



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23
GROUP PHASE

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

The holiday season is over and the best clubs of Europe are ready for their return to the courts: Welcome to the EHF Champions League Women 2022/23! Together we are celebrating an anniversary as the continental premium women's handball competition enters its 30th season. What a journey it has been since the start in 1993/94... so many exciting matches, so many big stars, so many great stories.

Last season fitted perfectly in that picture, as the EHF Champions League Women 2021/22 provided us with top-class excitement during nine months, culminating in a fantastic EHF FINAL4 Women 2022 in Budapest, where titleholders Vipers Kristiansand successfully defended their trophy in front of 15,400 spectators setting an all-time attendance record for women's club handball.

So, here we are! The road to Budapest 2023 starts as soon as the group phase throws off on 10 and 11 September 2022. All teams know that, right from the start, every point counts in the race to the play-offs, the quarter-finals and, ultimately, the EHF FINAL4 Women 2023. Vipers start their journey in group A, where they meet Scandinavian neighbours Odense Håndbold, former champions Krim Mercator Ljubljana and CSM Bucuresti, EHF European League 2021/22 dominators SG BBM Bietigheim, 2021 finalists Brest Bretagne Handball, Hungarian powerhouse FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, and Czech champions DHK Baník Most. Record champions Györi Audi ETO KC headline group B, as they are set to take on fellow EHF FINAL4 2022 participants Metz Handball and Team Esbjerg, former two-time champions WHC Buducnost BEMAX, former EHF Cup and Challenge Cup winners HC Lokomotiva Zagreb, and competition newcomers CS Rapid Bucuresti and Storhamar Håndball Elite.

The format has not changed compared to last season: All matches will be played on Saturdays (at 16:00 and 18:00 CE(S)T) and Sundays (at 14:00 and 16:00 CE(S)T) again, the two best-ranked teams from each group will advance directly to the quarter-finals, while the teams finishing between third and sixth will first proceed to the play-offs.

HANDMADE HISTORY

EHF Champions League
Watch live on ehftv.com



I HANDMADE HISTORY

Ahead of the start of the 30th anniversary season of the EHF Champions League the brand- new digital campaign “Handmade History” was introduced. Handmade History celebrates the rich history of the competition, it’s incredible match action, passionate teams and legendary players, while highlighting the thrilling present and exciting future of the EHF Champions League.

The new campaign highlights the core values of the competition, especially teamwork, passion, and the dedication it takes to write the next chapter of handball history – Handmade History!



I HANDBALLS GET FRESH LOOK FOR THE NEW SEASON

New season, new look! The official SELECT SPORT match balls for the 2022/23 season of the EHF Champions League appear in a high-class and fresh design. In line with the competition's brand identity introduced in 2020, the new EHF Champions League ball showcases the use of flashes of gold colour.

The hand-sewn ball is made of extremely hard-wearing synthetic leather material and a patented zero-wing bladder inside the ball ensures optimal roundness.

The new balls were first introduced at both EHF FINAL4 2022 events - for women, on 4/5 June in Budapest; and for men, on 18/19 June in Cologne.

Only one click away - the Home of Handball Shop

The new official SELECT SPORT match balls as well as more products of the EHF's official supplier can be purchased in the Home of Handball web shop on shop.eurohandball.com. Since its launch in autumn of 2020, customers can get their hands on official match balls and replica balls of all EHF Competitions (EHF Champions League, EHF European League, EHF EURO) and also benefit from worldwide shipping.



I STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

Newsletter, app, social media – fans have the opportunity to follow the EHF Champions League and their favourite teams on multiple digital channels!

EHFCL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Subscribers of the EHFCL Weekly receive a fresh slice of the latest news directly to their inbox every Friday during the season. From exclusive interviews to a light-hearted look at handball in the Timeout section, EHFCL Weekly is the perfect way to end the working week and start the weekend. In honour of the 30th anniversary of the competition, this season the popular “This Is Me” series features legendary players of the game.

<https://go.eurohandball.com/ehfcl>

HOME OF HANDBALL APP

Last season the EHF announced the launch of its very first dedicated mobile app. The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF’s ‘Home of Handball’ approach and unites all of Europe’s major handball competitions – from the club as well as from the national team side – under one roof.

The app allows for each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

<https://www.eurohandball.com/en/services/the-home-of-handball-app/>

FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Of course, you can also join the conversation and engage with the EHFCL family on social media. The EHF Champions League accounts give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news from handball’s top-flight.

In addition to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, fans can also check out the newest channel additions Twitch and TikTok.

After successful live shows around both men’s and women’s EHF FINAL4 events in 2022, fans can look forward to a regular presence of the EHF Champions League on the video-streaming platform Twitch throughout the new season. The Home of Handball TikTok channel showcases quirky, creative, and viral video content.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ehf.champions.league>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ehfcl>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/TheHomeofHandball>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ehfcl/>

Twitch: <https://www.twitch.tv/homeofhandball>

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@homeofhandball?lang=en>

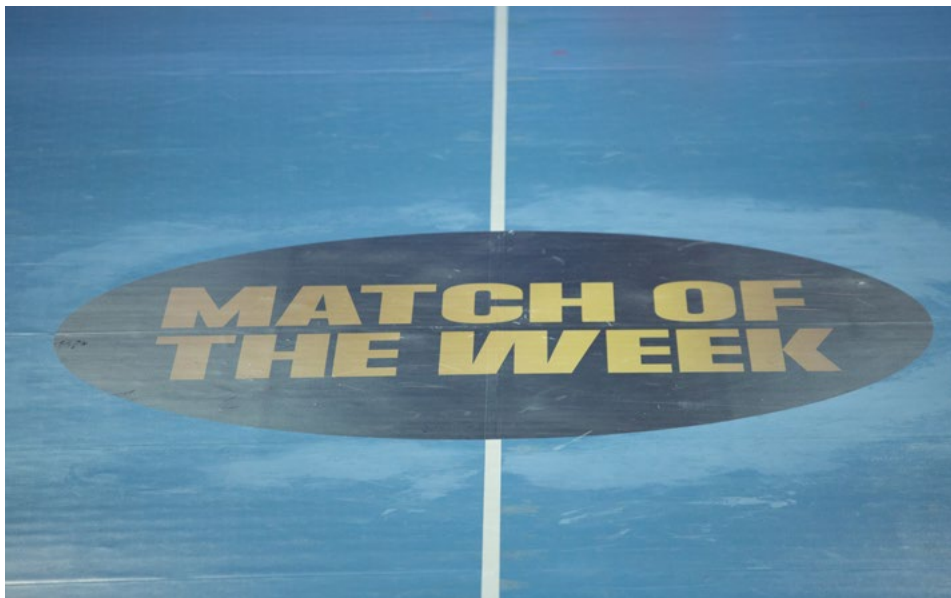
| MOTW SHOWCASES THE BEST OF THE BEST

MOTW – when these four letters pop up next to a match, fans are in for a special treat. The Match of the Week (MOTW) is back for the 2022/23 season of the EHF Champions League Women and as well as Machineseecker EHF Champions League.

Every round one match has the honour of shining in the spotlight and carrying the title of Match of the Week. Across all channels fans are treated to a very special coverage that will bring the action even closer to everyone watching around the world.

On match days and during the week, fans should pay the EHFCL social media channels a visit to ensure they get the most out of the content. As in previous seasons the faces of the EHFCL, Hannah Jackson, Markus Floth, and three-time EHF Champions League winner Anja Althaus will lead through the coverage on the competition's social media channels, conducting exclusive interviews with players and giving exceptional insights.

Furthermore, the on-site mobile reporters of the EHF Champions League capture behind the scenes clips and sneak peeks from inside the arenas and bring the coverage of top-flight handball to the next level.



I EHFTV

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, EHFTV has established itself over the past decade as a meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sport market.

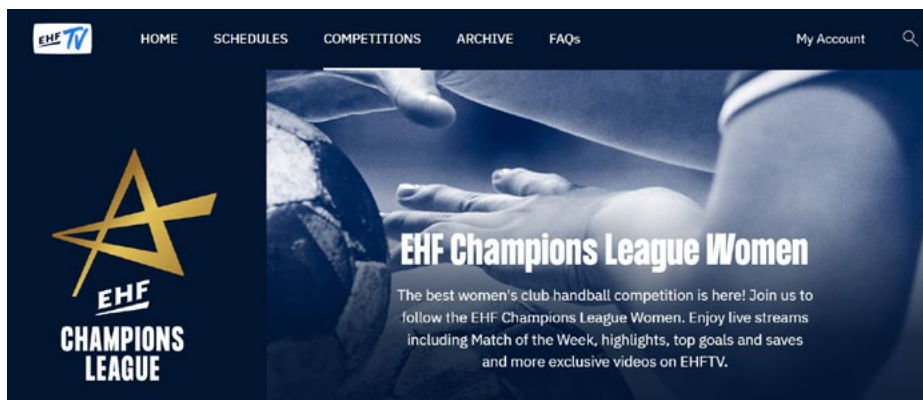
The general approach of EHFTV remains, offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. This registration gives handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season – and all of that for free.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal. Since 2020 the new EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action is accessible any time and from anywhere.

Once the fans enter their EHFTV account, they find an adapted filter menu, with an improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise it to their favourite competition and/or club directly on their registered account. These features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF Champions League, whenever it is played.

Join [EHFTV](#) and get ready for a new handball era.



