buducnost vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:23 (11:13)
07.04.2019	Buducnost vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	19:24 (8:10)
13.04.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:18 (11:8)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC 5-0-8 (357:407)

10:16

18.04.2004	Györi Graboplast ETO vs Vag HK, EHF Cup – Semi-final	29:20 (18:10)
24.04.2004	Vag HK vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Cup – Semi-final	29:26 (13:9)
12.02.2005	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs Vag Vipers HK, EHF Cup – Last 16	33:25 (19:12)
13.02.2005	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs Vag Vipers HK, EHF Cup – Last 16	38:28 (18:14)
09.02.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:29 ((19:14)
09.03.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:33 (17:17)
11.05.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	22:31 (8:18)
11.09.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	35:29 (17:13)
19.02.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	30:29 (16:13)
05.06.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF FINAL4 – Final	31:33 (13:15)
03.06.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	35:37 (18:23)
27.04.2024	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	23:30 (9:15)
04.05.2024	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:26 (15:17)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball 4-0-1 (156:132)

8:2

03.03.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	26:17 (12:10)
10.03.2018	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	34:29 (18:17)
30.05.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Final	28:34 (14:18)
10.09.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:24 (18:13)
11.02.2023	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:36 (15:17)

Vipers Kristiansand vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 3-0-1 (135:116)

6:2

30.04.2023	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:31 (12:18)
06.05.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	40:31 (18:18)
12.11.2023	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:29 (10:13)
18.11.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:30 (18:14)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold 5-0-1 (196:167)

10:2

07.03.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	35:36 (16:17)
14.03.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	26:30 (14:19)
14.11.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:32 (15:17)
20.11.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	31:27 (17:16)
24.09.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:27 (16:10)
21.01.2023	Odense Håndbold vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:34 (13:15)

Team Esbjerg vs HB Ludwigsburg 4-0-0 (130:109)

8:0

19.01.2019	Team Esbjerg vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Cup – Group A	28:27 (15:11)
27.01.2019	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Cup – Group A	27:32 (13:16)
13.09.2020	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:33 (12:19)
14.02.2021	Team Esbjerg vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:29 (18:14)

Team Esbjerg vs Buducnost 4-0-0 (129:88)

8:0

26.09.2021	Team Esbjerg vs Buducnost BEMAX, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	35:20 (16:10)
05.02.2022	Buducnost BEMAX vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:36 (13:14)
17.09.2022	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:28 (11:16)
04.02.2023	Team Esbjerg vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:20 (15:9)

Team Esbjerg vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-0-7 (182:209)

0:14

05.02.2017	Team Esbjerg vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:32 (12:14)
05.03.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:22 (17:11)
04.06.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Team Esbjerg, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	32:27 (15:15)
11.09.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:31 (13:13)
11.02.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:28 (12:11)
04.06.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Team Esbjerg, EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	28:27 (16:9)
01.06.2024	Team Esbjerg vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	23:24 (9:13)

Team Esbjerg vs Brest Bretagne Handball 2-1-3 (160:166)

5:7

07.03.2021	Team Esbjerg vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	27:33 (16:17)
14.03.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	30:27 (19:11)
18.09.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:23 (13:9)
13.02.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:28 (15:16)
19.03.2023	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	25:28 (15:15)
26.03.2023	Team Esbjerg vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	27:24 (14:12)

Team Esbjerg vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 3-0-1 (130:116)

6:2

09.10.2022	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:32 (19:14)
15.01.2023	Team Esbjerg vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:30 (18:13)
10.09.2023	Team Esbjerg vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:28 (16:12)
18.02.2024	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:33 (10:14)

Team Esbjerg vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

HB Ludwigsburg vs Buducnost 3-0-3 (163:155)

6:6

07.10.2017	Buducnost vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:24 (17:10)
12.11.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:21 (12:10)
13.10.2019	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	23:30 (12:14)
16.11.2019	Buducnost vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	34:28 (18:14)
10.09.2023	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	22:27 (10:11)
17.02.2024	SG BBM Bietigheim vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:16 (19:7)

HB Ludwigsburg vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-0-5 (127:164)

0:10

07.03.2021	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	20:37 (8:18)
13.03.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	32:28 (19:16)
11.11.2023	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group A	26:34 (10:12)
18.11.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:29 (13:17)
02.06.2024	Györi Audi ETO KC vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF FINAL4 – Final	30:24 (17:12)

HB Ludwigsburg vs Brest Bretagne Handball 1-1-4 (179:195)

3:9

19.10.2019	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:35 (18:17)
02.11.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	36:30 (18:15)
04.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:25 (14:13)
10.12.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:28 (17:18)
30.09.2023	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:30 (17:16)
20.01.2014	Brest Bretagne Handball vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (13:17)

HB Ludwigsburg vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

HB Ludwigsburg vs Odense Håndbold 1-0-5 (162:186)

2:10

23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:24 (14:12)
18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:27 (16:13)
29.10.2023	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	42:29 (18:14)
07.01.2024	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:28 (10:11)
28.04.2024	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:26 (15:12)
05.05.2024	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:30 (17:16)

Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC 3-4-22 (667:781)

10:48

013.05.2006	ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Györi ETO Kezilabda Club, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	25:25 (12:7)
20.05.2006	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	23:26 (10:14)
07.01.2007	ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:31 (12:16)
17.02.2007	Györi Audi ETO KC vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (13:9)
15.02.2009	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (15:14)
28.02.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (9:14)
05.05.2012	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Final	29:27 (13:12)
13.05.2012	Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Final	27:25 (13:12)
02.02.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:17 (14:7)
10.03.2013	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:22 (12:13)
01.02.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:23 (9:13)
09.03.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (14:12)
04.05.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, MVM EHF FINAL4 – Final	21:27 (10:15)

Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC (cont.)

09.01.2016	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:20 (13:11)
14.02.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	25:22 (12:12)
07.05.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:21 (8:11)
06.05.2017	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, TIPPMIX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:26 (9:12)
07.04.2018	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	20:26 (9:12)
14.04.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:28 (15:15)
01.02.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:24 (15:12)
01.03.2020	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:28 (17:12)
21.11.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	34:29 (18:16)
29.01.2021	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	21:26 (8:14)
03.04.2021	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	19:30 (11:16)
10.04.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	24:21 (10:11)
22.10.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:19 (15:9)
17.12.2022	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:25 (12:14)
01.10.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group A	37:19 (23:8)
20.01.2024	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:29 (13:17)

Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball 2-4-4 (252:273)

8:12

10.02.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:27 (15:12)
10.03.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (13:13)
05.10.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:35 (17:16)
10.11.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:28 (14:15)
10.10.2020	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	22:22 (12:12)
17.01.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	28:28 (11:18)
13.11.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost BEMAX, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:21 (12:12)
20.11.2021	Buducnost BEMAX vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:28 (13:16)
11.11.2023	Brest Bretagne Handball vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:20 (9:9)
18.11.2023	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:34 (10:19)

Buducnost vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 0-1-1 (59:69)

1:3

15.10.2022	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:30 (13:10)
08.01.2023	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group B	39:29 (17:12)

Buducnost vs Odense Håndbold 3-0-3 (146:176)

6:6

06.10.2018	Buducnost vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:28 (17:12)
11.11.2018	Odense HC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group A	22:26 (14:13)
27.09.2020	Odense Håndbold vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	30:21 (12:8)
23.01.2021	Buducnost vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:24 (13:10)
16.09.2023	Odense Håndbold vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX, EHF Champions League – Group A	39:24 (15:8)
10.02.2024	WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	17:33 (13:16)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball 5-5-1 (297:273)

15:7

15.10.2017	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:26 (10:13)
18.11.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:17 (13:7)
26.01.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:27 (15:17)
23.02.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:29 (15:14)
27.09.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	25:25 (12:12)
23.01.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:27 (15:15)
29.05.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	25:27 (8:11, 20:20, 23:23)
30.04.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	21:21 (11:8)
07.05.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	35:23 (20:12)
10.09.2023	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group A	23:24 (14:16)
17.02.2024	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:32 (18:18)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 1-0-1 (59:60)

2:2

03.12.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Rapid Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:30 (18:15)
11.12.2022	CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:27 (15:16)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold 9-1-0 (313:272)

19:1

07.04.2019	Odense HC vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (13:18)
13.04.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:21 (18:10)
10.10.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:25 (16:11)
17.01.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:32 (18:17)
17.10.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:31 (11:16)
23.01.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:26 (12:13)
29.04.2023	Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:29 (17:12)
06.05.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	37:28 (21:14)
21.10.2023	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:29 (16:12)
13.01.2024	Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:31 (13:15)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold 3-1-6 (263:258)

7:13

26.01.2019	Odense HC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:24 (14:10)
24.02.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:29 (13:13)
25.10.2020	Odense Håndbold vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	24:31 (12:16)
22.11.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:21 (15:13)
27.03.2022	Odense Håndbold vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	25:24 (13:12)
03.04.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Play-offs	29:26 (14:14)
15.10.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:25 (8:16)
07.01.2023	Odense Håndbold vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:24 (14:11)
24.09.2023	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:26 (11:13)
03.02.2024	Odense Håndbold vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:29 (14:14)

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions



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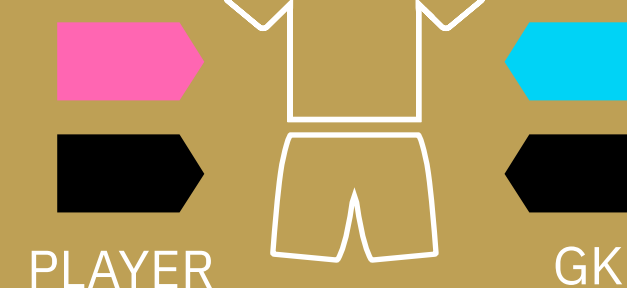


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After a rather moderate performance in the early stages of the competition, Vipers Kristiansand had their three-year reign of the EHF Champions League Women ended by Győr, the eventual 'new' champions, in the quarter-finals last season.

But Vipers are keen to hit back in the new campaign. With experience on their side, albeit losing some key players including top scorer Anna Vyakhireva, the Norwegian champions will aim to return to the EHF FINAL4, and do so under the guidance of coach Tomáš Hlavatý, who is in his second season at the helm.

GROUP B



VIPERS KRISTIANSAND

MAIN FACTS

- > the three-time winners — in 2021, 2022 and 2023 — missed out on the EHF FINAL4 last season, being eliminated in the quarter-finals by Győr
- > this is Vipers' eighth consecutive season in the EHF Champions League
- > coach Tomáš Hlavatý, who came to the team as assistant for Ole Gustav Gjekstad and assumed the head coach position in 2023, will lead the team again
- > Vipers lost their top scorer from the previous season, right back Anna Vyakhireva, as well as eight other players, brought in experienced players like Silje Solberg-Østhassel and Larissa Nusser
- > Vipers will now have the national team goalkeeping duo of Katrine Lunde and Silje Solberg-Østhassel, who helped Norway win Olympic gold in Paris; Lunde is the most decorated player in the history of the EHF Champions League Women, with seven titles

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 8

Winners (3): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

Semi-finals (1): 2018/19

Quarter-finals (1): 2023/24

Main round (1): 2019/20

Group matches (1): 2017/18

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 2015/16

EHF Cup: Final 2017/18; Semi-final 2003/04; Last 16 2004/05

Norwegian league: 7 titles (2018-24)

Norwegian cup: 7 titles (2018-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2017/18 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	6	1	0	5	144:154	-10	2:10	4th Gr. D
2018/19 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	16	10	1	5	451:416	+35	21:11	Third Place
2019/20 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	12	3	1	8	339:356	-17	7:17	5th MR Gr. 1
2020/21 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	20	11	3	6	516:490	+26	25:15	Winners
2021/22 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	18	14	0	4	566:477	+89	28:8	Winners
2022/23 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	18	15	1	2	592:488	+104	31:5	Winners
2023/24 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	18	9	2	7	550:512	+38	20:16	Quarter-finals
Total:	108	63	8	37	3,158:2,893	+265	134:82	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

9 MATCHES
Longest winning run

9 MATCHES
Longest unbeaten run

43 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 21:43 (15:20) v DHK Banik Most CZE (a), 03.12.2022

Biggest defeat 22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (n), 11.05.2019
26:17 (12:10) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.11.2019

Longest winning run 9 matches (12.02.2022 – 24.09.2022)
9 matches (07.01.2023 – 04.06.2023)

Longest unbeaten run 9 matches (12.02.2022 – 24.09.2022)
9 matches (07.01.2023 – 04.06.2023)

Longest losing run 6 matches (25.01.2020 – 07.03.2020)

Longest run without win 7 matches (22.10.2017 – 20.10.2018)

Most goals 43 v DHK Banik Most CZE 21:43W (a), 03.12.2022

Most goals opponent 38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
38 v Team Esbjerg DEN 37:38L (h), 30.09.2023

Most goals both teams 76 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019

Fewest goals 17 v Metz Handball FRA 26:17L (a), 03.11.2019

Fewest goals opponent 18 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019

Fewest goals both teams 41 v Metz Handball FRA 23:18L (a), 26.09.2021

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Dina	Frisendal	NOR	Goalkeeper	31/07/2004	Trondheim, NOR	179
8	Jamina	Roberts	SWE	Left back	28/05/1990	Bergsjön, SWE	176
9	Nina Beate	Koppang	SWE	Right back	31/05/2002	Hagebyhögå, SWE	177
10	Vilde Kaurin	Jonassen	NOR	Left wing	01/09/1992	Kristiansand, NOR	164
11	Silje Katrine	Waade	NOR	Back	20/03/1994	Stjørdal, NOR	183
12	Silje	Solberg-Oesthassel	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
14	Tuva Ulsaker	Høve	NOR	Right wing	11/06/2000	Oslo, NOR	172
16	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181
18	Mina	Hesselberg	NOR	Left wing	20/04/2000	Oslo, NOR	177
20	Merel	Freriks	NED	Line player	06/01/1998	Haarlemmermeer, NED	175
21	Paula	Arcos Poveda	ESP	Right wing	21/12/2001	Petrer (Alicante), ESP	166
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Back	20/09/1990	Trondheim, NOR	179
23	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Centre back	13/08/1992	Groningen, NED	178
29	Larissa	Nusser	NED	Centre back	08/02/2000	Born, NED	175
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line player	09/01/1994	Rijeka, CRO	183
37	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right wing	22/06/1989	Prague, CZE	168
38	Mia Sofia	Emmenegger	SUI	Right wing	17/01/2005	Schüpheim, SUI	161
52	Sunniva Amalie Næs Andersen		NOR	Left wing	12/11/1996	Porsgrunn, NOR	173





COACH



**Tomáš
Hlavatý**



- > became Vipers head coach in the summer of 2023, having served as an assistant under the previous head coach, Ole Gustav Gjekstad
- > leads the three-time CL winners together with Danish legendary player Lene Rantala, who also is a goalkeeper coach
- > first started with coaching at the age of 16, helping his mother who was coaching the junior team in their hometown of Sala
- > before joining Vipers, he coached Michalovce, Partizanske, Slavia Prague, and Mosonmagyaróvár, and worked as an assistant at Győr, Rostov, and the Russian national team

ARRIVALS

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|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| Larissa Nusser | < | (Odense/DEN) |
| Merel Freriks | < | (Brest/FRA) |
| Nina Koppang | < | (Sävehof/SWE) |
| Silje Solberg-Østhassel | < | (Győr/HUN) |
| Dina Frisendal | < | (Fana/NOR) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Anna Vyakhireva | > | (Brest/FRA) |
| Lysa Tchaptchet Defo | > | (Odense/DEN) |
| Karine Dahlum | > | (Sønderjyske/DEN) |
| Martine Kårigstad | > | (Fana/NOR) |
| Luisa Schulze | > | (Göppingen/GER) |
| Sofie Börjesson | > | (Nykøbing/DEN) |
| Oceane Sercien-Ugolin | > | (DVSC/HUN) |
| Julie Stokkendal Poulsen | > | (Oppsal/NOR) |
| Tuva Pharo | > | (Haslum/NOR) |
| Kjerstin Boge Solaas | > | (Storhamar/NOR) |



