



# MEDIA INFORMATION

**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24**

MOTW Play-offs, leg 1: Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti

# KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO) VS CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)

## PLAY-OFFS



Saturday 16 March 2024, 18:00 CET



### Playing hall

**Stožice Arena**  
Vojkova Cesta 100  
1000 Ljubljana  
Slovenia

Capacity: 12,500

## LEG 1



### Most games vs CSM Bucuresti:

Ines Amon	6
Polona Baric	6
Amra Pandzic	6
Tjaša Stanko	6
Alja Varagic (Koren)	6
Nina Zulic	6

### Most goals vs CSM Bucuresti:

Tjaša Stanko	25
Polona Baric	17
Aneta Benko	17
Lamprini Tsakalou	17
Jovanka Radicevic	16

- Two former champions contest the Match of the Week in the first leg of the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 play-offs: Krim Mercator Ljubljana (winners in 2001, 2003) and CSM Bucuresti (2016).
- CSM had a chance to finish second in group A and advance to the quarter-finals directly, but lost their last group match against Odense Håndbold 29:25.
- On the other hand, Krim only secured their play-off spot in the all-decisive round 14 of the group phase, beating MKS Zagłębie Lubin 32:19.
- The MOTW features the only two players in CL history who have reached the 1,100-goal milestone in Europe's top flight: Krim's Jovanka Radicevic (1,129 goals) and CSM's Cristina Neagu (1,101).
- Krim won four of their seven home matches this CL season, while CSM won four of their away games.
- The aggregate winners of this play-off tie meet group B winners Metz Handball in the quarter-finals.
- Last season, Krim lost in the play-offs to CSM's domestic rivals Rapid Bucuresti; after winning 29:24 at home, they lost the return leg 30:24 in Romania.
- CSM skipped the play-offs last season and went straight into the quarter-finals, but lost twice against Team Esbjerg: 32:28 in Denmark, 33:31 at home.
- That result kept CSM waiting for a return to the EHF FINAL4 for at least another season; they played in Budapest three years in a row, but not since 2018.
- Krim have not been at the EHF FINAL4 yet; their last CL semi-final appearance was in 2012/13, the final season before the EHF FINAL4 format was implemented in the women's competition.
- No member of the team that won the CL in 2016 is still playing for CSM, but former right wing Cristina Varzaru is still involved as their team manager.
- CSM have three players who won the CL with other clubs: Cristina Neagu (with WHC Buducnost BEMAX), Crina Pintea (Györi Audi ETO KC), and Emilie Hegh Arntzen (Vipers Kristiansand).
- CSM clearly lead the head-to-head comparison with seven wins from their 10 previous duels, but Krim won the most recent encounter – 28:26 in their group phase match in Slovenia in February 2023.
- All three nations that won medals at the 2023 IHF World Championship are represented in CSM's squad: France (gold) with Grace Zaadi Deuna and Laura Flippes; Norway (silver) with Marie Davidsen, Emilie Hegh Arntzen, and Vilde Ingstad; and Denmark (bronze) with Trine Østergaard.

### Most games vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Bianca Bazaliu	8
Jelena Grubisic	8
Iulia Curea	6
Oana Manea	6
Cristina Neagu	6
Elizabeth Omoregie	6

### Most goals vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Cristina Neagu	31
Isabelle Gullédén	27
Barbara Lazovic	21
Iulia Curea	18
Carmen Martin	17
Elizabeth Omoregie	17

## Domestic league

### 1. A DRL - ženske

Last 3 games:

06/03 @ Krka	W21:51
05/03 vs Ptuj	W48:23
24/02 @ Ajdovščina	W24:29

Next game (winners' stage):

23/03 vs ZRK Celje

Final standings regular season:

<b>1. Krim</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>269:158</b>	<b>28</b>
2. Ajdovščina	14	236:173	24
3. Celje	14	192:177	17
4. Litija	14	177:191	15
5. Velenje	14	180:186	10
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8. Krka	14	153:223	1

## Domestic league

### Liga Florilor MOL

Last 3 games:

08/03 @ Brasov	W26:35
21/02 vs Baia Mare	W33:28
07/02 @ Rapid	L30:28

Next game:

20/03 @ CS Dacia Mioveni

Standings as of 15/03:

<b>1. CSM</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>602:447</b>	<b>51</b>
2. Gloria	19	546:468	48
3. Rapid	19	581:484	45
4. Braila	18	547:489	40
5. Ramnicu Valcea	18	589:530	37
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14. Stiinta	18	432:591	0

## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti 2-1-7 (245:272) 5:15

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)
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)

## DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

### Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti 28:26 (13:14) 12.02.2023 (Ljubljana, SLO)

(EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 – Group A)

Referees: Amar Konjicanin/Dino Konjicanin (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Suspensions: 8' – 4' (Radicevic 2', Dmitrieva 2', Ljepoja 4' – Omoregie 2', Pintea 2').

Number of 7m: 6/5 – 4/2.

Attendance: 1,350.



#### Barbara Arenhart

Jovana Risovic -> Craiova/ROU

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Sanja Radosavljevic -> Kristianstad/SWE (6)

**Jovanka Radicevic** (7) (3)

**Tjaša Stanko** (7) (3)

**Ema Abina**

**Nina Žabjek** (6) (6)

**Daria Dmitrieva** (1) (3)

**Valentina Klemencic**

Nataša Ljepoja -> Ramnicu Valcea/ROU (2) (1)

**Alja Varagic** (2) (2)

**Betchaïdelle Ngombele** (1) (1)

**Barbara Lazovic** (5) (4)

**Aleksandra Rosiak** (1) (1)

Ema Maria Markovic -> Celje/SLO (2)

Maja Svetik -> Fühse/AUT



#### Laura Glauser

Marie Skurtveit

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**Evelina Eriksson**

**Emilie Hegh Arntzen**

Malin Aune -> Odense/DEN

Alicia Gogirla -> Ramnicu Valcea/ROU

**Cristina Neagu**

**Grace Zaadi Deuna**

**Stefania Stoica**

Andrea Klikovac -> retired

**Elizabeth Omoregie**

**Alexandra Dindiligan**

Siraba Dembele Pavlovic -> retired

Marina Sudakova -> Volgograd/RUS

Ema Ramusovic -> retired

**Crina Pintea**

## KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS ROMANIAN CLUBS 11-2-21

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1994/95	Chimistul Vilcea	32:22	24:32	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
2007/08	CS Rulmentul-Urban Brasov	27:29	25:27	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2008/09	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea	35:34	30:36	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2010/11	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea	37:30	27:31	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2011/12	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea	25:31	26:30	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2012/13	U Jolidon Cluj	28:27	31:23	EHF Champions League – Group B
2012/13	Oltchim Rm. Valcea	28:24	20:23	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	HCM Baia Mare	27:33	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	SC Municipal Craiova	27:23	29:30	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
2016/17	CSM Bucuresti	21:24	26:28	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2017/18	CSM Bucuresti	30:33	18:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	CSM Bucuresti	23:22	26:32	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2019/20	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	28:28	16:31	DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	CSM Bucuresti	23:25	22:22	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	CSM Bucuresti	28:26	28:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	CS Rapid Bucuresti	29:24	24:30	EHF Champions League – Play-offs
2023/24	CS Rapid Bucuresti	25:24	22:27	EHF Champions League – Group B

## CSM BUCURESTI VS SLOVENIAN CLUBS 7-1-2

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2016/17	RK Krim Mercator	28:26	24:21	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2017/18	RK Krim Mercator	30:18	33:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	RK Krim Mercator	32:26	22:23	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	RK Krim Mercator	22:22	25:23	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	RK Krim Mercator	30:28	26:28	EHF Champions League – Group A

## LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



### Krim Mercator Ljubljana: current run – won one

17.02.2024	Ljubljana SLO	vs MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 32:19
10.02.2024	Esbjerg DEN	@ Team Esbjerg DEN	L 29:21
03.02.2024	Ljubljana SLO	vs Ikast Handbold DEN	L 28:34
20.01.2024	Érd HUN	@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 26:28
13.01.2024	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 29:23
06.01.2024	Ljubljana SLO	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 25:24
19.11.2023	Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	L 40:31
12.11.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs Metz Handball FRA	L 22:28
28.10.2023	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	L 27:22
21.10.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR	D 24:24