TV STATIONS TO BROADCAST MATCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD

Broadcasters will beam the EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 group phase matches into fans' homes in over 30 countries when the competition gets underway this weekend.

Live broadcasters have been confirmed for nations around Europe, plus the USA and the Middle East and North Africa – with fans in those countries not covered able to access the EHF's on-demand platform, EHFTV.

The coverage means fans will be able to keep track of their favourite teams as they progress through the 14 group phase matches ahead.

TV PARTNERS BROADCASTING THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23

AUT – DAZN

BIH – Arena Sport

BUL – B1B

CRO – Arena Sport

CZE – AMC

DEN – Viaplay

ESP – DAZN

FIN – Viaplay

FRA – Eurosport

GEO – Silknet

GER – DAZN

HUN – AMC

ISR – SportTV

ITA – Eleven Sports

KOS – Arena Sport

MKD – Arena Sport

MENA (Middle East and North Africa) – ONSports

MNE – Arena Sport

NED – Ziggo

NOR – Viaplay

POL – Eurosport

POR – SportTV

ROU – Telekom Sport

ROU – Prima Sport

ROU – Digi Sport

SRB – Arena Sport

SLO – Arena Sport

SUI – DAZN

SVK – AMC

SWE – Viaplay

TUR – TRT

UK – Viaplay

USA – JOYMO

Worldwide – [EHFTV](#) (Geo-restrictions could apply)

I SUPPLIERS



- In 2020 signed a four-year contract extension until 2023/24
- Official Ball Supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Dedicated ball designs for EHF Champions League and EHF European League as of the 2021/22 season, so that men and women of the same competition play with the same design



- contracted until 2023/24
- Official apparel supplier for EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- EHF/M webshop has been launched in autumn 2020 with special products designed according to the competition designs, merchandising at the EHF FINAL4s and EHF European League Finals



- Official insurance supplier
- Present in: AUT, BIH, CRO, CZE, HUN, MKD, MNE, POL, ROU, SRB, SVK, UKR
- Cooperation prolonged until and including the 2022/23 season.



- Official flooring supplier
- The distinctive “lagoon blue” court first introduced to the men’s competition at the start of the 2006/07 season and extended to the women’s competition from 2011/12
- Cooperation extended until and including the 2025/26 season



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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

SEASON 2022/23



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2022/23 SEASON

Playing system and dates



<p>Group Phase <i>Draw required</i></p> <p>A A1* A2* A3 A4 A5 A6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B B1* B2* B3 B4 B5 B6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>Play-offs <i>No draw required</i></p> <p>M1 B6 v A3</p> <p>M2 A6 v B3</p> <p>M3 B5 v A4</p> <p>M4 A5 v B4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Quarter-finals <i>No draw required</i></p> <p>M4 v A1</p> <p>M3 v B1</p> <p>M2 v A2</p> <p>M1 v B2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>EHF FINAL4 <i>Draw required</i></p> <p>SEM-FINALS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3rd PLACE MATCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FINAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> v <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>3-4 June 2023</p>
<p>R1: 10-11/9/22 R2: 17-18/9/22 R3: 24-25/9/22 R4: 8-9/10/22 R5: 15-16/10/22 R6: 22-23/10/22 R7: 3-4/12/22</p> <p>R8: 10-11/12/22 R9: 17-18/12/22 R10: 7-8/1/23 R11: 14-15/1/23 R12: 21-22/1/23 R13: 4-5/2/23 R14: 11-12/2/23</p>	<p>1st leg – 18-19 March 2023</p> <p>2nd leg – 25-26 March 2023</p>	<p>1st leg – 29-30 April 2023</p> <p>2nd leg – 6-7 May 2023</p>		

* Top two places of Groups A and B proceed directly to the Quarter-finals.

I TWO DEBUTANTS, FIVE FORMER WINNERS AND 11 NATIONS

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON

Two teams from one city, two debutants, two six-times winners, five former or current champions and 16 teams from 11 countries – those are only some numbers before the EHF Champions League Women season throws off on Saturday.

Read many more facts and figures before the 30th anniversary season begins here.

0 teams have been part of all eight EHF FINAL4 Women tournaments. Record winners Győr top the ranking with seven appearances.

1

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

1 time only Győr have missed the EHF FINAL4 (in 2015). When they have been there, they missed the final in 2021 after losing in the semi-finals against Brest, who are the only French finalists.

1 city is represented by two teams this season: Bucharest – by CSM and CS Rapid.

1 draw is needed before the EHF FINAL4 Women – the one for the semi-finals. The remaining rounds in the pinnacle event are decided by the final ranking of the group phase.

2 debutants are among the 16 group phase participants: Romanian champions CS Rapid Bucuresti and Norwegian runners-up Storhamar.

2 clubs have defended their trophy at the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest: Győr in 2018 and 2019, and defending champions Vipers in 2022. By winning the 2019 edition of the tournament, Győr were the first women's side to win three times in a row – but they have not won since then.

2 Norwegian clubs have won the EHF Champions League Women: Larvik in 2011 and Vipers in 2021 and 2022.

2

teams from each group - those who finish seventh and eighth - will see their European journeys come to an end after the group phase.

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

2 Champions League debutants made it to Budapest in their first Champions League seasons, and one of them is part of the 2022/23 group phase: Vardar (2014) and CSM Bucuresti (2016).

2 times Győr have lost in a penalty shoot-out in EHF FINAL4 matches in Budapest – in 2016 against CSM Bucuresti in the final and in 2021 against Brest Bretagne in the semi-finals. Isabelle Gulldén was in both winning teams.

2 players who are part of the 2022/23 competition have won the Champions League six times: Katrine Lunde and Nora Mörk (both 2021 and 2022 winners with Vipers).

4 – which means all – teams from the EHF FINAL4 2022 in Budapest are part of the group phase again: Vipers, Győr, Metz and Esbjerg.

4 times Ambros Martin has steered Győr to Champions League trophies. Since April 2021, he is back at the record winners. In total, Martin has coached in eight Champions League finals.

4 countries have produced the eight winners at the EHF FINAL4 Women so far: Hungary (4 titles), Norway (2), Montenegro and Romania (1 each).

5 former or current EHF Champions League Women winners, including all the winners since 2012, are part of the 2022/23 group phase: Krim (2001, 2003), Buducnost (2012, 2015), Győr (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019), CSM Bucuresti (2016) and Vipers (2021, 2022).

7 of the 16 teams have already been part of the EHF FINAL4 Women in Budapest: Győr, Vipers,

Metz, CSM, Brest, Esbjerg and Buducnost.

11 nations are represented among the previous winners: Denmark (6 titles), Hungary (6), Austria (4), Norway (3), Slovenia (2), Montenegro (2), North Macedonia, Spain, Croatia, Russia and Romania (all 1).

11 different nations – one less than in the previous season – are part of the group phase: Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey.

11 clubs that were part of the 2021/22 group phase are back again: Odense, Esbjerg, Brest, Metz, FTC, Győr, CSM Bucuresti, Buducnost, Vipers, Kastamonu and Krim.

13 different clubs were part of the eight EHF FINAL4 Women events: Győr (7 times), Vardar (5 times), Buducnost (4), CSM Bucuresti (3), Vipers (3), Rostov-Don (2), Metz (2), Midtjylland, Volgograd, Larvik, CSKA, Brest and Esbjerg (all 1).

16 matches will decide the play-offs and the quarter-finals. The four play-off winners will be decided in ties between the teams ranked third to sixth after the group phase. The quarter-finals will consist of the two group winners, two runners-up and the four play-off winners. Both rounds are carried out in home and away matches.

16 from 16 previous seasons Győr have at least

qualified for the quarter-finals of the competition. Győr have also reached the semi-finals 14 times

16 or 18 matches will be played by the four teams that make it to the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest (3/4 June 2023), depending on whether they skip the play-offs or not.

28 times – including the new season – Krim have participated in the EHF Champions League Women. They are one ahead of Buducnost (27 participations).

57 goals is the record total for an individual player at the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest, jointly held by Nycke Groot and Anita Görbicz.

112 group matches will be played between 10 September 2022 and 12 February 2023.

132 matches will be played before the 2022/23 winners are confirmed in Budapest on 4 June.

191 victories (20 draws and 43 defeats) in 254 Champions League matches make Győr the number one team in the competition's All-time ranking.

290 Champions League matches are in the history books of Buducnost. In round 10, they will become the first women's club to play 300 Champions League matches. Krim (currently on 284) will make it to 300 matches if they qualify for the knockout stage this season.