GOALKEEPER



Katrine Lunde

@katrinelundenorway

- > Norwegian international, still a world-class goalkeeper in her 40s, with a storied career that includes spells with Viborg, Győr, and Rostov-Don
- > named MVP of Paris 2024 Olympics and becoming the sole record holder in handball for most medals at the Olympics — five
- > seven-time Champions League winner — a record in the competition: two times each with Viborg and Győr, and three times with Vipers
- > named MVP and best goalkeeper of the 2022/23 season at the first EHF Excellence Awards in 2023

CL: 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2021, 2022, 2023; EHF Cup 2017
 EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2020, 2022, S 2002, 2012;
 OG: G 2008, 2012, 2024, B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2011, 2021,
 S 2007, 2017, 2023, B 2009



LEFT WING



Sunniva Andersen

@sunivaandersen

- > joined Vipers from Gjerpen IF in 2017; won CL three times and Norwegian league five times since
- > quit handball while playing for Gjerpen, but moved to Kristiansand to study, where then-Vipers coach Kenneth Gabrielsen ignited her passion for the sport again
- > contributed 57 goals to Vipers' CL campaign in 2023/24, raising her career CL tally to 192
- > made national team debut for Norway in 2021, won EHF EURO gold the following year

CL: 2021, 2022, 2023
 EURO: G 2022; WCh: S 2023



LEFT BACK

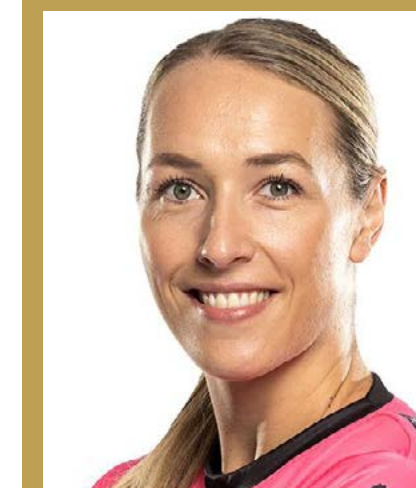


Jamina Roberts

@jaminaroberts

- > Swedish international, who joined Vipers in 2022 from IK Sävehof
- > has scored 402 goals in total in her eight CL seasons so far
- > made the All-star Team at the Tokyo Olympics, where Sweden finished fourth
- > gave birth to her first child in August 2020, but returned to playing within weeks
- > her brother, Calvin, was the All-star left wing at the Men's 20 EHF EURO 2022
- > one of her hobbies is interior design

CL: 2023 EHF EURO: S 2010, B 2014



CENTRE BACK



Lois Abbingh

@loisabbingh1

- > joined Vipers in the summer of 2023 after three seasons with Odense
- > previously played CL for Rostov-Don and Baia Mare
- > was the first handball player to be the Netherlands' flag bearer, at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- > scored her personal best of 84 goals in CL 2020/21; came up just one goal shy of that tally in 2023/24 season
- > one of the few players to constantly shoot the ball at speeds over 100 km/h
- > in WCh 2019 final, scored the winning goal — a high-pressure penalty after the buzzer — for the Netherlands against Spain

EURO: S 2016, B 2018; WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017



CENTRE BACK 

Larissa Nusser

 @larissanusser

- > Dutch international, who joined Vipers in the summer of 2024 after six years in Denmark – three each with København and Odense
- > started to play handball in her hometown, Born, before moving to Copenhagen in 2018
- > made her debut for the Netherlands national team aged 17
- > part of the title-winning squad at the 2019 WCh, took silver at the W19 EHF EURO earlier that year
- > her father, Harold Nusser, represented the Dutch national team 155 times; her sister, Chiara, also plays handball

WCh: G 2019



LINE PLAYER 

Merel Freriks

 @merelfreriks

- > arrived at Vipers in 2024 after two seasons at Brest in France
- > previously played in Germany for Dortmund and Bensheim
- > started her professional career at E&O in her native Netherlands
- > member of all Dutch youth and junior teams and was part of the side that won the 2019 WCh in Japan
- > made her debut in the Netherlands senior team in 2017

EURO: B 2018; WCh: G 2019



RIGHT BACK 

Nina Koppang

 @ninakoppang

- > joining Vipers in the summer of 2024 saw Koppang move outside Sweden for the first time in her career
- > also played football until 2019, when she started focusing on handball
- > played for Sweden under-16 football team, but was also named All-Star right back at W17 EHF EURO in 2021
- > made her debut for the national team in April 2021 and has become a regular for Sweden since then
- > she is the half-sister of Sweden football player Stina Blackstenius



RIGHT WING 

Jana Knedlíková

 @jana_knedlikova

- > Czech international, who joined Vipers in 2020 after five years with Győr
- > became the first player from Czechia to win the CL – with Győr in 2017
- > is one of only five female players to have won the CL six times, but the only one to have it six times in a row
- > has 386 goals scored in the CL, with a career high 94 in 2023/24
- > used to do ice skating and ballet as a child

CL: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Anna
Vyakhireva**

@annavyakhireva13

113 GOALS



**Jana
Knedlíková**

@jana_knedlikova

94 GOALS



**Lois
Abbingh**

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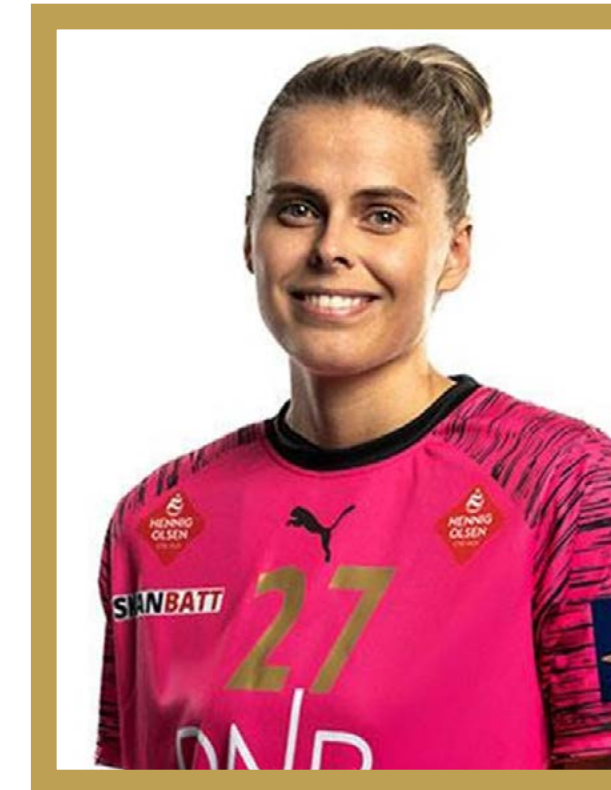
83 GOALS



**Jamina
Roberts**

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69 GOALS



**Sunniva
Andersen**

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57 GOALS



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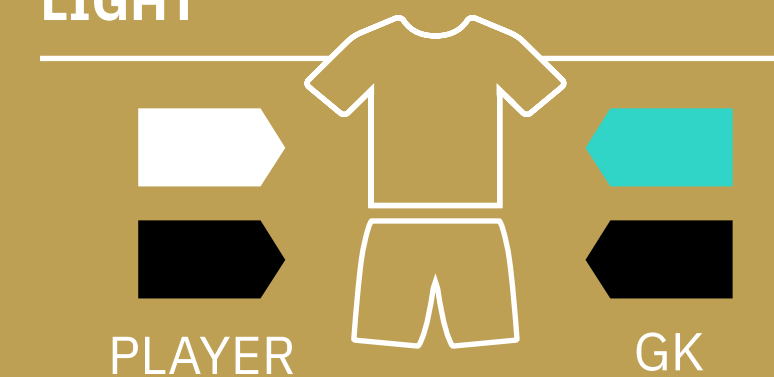
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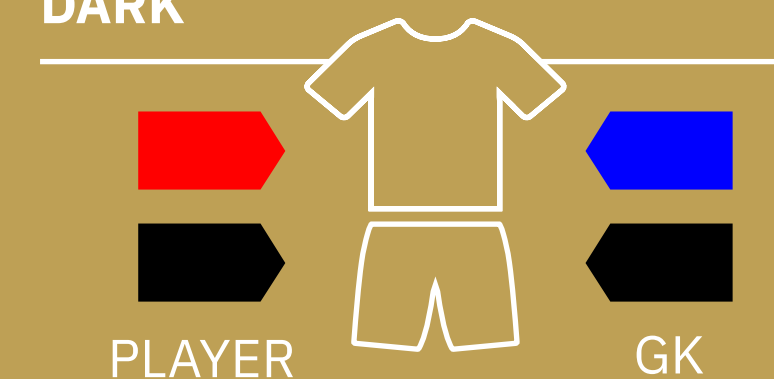
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KIT COLOURS

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DARK



Team Esbjerg have become regulars at the business end of EHF Champions League seasons, competing at the EHF FINAL4 in each of the past three seasons. However, they still await the next step and their first final.

For 2024/25, Esbjerg rely on the same core of players like in the previous seasons, with only three players leaving and three joining the team. The Danish champions have a big change in their coaching department, with Swedish coach Tomas Axner replacing Jesper Jensen. Esbjerg, a strong team on their home court, will look to secure their fourth consecutive EHF FINAL4 berth.

GROUP B

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TEAM ESBJERG

MAIN FACTS

- > Esbjerg made it into the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 as Danish champions, having won back-to-back titles for the second time
- > Esbjerg placed third at the EHF FINAL4 2024, after what was their third straight participation in the semi-finals
- > Tomas Axner is the new coach of the team, as he replaced Jesper Jensen, who left after seven years to concentrate on the Denmark women's national team
- > this will be Esbjerg's seventh season in the EHF Champions League and the sixth consecutive one; they won at least 11 matches in each of the past three seasons
- > the Danish side play their 100th EHF Champions League match in round 4 of the group phase against Rapid, becoming the 15th team in history to reach this milestone

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 7
Semi-finals (3): 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24
Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20*
Play-offs (1): 2020/21
Main Round (1): 2016/17

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

*EHF Cup: Final: 2013/14, 2018/19; Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2012/13*

Danish league: 5 titles (2016, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024)

Danish cup: 4 titles (2018, 2022-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2016/17 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	4	0	8	305:333	-28	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	8	1	3	352:323	+29	17:7	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 Team Esbjerg DEN	16	5	2	9	428:414	+14	12:20	Play-offs
2021/22 Team Esbjerg DEN	18	11	4	3	518:462	+56	26:10	Fourth Place
2022/23 Team Esbjerg DEN	20	14	0	6	631:533	+98	28:12	Fourth Place
2023/24 Team Esbjerg DEN	18	14	0	4	564:518	+46	28:8	Third Place
Total:	96	56	7	33	2,798:2,583	+215	119:73	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

8 MATCHES
Longest winning run

14 MATCHES
Longest unbeaten run

43 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 27:43 (12:25) v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (a), 23.10.2022

Biggest defeat 38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017

Longest winning run 8 matches (23.10.2021 – 05.02.2022)
8 matches (23.09.2023 – 13.01.2024)

Longest unbeaten run 14 matches (26.09.2021 – 08.05.2022)

Longest losing run 4 matches (24.10.2020 – 22.11.2020)

Longest run without win 8 matches (20.09.2020 – 09.01.2021)

Most goals 43 v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 27:43W (a), 23.10.2022

Most goals opponent 38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017

Most goals both teams 75 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 37:38W (a), 30.09.2023

Fewest goals 20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017

Fewest goals opponent 17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 30:17W (h), 29.01.2022

Fewest goals both teams 43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017
43 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 22:21W (h), 12.09.2021
43 v Rostov-Don RUS 25:18W (h), 31.10.2021

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
3	Kaja Kamp	Nielsen	DEN	Line player	29/04/1994	Rebild, DEN	172
4	Michala Elsberg	Møller	DEN	Left back	16/02/2000	Aalborg, DEN	178
5	Caroline	Gade	DEN	Right wing	11/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	169
7	Luciana	Resende Rebelo	POR	Right back	25/07/2005	St Maria da Feira Aveiro, POR	187
8	Live	Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	Left back	15/01/2000	Skien, NOR	176
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right back	05/04/1991	Oslo, NOR	167
10	Kathrine Brothmann	Heindahl	DEN	Line player	26/03/1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
11	Rikke	Iversen	DEN	Line player	18/05/1993	København, DEN	178
12	Anna Opstrup	Kristensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/10/2000	Skanderborg, DEN	184
16	Amalie	Milling	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/12/1999	Hørsholm, DEN	186
17	Elin Viktoria	Hansson	SWE	Left wing	07/08/1996	Stockholm, SWE	173
18	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right back	01/01/1996	Aarhus, DEN	192
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right wing	25/02/1994	Narvik, NOR	165
22	Line	Haugsted	DEN	Left back	11/11/1994	Skive, DEN	179
24	Sanna Charlotte	Solberg-Isaksen	NOR	Left wing	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
25	Henny Ella	Reistad	NOR	Centre back	09/02/1999	Bærum, NOR	181
27	Anne Tolstrup	Petersen	DEN	Right wing	07/03/1995	Aarhus, DEN	173





COACH



Tomas Axnér



- > Esbjerg is his first club coaching role in women's handball
- > named Sweden women's national team coach in 2020 – his first job in women's handball – after working as assistant at H43 Lund and head coach for Lugi HF
- > led Sweden to the semi-finals of the 2023 WCh and the 2024 Olympics, but has yet to win a medal with the national team
- > former right wing and one of two players – alongside Stefan Lövgren – who have scored at least 1,000 goals in both the Swedish league and the German Bundesliga; remarkably, he never played for the national team
- > reportedly takes 5,000 steps per match on the sideline, which would roughly translate to 2.5km
- > his daughter, Tyra, is a Swedish international since 2022; she joined Metz Handball in the summer of 2024

ARRIVALS

- Line Haugsted < (Győr/HUN)
- Elin Hansson < (Horsens/DEN)

DEPARTURES

- Kristine Breistøl > (Győr/HUN)
- Julie Bøe Jacobsen > (Molde/NOR)



GOALKEEPER 

**Anna
Opstrup Kristensen**

 @annaopstrupkristensen

- > Danish international, who arrived at Esbjerg in January 2023 from domestic league rivals Viborg
- > spent four seasons at Viborg, reached EHF European League final in 2022
- > made national team debut for Denmark in March 2019
- > was part of the team that won bronze at 2021 and 2023 WCh, and silver at the EHF EURO 2022
- > studies health technology at university of Aarhus

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023



LEFT WING 

**Sanna
Solberg-Isaksen**

 @sannasolberg

- > joined in the summer of 2017 from Norwegian side Larvik HK
- > regular in the Norwegian national team, like twin sister Silje Solberg-Östhassel, who is a goalkeeper
- > has won 10 medals at major events with Norway since 2014
- > two-time All-star left wing in the Champions League, in 2020/21 and 2021/22
- > gave birth to her daughter, Mathea, in January 2023

OG: G 2024, B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017, 2023; EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020



LEFT BACK 

**Line
Haugsted**

 @linehaugsted

- > new arrival for 2024; played for Skive, Odense, FC Midtjylland, and Viborg before spending two years at Győr
- > named best defender at EHF EURO 2020, where Denmark placed fourth; has since won a series of medals with the national team
- > Best Young Player in the Danish league for 2012/13
- > her sister, Marianne, is also a handball player and featured for Viborg before moving on to Larvik HK in Norway

WCh: B 2021, B 2023; OG: B 2024



LEFT BACK 

**Michala
Møller**

 @michala_moeller

- > started her career in her birthplace Aalborg; arrived at Esbjerg in 2021 from the Danish league rivals Ikast
- > reached the EHF Finals Women 2021 with Ikast, placing fourth
- > has become an important player for Esbjerg, scoring 42 goals in 2023/24, and has extended her stay with the club to June 2026
- > joined the senior national team in 2021, just in time to be part of team that won the bronze medal at the World Championship that year

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021; OG: B 2024



CENTRE BACK 

Henny Reistad

 @hennyreistad

- > Norwegian international who arrived at Esbjerg in 2021 after three seasons with Vipers
- > named MVP of EHF FINAL4 2021 after helping Vipers win their first Champions League title
- > top scorer for CL 2022/23 with 142 goals; has passed the 100-goal mark in each of the last three CL seasons
- > MVP of the EHF EURO 2022, where she led Norway to gold, and 2023 WCh; named IHF Female Player of the Year in 2023