### CSM Bucuresti: current run – lost one

18.02.2024	Odense DEN	@ Odense Håndbold DEN	L 29:25
11.02.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER	W 31:28
03.02.2024	Győr HUN	@ Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	W 24:26
21.01.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs IK Sävehof SWE	W 35:26
14.01.2024	Brest FRA	@ Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	L 24:21
07.01.2024	Bucharest ROU	vs- WHC Buducnost BEMX MNE	W 44:26
18.11.2023	Debrecen HUN	@ DVSC Schaeffler HUN	W 23:30
11.11.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	D 29:29
29.10.2023	Podgorica MNE	@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 24:29
21.10.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	L 28:30

## MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS CSM BUCURESTI

Jovanka Radicevic	9	11.09.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	30:28
Tjaša Stanko	8	02.03.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti	23:22
Samara Vieira	8	07.11.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti	23:25
Daria Dmitrieva	8	11.09.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	30:28
Aneta Benko	7	11.11.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti	30:33
Lamprini Tsakalou	7	02.02.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator	32:26
Jovanka Radicevic	7	12.02.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti	28:26
Tjaša Stanko	7	12.02.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti	28:26

## MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR CSM BUCURESTI VS KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

Isabelle Gullmén	10	03.03.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator	28:26
Jovanka Radicevic	10	02.02.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator	32:26
Cristina Neagu	9	11.11.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti	30:33
Iulia Curea	9	02.03.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti	23:22
Grace Zaadi Deuna	9	11.09.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	30:28

## PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Barbara Lazovic	6 matches, 31 goals	w/Krim 2/10 (2022-2023), w/CSM 4/21 (2019-2020)
Elizabeth Omoregie	9 matches, 26 goals	w/Krim 3/9 (2017), w/CSM 6/17 (2019-2023)
Jovanka Radicevic	4 matches, 27 goals	w/Krim 2/16 (2022-2023), w/CSM 2/11 (2019)

## CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Itana Grbic	Krim (2023-2024), CSM (2019-2020)
Barbara Lazovic	Krim (2007-2009, 2010-2014, 2022-2024), CSM (2018-2019, 2020-2021)
Elizabeth Omoregie	Krim (2014-2018), CSM (2018-2024)
Jovanka Radicevic	Krim (2022-2024), CSM (2018-2019)

## 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY AWARDED AFTER EACH MOTW

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 season.

The award is handed over on court shortly after the match.

### Awarded players in 2023/24 season:

- Round 1: Irma Schjött (Ikast Håndbold)
- Round 2: Katharina Filter (Brest Bretagne Handball)
- Round 3: Kari Brattset Dale (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 4: Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 5: Jovanka Radicevic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana)
- Round 6: Maren Aardahl (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 7: Ryu Eun Hee (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 8: Chloé Valentini (Metz Handball)
- Round 9: Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 10: Katrine Lunde (Vipers Kristiansand)
- Round 11: Mie Højlund (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 12: Sarah Bouktit (Metz Handball)
- Round 13: Anna Vyakhireva (Vipers Kristiansand)
- Round 14: Althea Reinhardt (Odense Håndbold)
- Play-offs, leg 1: ...



## KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST CSM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Dijana Đajic	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maja Vojnovic	SLO	4	1	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ema Abina	SLO	4	1	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Tatjana Brnovic	MNE	3	0	1	2	13	4,33	6	0
Daria Dmitrieva	RUS	4	2	0	2	20	5,00	8	8'
Elena Erceg	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Itana Grbic	MNE	6	2	1	3	9	1,50	6	0
Manca Juric	SLO	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Valentina Klemencic	SLO	4	1	1	2	4	1,00	3	2'
Barbara Lazovic	SLO	6	4	0	2	20	3,33	5 (2)	4'
Tamara Mavsar	SLO	3	2	0	1	8	2,67	4 (2)	6'
Betchaidelle Ngombebe	CGO	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Allison Pineau	FRA	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Jovanka Radicevic	MNE	6	4	0	2	29	4,83	9	2'
Aleksandra Rosiak	POL	2	1	0	1	1	0,50	1	0
Nina Spreitzer	SLO	4	2	0	2	0	0,00	0	2'
Tjaša Stanko	SLO	8	3	0	5	29	3,63	8	0
Alja Varagic	SLO	6	1	0	5	14	2,33	5	2'
Nina Zulic	SLO	6	1	0	5	9	1,50	2 (3)	0