TEAMS BY AGE AVERAGE

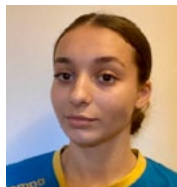
SG BBM Bietigheim	29.6
Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	29.4
CS Rapid Bucuresti	27.9
Györi Audi ETO KC	27.9
Odense Håndbold	27.5
Vipers Kristiansand	27.4
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	26.9
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	26.5
Team Esbjerg	25.7
CL Average Age	25.6
Storhamar Handball Elite	25.2
CSM Bucuresti	25.2
Brest Bretagne Handball	24.5
WHC Buducnost BEMAX	23.2
DHK Banik Most	22.8
Metz Handball	22.8
HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	21.7

TEAMS BY HEIGHT AVERAGE

CS Rapid Bucuresti	178.4
WHC Buducnost BEMAX	178.2
CSM Bucuresti	178.2
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	177.9
Metz Handball	177.7
SG BBM Bietigheim	177.3
Györi Audi ETO KC	177.1
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	177.0
HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	176.8
Team Esbjerg	176.8
Vipers Kristiansand	176.6
CL Average Height	176.6
Brest Bretagne Handball	175.6
Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	174.7
Odense Håndbold	174.5
DHK Banik Most	173.6
Storhamar Handball Elite	173.5

I FACTS AND FIGURES – MAX AND MIN

YOUNGEST



14.04.2006

Mioara Bianca Ciubotaru

CSM Bucuresti

Mioara Bianca Ciubotaru	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	14/04/2006
Delia Golvet	FRA	Metz Handball	21/10/2005
Irina Maxim	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	28/05/2005
Lily Balassi	HUN	Metz Handball	24/05/2005
Romane Lehuault-Parc	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	23/04/2005
Katia Supiala	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	21/03/2005
Sara Winde	DEN	Team Esbjerg	21/01/2005
Mihaela Andreea Mihai	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	15/12/2004
Jelena Vukcevic	MNE	WHC Buducnost BEMAX	11/12/2004
Julie Ami Sall	DEN	Team Esbjerg	21/11/2004
Ema Novosel	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	18/11/2004
Sofie Behenská	CZE	DHK Banik Most	15/10/2004
Iva Zrilic	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	13/10/2004
Tijana Lutovac	MNE	WHC Buducnost BEMAX	20/09/2004
Mariam Nadia Mohamed	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	27/08/2004
Andreea Gheorghe	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	21/08/2004
Kincso Sass	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	11/08/2004
Júlia Farkas	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	01/08/2004
Andela Zagar	CRO	Metz Handball	22/07/2004
Kirstine-Marie Heide	DEN	Team Esbjerg	18/07/2004

SHORTEST



Adéla Strišková

DHK Banik Most

156 cm

Adéla Strišková	CZE	DHK Banik Most	156
Ayaka Ikehara	JPN	Odense Håndbold	158
Susanne Liberg Amundsen	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	160
Julie Ami Sall	DEN	Team Esbjerg	162
Delia Golvet	FRA	Metz Handball	164
Lucia Mikulčík	SVK	DHK Banik Most	164
Marina Sudakova	RUS	CSM Bucuresti	164
Vilde Kaurin Jonassen	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	164
Tina Abdula	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	164
Pauline Coatanea	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Marit Røsberg Jacobsen	NOR	Team Esbjerg	165
Kelly Vollebregt	NED	Odense Håndbold	165
Malin Larsen Aune	NOR	CSM Bucuresti	165
Chloé Valentini	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Nursah Sancak	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	165
Julie Le Blevec	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Margarita Škaric	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	165
Nina Floch-Hubert	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Zala Miklic	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	165
Trine Jensen Østergaard	DEN	SG BBM Bietigheim	166

OLDEST



29.11.1978

Sandra Pouchart*Brest Bretagne Handball*

Sandra Pouchart	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	29/11/1978
Katrine Lunde	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	30/03/1980
Serpil Iskenderoglu	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	15/07/1982
Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	SG BBM Bietigheim	17/01/1985
Marit Malm Frafjord	NOR	Team Esbjerg	25/11/1985
Rikke Vestergaard Poulsen	DEN	Team Esbjerg	20/04/1986
Siraba Dembele Pavlovic	FRA	CSM Bucuresti	28/06/1986
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	04/10/1986
Jovanka Radicevic	MNE	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	23/10/1986
Alexandra Lacrabere	FRA	CS Rapid Bucuresti	27/04/1987
Zita Szucsánszki	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	22/05/1987
Zsuzsanna Tomori	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	18/06/1987
Andrea Lekic	SRB	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	06/09/1987
Barbara Lazovic	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	04/01/1988
Stine Lidén	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	31/05/1988
Lucia Mikulcik	SVK	DHK Banik Most	22/06/1988
Cristina Neagu	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	26/08/1988
Antje Döll	GER	SG BBM Bietigheim	03/10/1988
Beatrice Edwige	FRA	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	03/10/1988
Betül Yilmaz	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	31/10/1988

TALLEST

**Camila Micijevic***Metz Handball*

194 cm

Camila Micijevic	CRO	Metz Handball	194
Andela Zagar	CRO	Metz Handball	194
Kristine Breistøl	NOR	Team Esbjerg	193
Crina Elena Pintea	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	192
Mette Tranborg	DEN	Team Esbjerg	192
Veronika Andrýsková	CZE	DHK Banik Most	192
Emma Jacques	FRA	Metz Handball	191
Gabriela Goncalves Dias	BRA	SG BBM Bietigheim	190
Tena Petika	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	190
Betchaidelle Ngombele	CGO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	190
Luca Kármán	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	190
Noémie Barthelemy	FRA	Metz Handball	189
Sara Sablic	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	189
Valeriia Maslova	RUS	Metz Handball	188
Zsuzsanna Tomori	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	187
Szandra Szöllosi-Zácsik	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	187
Gabriela Perianu	ROU	CS Rapid Bucuresti	187
Ema Ramusovic	MNE	CSM Bucuresti	187
Laura Cerovak	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	187
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VIPERS EYE THE THIRD TITLE IN A ROW

Three former winners of the EHF Champions League Women are represented in this group, with the reigning champions, Vipers Kristiansand, being the overwhelming favourites, due to their experience and roster composition, as they have thoroughly dominated the European premium competition over the last two seasons.

Despite a busy summer and a serious makeshift of their roster, Vipers will eye their third title in a row, which will enable them to enter an illustrious company, as the second team to secure that achievement, after Hungarian powerhouse Györi Audi ETO KC.



However, this is still a balanced group, where everything might happen, as CSM Bucuresti, SG BBM Bietigheim, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Odense Handbold or Brest Bretagne Handball being able to derail Vipers' campaign, especially on their home courts.

The reigning champions lost their top scorer for the second season in a row, after Nora Mørk followed Henny Reistad to Team Esbjerg, but they snatched the MVP of the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, Anna Vyakhireva, which will come back into the EHF Champions League Women after a one-season hiatus.



Vipers still look strong, with a great back line, led by the MVP of the last season's EHF FINAL4, Marketa Jerabkova, and an experienced goalkeeper in Katrine Lunde, who will be eyeing a record seventh win in the European premium competition.

CSM, a perennial contender after winning the title in 2016, have not qualified for the EHF FINAL4 since 2019, and made a splash on the transfer market, signing French centre back Grace Zaadi, the All-Star goalkeeper of last season's EHF Champions League Women, Laura Glauser, or Brest's left back Kalidiatou Niakate.

With a strong core, the Romanian powerhouse will try to make it on the first two places to seal a quarter-finals berth, but their up and down form in the past seasons needs to be addressed in order to avoid painful defeats. Last time around, CSM lost a competition-high four matches by a single goal in the dying seconds.

Danish champions Odense Handbold will be a tough nut to crack, as they have previously been in the past seasons, especially as their core has been somewhat left intact, and could pose a challenge or two in the next season.





A finalist two seasons ago, Brest Bretagne Handball look to have made a step back, after losing Niakate and one of the best goalkeepers in the world, Sandra Toft, with seven players joining the side this summer. It will surely make for a difficult first part of the season, with the chemistry between the new players still lacking.

It is always difficult to make the step further from the EHF European League Women to the European premium competition. But SG BBM Bietigheim have really outdone themselves in the previous season, winning the second-tier European competition with a ten-game winning streak and finishing the year unbeaten in all the competitions they took part in. Bietigheim lost three players and ushered a single one in, betting big on themselves and the unity in their core, despite the side being quite fragile in some key positions.



FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria are still looking for their first-ever berth for the EHF FINAL4 in their home town, Budapest, and strengthened their squad with much-needed experience, as Dragana Cvijic, Zsuzsanna Tomori and Andrea Lekic joined forces to improve a young, but inexperienced side at times.

A return to the EHF Champions League after three seasons is on the cards for DHK Banik Most, with the Czech side bringing young players to the table and the much-needed enthusiasm for this type of challenge, but they will be huge outsiders in this group.



Last, but not least, Krim Mercator Ljubljana made it to the quarter-finals last season for the first time in 10 years and will be secretly aiming higher this time around. Bringing the second-best scorer in the history of the competition, Jovanka Radicevic, is a statement for the Slovenian side, who has a lot of experience to show prior to the start. Yet their mission will be surely difficult, as the level in this group looks high.