CL: 2021
 EURO: G 2020, 2022; OG: G 2024, B 2020;
 WCh: G 2021; S 2023



LINE PLAYER 

Kathrine Heindahl

 @heindahl

- > Danish international, who joined Esbjerg in 2022 after two seasons at CSKA in Russia
- > defender of the 2022/23 season at the first EHF Excellence Awards
- > previously played for a number of other Danish clubs: GOG, Holstebro, Randers, and Odense; won the EHF Cup 2012/13 with Holstebro
- > best defender of EHF EURO 2022
- > started as a centre back, but transitioned to line player

EC: 2013
 EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2023, 2021; OG: B 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Nora Mørk

 @noramrk_9

- > legend of the game, joined Esbjerg in 2022 after winning CL with Vipers
- > one of only five female players with at least six CL titles, alongside Katrine Lunde, Ausra Fridrikas, Bojana Popovic, and Jana Knedlikova
- > despite many knee injuries, is the fifth all-time top scorer of the CL, with 898 goals ahead of the 2024/25 season
- > is the all-time fifth top scorer for Norway, with 913 goals after the 2024 Olympics
- > has won the EHF EURO five times, the World Championship twice and, since Paris 2024, the Olympics once

CL: 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
 OG: G 2024, B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017, 2023; EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2022



RIGHT WING 

Marit Røeberg Jacobsen

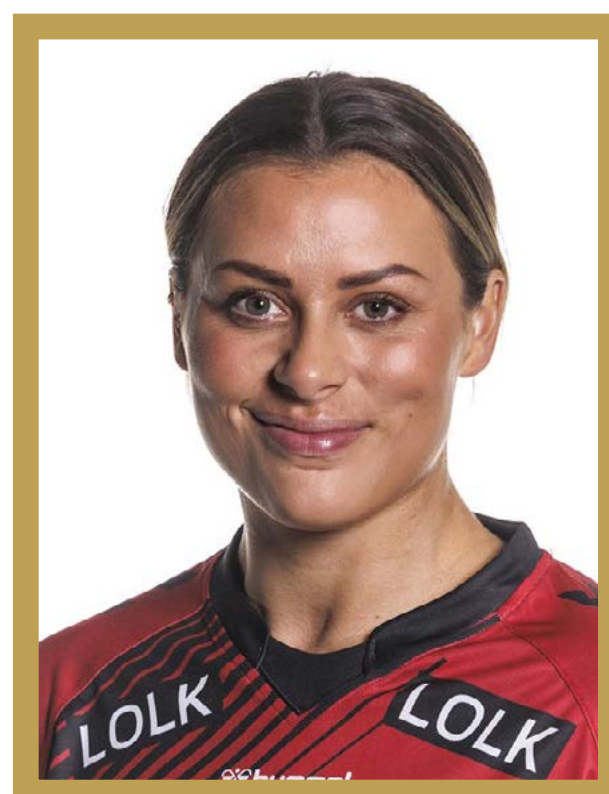
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- > Norwegian international, who arrived from Byåsen in 2018 for her first foreign club
- > named in All-star Team of the Danish league in her first three seasons with Esbjerg
- > part of Norwegian national team since 2016; was named All-star right wing of 2012 Youth WCh in Montenegro, where Norway won bronze
- > enrolled in master's degree in Sports and Health at University of Southern Denmark

OG: G 2024, B 2020; WCh: G 2021, S 2017;
 EURO: G 2020



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Nora
Mørk**

@noramrk_9

110 GOALS



**Henny
Reistad**

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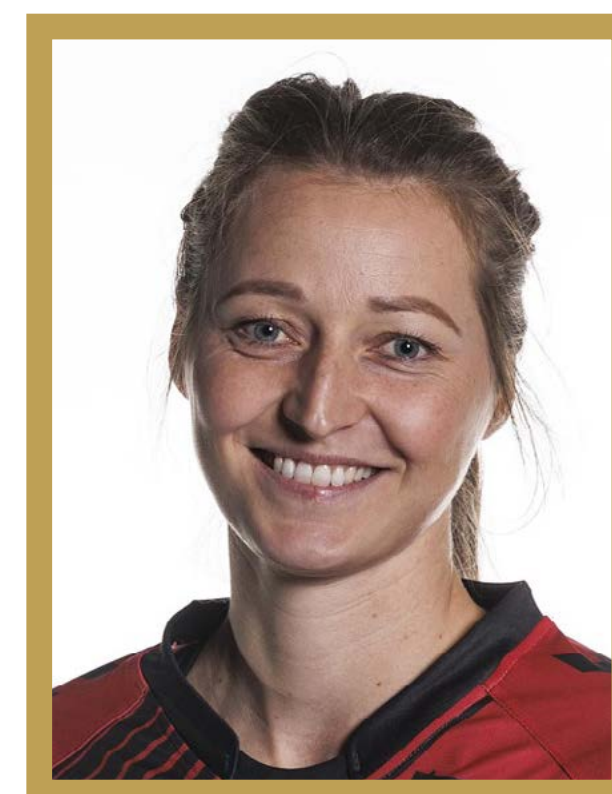
107 GOALS



**Kristine
Breistøl**

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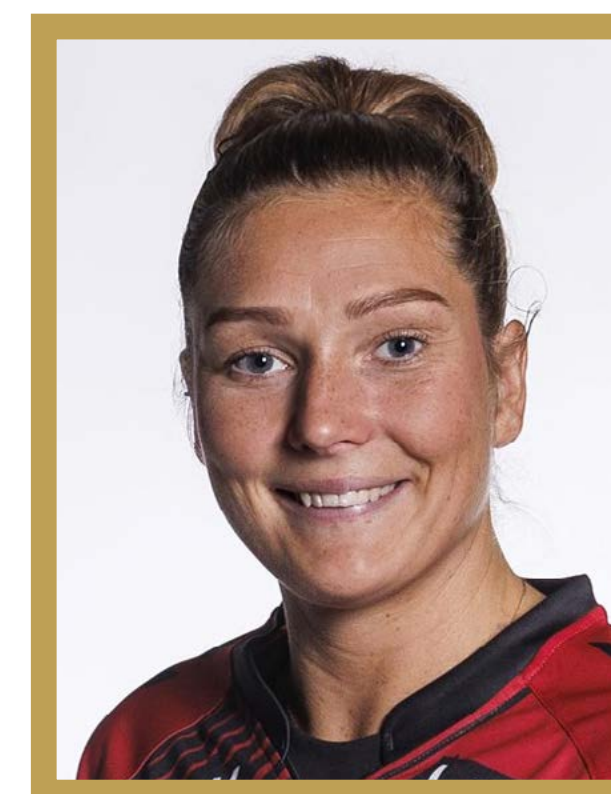
79 GOALS



**Sanna
Solberg-Isaksen**

@sannasolberg

52 GOALS



**Rikke
Iversen**

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43 GOALS



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PLAYING HALL



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Capacity:

4,185

KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



Playing under their previous name SG BBM Bietigheim, Ludwigsburg were the big surprise last season. Only just making the knockout stages, they then eliminated favoured Danish sides Ikast and Odense to reach their first EHF FINAL4, and ended up playing, but losing, the final against Győr.

This time around, Ludwigsburg have plenty of new players to integrate and a target on their back, as none of their opponents will consider them an easy team to play against. Of course, they also have to compete in a strong domestic competition, which they have won for the past three seasons.

GROUP B



HB LUDWIGSBURG

MAIN FACTS

- > formerly known as SG BBM Bietigheim, HB Ludwigsburg come into 2024/25 on the back of their best season in the EHF Champions League Women, in which they finished as runners-up
- > they were the first German club ever to reach the EHF FINAL4 Women
- > Ludwigsburg are the reigning German champions, having won the domestic title in the last three seasons
- > this will be the seventh appearance for the German team in the premium European competition; they have won 22 matches so far, including 10 in the previous season
- > coach Jakob Vestergaard, who signed for Ludwigsburg in the summer of 2023, will be in his second season leading the German side
- > eight players have left and eight have signed for Ludwigsburg, with the new additions like goalkeeper Johanna Bundsen, centre back Jenny Carlson, and left back Guro Nestaker bringing more experience to the side

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 7

Runners-up (1): 2023/24

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Main Round (1): 2017/18

Group Phase (1): 2022/23

Group Matches (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

Other

EHF European League: Winners 2021/22

EHF Cup: Final 2016/17; Group Phase 2018/19, 2019/20

German league: 5 titles (2017, 2019, 2022-24)

German cup: 3 titles (2021, 2022, 2023)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2017/18 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	12	4	0	8	296:342	-46	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2
2018/19 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	6	1	1	4	162:182	-20	3:9	4th Gr. D
2019/20 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	6	1	0	5	171:197	-26	2:10	4th Gr. C
2020/21 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	16	1	1	14	366:455	-89	3:29	Play-offs
2022/23 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	14	5	2	7	432:388	+44	12:16	7th Gr. A
2023/24 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	20	10	1	9	594:577	+17	21:19	Runners-up
Total:	74	22	5	47	2,021:2,141	-120	49:99	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

6 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

47 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 23:46 (12:23) v DHK Baník Most CZE (a), 11.09.2022

Biggest defeat 20:37 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 07.03.2021

Longest winning run 6 matches (12.02.2023 – 22.10.2023)

Longest unbeaten run 6 matches (12.02.2023 – 22.10.2023)

Longest losing run 8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)

Longest run without win 8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)
8 matches (23.10.2022 – 04.02.2023)

Most goals 47 v DHK Baník Most CZE 47:25W (h), 12.02.2023

Most goals opponent 42 v Odense Håndbold DEN 42:29L (a), 29.10.2023

Most goals both teams 72 v DHK Baník Most CZE 47:25W (h), 12.02.2023

Fewest goals 20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 20:37L (h), 07.03.2021

Fewest goals opponent 16 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 34:16W (h), 17.02.2024

Fewest goals both teams 44 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 22:22D (h), 10.01.2021

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Johanna	Bundsen	SWE	Goalkeeper	03/06/1991	Uddevalla, SWE	183
2	Mareike	Thomaier	GER	Centre back	25/08/2000	Cologne, GER	170
4	Kaba	Gassama Cissokho	ESP	Line player	16/08/1997	Granollers, ESP	180
5	Antje	Döll	GER	Left wing	03/10/1988	Haldensleben, GER	170
7	Viola	Leuchter	GER	Right back	15/06/2004	Aachen, GER	185
14	Karolina	Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	Back	17/01/1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178
16	Nicole	Roth	GER	Goalkeeper	08/05/1995	Nuremberg, GER	183
19	Anne With	Johansen	DEN	Right back	22/04/2004	Ringsted, DEN	172
20	Sofia	Hvenfelt	SWE	Line player	23/04/1996	Göteborg	180
22	Xenia	Smits C	GER	Left back	22/04/1994	Antwerpen, BEL	182
30	Jenny	Behrend	GER	Right wing	20/01/1996	Rendsburg, GER	172
33	Guro	Nestaker	NOR	Left back	15/08/1998	Gjøvik, NOR	180
42	Jenny Helen	Carlson	SWE	Centre back	17/04/1995	Göteborg, SWE	172
44	Julia	Niewiadomska	POL	Centre back	11/02/2002	Kielce, POL	174
45	Nóemi	Háfra	HUN	Back	05/10/1998	Cegled, HUN	178
48	Dorottya	Faluvégi	HUN	Right wing	31/03/1998	Budapest, HUN	170
67	Veronika	Mala	CZE	Left wing	06/05/1994	Pisek, CZE	169





COACH



Jakob Vestergaard



- > Danish coach, who signed for then-named Bietigheim in 2023 as he returned to the EHF Champions League after seven years, and led the club to the CL final in his first season
- > won back-to-back CL titles with Viborg in 2009 and 2010, and reached the CL semi-finals with Oltchim in 2013
- > joined CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2016 after the club had won the CL, but they parted ways again after just three months
- > also led the national teams of Australia (2007-08) and Germany (2015-16)

CL: 2009, 2010 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Mareike Thomeier	<	(Leverkusen/GER)
Viola Leuchter	<	(Leverkusen/GER)
Guro Nestaker	<	(Storhamar/NOR)
Johanna Bundsen	<	(Sävehof/SWE)
Nicole Roth	<	(Thüringer HC/GER)
Julia Niewiadomska	<	(Halle Neustadt/GER)
Jenny Carlson	<	(Brest/FRA)
Valentina Klemencic	<	(Krim/SLO)

DEPARTURES

Kelly Dulfer	>	(Győr/HUN)
Inger Smits	>	(CSM/ROU)
Gabriela Moreschi	>	(CSM/ROU)
Klara Birtic	>	(Podravka/CRO)
Melinda Szikora	>	(Chambray/FRA)
Sarah Nørklit Lønborg	>	(Molde/NOR)
Isabelle Andersson	>	(no club)
Danick Snelder	>	(retired)



GOALKEEPER 

Johanna Bundsen

 @bundsen

- > Swedish international, who joined Ludwigsburg in the summer of 2024
- > returned in 2022 to her first club, IK Sävehof, after spending five years at København in Denmark
- > widely regarded as one of Sweden's all-time best goalkeepers; had the third best save efficiency, 36 per cent, at the Paris 2024 Olympics
- > was first selected to play for the senior national team in 2009
- > gave birth to her daughter, Leah, in March 2020

EURO: B 2014



LEFT WING 

Antje Döll

 @loui5

- > experienced German international, who has been playing for Bietigheim since 2015
- > was part of the German team that won the junior world title in 2008
- > made debut in senior national team in 2017, and passed the 200-goal mark for Germany in April 2024
- > started as line player before becoming left wing; can still play both positions
- > her husband, Jan Döll, is also a handball player
- > she works as a police officer

EL: 2022



LEFT BACK 

Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc

 @karolina_kudlacz_gloc

- > experienced Polish international, who has been plying her trade in Germany since 2006 – first at Leipzig, since 2017 at Bietigheim (Ludwigsburg)
- > this is her 16th season in the CL, having scored 551 goals ahead of the 2024/25 season
- > contributed 34 goals to Bietigheim's run to the EL title in 2021/22
- > set an EHF EURO record by scoring 17 times for Poland against North Macedonia in 2006; a feat later matched by Sweden's Nathalie Hagman at the EHF EURO 2018

EL: 2022



LEFT BACK 

Xenia Smits

 @xenia_smits

- > born in Belgium, but received German citizenship in 2014
- > was Bietigheim's top scorer, with 93 goals, when they made it all the way to the final in the CL 2023/24 season
- > started career at Blomberg-Lippe; returned to Germany and joined Bietigheim in 2020, after five seasons with Metz in France
- > played her first major event with Germany at EHF EURO 2014
- > her younger sisters, Munia and Aaricia, also play handball

EL: 2022



CENTRE BACK 

Jenny Carlson

 @jennycaarlson / @athletewithstoma

- > Swedish international. arrived at Ludwigsburg from Brest in 2024
- > spent her early years at Swedish clubs Kärna and Lugåsa before moving to Denmark; left Holstebro in February 2022 to join Brest in France
- > had an emergency ileostomy in 2018 after suffering with ulcerative colitis; uses her profile to raise awareness of life with a stoma
- > made her national team debut in 2021 and has been part of all of major events with Sweden since
- > reached semi-finals at Olympics in 2021 and 2024, but missed a medal finishing fourth both times




LINE PLAYER 

Kaba Gassama

 @kabagassama


- > born in Granollers, she became the first player from the local club to be selected in Spain's national team
- > won the inaugural EL with Nantes, spent one season at Fleury Loiret, before signing for Bietigheim in 2022
- > Kaba's brothers Mamadou (Sporting) and Goundo (Granollers) are also handball players, her younger brother Sekou is a footballer
- > with roots in Senegal, where her parents hail from, Gassama organised a handball tournament in the African country in the summer of 2023

EL: 2021

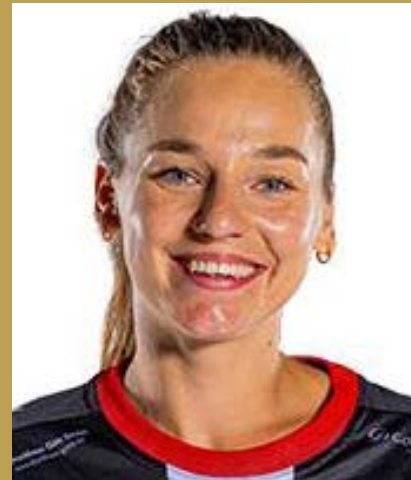



RIGHT BACK 

Viola Leuchter


 @violaleuchter_

- > talented back, who made her mark in 2021 as top scorer of the W17 EHF EURO, with 55 goals
- > named All-star Young Player of the 2023 WCh, though she suffered a season-ending injury in the last match
- > arrived at Ludwigsburg in 2024 after five seasons with Leverkusen
- > made her senior debut for the national team in March 2023; part of the German squad at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games



RIGHT WING 

Dorottya Faluvégi

 @csibi48

- > the move to Bietigheim in the summer of 2023 was her first outside Hungary
- > played for Hungarian rivals FTC (2014-19) and Győr (2019-23)
- > her brother, Rudolf, is a towering left back, who played for the Hungarian national team
- > completed undergraduate studies at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Budapest University of Technology in 2020
- > named the All-star right wing at the Junior WCh in 2018, where she won the gold medal with Hungary



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Xenia
Smits**

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93 GOALS 



**Karolina
Kudlacz-Gloc**

@karolina_kudlacz_gloc

91 GOALS 



**Antje
Döll**

@loui5

67 GOALS 



**Kelly
Dulfer**

@kellydulfer

61 GOALS 



**Veronika
Malá**

@veronika_mala67

53* GOALS 

* Kaba Gassama (ESP), @kabagassama, also scored 53 goals.