Tatjana Brnovic (Buducnost BEMAX 2021/22, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23); Daria Dmitrieva (CSKA 2020/21); Itana Grbic (HC Vardar 2015/16, Buducnost 2016/17, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 2021/22, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23); Barbara Lazovic (HC Vardar 2015/16, HC Vardar 2016/17); Tamara Mavsar (HC Vardar 2016/17); Jovanka Radicevic (HC Vardar 2015/16, HC Vardar 2016/17); Aleksandra Rosiak (MKS Perla Lublin 2019/20 – DNP); Tjaša Stanko (Metz Handball 2020/21).

## CSM BUCURESTI PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KRIM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Evelina Eriksson	SWE	6	5	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Laura Glauser	FRA	6	3	0	3	1	0,17	1	0
Ioana Nita	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Marie Davidsen	NOR	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Andreea Ailincai	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ramona Apuscaroae	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Emilie Hegh Arntzen	NOR	6	5	0	1	16	2,67	5	2'
Mioara Ciubotaru	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandra Dindiligan	ROU	2	1	0	1	2	1,00	1 (2)	0
Laura Flippes	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jennifer Gutiérrez	ESP	2	1	0	1	6	3,00	4	0
Vilde Ingstad	NOR	3	2	0	1	3	1,00	2	0
Trine Østergaard	DEN	6	3	1	2	14	2,33	5 (2)	2'
Monika Kobylinska	POL	4	2	0	2	9	2,25	3	0
Larisa Luca	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Irina Maxim	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mihaela Mihai	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maria Morogan	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Cristina Neagu	ROU	12	10	1	1	66	5,50	10	4'
Zeljka Nikolic	SRB	2	2	0	0	5	2,50	5	2'
Elizabeth Omoregie	SLO	6	3	1	2	17	2,83	5	14' (D)
Crina Pintea	ROU	6	4	1	1	14	2,33	8	4'
Andreea Rotaru	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Stefania Stoica	ROU	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Katia Supiala	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Alexandra Voicu	ROU	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Grace Zaadi Deuna	FRA	7	2	1	4	16	2,29	9	2'

Emilie Hegh Arntzen (Vipers Kristiansand 2018/19, Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21); Evelina Eriksson (Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21, Vipers Kristiansand 2021/22); Laura Flippes (Metz Handball 2013/14 – DNP); Laura Glauser (Metz Handball 2011/12, Metz Handball 2013/14 – DNP, Györi Audi ETO KC 2021/22); Jennifer Gutiérrez (CS Rapid Bucuresti 2022/23); Vilde Ingstad (Team Esbjerg 2016/17, Team Esbjerg 2020/21); Trine Østergaard (FC Midtjylland 2016/17, SG BBM Bietigheim 2020/21, SG BBM Bietigheim 2022/23); Monika Kobylinska (Brest Bretagne Handball 2019/20, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23); Cristina Neagu (CS Rulmentul-Urban Brasov 2007/08, CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea 2010/11 – DNP, CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea 2011/12 – DNP, Oltchim Rm. Valcea 2012/13 – DNP, Buducnost 2013/14, Buducnost 2014/15); Zeljka Nikolic (Buducnost 2011/12 – DNP, Buducnost 2013/14 – DNP, Buducnost 2014/15); Crina Pintea (Györi Audi ETO KC 2021/22); Grace Zaadi Deuna (Metz Handball 2011/12, Metz Handball 2013/14, Rostov-Don 2020/21).



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