Adrian Costeiu



I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP A TEAMS

Odense Håndbold vs Vipers Kristiansand 1-0-3 (116:128) 2:6

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)

Odense Håndbold vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 2-0-0 (50:43) 4:0

24.10.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (13:10)
16.01.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	19:24 (5:15)

Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs Brest Bretagne Handball 3-0-3 (153:164) 6:6

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)

Odense Håndbold vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs DHK Baník Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs CSM Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 9-0-1 (296:253) 18:2

20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:27 (15:15)
27.02.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:20 (14:8)
26.01.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:25 (8:10)
23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (14:14)
12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (9:14)
13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (16:15)
30.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:27 (16:10)
12.02.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	37:20 (17:9)
01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:32 (10:14)
07.05.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:24 (17:12)

Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim 2-1-2 (142:136) 5:5

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)*

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

Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball 2-0-1 (89:79) 4:2

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)

Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 3-0-3 (180:166) 6:6

14.10.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:26 (17:14)
17.11.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:27 (18:14)
05.10.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:22 (16:11)
09.11.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:34 (15:19)
06.02.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:28 (14:11)
08.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:31 (11:15)

Vipers Kristiansand vs DHK Baník Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti 3-0-3 (162:155) 6:6

20.10.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:29 (14:14)
04.11.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:16)
08.02.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:25 (12:11)
07.03.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:22 (12:11)
10.10.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:25 (14:12)
16.01.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:29 (9:14)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs SG BBM Bietigheim 1-1-0 (50:48) 3:1

17.10.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (12:16)
10.01.2021	SG BBM Bietigheim vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:22 (14:10)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Brest Bretagne Handball 0-0-2 (51:66) 0:4

02.02.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	25:29 (12:16)
29.02.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	37:26 (19:14)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 6-0-7 (350:346) 12:14

17.11.1996	Ferencváros Budapest vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:24 (13:15)
11.01.1997	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Ferencváros Budapest, 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, EHF 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)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs DHK Banik Most 1-0-1 (60:57) 2:2

06.10.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs DHK Banik Most, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	29:31 (14:13)
10.11.2019	DHK Banik Most vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (12:14)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CSM Bucuresti 1-1-6 (189:216) 3:13

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)
07.02.2019	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)

SG BBM Bietigheim vs Brest Bretagne Handball 0-0-2 (62:71) 0:4

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)

SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 2-0-4 (164:168) 4:8

10.02.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:22 (14:8)
11.03.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:23 (16:11)
21.10.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:28 (14:13)
04.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	33:30 (17:13)
07.11.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:35 (11:14)
15.11.2020	SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:29 (6:15)

SG BBM Bietigheim vs DHK Banik Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

SG BBM Bietigheim vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-2 (76:92) 2:4

14.10.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:28 (16:12)
18.11.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:24 (14:13)
25.10.2020	SG BBM Bietigheim vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:32 (10:14)
10.02.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs SG BBM Bietigheim, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	10:0 (0:0)*

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

Brest Bretagne Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 1-0-1 (57:53) 2:2

23.10.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:27 (15:17)
29.01.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:25 (19:16)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs DHK Banik Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

Brest Bretagne Handball vs CSM Bucuresti 2-0-0 (54:50) 4:0

30.10.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:30 (16:14)
19.01.2022	Brest Bretagne Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:21 (11:11)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs DHK Banik Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti 3-0-7 (269:286) 6:14

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)
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)

DHK Banik Most vs CSM Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: red/green/blue

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: red/green/blue



Playing hall

Sydbank Arena Odense
Odense Israels Plads 3
5200 Odense
Denmark
Capacity: 2,236

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD



Danish handball made a strong comeback among the top four teams of the EHF Champions League Women after eight years, when Team Esbjerg sealed an EHF FINAL4 spot last season. In 2022/23, Danish champions Odense Håndbold are aiming for a repeat of that feat.

Odense made the knockout phase each time they played the EHF Champions League in the past – but they have not been to Budapest so far. They hope the 2022/23 season, which will mark their 50th match in the competition, will change that.

Main facts:

- Odense will take part in their fourth season in the EHF Champions League Women, having progressed from the group phase each time
- they are the Danish champions, beating Team Esbjerg 2-1 in the best-of-three play-off final of the domestic league
- three players have been signed, including Hungarian back Noémi Háfra, while retired team captain Kamilla Larsen is one of the two players who left
- Odense will Dutch miss backs Lois Abbingh (pregnancy) and Larissa Nusser (knee injury) for the first part of the season
- coach Ulrik Kirkely will enter his third straight season and fourth overall as head coach at Odense

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19
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)



3 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

37 GOALS
Most goals

71 GOALS
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	17:33 (12:16) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (a), 18.10.2020
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	3 matches (12.09.2020 – 27.09.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (14.10.2018 – 04.11.2018)
	3 matches (12.09.2020 – 27.09.2020)
Longest losing run	3 matches (09.03.2019 – 13.04.2019)
	3 matches (23.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Longest run without win	4 matches (17.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Most goals	37 v IK Sävehof SWE 31:37W (a), 26.09.2021
	37 v IK Sävehof SWE 37:24W (h), 06.02.2022
	37 v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 37:29W (h), 20.02.2022
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
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
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2018/19 Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22	12:16	Quarter-final	
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	
Total:	46	20	4	22	1257:1251	+6	44:48		



Ulrik Kirkely
Coach

 @ulrikkirkely

- returned for his second spell as Odense coach in the summer of 2020, replacing Jan Pytlick
- his first stint with the club ended in 2017, when he left to lead the Japan women's team to the Tokyo Olympics
- also worked with the men's teams of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia
- was Denmark women's assistant coach at major championships in 2012-14
- a former player at GOG Svendborg, he used to work as a production manager for the company he was an associate in

Arrivals:

Noémi Háfra (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Tonje Løseth (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)
Sidsel Mejlvang (Randers HK/DEN)

Departures:

Malene Aambakk (Aarhus United/DEN)
Kamilla Larsen (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Martina	Thörn	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/02/1991	Västerås, SWE	179
3	Maren Nyland	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02/03/1994	Trondheim, NOR	183
5	Trine	Pedersen	DEN	Back	03/05/1993	Vejle, DEN	168
6	Freja Cohrt	Kyndbøl	DEN	Left Wing	20/01/1994	Odense, DEN	170
7	Bo	van Wetering	NED	Left Wing	05/10/1999	Heerhugowaard, NED	171
8	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Left Back	13/08/1992	Groningen, NED	178
9	Larissa	Nusser	NED	Centre Back	08/02/2000	Born, NED	175
11	Rikke	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	18/05/1993	Nykøbing, DEN	179
16	Althea Rebecca	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01/09/1996	Aarhus, DEN	179
17	Freja Hammer	Fagerberg	DEN	Goalkeeper	17/05/1997	Herlev, DEN	186
21	Ayaka	Ikehara	JPN	Right Wing	24/09/1990	Okinawa, JPN	158
25	Tonje	Løseth	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1991	Bergen, NOR	183
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01/01/1995	Delft, NED	167
C 32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Left Back	24/10/1997	Randers, DEN	173
45	Noémi	Háfra	HUN	Left Back	05/10/1998	Cegléd, HUN	178
48	Dione	Housheer	NED	Right Back	26/09/1999	Gendringen, NED	180
64	Sidsel	Mejlvang	DEN	Line Player	23/12/1990	Aarhus, DEN	175
68	Helena Elver	Hagesø	DEN	Centre Back	01/03/1998	Gentofte, DEN	168
90	Mia Rej	Frahm	DEN	Centre Back	02/02/1990	Copenhagen, DEN	169



Althea Reinhardt

 @altheareinhardt

Goalkeeper

- joined Odense in 2016 after one season at Roskilde and seven at Nykøbing
- has consolidated her status as Denmark's No. 2 goalkeeper behind Sandra Toft
- one of the best penalty shot stoppers: saved five from 13 at the EHF EURO 2020, and six from 13 at the EHF EURO 2016
- appeared on a mural in Copenhagen, depicting a shot hitting her face at the WCh 2021

WCh: B 2021



Bo van Wetering

 @bovanwetering

Left wing

- Dutch international, who arrived at Odense in 2021 from German side TuS Metzingen
- previously played for SEW and VOC in Netherlands, having starting her career at the renowned HandbalAcademie, like many other Dutch top players
- a left wing with a penchant for goals, scored 18 goals in a single game at the WCh 2021 (against Kazakhstan) – a record for the Dutch team

WCh: 2019



Mie Enggrob Højlund

 @miehjlund

Left back

- new team captain, who joined Odense from league rivals Randers HK in 2017
- selected for Danish national team but did not take part in the WCh 2015 (shoulder injury) and EHF EURO 2016 (school exams), but is now a regular international
- won gold at W19 EHF EURO 2015 and 2016 Junior WCh with Denmark
- studied law together with Althea Reinhardt, they built a website: mithea.dk

WCh: B 2021



Noémi Háfra

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Left back

- Hungarian international, who arrived at Odense in 2022 after spending one season with Győr and seven with FTC – including one year on loan at MTK
- had breakthrough in CL 2018/19, scoring 80 goals before FTC lost in the quarter-finals; was named CL All-star young player that season, and again in 2019/20
- won gold at 2018 Junior WCh; was named All-star left back at EHF EURO 2018



Rikke Iversen

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Line player

- signed for Odense in 2020 after spending six years at Silkeborg-Voel
- was among Odense's best scorers in CL 2021/22 season, with 45 goals
- secured the gold medal with Denmark at the Youth Olympic Games in 2010; her first major championship was the EHF EURO 2020, won WCh bronze the next year
- her sister Sarah plays for Ikast Håndbold, in the same position of line player

WCh: B 20219



Maren Nyland Aardahl

 @marenaardahl

Line player

- Norwegian international, who started as a back before becoming a line player
- played for Byåsen until 2019, and one season each for SG BBM Bietigheim in Germany and SC Ramnicu Valcea in Romania, before joining Odense in 2021
- made debut for Norway in October 2021 and won the world title two months later
- also a prolific beach handball player; named MVP and won gold at Beach EURO 2017

WCh: G 20219



Dione Housheer

 @dionehousheer

Right back

- moved to Denmark from her native Netherlands at age 18, joining København Håndbold for three seasons before arriving at Odense in summer of 2021
- Odense's top scorer in the CL 2021/22 with 79 goals; scored at least three goals in all 16 matches Odense played
- Dutch international since 2017, member of the team that won the world title in 2019
- was MVP of Youth European Open Championships in 2016

WCh: G 2019; EHF EURO: B 2018



Kelly Vollebregt

 @kellyvollebregt

Right wing

- arrived in 2021 from German side Dortmund, where she played her maiden CL season
- gained first international experience at age 17, playing the CWC 2012/13 with Quintus; was named Talent of the Year of the Dutch league that season
- moved abroad at age 18, first to Koblenz (2013-15), later to Metzingen (2015-19); reached the EHF Cup final with Metzingen in her first season with the German club
- made the All-star Team at W19 EHF EURO in 2013; meanwhile a regular A international

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue

Dark

Player shirt: pink
Player short: black
GK shirt: black



Playing hall

Aquarama Kristiansand
Tangen 8
4608 Kristiansand
Norway
Capacity: 2,200

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND



It was a busy summer for Vipers Kristiansand, as the two-time defending champions went through a serious makeover: several high-profile departures were sweetened by some mouth-watering arrivals.