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PLAYING HALL

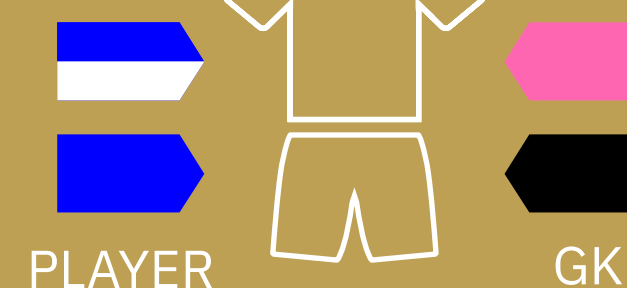


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Capacity:
6,000

KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



Former two-time champions Buducnost have made the EHF FINAL4 since 2017, missing out on a knockout phase berth twice in the past three seasons. This looks like a challenging season for Buducnost, which are bringing a young core of players – mostly Montenegrin – whose experience is limited in a high-pressure environment like the EHF Champions League Women.

Still Buducnost beat both FTC and Vipers in a warm-up tournament in Hungary less than two weeks before the start of the group phase, which should boost their confidence.

GROUP B

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WHC BUDUCNOST

MAIN FACTS

- > Buducnost hold the record for most matches played in the EHF Champions League Women, 320; they have won exactly half of them (160); next in line are Krim Mercator Ljubljana, with 316 matches
- > this is the 28th season in which Buducnost takes part in the EHF Champions League
- > in two of the past three seasons, Buducnost failed to make the cut for the knockout phase, finishing in seventh place of their group on both occasions
- > the Montenegrin powerhouse will be relying on a core of young Montenegrin players, with only three transfers made over the summer
- > coach Bojana Popovic, who won the competition six times as a player, will lead the team for the fourth consecutive season

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 28

Winners (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

Final (1): 2013/14

Semi-finals (8): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2016/17

Quarter-finals (6): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21

Play-off (1): 2022/23

Main Round (1): 2012/13

Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2021/22, 2023/24

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

Cup Winners Cup: Winners 2005/06, 2009/10

Montenegrin league: 35 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019, 2021-24)

Montenegrin cup: 29 titles (1984, 1989, 1995-98, 2000-02, 2005-24)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	6	2	2	2	130:143	-13	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	1	4	292:305	-13	11:9	Semi-finals
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17:3	Semi-finals
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12:8	Semi-finals
2000/01 Bud. Brillant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	Semi-finals
2001/02 Bud. Brillant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12:8	Semi-finals
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8:8	Quarter-finals
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8:8	Quarter-finals
2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	1	0	5	141:165	-24	2:10	4th Gr. A
2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	3	0	3	150:154	-4	6:6	3rd Gr. C
2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	0	0	6	141:174	-33	0:12	4th Gr. B
2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	1	1	4	153:189	-36	3:9	3rd Gr. D
2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	12	6	2	4	317:326	-9	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2
2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	2	1	3	138:155	-17	5:7	3rd Gr. D
2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE	14	10	0	4	417:360	+57	20:8	Semi-finals
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28:4	Winners
2012/13 Buducnost MNE	12	5	1	6	265:273	-8	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 1
2013/14 Buducnost MNE	14	8	3	3	349:298	+51	19:9	Runners-up



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2014/15 Buducnost MNE	16	15	1	0	444:326	+118	31:1	Winners
2015/16 Buducnost MNE	16	11	1	4	433:359	+74	23:9	Fourth Place
2016/17 Buducnost MNE	16	11	0	5	444:391	+53	22:10	Fourth Place
2017/18 Buducnost MNE	14	5	0	9	344:368	-24	10:18	Quarter-finals
2018/19 Buducnost MNE	14	6	1	7	330:345	-15	13:15	Quarter-finals
2019/20 Buducnost MNE	12	7	0	5	335:317	+18	14:10	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 Buducnost MNE	18	6	2	10	453:479	-26	14:22	Quarter-finals
2021/22 Buducnost BEMAX MNE	14	3	0	11	337:407	-70	6:22	7th Gr. A
2022/23 WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	16	6	1	9	392:421	-29	13:19	Play-offs
2023/24 WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	14	2	1	11	311:433	-122	5:23	7th Gr. A
Total:	320	160	26	134	8,339:8,243	+96	346:294	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS**

14

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

22

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

40

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win

39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015

Biggest defeat

37:19 (23:8) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 01.10.2023

44:26 (14:15) v CSM Bucuresti ROU (a), 07.01.2024

34:16 (19:7) v SG BBM Bietigheim GER (a), 17.02.2024

Longest winning run

14 matches (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)

Longest unbeaten run

22 matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)

Longest losing run

10 matches (13.03.2021 – 13.11.2021)

Longest run without win

10 matches (13.03.2021 – 13.11.2021)

Most goals

40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011

40 v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:40 (a), 10.09.2022

Most goals opponent

44 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 44:26L (a), 07.01.2024

Most goals both teams

76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011

Fewest goals

16 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013

16 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 34:16L (a), 17.02.2024

Fewest goals opponent

14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014

Fewest goals both teams

34 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Teodora	Roncevic	MNE	Goalkeeper	11/08/2006	Podgorica, MNE	177
2	Anastasija	Marsenic	MNE	Right wing	24/02/2003	Ballerup, DEN	173
6	Clara Monti	Danielsson	SWE	Line player	30/01/1992	Uppakra, SWE	175
8	Armelle	Attingré	MNE	Goalkeeper	15/01/1989	Kadjokro, CIV	179
9	Jelena	Vukcevic	MNE	Right back	11/12/2004	Podgorica, MNE	178
10	Elena	Mitrovic	MNE	Left back	22/12/2006	Podgorica, MNE	178
11	Ivana	Godec	MNE	Line player	11/05/2001	Podgorica, MNE	177
13	Andrijana	Popovic	MNE	Line player	20/04/2002	Niksic, MNE	185
14	Nikolina	Markovic	MNE	Centre back	26/01/2004	Podgorica, MNE	173
16	Marija	Marsenic	MNE	Goalkeeper	06/05/2004	Berane, MNE	178
19	Masa	Kuzmanovic	MNE	Left wing	20/03/2004	Podgorica, MNE	165
24	Tanja	Ivanovic	MNE	Right back	05/11/1996	Bijelo Polje, MNE	182
33	Andjela	Guberinic	MNE	Line player	15/05/2006	Berane, MNE	170
34	Dunja	Radevic	SRB	Right wing	25/11/2005	Kraljevo, SRB	169
37	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right wing	09/12/1996	Cetinje, MNE	172
44	Mari Plamenova	Tomova	BUL	Left back	11/05/2002	Pleven, BUL	180
77	Nina	Ramusovic	MNE	Centre back	18/07/2007	Berane, MNE	178
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Left back	30/04/1994	Podgorica, MNE	180
88	Nada	Kadovic	MNE	Left wing	28/08/2003	Podgorica, MNE	180
91	Ivona	Pavicevic C	MNE	Left wing	21/04/1996	Podgorica, MNE	178





COACH



Bojana Popovic



- > one of the legends of the game, Bojana Popovic replaced Dragan Adzic as head coach of Buducnost in November 2020
- > earlier, she was sports director and assistant coach at Buducnost
- > was also the coach of Montenegro, whom she won bronze with at the EHF EURO 2022, but stepped down from her national team duties in 2024
- > born Petrovic, she was one of the best players of the world, playing for Buducnost, Slagelse and Viborg, and winning the CL with each of them, six times in total
- > finished her playing career in 2012 after winning silver at the Olympics in London, but made a comeback in 2016 to feature at the Olympics in Rio

**CL: 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012; EC: 2003 (as player)
EURO: B 2022 (as coach)**

ARRIVALS

- Sakura Hauge < (Besançon/FRA)
- Nina Bulatovic < (Gloria/ROU)
- Clara Monti Danielsson < (Chambray/FRA)

DEPARTURES

- Ann-Cathrin Giegerich > (Dijon/FRA)
- Kalidiatou Niakaté > (Nantes/FRA)
- Katarina Dzaferovic > (Craiova/ROU)
- Nikolina Vukcevic > (Gloria/ROU)
- Neslihan Çalışkan > (unknown)
- Vanesa Agovic > (unknown)
- Adriana Cardoso de Castro > (unknown)



GOALKEEPER 

Armelle Attingré

 @aarmelle23

- > Ivorian-French goalkeeper, received Montenegrin citizenship in 2024, four years after joining Buducnost
- > arrived from Hungarian side Fehérvár; previously played for French clubs Fleury, Paris 92, and Nantes, as well as Turkish side Yenimahalle
- > named best goalkeeper of the French league in 2013 and 2014
- > played 16 matches for French national team, was part of their EHF EURO 2014 squad, but has meanwhile made her debut for Montenegro



LEFT WING 

Ivona Pavicevic

 @ivonapavicevic55

- > Montenegrin international, who has been playing for Buducnost since 2015 – except for a brief stint at Romanian side Brasov in 2019
- > started professional career at age 17 at ZRK Danilovgrad in 2013
- > 2021/22 has been her best European season so far, scoring 64 CL goals
- > has played at the EHF FINAL4 twice, in 2016 and 2017
- > part of national team since 2015; played for Montenegro at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and won bronze at EHF EURO 2022

EURO: B 2022




LEFT BACK 


Jelena Despotovic

 @despotovic.jelena_80


- > experienced back, who started her career at Buducnost and rejoined the club after eight years in November 2023, after a few months at FTC
- > also played for Debrecen and Krim, before signing with Győr in 2021
- > was part of Montenegro's team in 2012, when they won the EHF EURO
- > has a daughter, Helena, born in 2022, with her partner, Szeged's right wing Bogdan Radivojevic
- > All-star right back nominee at the EHF EURO 2020; has played over 100 times for the national team

EURO: G 2012



LEFT BACK 

Marie Plamenova Tomova

 –

- > up-and-coming Bulgarian talent, who enters her third CL season with Buducnost in 2024/25
- > scored 16 times in the CL 2023/24 season, including five in the away match against Sävehof in Sweden
- > Bulgarian international, who impressed in the various youth and junior national teams in recent years
- > netted 55 times at the W17 EHF EURO 2019, and 57 times at the W19 EHF EURO two years later



CENTRE BACK 

Nikolina Markovic

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- > one of the brightest talents in Montenegrin women's handball
- > born in Podgorica, she joined Buducnost mid-season in 2023/24 from ORK Rudar
- > scored eight times in the six CL group matches she played in January and February 2024, including four goals against eventual champions Győr
- > had already made her European debut at age 16, playing for Rudar in the EHF European Cup 2020/21
- > scored 42 times for Montenegro at the W19 EHF EURO 2023



LINE PLAYER 

Ivana Godec

 @godecivana

- > started to play handball at Buducnost, moved to Slovakian club Mihalovce when she was only 19 years old, but returned to Buducnost in 2022
- > had a superb maiden season in the CL in 2022/23, with 48 goals, and added 56 goals in 2023/24 – Buducnost's best scorer by far that season
- > made her debut in Montenegro's national team in 2017, when she was only 16 years old
- > part of the team that won the bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2022

EURO: B2022



RIGHT BACK 

Jelena Vukcevic

 -

- > considered to be one of the best prospects of Montenegrin handball in the next years, was captain of the Montenegro junior national team
- > played for Rudar in the EHF European Cup in the 2020/21 season, before returning to Buducnost, where she scored 51 goals in three CL seasons
- > already made her debut for the senior national team, at the 2023 WCh
- > was the top scorer of the 2024 Junior WCh, with 74 goals



RIGHT WING 

Anastasija Marsenic

 @marsenicanastasija

- > born in Copenhagen, she holds dual Danish-Montenegrin citizenship, but has opted to play for Montenegro
- > first played for Buducnost in the 2020/21 season, when she made her CL debut at age 16
- > returned to the club in 2023 after two seasons in Norway with Molde Elite
- > scored 20 times for Buducnost in the CL 2023/24 season
- > Montenegrin international, who contributed 14 goals to the team's EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers campaign



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Ivana
Godec**

@godecivana

56 GOALS



**Ivona
Pavicevic**

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36 GOALS



**Kalidiatou
Niakaté**

@kalidiatouniakate

32 GOALS



**Jelena
Vukcevic**

-

32 GOALS



**Tanja
Ivanovic**

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30 GOALS





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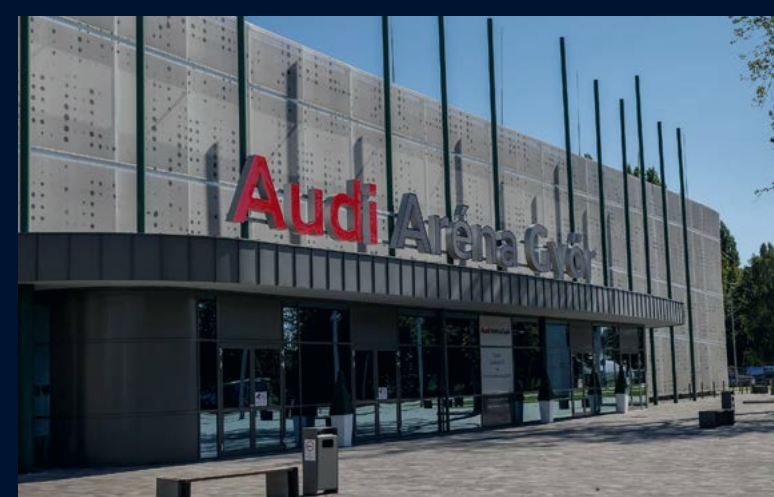
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KIT COLOURS

DARK



PLAYER

GK

LIGHT



PLAYER

GK

Györ had a roller-coaster of a season after a brilliant start and 11 straight wins in 2023/24, but eventually confirmed their credentials and clinched the sixth Champions League title in their history.

This time around, they will go for their seventh top-flight trophy, but the Hungarian powerhouse, which missed out on the domestic title last season, will need time to gel. They lost 10 players and brought in seven more. They will also have to make do without the MVP of the last EHF FINAL4, Stine Bredal Oftedal, who has ended her illustrious career.

GROUP B



GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC

MAIN FACTS

- > Györ are the team with the most titles in the competition — six — with all of the trophies coming in the last 11 seasons
- > they also hold the record for most wins in the history of the EHF Champions League Women — 219, in 290 matches played
- > coach Per Johansson, who replaced Ulrik Kirkely in the spring of 2024, will also lead the team in 2024/25
- > Györ made it to the EHF Champions League 2024/25 as runners-up of the Hungarian league last season, behind rivals FTC
- > eight players left this summer, including centre back Stine Bredal Oftedal, the MVP of the EHF FINAL4, who retired
- > Györ boosted their ranks with the additions of goalkeeper Hatadou Sako, playmaker Kristina Jørgensen, backs Kristine Breistøl, Dione Housheer, and Kelly Dulfer, and left wing Bo van Wetering

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 21

Winners (6): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2023/24

Final (4): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2021/22

Semi-finals (6): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2020/21, 2022/23

Quarter-finals (2): 2014/15, 2019/20*

Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2005/06, Semi-finals: 2002/03

EHF Cup: Final: 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05

Hungarian league: 17 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008-14, 2016-19, 2022, 2023)

Hungarian cup: 15 titles (2005-16, 2018, 2019, 2021)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2000/01 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168	-12	4:8	4th Gr. D
2005/06 Györi ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169	-15	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2006/07 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267	+24	12:8	Semi-finals
2007/08 Györi Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366	+49	22:6	Semi-finals
2008/09 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415	+39	23:9	Runners-up
2009/10 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337	+18	18:10	Semi-finals
2010/11 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334	+53	21:7	Semi-finals
2011/12 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422	+50	21:11	Runners-up
2012/13 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346	+89	30:2	Winners
2013/14 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337	+71	26:2	Winners
2014/15 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	385:313	+72	21:7	Quarter-finals
2015/16 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	12	1	3	436:357	+79	25:7	Runners-up
2016/17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	13	1	2	481:390	+91	27:5	Winners
2017/18 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	0	2	442:365	+77	28:4	Winners
2018/19 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	2	0	521:406	+115	30:2	Winners
2019/20 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	12	11	1	0	390:302	+88	23:1	Quarter-finals*

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2020/21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	20	15	4	1	637:489	+148	34:6	Third Place
2021/22 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	18	15	1	2	590:458	+132	31:5	Runners-up
2022/23 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	18	14	0	4	573:466	+107	28:8	Third Place
2023/24 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	18	14	1	3	540:452	+88	29:7	Winners
Total:	290	219	21	50	8,522:7,159	+1,363	459:121	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

16

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

55

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46

GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win	21:46 (13:23) v DHK Baník Most CZE (a), 13.10.2019
Biggest defeat	39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001
Longest winning run	16 matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	55 matches (05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)
Longest losing run	3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006)
Longest run without win	4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)
Most goals	46 v DHK Baník Most CZE 21:46W (a), 13.10.2019
Most goals opponent	39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001
Most goals both teams	73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals	18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011 18 v WHC Vardar SCBT 24:18L (a), 04.04.2015
Fewest goals opponent	14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009
Fewest goals both teams	34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
5	Linn Christina	Blohm	SWE	Line player	20/05/1992	Stockholm, SWE	180
6	Polett	Rédecsi	HUN	Centre back	21/02/2006	Csorna, HUN	
7	Kari Brattset	Dale C	NOR	Line player	15/02/1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	180
10	Bruna Aparecida	Almeida de Paula	BRA	Left back	26/09/1996	Campestre/MG, BRA	170
11	Eun Hee	Ryu	KOR	Right back	24/02/1990	Inchon, KOR	180
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left back	23/08/1993	Oslo, NOR	194
17	Kelly	Dulfer	NED	Left back	21/03/1994	Schiedam, NED	186
19	Alexa	Györi	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/02/2004	Szombathely, HUN	181
20	Kristina	Jørgensen	DEN	Centre back	17/01/1998	Horsens, DEN	187
21	Veronica Egebakken	Kristiansen	NOR	Left back	10/07/1990	Stavanger, NOR	174
22	Viktória	Györi-Lukács	HUN	Right wing	31/10/1995	Budapest, HUN	168
23	Csege Réka	Fodor	HUN	Left wing	23/04/1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
26	Emilie Margrethe	Hovden	NOR	Right wing	05/04/1996	Bergen, NOR	168
27	Estelle Veronique	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre back	11/08/1991	St-Sébastien-sur-Loire, FRA	171
28	Bo	van Wetering	NED	Left wing	05/10/1999	Heerhugowaard, NED	172
38	Evelin	Szár	HUN	Line player	23/04/2006	Mohács, HUN	169
48	Dione	Housheer	NED	Right back	26/09/1999	Gendringen, NED	180
56	Arina	Vári	HUN	Left back	02/05/2007	Budapest, HUN	
57	Renáta	Keceli-Mészáros	HUN	Centre back	10/10/2006	Szeged, HUN	
62	Dalma	Varga	HUN	Right wing	16/12/2006	Miskolc, HUN	166
82	Maja Márta	Takács	HUN	Right back	30/07/2008	Győr, HUN	
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/10/1989	Gribskov, DEN	176
99	Hatadou	Sako	FRA	Goalkeeper	21/10/1995	Tournan en Brie, FRA	173





COACH



Per Johansson



- > Swedish coach, who arrived at Györ mid-March 2024 for the rest of the 2023/24 season to replace Ulrik Kirkely; then extended his stay after winning the EHF Champions League title for his first time
- > also worked for other CL clubs, like CSM Bucuresti and Rostov-Don
- > has coached the national teams of Sweden (2008-12), Montenegro (2017-20), and most recently the Netherlands (2022-24)
- > his biggest success as a national team coach has been winning the silver medal with Sweden at the EHF EURO 2010

CL: 2024 (as coach)
EURO: S 2010 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Kristine Breistøl | < | (Esbjerg/DEN) |
| Kelly Dulfer | < | (Ludwigsburg (Bietigheim)/GER) |
| Dione Housheer | < | (Odense/DEN) |
| Kristina Jørgensen | < | (Metz/FRA) |
| Hatadou Sako | < | (Metz/FRA) |
| Bo van Wetering | < | (Odense/DEN) |

DEPARTURES

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Júlia Farkas | > | (Budaörs/HUN, on loan) |
| Line Haugsted | > | (Esbjerg/DEN) |
| Nadine Szöllösi-Schatzl | > | (Budaörs/HUN) |
| Ana Gros | > | (Krim/SLO) |
| Silje Solberg-Östhassel | > | (Vipers/NOR) |
| Rinka Duijndam | > | (Rapid/ROU) |
| Stine Oftedal | > | (retired) |
| Yvette Broch | > | (retired) |



GOALKEEPER 

Sandra Toft

 @sandratoft89

- > Danish international, arrived at Györ in the summer of 2022 after three seasons with Brest in France
- > also played for Esbjerg, Larvik, and Holstebro in the past
- > made CL debut on her 25th birthday, in 2014 with Larvik against Metz
- > lost CL final in 2015 with Larvik and in 2021 with Brest, before winning her first CL title in 2024 with Györ
- > named IHF World Player of the Year in 2021, the first goalkeeper in 20 years to receive the award
- > broke neck and back in a 2009 car accident, but returned to the court within six months

CL: 2024; EC: 2013
 EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023; OG: B 2024



LEFT WING 

Bo van Wetering

 @bovanwetering

- > Dutch international, who arrived at Györ in 2024 from Odense
- > had moved to Denmark in 2021 from German side TuS Metzingen
- > scored 130 CL goals in total during her three seasons with Odense
- > previously played for SEW and VOC in the Netherlands, where she started her career at the renowned HandbalAcademie
- > scored 18 goals in a single game at the 2021 WCh (against Kazakhstan) – a record for the Dutch team
- > was the All-star left wing of the W19 EHF EURO 2017; won gold in her first senior WCh, in 2019

WCh: G 2019



LEFT BACK 

Estelle Nze Minko

 @estellenzeminko

- > French international, who joined Györ in 2019 after three seasons with Siófok in Hungary
- > was Györ's top scorer with 77 goals in their title-winning 2023/24 campaign
- > earlier played for five different clubs in France, including Nantes
- > started playing handball at age 12, made her debut for the national team in 2014, was MVP of EHF EURO 2020
- > led France to the world title in 2023 as the team captain
- > her nickname is Minkovic, a play on her name and a South Slavic suffix

CL: 2024; EC: 2019
 EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; OG: G 2020, S 2016, 2024; WCh: G 2017, 2023, S 2021



LEFT/CENTRE BACK 

Kristina Jørgensen

 @kristina_jorgensen

- > joined Györ in the summer of 2024 after two seasons with Metz
- > had moved to France in 2022 from Viborg HK in her native Denmark
- > made her debut in the Danish league as an 18-year-old; started her senior career in Skanderborg
- > a versatile back court player, who can play on the left or in the centre
- > a key player for Denmark's national team; silver at the Paris 2024 Olympics was her fourth medal with the team
- > named MVP of the W19 EHF EURO 2017, where Denmark won silver

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021, B 2023; OG: B 2024



CENTRE BACK 

Bruna de Paula

 @brunapaula96

- > Brazilian international, who signed for Györ in 2023 after two years with Metz Handball
- > had arrived in France in 2016 and also played for Fleury Loiret and Nantes
- > was the MVP of the EHF Finals 2021, helping Nantes seal their first-ever international trophy
- > has four sisters, were all raised by a single mother in Campestre, a town between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo
- > has become a regular fixture in the Brazil national team at a young age
- > stated that her idol in sports is football player Neymar

CL 2024; EL 2021



LINE PLAYER 

Kari Brattset Dale

 @kbrattset

- > joined from Vipers in summer of 2018; previously played for other Norwegian clubs Sarpsborg IL, Fredrikstad and Glassverket
- > made the All-Star team of CL 2021/22 season as the best defender; named MVP of 2021 WCh
- > was top scorer for Norway and MVP at the 2024 Paris Olympics, where the team won gold
- > came back in March 2023 from an absence of nearly a year, having given birth to a son, Nils, in November 2022

CL: 2019, 2024
OG: G 2024, B 2020; WCh: G 2021, S 2017, 2023;
EURO: G 2020



RIGHT BACK 

Dione Housheer

 @dionehousheer

- > a new signing for Györ in 2024, arriving from Odense
- > moved to Denmark from her native Netherlands at age 18, first joining Nykøbing for three seasons before moving to Odense in 2021
- > was Odense's top scorer in her first CL season with the club, with 79 goals
- > a Dutch international since 2017, she was a member of the team that won the world title in 2019
- > named MVP of the youth European Open Championships in 2016, and best right back of the Danish league in both 2021/22 and 2022/23

WCh: G 2019; EURO: B 2018



RIGHT WING 

Viktória Györi-Lukács

 @lukacsviki

- > Budapest-born player, who joined Györ in the summer of 2020 after nine years with FTC and one with Siófok
- > the 2024 triumph with Györ marked her first CL title; she had won the Cup Winners' Cup with FTC 12 years earlier
- > scored a personal best 68 goals and was named CL All-star right wing in the 2020/21 season
- > Hungarian international since 2014, has scored more than 300 goals since
- > got married in 2022 to fellow handball player Mátyás Györi

CL: 2024; CWC: 2012



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Estelle
Nze Minko**

@estellenzeminko

77 GOALS



**Kari
Brattset Dale**

@kbrattset

56 GOALS



**Ana
Gros**

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53 GOALS



**Viktoria
Györi-Lukács**

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49 GOALS



**Nadine
Szöllösi-Schatzl**

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48 GOALS





BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL

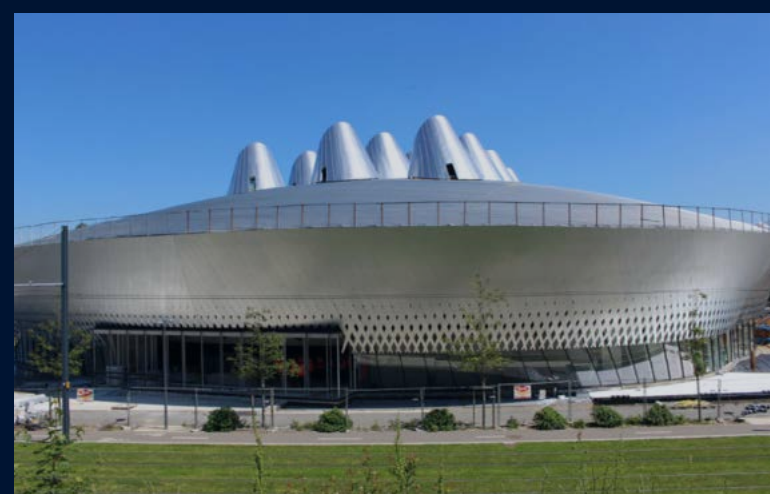
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After qualifying for the EHF FINAL4 in 2021 and even reaching the final, Brest Bretagne Handball have failed to fight for the title in the last three seasons and this time around they aim to build something for the future, with a new coach and plenty of new players.

The runners-up from the French league last season have appointed Raphaëlle Tervel as the new coach, replacing Pablo Morel, while 12 players have left and eight have joined, including right back Anna Vyakhireva, the top goal scorer of the last season.

GROUP B



BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL

MAIN FACTS

- > the runners-up in 2021, Brest Bretagne Handball are featuring in the EHF Champions League Women for the eighth consecutive season
- > from their 100 matches in Europe's top flight so far, they have won 44
- > Brest finished second in their domestic league last season — only one point behind the winners, Metz Handball
- > former France representative Raphaëlle Tervel has replaced Pablo Morel, making her debut as head coach in the EHF Champions League
- > the new coach starts with a vastly changed squad; among the players who left is Valeriia Maslova, who netted 101 times in the CL 2023/24 season even though Brest went already out in the play-offs
- > however, the squad has been replenished with the likes of Anna Vyakhireva, who was the CL 2023/24 top scorer, Méline Nocandy, Annika Lott, and Oriane Ondono

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 8

Final (1): 2020/21

Quarter-finals (2): 2019/20*, 2021/22

Play-offs (2): 2022/23, 2023/24

Main Round (1): 2018/19

Group Matches (1): 2017/18

** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 2016/17

French league: 2 titles (2012, 2021)

French cup: 3 titles (2016, 2018, 2021)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2017/18 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	6	0	0	6	132:157	-25	0:12	4th Gr. B
2018/19 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	2	3	7	326:350	-24	7:17	6th MR Gr. 1
2019/20 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	10	1	1	382:315	+67	21:3	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	20	10	6	4	562:512	+50	26:14	Runners-up
2021/22 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	18	9	2	7	489:472	+17	20:16	Quarter-finals
2022/23 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	16	5	2	9	426:433	-7	12:20	Play-offs
2023/24 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	16	8	3	5	455:426	+29	19:13	Play-offs
Total:	100	44	17	39	2,772:2,665	+107	105:95	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

10 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 30:46 (14:22) v DHK Baník Most (a), 14.01.2023

Biggest defeat 39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019

Longest winning run 6 matches (05.10.2019 – 16.11.2019)

Longest unbeaten run 10 matches (10.03.2019 – 09.02.2020)

Longest losing run 7 matches (07.10.2017 – 06.10.2018)

Longest run without win 8 matches (07.10.2017 – 13.10.2018)
8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)

Most goals 46 v DHK Baník Most CZE 30:46W (a), 14.01.2023

Most goals opponent 39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019

Most goals both teams 70 v BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER 29:41W (a), 20.09.2020

Fewest goals 17 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:17L (a), 18.11.2017

Fewest goals opponent 17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:29W (a), 08.03.2020

Fewest goals both teams 40 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 20:20D (h), 11.11.2023

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Melina	Cantin	FRA	Goalkeeper	25/11/2003	Brest, FRA	175
2	Méline	Nocandy	FRA	Centre back	25/02/1998	Saint-Claude, FRA	175
5	Carla	Broquaire	FRA	Line player	24/05/2004	Lorient, FRA	178
6	Lindsay	Kalai	FRA	Left back	18/03/2005	La Tronche, FRA	177
8	Clarisse	Mairot	FRA	Back	27/01/2001	Besançon, FRA	170
10	Coralie	Lassource	FRA	Left wing	01/09/1992	Maisons-Laffitte, FRA	170
11	Onacia	Ondono	FRA	Line player	14/04/1996	Alfortville, FRA	180
12	Floriane	André	FRA	Goalkeeper	30/05/2000	Saint-Chamond, FRA	185
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right back	13/03/1995	Volgograd, RUS	168
14	Kristina	Novak	NOR	Back	29/08/2000	Stavanger, NOR	176
15	Juliette	Faure	FRA	Centre back	23/10/1999	Ganges, FRA	164
19	Lou	Fauvarque	FRA	Centre back	04/11/2005	Arpajon, FRA	174
21	Laura	Kanor	FRA	Left wing	16/06/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	175
22	Pauletta	Foppa	FRA	Line player	22/12/2000	Amilly, FRA	177
23	Annika	Lott	GER	Left back	07/12/1999	Henstedt-Ulzberg, GER	180
24	Katharina	Filter	GER	Goalkeeper	04/02/1999	Hamburg, GER	180
25	Sarah	Obry	FRA	Left wing	05/04/2006	Metz, FRA	170
30	Siobann	Delaye	FRA	Right wing	01/06/2003	Romans-sur-Isère, FRA	173
44	Romane	Lehuault	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/04/2005	Morlaix, FRA	183
55	Pauline	Coatanea	FRA	Right wing	06/07/1993	Saint-Renan, FRA	165
63	Eva	Jarrige	FRA	Right back	17/02/2000	Clermont-Ferrand, FRA	182
75	Audrey	Dembélé	FRA	Left back	10/03/2001	Paris, FRA	183
88	Lallie	Berthonneau	FRA	Right back	29/04/2004	Morlaix, FRA	172
91	Iva	Mladenovska	MKD	Right back	14/01/2007	Skopje, MKD	180