All in all, Vipers look once again like a strong contender, but it will be interesting to see if their transition from a team with a Norwegian core to a multi-national powerhouse can yield the same results like in the past two seasons.

Main facts:

- in the 2022/23 season, Vipers can become only the second team to win the EHF Champions League three years in a row, after Győr achieved the feat in 2017-19
- in a busy summer on the transfer market, Anna Vyakhireva, Jamina Roberts and Oceane Sercien-Ugolin were Vipers' key arrivals
- the team has players from eight different nationalities now – Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Croatian, Russian, Spanish, French, and Czech
- Vipers have reached the EHF FINAL4 three times during just five participations in the EHF Champions League
- two of the team's top scorers last season, Nora Mørk and Isabelle Gulldén, who combined for 158 goals, have left with Jamina Roberts, fifth on the top scorers list, coming in

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6
Winners (2): 2020/21, 2021/22
Semi-finals (1): 2018/19
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: 5 titles (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

Norwegian cup: 5 titles (2018-22)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	23:42 (15:21) v IK Sävehof SWE (a), 09.01.2022
Biggest defeat	22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 11.05.2019 26:17 (12:10) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.11.2019
Longest winning run	6 matches (30.11.2021 – 22.01.2022) 6 matches (since 12.02.2022)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (12.09.2020 – 03.02.2021)
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	42 v IK Sävehof SWE 23:42W (a), 09.01.2022
Most goals opponent	38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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	Winner	
2021/22 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	18	14	0	4	566:477	+89	28:8	Winner	
Total:	72	39	5	28	2016:1893	+123	83:61		



Ole Gustav Gjekstad

 @olegustavgjekstad

Coach

- joined Vipers in 2018 and has since won the Norwegian league three times and the EHF Champions League in 2021 and 2022
- replaced Kenneth Gabrielsen, who had led Vipers in their maiden CL season in 2017/18
- previously worked at Larvik until 2015, after an earlier stint with that club between 1999 and 2005
- as a player, scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team

Arrivals:

Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don/RUS)
 Oceane Sercien-Ugolin (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
 Jamina Roberts (IK Sävehof/SWE)
 Julie Stokkendal Poulsen (Bjerringbro FH/DEN)
 Martine Kårigstad Andersen (Follo HK/NOR)
 Sofie Börjesson (IK Sävehof/SWE)

Departures:

Nora Mørk (Team Esbjerg/DEN)
 Andrea Austmo Pedersen (Ikast Håndbold/DEN)
 Evelina Eriksson (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
 Zsuzsanna Tomori (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria/HUN)
 Heidi Løke (Larvik HK/NOR)
 Karoline Olsen (retired)
 Isabelle Gullden (Lugi HF)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sofie	Börjesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31/05/1997	Herrestad, SWE	186
4	Tonje Haugjord	Refsnes	NOR	Back	13/11/1994	Kristiansand, NOR	170
6	Oceane	Sercien Ugolin	FRA	Right Back	15/12/1997	Cherbourg, FRA	175
7	Martine Kårigstad	Andersen	NOR	Right Back	07/05/2002		
8	Karine Emilie	Dahlum	NOR	Back	16/12/1999	Kristiansand, NOR	179
9	Jamina	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	28/05/1990	Bergsjön, SWE	176
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	Julie Stokkendal	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	06/06/2001	Viborg, DEN	
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right Back	13/03/1995	Volvograd, RUS	168
14	Tuva Ulsaker	Høve	NOR	Right Wing	11/06/2000	Trondheim, NOR	175
C 16	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181
18	Mina	Hesselberg	NOR	Left Wing	20/04/2000		
20	Lysa	Tchaptchet Defo	ESP	Line Player	20/12/2001	Youandé, CMR	183
21	Ragnhild Valle	Dahl	NOR	Back	02/01/1998	Molde, NOR	178
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Back	20/09/1990	Trondheim, NOR	179
24	Hanna Maria	Yttereng	NOR	Line Player	20/02/1991	Trondheim, NOR	184
25	Nerea	Pena	ESP	Back	13/12/1989	Pamplona, ESP	175
27	Sunniva Amalie Naes	Andersen	NOR	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Porsgrunn, NOR	173
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09/01/1994	Rijeka, CRO	183
37	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22/06/1989	Praha, CZE	168
51	Markéta	Jerábková	CZE	Back	08/02/1996	Plzen, CZE	174



Katrine Lunde

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Goalkeeper

- former Norwegian international, who is still a world-class goalkeeper at age 42, with a storied career that included spells with Viborg, Győr, and Rostov-Don
- returned to action in the 2020/21 season from a knee injury that had kept her away from the courts for an entire year; has won the CL both seasons since
- has won the CL two times each with three different clubs – Viborg, Győr, and Vipers

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



Sunniva Amalie Næs Andersen

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Left wing

- joined from Gjerpen IF in 2017; won CL twice 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 44 goals to Vipers' CL success in 2021/22, raising her career CL tally to 84
- made national team debut for Norway in 2021, has not played a major event so far

EC trophies: CL 2021, 2022



Jamina Roberts

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Left back

- Swedish international, who joined Vipers in the summer of 2022 from IK Sävehof
- made the All-star Team at the Tokyo Olympics, where Sweden finished fourth; was also named Female Player of the Year 2022 in Sweden
- gave birth to her first son 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

EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Markéta Jerábková

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Back

- joined in 2021 from German side Thüringer HC; also played for Baník Most and Érd
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2022, where she scored 18 times to help Vipers lift the trophy
- comes from a family with a penchant for sports: her father played football in the Czech top division, and her brother Jakub is an ice hockey international
- was top scorer and All-star Team member at the Women's 17 EHF EURO 2012

EC trophies: CL 2022



Ana Debelic

Line player

- played for Lokomotiva Zagreb and Podravka Vegeta in her native Croatia, before moving to Astrakhanochka in Russia in 2020 and ultimately to Vipers in 2021
- scored 72 goals for Vipers on the club's road to the 2021/22 CL title
- excellent defender, who was named All-star line player at the EHF EURO 2020, where Croatia surprisingly won the bronze medal

EC trophies: CL 2022

EURO: B 2020



Anna Vyakhireva

Right back

- arrived at Vipers in summer of 2022 from Rostov-Don for her first club outside Russia
- took a break from handball after the Tokyo Olympics, returned in the spring of 2022
- MVP of 2016 and 2020 Olympics and EHF EURO 2018; CL All-star left back twice
- her father Viktor Vyakhirev was a handball coach, while her sister Polina Kuznetsova plays handball professionally as a left wing and is a world and Olympic champion

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017

EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: B 2019



Oceane Sercien Ugolin

Right back

- French international, who arrived in the summer of 2022 from Slovenian side Krim
- born in Cherbourg to parents originally from Guadeloupe, started career at Paris 92
- scored 65 times for Krim in her maiden CL season 2020/21
- got bachelor degree in Finance, Business and Administration Management, from an online education during her two-year stint in Ljubljana

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020



Jana Knedlikova

Right wing

- Czech international, who joined Vipers in 2020 after five years with Győr
- became the first player from Czech Republic to win the CL – with Győr in 2017; is one of only four female players to have won the CL five times
- had her personal best CL season in 2021/22, scoring 59 times for Vipers
- used to do ice skating and ballet as a child

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue
Player short: black
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: dark grey
GK shirt: black



Playing hall

Arena Stožice
Vojkova cesta 100
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia
Capacity: 6,000

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA



A few years ago, Krim Mercator Ljubljana embarked on a journey that should bring the former two-time champions back to the top of European handball. Reaching the quarter-finals of the EHF Champions League Women last season indicated the Slovenian side are on the right path.

Now heading into their 28th straight EHF Champions League season, Krim hope to repeat their 2021/22 success and, led by new head coach Dragan Adzic, continue their work on the way back to the top.