COACH



Raphaëlle Tervel



- > former French international, who started coaching right after retiring as a player in 2014; first led Besançon for seven years, then spent one season as assistant coach with Győr in 2022/23
- > replaced Pablo Morel as head coach of Brest in the summer of 2024
- > initially a left wing and left back, she developed into a defensive specialist later in her career; played for Győr when the Hungarian side won their first two of their current six titles, in 2013 and 2014
- > played 241 matches and scored 370 goals for the France national team, helped them win the world title in 2003

CL: 2013, 2014; CWC: 2003 (as player)
WCh: G 2003, S 2009, 2011; EURO: B 2002, 2006 (as player)

ARRIVALS

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| Anna Vyakhireva | < | (Vipers/NOR) |
| Floriane Andre | < | (Nantes/FRA) |
| Méline Nocandy | < | (Paris 92/FRA) |
| Clarisse Mairot | < | (Besançon/FRA) |
| Annika Lott | < | (Thüringer HC/GER) |
| Kristina Novak | < | (Sola/NOR) |
| Laura Kanor | < | (Rapid/ROU) |
| Oriane Ondono | < | (Nantes/FRA) |

DEPARTURES

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|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Jenny Carlsson | > | (Ludwigsburg/GER) |
| Julie Foggea | > | (Valcea/ROU) |
| Cléopâtre Darleux | > | (Chambray/FRA) |
| Constance Mauny | > | (Chambray/FRA) |
| Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa | > | (Vipers/NOR) |
| Merel Freriks | > | (Vipers/NOR) |
| Aïssatou Kouyaté | > | (Rapid/ROU) |
| Hawa N'diaye | > | (Krim/SLO) |
| Alicia Toublanc | > | (Valcea/ROU) |
| Valeriia Maslova | > | (FTC/HUN) |
| Djurdjina Jaukovic | > | (CSM/ROU) |



GOALKEEPER 

Katharina Filter

 @kathifilter

- > German international, both for the indoor and beach national teams
- > arrived at Brest in summer of 2023 after one season with København
- > played most of her career for German side Buxtehuder SV, but also spent a year at the youth academy of Viborg
- > made her national team debut in April 2021; played for Germany at Paris 2024 Olympics
- > four-time gold medallist in beach handball, winning the EURO in 2021 and 2023, and both the WCh and World Games in 2022



LEFT WING 

Coralie Lassource

 @lassourcecoralie

- > born in France to parents from Martinique, she lived on the Caribbean Island for five years until she was 14
- > her sister, Deborah, is also an international handball player
- > she was teammates with her sister at Paris 92 between 2014 and 2017
- > signed for Brest in 2019 and won her first trophies – the league title and the French Cup in 2021
- > known for her defensive abilities in the back court, she was the best defender in the French league in 2016 and the 2021 WCh All-star left wing

OG: G 2020, B 2024; WCh: S 2021, G 2023;
EURO: S 2020



LEFT BACK 

Annika Lott

 @anni_lott

- > German international, signing for Brest in 2024 marked her first foreign club experience
- > previously played for Buxtehude and Thüringer HC; led THC to the EHF Finals 2023 as the competition's top scorer that season, with 86 goals
- > had joined Leverkusen at age 16
- > a tall shooter, who went through all German youth and junior national teams before making her debut in the senior team in November 2020



CENTRE BACK 

Méline Nocandy

 @meline_nocandy

- > French international, who returns to the CL with Brest in 2024/25 after two seasons with Paris 92
- > joined Metz as a 17-year-old in 2015 and spent seven seasons with them
- > born on the same island (Guadeloupe) as the Kanor sisters, who are her best friends off the court
- > made her national team debut at age 21; has meanwhile won five medals, including Olympic and world titles
- > her speed and one-on-one abilities made her the best young player of the French league in 2018/19

WCh: G 2023, S 2021; OG: G 2020, S 2024;
EURO: S 2020




LINE PLAYER 


Oriane Ondono

 @orianeondono


- > started playing handball when she was 13, at AS Cannes
- > made her debut in the French league aged 22, for Fleury Loiret, then spent three years at Nantes
- > signed for Brest in the summer of 2024; entering her first CL season
- > called up to the France national team for the first time in 2019
- > part of the team which won gold at the 2023 WCh and silver at France's home Olympics in Paris in 2024

WCh: G 2023, S 2021; OG: S 2024



LINE PLAYER 

Pauletta Foppa

 @pauletta.sorea

- > French international, whose star has been rising in recent seasons
- > was named in the All-star Teams of the CL 2020/21, the OG 2020, the 2021 WCh, and EHF EURO 2022
- > at 17, one of the youngest players to make their debut in the French national team – in November 2018, just before their home EHF EURO
- > scored a personal best 68 CL goals for Brest in the 2023/24 season
- > still only 23 at the start of the 2024/25 season, she enters her seventh season in the CL

EURO: G 2018, S 2020; OG: G 2020, S 2024; WCh: G 2023, S 2021



RIGHT BACK 

Anna Vyakhireva

 @annavyakhireva13

- > signed for Brest in the summer of 2024 after spending two years at Vipers, her first club outside Russia
- > was the CL top scorer in 2023/24 with 113 goals, raising her career tally to 485 goals in Europe's top flight
- > took a break from handball after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, returned to the courts in the spring of 2022
- > named CL All-star right back twice; also MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2023, when Vipers won their third title
- > her father, Viktor Vyakhirev, was a coach; her sister, Polina Kuznetsova, plays professionally as a left wing

CL: 2023; EC: 2017
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: B 2019



RIGHT WING 

Pauline Coatanea

 @pcoatanea_55

- > born in Brest, she moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown in 2017; currently the longest-serving player at the club
- > reached CL final with Brest in 2021
- > was All-star right wing at 2012 Junior WCh, and best right wing in French league in 2018
- > has scored more than 100 goals for France since making her senior national team debut in March 2017
- > has a degree in chemistry, also did an internship with a cosmetic company developing skincare products

OG: G 2020; EURO: G 2018, S 2020



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Valeriia
Maslova**

@lrmasslova_

101 GOALS



**Pauletta
Foppa**

@pauletta.sorea

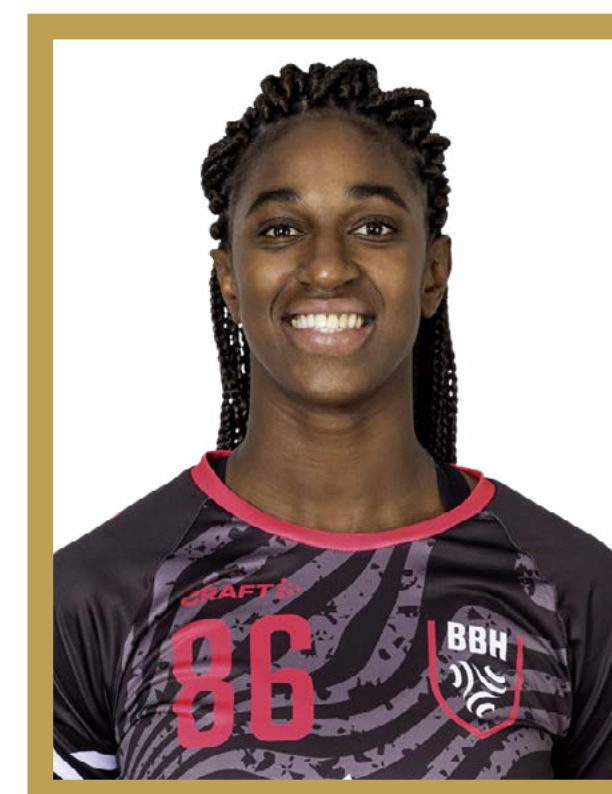
68 GOALS



**Alicia
Toublanc**

@blantouu

51 GOALS



**Alexandrina
Barbosa**

@shandybarbosa86

50 GOALS



**Coralie
Lassource**

@lassourcecoralie

36 GOALS



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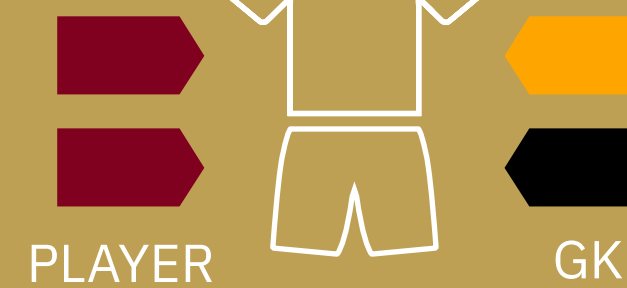
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5,000

KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



After their fantastic debut in the EHF Champions League Women two seasons ago, when they made the quarter-finals, CS Rapid Bucuresti have made a step back last season, finishing outside of the first six places in the group phase and thus missing out on the knockout stages.

This time around, the Romanian side, runners-up to CSM in the domestic league last season, have an experienced, albeit injury-prone core, with several high-profile players returning to the team and hoping to deliver the consistent performance which Rapid missed out on last time around.

GROUP B



CS RAPID BUCURESTI

MAIN FACTS

- > Rapid enter their third consecutive season in the EHF Champions League Women; they made the quarter-finals in 2022/23, but missed out on a place in the knockout phase in the 2023/24 season
- > the Romanian club has a rich international history even before the EHF era, winning the IHF Champions Cup in 1964 and the IHF Cup in 1993
- > the Romanian side finished second in the domestic league last season, behind CSM Bucuresti
- > former assistant coach David Ginesta Montes, who took over as head coach in the autumn of 2023, will lead the team again in 2024/25
- > the squad lost a key player in Orlane Kanor, but has brought in wings Polina Petrovna Gorshkova and Sara Ristovska, while the team's most prolific scorer, Sorina Grozav, has returned from maternity leave
- > Rapid have won 14 matches so far from their 32 played in Europe's top flight, with 10 of those wins coming on their home court

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 3

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Group phase (1): 2023/24

Other

City Cup: Winners 2000

Romanian league: 6 titles (1961-63, 1967, 2003, 2022)

Romanian cup: 1 title (2004)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2022/23 CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	18	10	2	6	551:528	+23	22:14	Quarter-finals
2023/24 CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	14	4	1	9	366:399	-33	9:19	7th Gr. B
Total:	32	14	3	15	917:927	-10	31:33	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

3 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

6 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

39 GOALS
Most goals

Biggest win 39:29 (17:12) v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE (h), 08.01.2023

Biggest defeat 40:31 (18:18) v Vipers Kristiansand NOR (a), 06.05.2023
33:22 (16:10) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 22.10.2023

Longest winning run 3 matches (11.12.2022 – 08.01.2023)

Longest unbeaten run 6 matches (10.09.2022 – 23.10.2022)

Longest losing run 5 matches (18.11.2023 – 04.02.2024)

Longest run without win 5 matches (18.11.2023 – 04.02.2024)

Most goals 39 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 39:29W (h), 08.01.2023

Most goals opponent 40 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 40:31L (a), 06.05.2023

Most goals both teams 71 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 40:31L (a), 06.05.2023

Fewest goals 20 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 20:23L (h), 04.02.2024

Fewest goals opponent 21 v MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL 21:24W (a), 10.02.2024

Fewest goals both teams 43 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 20:23L (h), 04.02.2024

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Lara	González Ortega	ESP	Left back	22/02/1992	Alicante, ESP	186
3	Polina Petrovna	Gorshkova	RUS	Left wing	22/11/1989	Samara, RUS	172
7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi C	ROU	Centre back	01/08/1993	Baia Mare, ROU	177
10	Albertina	Da Cruz Kassoma	ANG	Line player	12/06/1996	Luanda, ANG	194
12	Diana Cristiana	Ciucu	ROU	Goalkeeper	01/06/2000	Craiova, ROU	180
16	Denisa Stefania	Sandru	ROU	Goalkeeper	27/09/1994	Brasov, ROU	182
17	Marta	López Herrero	ESP	Right wing	04/02/1990	Malaga, ESP	168
19	Aïssatou	Kouyaté	FRA	Right back	19/04/1995	Clichy, FRA	183
20	Dorina	Korsós	HUN	Left wing	03/09/1995	Kecskemet, HUN	169
22	Catalina	Dascalu	ROU	Right back	22/01/2005	Botosani, ROU	177
24	Angela Stefania	Stoica	ROU	Left back	24/08/2003	Strejnicu, ROU	186
27	Lorena Gabriela	Ostase	ROU	Line player	25/07/1997	Vaslui, ROU	179
30	Rinka	Duijndam	NED	Goalkeeper	06/08/1997	Wateringen, NED	178
34	Alicia	Fernández Fraga	ESP	Right back	21/12/1992	Valdovino, ESP	172
44	Ainhoa	Hernández Serrador	ESP	Line player	27/04/1994	Barakaldo, ESP	180
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Centre back	05/08/1992	Arnhem, NED	174
88	Andjela	Janjusevic	SRB	Right back	18/06/1995	Belgrade, SRB	181
90	Milena	Raicevic	MNE	Centre back	12/03/1990	Podgorica, MNE	178
91	Sara	Ristovska	MKD	Right wing	09/09/1996	Skopje, MKD	169
96	Alina	Ilie	ROU	Right back	13/05/1996	Balcesti, ROU	179
99	Sorina Maria	Grozav	ROU	Left back	27/05/1999	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	175





COACH



**David
Ginesta Montes**



- > Spanish coach, who arrived at Rapid in 2020 as an assistant to Carlos Viver
- > stayed in that role under Kim Rasmussen, but took over as head coach in October 2023 after the Danish coach and the club had parted ways
- > quarter-finalists in their debut CL 2022/23 season, Rapid failed to make it out of the group phase under Ginesta in 2023/24
- > has learned Romanian since signing with Rapid, now speaks the language
- > played for Granollers in the EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup two decades ago, later coached the Spanish club in the EHF Cup 2017/18 and 2018/19

ARRIVALS

- Rinka Duijndam < (Győr/HUN)
- Polina Petrovna Gorshkova < (CSKA/RUS)
- Angela Ștefania Stoica < (CSM/ROU)
- Sara Ristovska < (CSKA/RUS)
- Aïssatou Kouyaté < (Brest/FRA)
- Catalina Dascalu < (Turda/ROU)

DEPARTURES

- Orlane Kanor > (FTC/HUN)
- Laura Kanor > (Brest/FRA)
- Raluca Petrus > (retired)
- Ivana Kapitanovic > (Gloria 2018/ROU)
- Alexandra Badea > (Gloria Buzau/ROU)
- Mathilde Neesgaard > (Horsens/DEN)



GOALKEEPER 

Rinka Duijndam

 @rinkaduijndam

- > Dutch international, who joined Rapid in 2024 after playing one season and winning the CL with Györ
- > went abroad at age 18, first to Germany, where she played for Bad Wildungen, Dortmund, and THC
- > took a break from handball in early 2022 following a burn-out, but came back strong at Norwegian side Sola, earning her a transfer to Györ
- > national team player since 2017; part of the Netherlands squad that won the 2019 WCh in Japan
- > shares the goalkeeper position in the national team with Yara ten Holte

CL: 2024
WCh: G 2019; EURO: B 2018



LEFT WING 

Polina Gorshkova

 @polinagorshkova03

- > experienced Russian international, who arrived at Rapid in 2024 for her first club abroad
- > previously played five seasons for CSKA in Moscow
- > born in Togliatti, she spent more than a decade at local club Lada
- > already made her CL debut for Lada in 2006/07, later won the EHF Cup twice before moving to CSKA in 2019
- > was dropped from the Russian national team shortly before the 2016 Olympics, but returned five years later and won silver at the Tokyo Games