Main facts:

- former longterm Buducnost coach Dragan Adzic starts his first season at the helm of Krim, while also leading the Slovenian national team
- Krim have gone through a lot of change, with Andrea Lekic, Ana Gros, Katarina Krpez Slezak, and Oceane Sercien Ugolin among the players leaving, while the likes of Barbara Lazovic, Jovanka Radicevic, and Daria Dmitrieva have joined
- the two-time champions (2001, 2003) lost in the 2021/22 quarter-finals to eventual champions Vipers Kristiansand
- Krim are heading into their 28th consecutive season in the EHF Champions League

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 28

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 (1): 2020/21

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

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: 27 titles (1995-15, 2017-22)

Slovenian cup: 27 titles (1993-97, 1999-2019, 2022)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

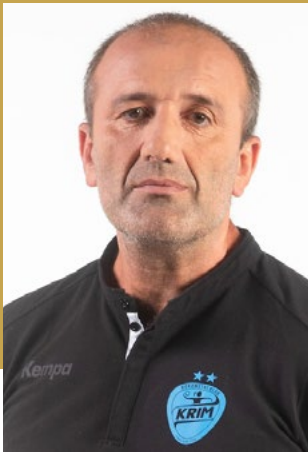
76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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 – 20.11.2015)
Longest run without win	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Most goals	41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007
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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11	13:11	13:11	Runner-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32	15:9	15:9	Winner
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55	20:4	20:4	Winner
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35	14:10	14:10	Runner-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37	14:2	14:2	Quarter-final
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27	16:8	16:8	Runner-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14	10:6	10:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3	12:12	12:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30	15:9	15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8	12:12	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22	10:14	10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0	16:12	16:12	Semi-final
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5	11:13	11:13	4th MR Gr. 2
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374	-69	4:20	4:20	6th MR Gr. 1
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208	-48	0:12	0:12	4th Gr. A
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345	-51	8:16	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335	-34	9:15	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328	-31	8:16	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	1	8	310:348	-38	7:17	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
2020/21 RK Krim Mercator SLO	16	3	3	10	371:422	-51	9:23	9:23	Play-offs
2021/22 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	18	5	2	11	466:498	-32	12:24	12:24	Quarter-final
Total:	284	124	19	141	7523:7638	-115	267:301		



Dragan Adzic
Coach

- Montenegrin coach and two-time CL winner, who arrived at Krim in summer of 2022 to replace Nataliya Derepasko
- has also been in charge of Slovenian women's national team since 2021
- retired from playing due to injury in 1998 and started as assistant coach at Buducnost three years later
- became head coach of Buducnost and Montenegrin national team in 2010; won both CL and EHF EURO in 2012
- stepped down from national team duties in 2017 and left Buducnost in 2020

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; CWC 2010
EURO: 2012

Arrivals:

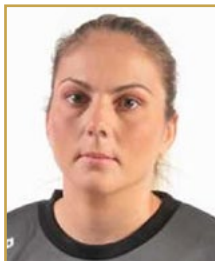
Daria Dmitrieva (CSKA/RUS)
Aleksandra Rosiak (ES Besancon Feminin/FRA)
Barbara Lazovic (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
Sara Kovarova (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK/TUR)
Jovanka Radicevic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK/TUR)
Ema Markovic (Handball Club Z'dežele/SLO)

Departures:

Oceane Sercien Ugolin (Vipers Kristiansand/NOR)
Katarina Krpez Slezak (SCM Craiova/ROU)
Harma van Kreij (BVB Handball Damen/GER)
Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria/HUN)
Paula Posavec (CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita/ROU)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	
2	Sanja	Radosavljević	SRB	Left Wing	15/01/1994	Pancevo, SRB	171	
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line Player	18/01/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	168	
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23/10/1986	Podgorica, MNE	169	
5	Tjaša	Stanko	SLO	Left Back	05/11/1997	Maribor, SLO	173	
7	Allison Marie	Pineau	FRA	Left Back	02/05/1989	Marron, FRA	181	
8	Ema	Abina	SLO	Left Wing	18/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	170	
9	Nina	Zabjek	SLO	Centre Back	04/03/1998	Ljubljana, SLO	178	
11	Daria	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre Back	09/08/1995	Togliatti, RUS	181	
12	Barbara	Arenhart	BRA	Goalkeeper	04/10/1986	Novo Hamburgo, BRA	181	
14	Laura	Cerovak	SLO	Left Back	06/09/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	187	
15	Valentina	Klemencic	SLO	Line Player	05/02/2002	Kranj, SLO	185	
16	Zala	Miklic	SLO	Goalkeeper	13/09/2002	Ljubljana, SLO	165	
19	Natasa	Ljepoja	SLO	Line Player	28/01/1996	Celje, SLO	178	
20	Alja	Varagic	SLO	Right Back	11/12/1990	Celje, SLO	185	
23	Betchaidelle	Ngombele	CGO	Left Back	23/04/2004	Brazzaville, CGO	190	
C	25	Barbara	Lazovic	SLO	Right Back	04/01/1988	Brezice, SLO	183
	48	Sara	Kovarova	CZE	Right Back	09/02/1999	Pisek, CZE	175
	61	Jovana	Risovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/10/1993	Beograd, SRB	171
	66	Aleksandra	Rosiak	POL	Left Back	07/07/1997	Lubin, POL	182
	71	Ema Maria	Markovic	SLO	Right Wing	18/07/2003	Celje, SLO	170
	99	Maja	Svetik	SLO	Left Wing	09/03/1996	Sempeter pri Gorici, SLO	168



Jovana Risovic

@zmajce16

Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, who joined Krim from Podravka Vegeta in 2020
- started handball career at age eight – first on the wing, later as goalkeeper
- part of the Serbian team that finished runners-up at the WCh in 2013
- best goalkeeper at 2012 Junior World Championship
- also played for Nova Pazova, Kragujevac, Randers, and Kecskemet

WCh: S 2013



Sanja Radosavljevic

@sradosavljevic2

Left wing

- Serbian international, who joined Krim in 2021 after five seasons with Vác in Hungary
- previously played for Radnicki Kragujevac in her native Serbia
- started to play handball at age six; left home at age 15 to join Radnicki
- her brother, Uros, is also a handball player



Tjasa Stanko

@tjasastanko

Left back

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



Allison Pineau

@allisonpineau

Centre back

- French international, returned to Krim from Buducnost in the summer of 2021
- already played for Krim in 2014/15 season; in a 14-year long career played for nine clubs, including Vardar, Metz, and Baia Mare
- named World Player of the Year in 2009, all-star MVP at WCh in 2009 and 2011
- made her debut at senior national team at age of 17

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



Daria Dmitrieva

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Centre back

- Russian national team captain, joining Krim in 2022 on loan from CSKA
- moved to CSKA in 2019 from Lada, but missed the entire 2019/20 season due to a Achilles tendon injury
- born in Togliatti, played for Volgograd before re-joining home town club Lada in 2015
- won Olympic gold in 2016 and was named in the All-star Team

OG: G 2016, S 2020; EHF EURO: S 2018



Valentina Klemencic

 @valentina_klemencic

Line player

- 1.85m-tall, talented young Slovenian line player, who is entering her fourth CL season with Krim
- made her CL debut in 2019/20, and scored 23 times in her first and 35 times in her second season in Europe's top flight
- played her first major tournament with Slovenia at the 2019 WCh in Japan
- her handball idol is German line player Hendrik Pekeler



Barbara Lazovic

 @barbaralazovic

Right back

- Slovenian international, who returned to Krim in the summer of 2022 after eight years
- played for Vardar, CSM Bucuresti (twice), and Buducnost in the meantime; reached the CL final with Vardar twice, in 2017 and 2018
- 2019/20 season was her personal best with 48 goals for Buducnost
- married to Montenegrin national team player Vuk Lazovic



Jovanka Radicevic

 @radicevicjoksi4

Right wing

- Montenegrin international, who arrived at Krim in 2022 after one year at Kastamonu
- scored 86 times in the CL for the Turkish side; only nine short of her personal best
- previously played for Buducnost (in her native Podgorica), Győr, Vardar, and CSM; won the CL with Győr in 2013
- part of the Montenegrin team that won Olympic silver and EHF EURO gold in 2012
- named in the All-star Teams of the EHF EURO 2012 and 2015 WCh

EC trophies: CL 2013
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: light blue
Shorts: light blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
Player shorts: black
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow



Playing hall

MHP Arena Ludwigsburg
Schwieberdinger Str. 30
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Capacity: 4,185

SG BBM BIETIGHEIM



55 straight victories across four competitions: 2021/22 has been a perfect season for SG BBM Bietigheim, as the team of head coach Markus Gaugisch won the EHF European League as well as the German Bundesliga, cup, and Supercup.

Back in the EHF Champions League, Bietigheim hope to finally deliver in Europe's top flight as well.