EC: 2012, 2014
OG: S 2020



LEFT BACK 

Sorina Grozav

 @sorinatirca

- > talented left back, who signed for Rapid in the summer of 2021; returns after becoming a mother in April 2024
- > was the team's best scorer with 146 goals in their Romanian title-winning season 2021/22, and with 72 goals in their debut CL season 2022/23
- > previously played for Brasov, the only other club in her career so far
- > was the top scorer of W17 EHF EURO 2015 and W19 EHF EURO 2017
- > daughter of Romania national team top scorer Mariana Tirca, who scored more than 1,500 goals and won the CL with Podravka in 1996



CENTRE BACK 

Milena Raicevic

 @mraicevic90

- > joined Rapid in the winter of 2023, the second foreign club for the long-standing Buducnost player, who also spent a year at Kastamonu in Türkiye
- > started her career at Buducnost in 2007 and won the CL twice with them
- > key player for the Montenegrin national team over many years
- > was part of the team that won Olympic silver and EHF EURO gold in 2012, scored over 500 times in total for the national team
- > twin sister Dragana also played handball; their brother Ivan is a football player

CL: 2012, 2015; CWC 2010
EURO: G 2012, B 2022; OG: S 2012



CENTRE BACK 

Estavana Polman

 @estavana

- > one of the best-known faces of Dutch women's handball for many years, a stalwart of the national team
- > left the Netherlands in 2011 to join SønderjyskE and later Esbjerg in Denmark
- > spent nine years at Esbjerg before moving to Nykøbing and ultimately Rapid in the autumn of 2022
- > was the All-star centre back and MVP of the 2019 WCh, where the Netherlands won gold
- > her partner is former Dutch football international Rafael van der Vaart; they have one daughter, Jesslynn, who was born in July 2017

WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017
EURO: S 2016, B 2018



LINE PLAYER 

Lorena Ostase

 @lorwrena

- > regarded one of the most talented line players of her generation
- > initially put aside several offers and stayed at CSM Slatina in the lower ranks of the Romanian league, until joining Rapid in 2022
- > scored 45 times for Rapid in her debut CL season in 2022/23
- > won gold and made the All-star Team at the 2014 Youth WCh in Russia
- > playing for Romania national team since 2019, sharing court time with Crina Pintea



RIGHT BACK 

Andjela Janjusevic

 @janjusevic.andjela

- > Serbian international, who joined Rapid in the autumn of 2022
- > was second-best scorer for Rapid in CL 2023/24 season, with 51 goals
- > previously played for Gloria Buzau in Romania; also had two stints at Siófok, and won the EHF Cup with the Hungarian side
- > has been a regular for Serbia's national team since 2014; only missed the 2017 WCh due to injury

EC: 2019



RIGHT WING 

Marta Lopez Herrero

 @martalh17

- > arrived at Rapid from Romanian league rivals Ramnicu Valcea in 2021
- > Rapid are her fourth club in the CL, after previously playing in the top flight with Fleury Loiret, Bera Bera (qualification), and Ramnicu Valcea
- > named best right wing of the French League in 2013 and 2014, when playing for Fleury
- > former Spanish international, who returned in 2019 after a three-year break to help Spain win silver at the World Championship in Japan
- > retired from the national team after the Paris 2024 Olympics

EHF EURO: S 2014, OG: B 2012, WCh: S 2019



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Dorina
Korsós**

@korsosdorina

54 GOALS



**Andjela
Janjusevic**

@janjusevic.andjela

51 GOALS



**Orlane
Kanor**

@orlane_kanor

47 GOALS



**Marta
Lopéz Herrero**

@martalh17

38 GOALS



**Albertina
Kassoma**

@albertinakassoma

36 GOALS





ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

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Capacity:

2,236

KIT COLOURS

LIGHT



DARK



The big dream of Odense Håndbold remains an EHF FINAL4 berth, which evaded them twice in the past two seasons after being eliminated in the quarter-finals. Most recently, they lost to eventual finalists Bietigheim (now Ludwigsburg) in the 2023/24 quarter-finals.

It has been a tricky summer for Odense, runners-up last season in the domestic league, losing eight players, including key ones on various positions. But four new arrivals have been brought in, as coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad looks to have a challenge on his hands.

GROUP B

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ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

MAIN FACTS

- > Odense Håndbold enter their sixth – and fifth consecutive – season in the EHF Champions League Women
- > the Danish side qualified for the EHF Champions League as the runners-up of the domestic competition, behind Esbjerg
- > Odense have been to the quarter-finals three times, most recently last season, but are yet to qualify for the EHF FINAL4
- > Norwegian coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad, who won the title three times with Vipers, is into his second season at Odense
- > eight players have left the club, including Dutch trio Bo van Wetering, Dione Housheer, and Larissa Nusser; experienced players Helene Fauske, Louise Burgaard, and Lisa Tchapchet have joined

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2024/25 season): 6
Quarter-finals (3): 2018/19, 2022/23, 2023/24
Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

EHF Cup: Semi-finals 2019/20; Quarter-finals 2015/16
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2013/14

Danish league: 2 titles (2021, 2022)

Danish cup: 1 title (2021)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SUMMARY	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	Stage
2018/19 Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22	12:16	Quarter-finals
2020/21 Odense Håndbold DEN	16	7	1	8	446:435	+11	15:17	Play-offs
2021/22 Odense Håndbold DEN	16	8	1	7	456:439	+17	17:15	Play-offs
2022/23 Odense Håndbold DEN	18	9	1	8	513:491	+22	19:17	Quarter-finals
2023/24 Odense Håndbold DEN	14	11	1	4	519:419	+100	23:9	Quarter-finals
Total:	80	40	6	34	2,289:2,161	+128	86:74	



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
CLUB RECORDS

6	MATCHES Longest winning run
6	MATCHES Longest unbeaten run
44	GOALS Most goals

Biggest win	20:44 (11:21) v IK Sävehof SWE (a), 11.11.2023
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest losing run	3 matches (09.03.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Longest run without win	3 matches (23.01.2021 – 14.02.2021) 3 matches (29.04.2023 – 09.09.2023)
Most goals	44 v IK Sävehof SWE 20:44W (a), 11.11.2023
Most goals opponent	41 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Most goals both teams	71 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:36W (a), 07.03.2021 71 v CSM Bucuresti 40:31L (a), 14.01.2023 71 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 42:29W (h), 29.10.2023
Fewest goals	19 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018 19 v Rostov-Don RUS 25:19L (a), 09.03.2019
Fewest goals opponent	17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:33W (a), 18.10.2020 17 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 17:33W (a), 10.02.2024
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
3	Maren Nyland	Aardahl C	NOR	Line player	02/03/1994	Trondheim, NOR	183
6	Malin	Larsen Aune	NOR	Right wing	04/03/1995	Ranheim, NOR	165
8	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Centre back	31/01/1997	Bærum NOR	176
10	Anna Blyme	Grundtvig	DEN	Left wing	27/09/1995	Copenhagen, DEN	169
12	Andrea Nørklit	Jørgensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/08/2006	DEN	185
16	Althea Rebecca	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01/09/1996	Aarhus, DEN	179
17	Julie Groth	Persson	DEN	Right back	15/02/2006	DEN	177
20	Lysa	Tchaptchet Defo	ESP	Line player	20/12/2001	Yaoundé, CAM	185
22	Ragnhild	Valle Dahl	NOR	Left back	02/01/1998	Elnesvågen, NOR	183
23	Elma	Halilcevic	DEN	Left wing	18/06/2000	Esbjerg, DEN	168
27	Louise Katharina	Vinter Burgaard	DEN	Right back	17/10/1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
28	Clara	Skyum Thomsen	DEN	Right back	27/08/2001	Nyborg, DEN	175
32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Left back	24/10/1997	Randers, DEN	173
33	Thale	Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	Left back	15/01/2000	Porsgrunn, NOR	178
34	Andrea	Aagot Hansen	DEN	Right wing	22/05/2000	Frederiksberg, DEN	178
38	Yara	ten Holte	NED	Goalkeeper	23/11/1999	Amsterdam, NED	175
44	Nikita	van der Vliet	NED	Line player	14/03/2000	Zaandam, NED	174
68	Helena Elver	Hagesø	DEN	Centre back	01/03/1998	Gentofte, DEN	168





COACH



Ole Gustav Gjekstad



- > left Vipers to become Odense head coach in 2023, replacing Ulrik Kirkely
- > had joined Vipers in 2018 and led them to three straight EHF Champions League titles – in 2021, 2022, and 2023
- > worked at Larvik from 2011 to 2015, his second stint with that club, having also coached there between 1999 and 2005
- > as a player, he scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team, playing as a right wing
- > his son, Hermann, also plays handball, for Viking Stavanger

CL: 2021, 2022, 2023 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

- Lysa Tchaptchet Defo < (Vipers/NOR)
- Louise Burgaard < (Metz/FRA)
- Helene Fauske < (Nantes/FRA)
- Anna Grundtvig < (Ajax København/DEN)
- Andrea Nørklit Jørgensen < (GOG/DEN)

DEPARTURES

- Dione Housheer > (Győr/HUN)
- Bo van Wetering > (Győr/HUN)
- Freja Hammer > (Aranmare/JAP)
- Larissa Nusser > (Vipers/NOR)
- Sidsel Mejlvang > (retired)
- Mia Rej Frahm > (no club)
- Tonje Løseth > (no club)



GOALKEEPER

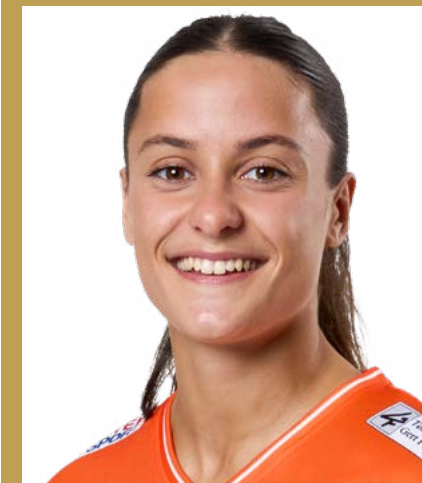


Althea Reinhardt

@altheareinhardt

- > joined Odense in 2016 from Roskilde; also played for Nykøbing in the past
- > created an excellent partnership with Sandra Toft in Danish national team
- > one of the best penalty shot stoppers: saved five from 13 at EHF EURO 2020, and six from 13 at EHF EURO 2016
- > appeared on a mural in Copenhagen during the 2021 WCh, depicting a shot hitting her face
- > good friends with teammate Mie Højlund: they studied law together and built a website: mithea.dk

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2023, 2021, OG: B 2024



LEFT WING



Elma Halilcevic

@elmahalilcevic14

- > arrived at Odense in the summer of 2023 after two seasons with Danish league rivals Nykøbing
- > had breakthrough season in 2022/23, scoring 83 goals for Nykøbing in EL
- > born in Esbjerg to Bosnian parents; began her career at Team Esbjerg
- > played three seasons in Esbjerg's senior squad, including two in the EHF Champions League
- > won silver at her first major event, the EHF EURO 2022, and played in all eight games for Denmark

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2023



LEFT BACK

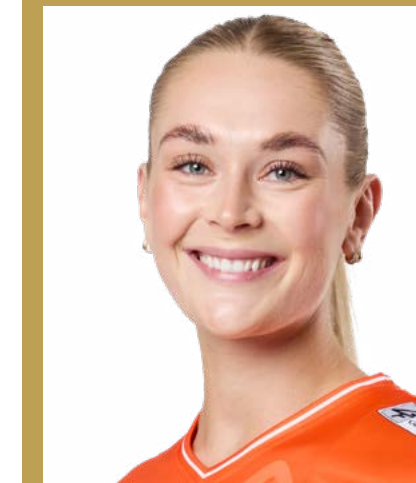


Mie Højlund

@miehjlund

- > one of the longest-tenured players at Odense, signing for the side from Randers in 2017
- > her performances when she won gold at W19 EHF EURO 2015 and 2016 Junior WCh with Denmark marked out her huge potential
- > went on to win WCh bronze in 2021 and 2023, and EHF EURO 2022 silver as an established member of national team
- > studied law together with Althea Reinhardt, they run the website mithea.dk together

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021, 2023; OG: B 2024



LEFT BACK



Ragnhild Valle Dahl

@bovanwetering

- > arrived at Odense in 2023 for her first experience outside her native Norway
- > moved to Vipers in 2019 from Molde HK; was once top scorer and All-star left back of the Norwegian league
- > part of the three successive CL triumphs with Vipers
- > took silver with Norway at 2018 Junior WCh in Hungary, playing alongside Henny Reistad
- > made her debut for the senior team in 2022, won EHF EURO that year

CL: 2021, 2022, 2023

EURO: G 2022



CENTRE BACK 

Helena Elver

 @elverh

- > Danish international, who has been playing for Odense since 2020
- > played for only two other clubs: Gudme HK and Aarhus United
- > won bronze at 2023 WCh and the Paris 2024 Olympics
- > champion of the W17 EHF EURO 2015 with Denmark; won silver at Youth WCh the following year
- > has recovered and come back from three severe knee injuries in her career: in 2017, 2020 and 2021

WCh: B 2023, OG: B 2024



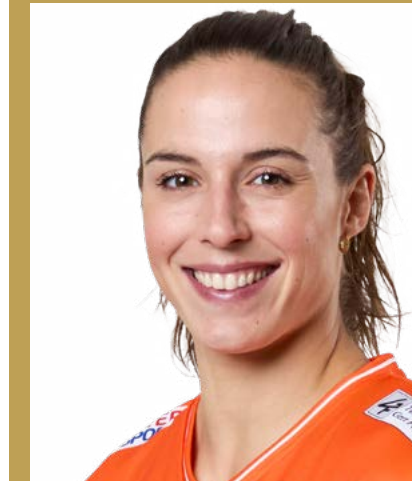
LINE PLAYER 

Maren Aardahl

 @marenaardahl


- > Norwegian international, who started as back before becoming line player
- > played for Byåsen until 2019, then one season each for Bietigheim in Germany and Ramnicu Valcea in Romania, before joining Odense
- > made her debut for Norway in October 2021 and won the world title two months later; has meanwhile also won gold at EHF EURO (2022) and Olympic (2024) events
- > also a prolific beach handball player; named MVP and won gold at EHF Beach Handball EURO 2017

EURO: G 2022; WCh: G 2021, S 2023; OG: G 2024



RIGHT BACK 

Louise Burggaard

 @louiburggaard

- > experienced international, returning to Denmark and arriving at Odense in 2024 after five years in France
- > joined Metz in 2019 as part of a group of Danish players moving to France that summer
- > debuted in Danish league with Vejen at age 17; national team player since age 19 and won first medal in 2013
- > also played for Holstebro, Viborg and Ikast; played CL with each of those teams, and won the Cup Winners' Cup with Viborg

WCh: G 2019, EHF EURO: B 2018



RIGHT WING 

Malin Aune

 @malinaune

- > returned to Scandinavia in 2023 from a two-year stint at CSM Bucuresti; had only played in Norway before that
- > previously played for Vipers; left after they won their first CL title in 2021
- > Norwegian international since 2015, is a three-time EHF EURO winner
- > is a certified nurse, helped at hospitals during the Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020 and 2021
- > her older brother, Joakim, was a World Cup ski jumper until his retirement in 2020

CL: 2021
EURO: G 2016, 2020, 2022; WCh: G 2021, S 2023



LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS



**Maren
Aardahl**

@marenaardahl

76 GOALS



**Dione
Housheer**

@dionehousheer

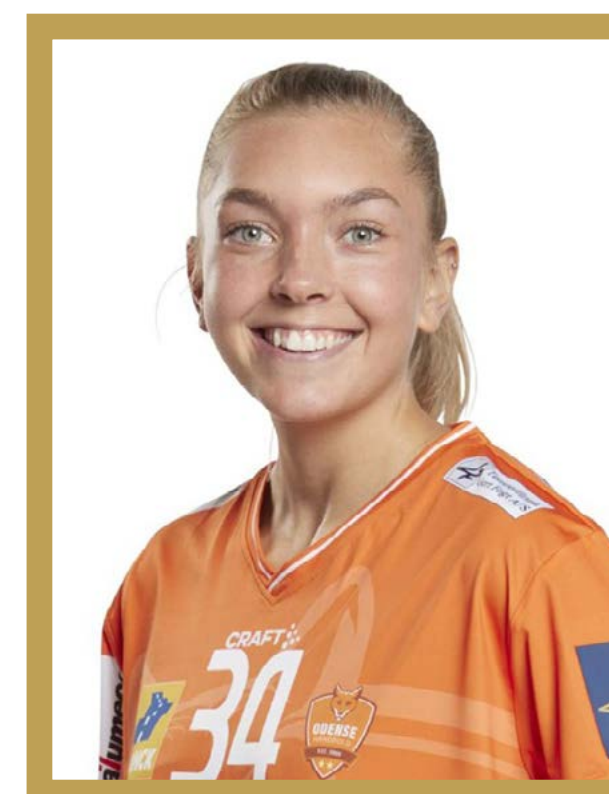
58 GOALS



**Elma
Halilcevic**

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55 GOALS



**Andrea
Aagot Hansen**

@andreaaagot

55 GOALS



**Mie
Højlund**

@miehjlund

54 GOALS



HISTORY





**113
GOALS**

ANNA VYAKHIREVA

Vipers Kristiansand



Season	Player	Club	Goals
2023/24	Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	113
2022/23	Henny Reistad (NOR)	Team Esberg (DEN)	142
2021/22	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	110
2020/21	Ana Gros (SLO)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	135
2019/20	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	ZRK Buducnost (MNE)	97
2018/19	Linn Jørum Sulland (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	89
2017/18	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	110
2016/17	Andrea Penezic (CRO)	HC Vardar (MKD)	98
2015/16	Isabelle Gulldén (SWE)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	108
2014/15	Andrea Penezic (CRO)	HC Vardar (MKD)	102
	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	ZRK Buducnost (MNE)	102
2013/14	Anita Görbicz (HUN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	87



**1,141
GOALS**

JOVANKA RADICEVIC

Krim Mercator Ljubljana



Club of 1,000	Player	Current / last club	Goals*
1.	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	1,141
2.	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	1,132
3.	Andrea Lekic (SRB)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	1,032
4.	Anita Görbicz (HUN)	retired / Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	1,016

* last updated: 2 June 2024 (after EHF FINAL4 Women 2024);
goals scored in qualification do not count towards all-time ranking



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TITLES

GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC

Season	Champions	Runners-up	Result*
2023/24	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)	30:24
2022/23	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	28:24
2021/22	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	33:31
2020/21	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	34:28
2019/20	<i>no title awarded</i>		
2018/19	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	25:24
2017/18	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	HC Vardar (MKD)	27:26 after overtime
2016/17	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	HC Vardar (MKD)	31:30 after overtime
2015/16	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	29:26 after shootout
2014/15	ZRK Buducnost (MNE)	Larvik HK (DEN)	26:22
2013/14	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	ZRK Buducnost (MNE)	27:21
2012/13	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	Larvik HK (NOR)	47:43 (24:21, 23:22)
2011/12	ZRK Buducnost (MNE)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	54:54 (27:29/27:25)
2010/11	Larvik HK (NOR)	SD Itaxko (ESP)	47:46 (23:21/24:25)
2009/10	Viborg HK (DEN)	Oltchim Râmnicu Vâlcea (ROU)	60:52 (28:21/32:31)
2008/09	Viborg HK (DEN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	50:49 (24:26/26:23)
2007/08	Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	56:53 (25:24/31:29)
2006/07	Slagelse FH (DEN)	Lada Togliatti (RUS)	61:53 (29:29/32:24)
2005/06	Viborg HK (DEN)	Krim Ljubljana (SLO)	44:43 (24:22/20:21)
2004/05	Slagelse FH (DEN)	Kometal Gjorce Petrov (MKD)	54:43 (27:23/27:20)
2003/04	Slagelse FH (DEN)	Krim Ljubljana (SLO)	61:56 (25:24/36:32)
2002/03	Krim Ljubljana (SLO)	Mar Valencia (ESP)	63:58 (27:30/36:28)
2001/02	Kometal Gjorce Petrov (MKD)	Ferencvárosi TC (HUN)	51:49 (25:27/26:22)
2000/01	Krim Ljubljana (SLO)	Viborg HK (DEN)	47:41 (22:22/25:19)
1999/00	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	Kometal Gjorce Petrov (MKD)	52:45 (32:23/20:22)
1998/99	Dunaferr NK (HUN)	Krim Ljubljana (SLO)	51:49 (25:23/26:26)
1997/98	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	Mar Valencia (ESP)	56:47 (28:21/28:26)
1996/97	Mar Valencia (ESP)	Viborg HK (DEN)	58:50 (35:26/23:24)
1995/96	Podravka Koprivnica (CRO)	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	38:37 (13:17/25:20)
1994/95	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	Podravka Koprivnica (CRO)	40:36 (14:17/26:19)
1993/94	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	Vasas Budapest (HUN)	45:39 (20:18/25:21)

* 1994-2013: two-leg final with home and away matches;
since 2014: one final match at EHF FINAL4 in Budapest;
2019/20: season cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic



7 TITLES

KATRINE LUNDE

Vipers Kristiansand



Titles/clubs	Player	Clubs
7 / 3	Katrine Lunde (NOR)	Viborg (DEN), Györ (HUN), Vipers (NOR)
6 / 2	Jana Knedlikova (CZE)	Györ (HUN), Vipers (NOR)
	Ausra Fridrikas (AUT)	Hypo (AUT), Slagelse (DEN)
6 / 3	Nora Mørk (NOR)	Larvik (NOR), Györ (HUN), Vipers (NOR)
	Bojana Popovic (MNE)	Slagelse (DEN), Viborg (DEN), Buducnost (MNE)
5 / 1	Eduarda Amorim (BRA)	Györ (HUN)
	Anita Görbicz (HUN)	Györ (HUN)
5 / 3	Heidi Løke (NOR)	Larvik (NOR), Györ (HUN), Vipers (NOR)
4 / 1	Rima Sypkus (AUT)	Hypo (AUT)
	Tanja Dshandshagava (AUT)	Hypo (AUT)
4 / 2	Zsuzanna Tomori (HUN)	Györ (HUN), Vipers (NOR)
	Cristina Varzaru (ROU)	Viborg (DEN), CSM Bucuresti (ROU)
4 / 3	Katarina Bulatovic (MNE)	Slagelse (DEN), Buducnost (MNE), Györ (HUN)
3 / 1	Adrienn Orbán, Sára Afentaler, Bernadett Bódi, Tamara Pál, Szidónia Puhalák, Csenge Fodor (all HUN), Kari Grimsbø, Stine Oftedal (both NOR), Nycke Groot, Yvette Broch (both NED)	all Györ (HUN)
	Chao Zhai (CHN), Grit Jurack (GER)	
	Lene Lund-Nielsen, Rikke Skov, Louise Bager-Nørgaard (all DEN)	all Viborg (DEN)
	Iris Morhammer, Stanca Bozovic (both AUT)	both Hypo (AUT)
	Mette Melgaard (DEN)	Slagelse (DEN)
3 / 2	Anja Freser (SLO)	Krim (SLO), Slagelse (DEN)
	Luminita Hutupan (Dinu) (ROU)	Krim (SLO), Kometal (MKD)
	Cecilie Leganger (NOR)	Slagelse (DEN), Larvik (NOR)
	Maja Savic (MNE)	Slagelse (DEN), Buducnost (MNE)
	Anja Althaus (GER)	Viborg (DEN), Györ (HUN)

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All-time standings EHF Champions League 1993-2024

#	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	Points	SP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	290	219	21	50	8,522:7,159	+1,363	459:121	(21)	79.14%
2	WHC Buducnost MNE	320	160	26	134	8,339:8,243	+96	346:294	(28)	54.06%
3	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	316	137	20	159	8,412:8,541	-129	294:338	(29)	46.52%
4	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	242	121	20	101	6,679:6,536	+140	262:222	(23)	54.13%
5	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5,285:5,002	+283	252*:144	(23)	63.64%
6	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5,424:5,072	+352	240:164	(20)	59.41%
7	Metz Handball FRA	194	106	13	75	5,270:4,970	+300	225:163	(18)	57.99%
8	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4,565:4,323	+242	186:142	(17)	56.71%
9	CSM Bucuresti ROU	144	82	11	51	3,904:3,594	+310	175:113	(10)	60.76%
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3,769:3,688	+81	153:139	(13)	52.40%
11	Rostov-Don RUS	98	65	7	26	2,570:2,309	+261	137:59	(7)	69.90%
12	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	108	63	8	37	3,158:2,893	+265	134:82	(8)	62.04%
13	Ikast Handbold DEN	126	58	10	58	3,328:3,323	+5	126:126	(11)	50.00%
14	Team Esbjerg DEN	96	56	7	33	2,798:2,583	+215	119:73	(7)	61.98%
15	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	166	55	8	103	4,131:4,565	-434	118:214	(23)	35.54%
16	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2,272:1,959	+313	116:40	(5)	74.36%
17	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2,658:2,582	+76	107:93	(12)	53.50%
18	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	100	44	17	39	2,772:2,665	+107	105:95	(8)	52.50%

* = point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

All-time standings EHF Champions League 1993-2024

19	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
20	Odense Håndbold DEN	80	40	6	34	2289:2161	+128	86:74	(6)	53,75%
21	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
22	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
23	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
24	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
25	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
26	HB Ludwigsburg ** GER	74	22	5	47	2021:2141	-120	49:99	(7)	33,11%
35	CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	32	14	3	15	917:927	-10	31:33	(3)	48,44%
51	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	12	4	1	7	303:333	-30	9:15	(2)	37,50%
52	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	16	4	1	11	429:466	-37	9:23	(2)	28,13%
NR	CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	0.00%

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- (x) = number of seasons played (including 2024/25)

- x% = winning percentage

- **bold** = part of 2024/25 group phase

- * = point deducted by official decision / ** = formerly known as SG BBM Bietigheim

Biggest win:

- 26** Ferencvaros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997
- 25** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 25** Metz Handball FRA vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022
- 24** BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 24** Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 24** FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs DHK Banik Most CZE 43:19 (20:11), 17.12.2022
- 24** Odense Håndbold DEN @ IK Sävehof SWE 20:44 (11:21), 11.11.2023
- 23** HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 23** SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022

Biggest home win:

- 26** Ferencvaros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997
- 25** Metz Handball FRA vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022
- 24** BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 24** Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 24** FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs DHK Banik Most CZE 43:19 (20:11), 17.12.2022

Biggest away win:

- 25** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 24** Odense Håndbold DEN @ IK Sävehof SWE 20:44 (11:21), 11.11.2023
- 23** HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 23** SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 22** Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:43 (15:20), 03.12.2022
- 19** Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012
- 19** Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ IK Sävehof SWE 23:42 (15:21), 09.01.2022
- 19** FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022

Biggest half-time lead:

- 17** Odense Håndbold DEN vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 39:24 (25:8), 16.09.2023
- 15** Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 15** Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15** Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 15** Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 15** FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 15** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 37:19 (23:8), 01.10.2023

Most goals:

- 47** WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 47** SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023
- 46** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 46** SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 46** FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 46** Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023
- 45** HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 44** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 44:25 (23:14), 18.09.2022
- 44** Odense Håndbold DEN @ IK Sävehof SWE 20:44 (11:21), 11.11.2023
- 44** CSM Bucuresti ROU vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 44:26 (24:15), 07.01.2024

Most goals – both teams:

- 82** HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 76** RK Krim Mercator SLO vs 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 76** RK Krim Mercator SLO vs WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 76** Vipers Kristiansand NOR vs Metz Handball FRA 38:38 (17:21), 20.10.2019
- 76** Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023

Fewest goals:

- 10** Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Viborg HK DEN 27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997
- 12** Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 12** Kometal Dj. P. Skopje MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 26:12 (12:6), 21.02.1998
- 12** Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 12** Slagelse DT DEN vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 12:22 (7:12), 23.02.2008
- 13** Podravka Koprivnica CRO @ HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996
- 13** Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Kometal Dj. Petrov Skopje MKD 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
- 13** Larvik NOR @ Buducnost MNE 23:13 (10:7), 08.04.2012
- 13** HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 13** HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO @ Metz Handball FRA 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022

Fewest goals – both teams:

- 30** HYPO Niederösterreich AUT vs Podravka Koprivnica CRO 17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996
- 31** Viborg HK DEN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16 (7:9), 04.01.1998
- 32** CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 32** Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 32*** WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014

* after regular time

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a match:

- 8 Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR vs ZRK Buducnost MNE 27:26 (10:18), 25.02.2007
- 6 Montex Lublin POL @ Henzo Swift Roermond NED 22:23 (16:10), 26.01.1997
- 6 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs Buducnost MNE 29:28 (9:15), 13.03.2021
- 6 IK Sävehof SWE vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 28:26 (11:17), 24.10.2021
- 6 Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 26:27 (16:10), 30.10.2021

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a match:

- 7 RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Viborg HK DEN 28:28 (16:9), 29.10.2011
- 7 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA vs Buducnost MNE 28:28 (11:18), 17.01.2021
- 6 Ferrobuss KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelaget SK NOR 26:26 (10:16), 21.01.2001
- 6 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN vs RK Krim Neutro SLO 21:21 (7:13), 28.01.2001
- 6 Larvik NOR @ Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP 19:19 (12:6), 25.02.2012
- 6 Thüringer HC GER @ CSM Bucuresti ROU 23:23 (14:8), 08.03.2019
- 6 Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 24:24 (15:9), 21.10.2023

Most goals in one half:

- 26 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020
- 26 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 25 CSM Bucuresti ROU vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 40:25 (25:13), 16.10.2022
- 25 Team Esbjerg DEN @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR – 1st half 27:43 (12:25), 23.10.2022
- 25 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 2nd half 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023
- 25 Odense Håndbold DEN vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE – 1st half 39:24 (25 :8), 16.09.2023

Most goals in one half – both teams:

- 45 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007
- 42 1. FC Nürnberg GER vs HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS – 1st half 31:39 (20:22), 23.02.2008
- 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 38:34 (20:22), 15.11.2008
- 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs 'Buducnost' MNE – 1st half 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 41 Slagelse FH DEN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 2nd half 38:26 (16:7), 10.01.2004
- 41 Viborg HK A/S DEN vs HC Leipzig GER – 2nd half 39:33 (18:13), 13.01.2007
- 41 HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR – 1st half 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 41 HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR – 2nd half 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 41 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR – 1st half 35:37 (18:23), 03.06.2023

Fewest goals in one half:

- 3** Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO – 1st half 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 4** CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 4** Viborg HK DEN @ Oltchim Valcea ROU – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
- 4** Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 4** FC Midtjylland DEN vs HC Vardar MKD – 2nd half 15:25 (11:12), 08.11.2015
- 4** Glassverket NOR @ Thüringer HC GER – 1st half 24:16 (10:4), 16.10.2016
- 4** WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE vs Odense Håndbold DEN – 2nd half 17:33 (13:16), 10.02.2024

Fewest goals in one half – both teams:

- 11** Granicar Djurdjevac CRO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 17:19 (5:6), 25.01.1997
- 11** Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 2nd half 17:18 (11:13), 10.01.1998
- 12** CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 12** Podravka Koprivnica CRO vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 17:14 (6:6), 29.04.1995
- 12** ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG vs Dunafer SE HUN – 2nd half 16:18 (10:12), 06.02.2005
- 13** Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
- 13** Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

Longest winning run:

- Györi Audi ETO KC **16** matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)
- Larvik **15** matches (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- three teams* **14** matches

Longest unbeaten run:

- Györi Audi ETO KC **55** matches (05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)
- Györi Audi ETO KC **22** matches (05.05.2013 – 23.11.2014)
- Buducnost **22** matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)

Longest losing run:

- Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK **18** matches (12.09.2021 - 08.10.2022)
- DHK Baník Most **17** matches (02.11.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- IK Sävehof **17** matches (06.02.2022 – 18.02.2024)

Longest run without win:

- HC Lokomotiva Zagreb **20** matches (19.10.2014 – 12.02.2023)
- DHK Baník Most **19** matches (13.10.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK **18** matches (12.09.2021 - 08.10.2022)



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