Main facts:

- Bietigheim return to the EHF Champions League after a one-year absence for their fifth appearance in Europe's top flight
- they are coming off a perfect 2021/22 season, in which they won all matches in the EHF European League Women and all domestic competitions (league, cup, and Supercup)
- Bietigheim reached the knockout stage once in four previous participations in the EHF Champions League: in 2020/21, when they lost to eventual finalists Györi Audi ETO KC
- team is still led by head coach Markus Gaugisch, who additionally took over the German women's national team in April 2022
- left back Stine Jørgensen (København) and line player Luisa Schulze (Neckarsulm) have both left; Spanish line player Kaba Gassama (Fleury) and Annika Meyer (Thüringer HC) have been signed as new arrivals
- Dutch line player and team captain Danick Snelder will be out for an indefinite time after knee surgery, and is replaced with Annika Meyer, who arrived from Thüringer HC

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 5
Play-offs (1): 2020/21
Main Round (1): 2017/18
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: 3 titles (2017, 2019, 2022)
German cup: 2 titles (2021, 2022)



3 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

35 **GOALS**
Most goals

67 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	24:35 (11:14) v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN (a), 07.11.2020
Biggest defeat	20:37 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 07.03.2021
Longest winning run	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017)
	3 matches (11.03.2018 – 14.10.2018)
Longest losing run	8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)
Longest run without win	8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)
Most goals	35 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 24:35W (a), 07.11.2020
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 26:38L (h), 04.02.2018
Most goals both teams	67 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 32:35L (h), 19.10.2019
Fewest goals	20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 20:37L (h), 07.03.2021
Fewest goals opponent	21 v Buducnost MNE 27:21W (h), 12.11.2017
Fewest goals both teams	44 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 22:22D (h), 10.01.2021

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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	-68	3:25	Play-offs	
Total:	40	7	2	31	995:1176	-181	16:64		



Markus Gaugisch

Coach

- arrived at Bietigheim in 2020 for his first coaching job in women's handball; had previously led the men's teams of Neuhausen (2009-13) and Balingen (2013-15)
- steered Bietigheim to the club's biggest international success in 2021/22, winning the EHF European League Women
- also led the team to their third Bundesliga title in 2021/22
- became coach of the German women's national team in April 2022; will combine both tasks until the end of the 2022/23 season
- spent most of his playing career at VfL Pfullingen before retiring in 2007 at Neuhausen

EC trophies: EL 2022

Arrivals:

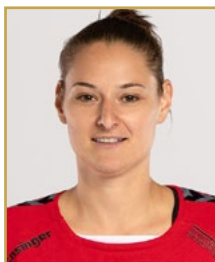
Kaba Gassama (Fleury Loiret/FRA)
Annika Meyer (Thüringer HC/GER)

Departures:

Luisa Schulze (Sport-Union Neckarsulm/GER)
Lieke van der Linden (Bayer Leverkusen/GER)
Stine Jørgensen (København Håndbold/DEN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Kaba	GassamaCissokho	ESP	Line Player	16/08/1997	Granollers, ESP	180
5	Antje	Döll	GER	Left Wing	03/10/1988	Haldensleben, GER	170
6	Annika	Meyer	DEN	Line Player	30/05/1994	Haderslev, DEN	178
10	Inger	Smits	NED	Centre Back	17/09/1994	Geleen, NED	179
12	Melinda	Szikora	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/11/1988	Kiskunfelegyhaza, HUN	175
14	Karolina	Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	Back	17/01/1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178
15	Kim	Naidzinavicius	GER	Centre Back	06/04/1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
21	Kelly	Dulfer	NED	Left Back	21/03/1994	Schiedam, NED	185
C 22	Xenia	Smits	GER	Left Back	22/04/1994	Antwerpen, BEL	182
24	Danick	Snelder	NED	Line Player	22/05/1990	Pijnacker, NED	178
25	Trine	Østergaard Jensen	DEN	Right Wing	17/10/1991	Skanderborg, DEN	166
27	Julia	Maidhof	GER	Right Back	13/03/1998	Aschaffenburg, GER	175
30	Jenny	Behrend	GER	Right Wing	20/01/1996	Rendsburg, GER	172
67	Veronika	Male	CZE	Left Wing	06/05/1994	Pisek, CZE	169
94	Gabriela	Goncalves Dias Moreschi	BRA	Goalkeeper	08/07/1994	Portugesa, BRA	190



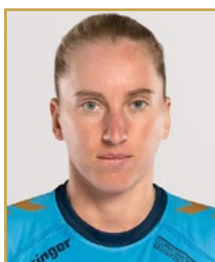
Melinda Szikora

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Goalkeeper

- Hungarian international, who signed for Bietigheim in 2021, after a career spanning more than 15 years for six clubs in her native Hungary
- loves extreme sports, such as bungee jumping, but acknowledged that she has to take a step back from them after two knee injuries that sidelined her for a year
- regular in Hungarian national team, part of the squads for EHF EURO 2016 and 2020

EC trophies: EL 2022



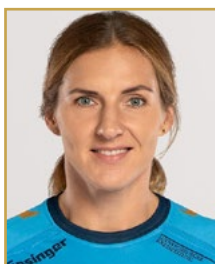
Veronika Mala

 @veronik_mala67

Left wing

- Czech left wing, who arrived in Bietigheim from Paris 92 in the summer of 2021
- previously played one season in Germany – for VfL Oldenburg (2016/17)
- one of the fastest left wings in Europe, prefers playing for teams with a fast attack
- regular in Czech national team since 2015; played EHF EURO in 2016, 2018, and 2020

EC trophies: EL 2022



Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc

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Left back

- experienced Polish international, who has been plying her trade in Germany since 2006 – first at HC Leipzig, since 2017 at SG BBM Bietigheim
- contributed 34 goals to Bietigheim's run to the EHF European League 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
- has a degree in psychology from the University of Leipzig

EC trophies: EL 2022



Kelly Dulfer

 @kellydulfer

Left back

- arrived from then Bundesliga champions Dortmund in the summer of 2021 – and won the title again in her first season with Bietigheim
- had previously played in Germany – for Oldenburg in 2015-17
- also had a two-year stint at København Handball, winning the Danish league in 2018
- won world title with Netherlands in 2019; named best defender at EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: EL 2022

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



Xenia Smits

 @xenia_smits

Left back

- Belgian-born player who gained German citizenship just before the 2014 Junior WCh
- started her pro career at HSG Blomberg-Lippe in 2010
- returned to Germany and signed for Bietigheim in 2020 after five years with Metz
- won four French league titles and reached the EHF FINAL4 2019 with Metz
- former defence specialist, now a key player in attack, also for German national team

EC trophies: EL 2022



Annika Meyer

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Line player

- Danish line player, who joined from league rivals Thüringer HC in the summer of 2022
- will replace team captain Danick Snelder, who is recovering from knee surgery
- previously played in Germany for VfL Oldenburg and Buxtehuder SV, and in Denmark for clubs like Odense, København, and Aarhus
- won the youth (U18) world title with Denmark in 2012



Julia Maidhof

 @juliamaidhof

Right back

- was Bietigheim's leading scorer in the EHF European League 2021/22 season with 50 goals, including six in the final against Viborg HK
- had scored 55 times in the CL 2020/21, her first season in the top flight
- became Bundesliga top scorer at age 21, netting 145 times in 18 matches in 2019/20
- made her international debut for Germany at the EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: EL 2022



Trine Østergaard

 @toestergaard

Right wing

- Danish international, who arrived at Bietigheim in 2020 from Odense
- previously spent nine seasons at Herning-Ikast and gained a lot of CL experience, before moving to Odense in 2017
- regular in the Danish national team since 2011, won bronze at WCh in 2013 and 2021
- was also a decent football player until opting to play only handball at age 15

EC trophies: EL 2022; EHF Cup 2011; CWC 2015
WCh: B 2013, 2021

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: pink
Player short: black
GK shirt: white

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

Arena de Brest
140 Boulevard de
Plymouth
29200 Brest
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Capacity: 4,077

BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL



After playing the 2021 final against Vipers Kristiansand, Brest Bretagne Handball went through a tough 2021/22 campaign. Going out in the quarter-finals and not winning a single trophy on the domestic stage made the French side fall short of their pre-season objectives.

In the 2022 summer, several key players left Brest, but talented others have joined. The team may not look as shiny as it once did, but the quality is there and the objectives remain high.

Main facts:

- this season will be Brest's sixth in the EHF Champions League: their best result was runners-up in 2020/21
- Brest reached the quarter-finals in 2021/22, where they lost to eventual finalists Györi Audi ETO KC
- new signings include goalkeeper Julie Foggea, centre back Itana Grbic, and line player Tatjana Brnovic
- Danish goalkeeper Sandra Toft (Györ) and French left back Kalidiatou Niakaté (CSM Bucuresti) are among the players that have left
- coach Pablo Morel will be on the bench for the second season, after taking over last summer

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6

Final (1): 2020/21

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

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)



10 **MATCHES**
Longest
unbeaten run

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:24 (22:9) v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU (h), 12.10.2019 35:22 (17:9) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (h), 16.10.2021
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	41 v BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER 29:41W (a), 20.09.2020
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	42 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 21:21D (h), 30.04.2022

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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-final*	
2020/21 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	20	10	6	4	562:512	+50	26:14	Final	
2021/22 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	18	9	2	7	489:472	+17	20:16	Quarter-final	
Total:	68	31	12	25	1891:1806	+85	74:62		

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



Pablo Morel
Coach

- took over in 2021 from Laurent Bezeau, who had been in charge since 2013 and led Brest to the CL 2020/21 final
- started his coaching career in 2003, when he was just 20
- previously worked at Paris 92 – initially as assistant (2011-14), then as head coach (2014-16) – and at Celles-sur-Belle
- gained international experience from working under head coach Jackson Richardson at the men's national team of Gabon in 2017/18

Arrivals:

Julie Foggea (Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)
 Petra Marinovic (Brest youth, FRA)
 Estel Memana (Chambray Touraine/FRA)
 Elisa Técher (Fleury Loiret HB/FRA)
 Itana Grbic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria/HUN)
 Merel Freriks (BVB Handball-Damen/GER)
 Tatjana Brnovic (Rostov-DON/RUS – on loan)

Departures:

Sandra Toft (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
 Agathe Quiniou (Chambray Touraine/FRA)
 Kalidiatou Niakaté (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
 Tonje Løseth (Odense Håndbold/DEN)
 Sladjana Pop-Lazic (retired)
 Amandine Lagattu (Taulé-Carantec/FRA)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Constance	Mauny	FRA	Left Wing	17/12/1998	Chambray-les-Tours, FRA	172
3	Alicia	Toublanc	FRA	Right Wing	03/05/1996	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	170
4	Nina	Floch-Hubert	FRA	Left Wing	05/07/2002	Brest, FRA	165
5	Carla	Broquaire	FRA	Line Player	24/05/2004	Lorient, FRA	178
6	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Left Back	31/01/1997	Bærum, NOR	178
7	Romane	Kromoska	FRA	Centre Back	01/10/2002	Tourcoing, FRA	168
8	Monika	Kobylinska	POL	Right Back	09/04/1995	Zary, POL	177
9	Djurdjina	Jaukovic	MNE	Left Back	24/02/1997	Niksic, MNE	186
C 10	Coralie	Lassource	FRA	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Maisons-Laffitte, FRA	170
12	Petra	Marinovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	29/06/2001	Split, CRO	180
13	Mélina	Cantin	FRA	Goalkeeper	25/11/2003	Brest, FRA	175
16	Cléopatre	Darleux	FRA	Goalkeeper	01/07/1989	Mulhouse, FRA	177
17	Estel	Memana	FRA	Left Wing	05/08/1997	Akonolinga, CMR	172
19	Elisa	Techer	FRA	Left Back	14/10/2003	Sainte-Clotilde, FRA	182
20	Merel	Freriks	NED	Line Player	06/01/1998	Haarlemmermeer, NED	175
21	Aïssatou	Kouyaté	FRA	Right Back	19/04/1995	Clichy-la-Garenne, FRA	183
22	Pauletta	Foppa	FRA	Line Player	22/12/2000	Amilly, FRA	177
24	Romane	Lehuault-Parc	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/04/2005	Morlaix, FRA	183
26	Mathilde	Cayez	FRA	Right Wing	17/01/2003	Lambres-lez-Douai, FRA	168
27	Justine	Raulo	FRA	Line Player	22/06/2003	Pontivy, FRA	180
28	Ludivine	Mey	FRA	Right Wing	28/03/2004	Chaoguan, CHN	168
34	Tatjana	Brnovic	MNE	Line Player	09/11/1998	Cetinje, MNE	184
42	Jenny Helen	Carlson	SWE	Centre Back	17/04/1995	Säve, SWE	172
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
78	Sandra	Pouchart	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/11/1978	Landisvisiau, FRA	178
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Centre Back	01/09/1996	Podgorica, MNE	171
97	Julie	Foggea	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/08/1990	Les Abymes, FRA	181



Cléopatre Darleux

@cleopatredarleux

Goalkeeper

- played for one season in Brest in 2011/2012, before moving to Viborg and Nice and eventually coming back to Brest in 2016
- part of the France team which won the gold medal at the 2017 WCh and the Tokyo Olympics
- gave birth to her first daughter in November 2019
- her goal against Norway in a friendly with France in 2016 went viral

EC trophies: CWC 2014

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



Coralie Lassource

@lassourcecoralie

Left wing

- started playing handball at Paris 92, a club her younger sister Deborah still plays for
- returned to France after two seasons with Érd in Hungary
- known for her defensive abilities on the backcourt position
- regular fixture in the French team, missed 2016 Olympics due to injury

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020; WCh: S 2021



Djurdjina Jaukovic

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Left back

- Montenegrin international, who started with handball at age nine in her home town of Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former club president of Sutjeska
- arrived in Brest in summer of 2020 after seven seasons with Buducnost
- scored 63 CL goals in her first season with Brest, when the French side reached the final; missed most of the 2021/22 season with a knee injury
- joined Buducnost in 2013 at age 15, named best young player in Montenegro twice



Itana Grbic

@iiiiig96

Centre back

- born in Podgorica and learned to play handball at Buducnost, but started senior career at Vardar, where she played between 2014 and 2016
- arrived at Brest in the summer of 2022 after one season with FTC; previously played for Buducnost and CSM Bucuresti
- made All-star Team at 2014 Junior (U18) WCh; regular in Montenegrin national team
- wears number 96 as a reference to her year of birth



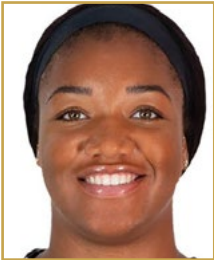
Helene Fauske

 @helenefauske

Left back

- Norwegian backplayer , who joined Brest in summer of 2021 and became the team's leading scorer in the CL 2021/22 season, with 87 goals
- previously played four seasons for Herning-Ikast, reaching the EHF Finals 2021
- former Norwegian international, won silver at WCh 2017

WCh: S 2017



Pauletta Foppa

 @pauletta.sorea

Line player

- French international, whose star has been rising in recent seasons, as she was named in the All-star Team of the CL 2020/21, the Olympics 2020, and the 2021 WCh
- at age 17, she was one of the youngest players to make their debut in the French national team – in November 2018, just before the home EHF EURO
- scored a personal best 62 CL goals for Brest in 2021/22

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



Monika Kobylinska

 @monika.kobylinska8

Right back

- Polish international, who arrived in Brest in summer of 2019 after two seasons in the German Bundesliga with TuS Metzingen
- started career at Gdynia in her native Poland, has scored more than 150 goals for the Polish national team
- returned to the courts near the end of the 2020/21 season after tearing a knee ligament in October 2020



Alicia Toublanc

 @blantouu

Right wing

- French international, who joined the youth ranks of Brest in 2014; signed her first professional contract with the club three years later
- had her breakthrough CL season in 2021/22, scoring 77 times for Brest
- was a regular in French youth and junior national teams, but only made senior debut at age 25 in October 2021; won silver at 2021 WCh in Spain two months later

WCh: S 2021

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue/black



Playing hall

Erd Arena
Velencei ut 39-41
2030 Erd
Hungary
Capacity: 2,200

FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA



Although FTC–Rail Cargo Hungaria failed to defend their Hungarian league title last season, finishing runners-up to Györi Audi ETO KC, they did not end their 2021/22 campaign emptyhanded as they won the domestic cup.

However, their hopes to qualify for the EHF FINAL4 in their hometown of Budapest were shattered once more, this time by Krim Mercator Ljubljana in the play-offs. Will 2022/23 become FTC's season?

Main facts:

- FTC are still waiting for their first appearance at the season-ending EHF FINAL4 event in Budapest
- having started in 2007, head coach Gábor Elek is starting in his 16th season at the helm of the team
- the squad has been reinforced with eight newcomers, including Andrea Lekic, Béatrice Edwige, Zsuzsanna Tomori, and Dragana Cvijic
- Anikó Kovacsics is expected to return from maternity leave in the course of the 2022/23 season

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 23
Runners-up (1): 2001/02
Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01
Quarter-finals (7): 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22
Main Round (2): 2012/13, 2019/20
Group Matches/Champions League (6): 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14
Qualification (2): 2009/10, 2014/15

Other

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

Hungarian league: 13 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994-97, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015, 2021)

Hungarian cup: 13 titles (1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1993-97, 2001, 2003, 2017, 2022)



8 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997
Biggest defeat	40:23 (22:10) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 09.04.2016
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)
Longest run without win	5 matches (04.01.1998 – 31.10.1999) 5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)
Most goals	42 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016
Most goals both teams	70 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 34:36L (h), 10.02.2007 70 v Larvik NOR 37:33W (h), 14.10.2017
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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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-final	
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-final	
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10	Semi-final	
2001/02 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	12	6	2	4	348:341	+7	14:10	Runner-up	
2002/03 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	6	0	2	252:228	+24	12:4	Quarter-final	
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6	Quarter-final	
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-final	
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10	Quarter-final	
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12	Quarter-final	
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12	Quarter-final	
2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	4	1	7	334:348	-14	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1	
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	
Total:	204	105	17	82	5609:5485	+124	227:181		



Gábor Elek

Coach

- in charge since 2007, Gábor Elek has won the Hungarian cup for a second time with FTC in 2022
- son of legendary coach Gyula Elek, who led FTC for almost three decades and who had the FTC arena named after him
- won first domestic title in 2015 and repeated the success in 2021, as FTC are regularly finishing runners-up to Győr
- won back-to-back Cup Winners' Cups in 2011 and 2012
- also led Hungary's women's national team for a while but stepped down from that role after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- has a degree in chemical engineering

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012

Arrivals:

Andrea Lekic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
 Béatrice Edwige (Rostov-Don/RUS)
 Buzsáki Bodza (FTC youth/HUN)
 Dragana Cvijic (CSKA/RUS)
 Kármán Luca (FTC youth/HUN)
 Anna Kukely (Békéscsabai Előre NKSE/HUN)
 Kincső Sass (Pénzügyőr SE/HUN)
 Zsuzsanna Tomori (Vipers Kristiansand/NOR)

Departures:

Anna Ballai (Váci NKSE/HUN – on loan)
 Klára Csiszár-Szekeres (Érd/HUN)
 Diána Ferenczy (NEKA/HUN)
 Itana Grbic (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)
 Julia Behnke (TuS Metzingen/GER)
 Petra Simon (MTK Budapest/HUN – on loan)
 Sára Suba (MTK Budapest/HUN)
 Nikolett Tóth (Mosonmagyaróvári KCSE/HUN – on loan)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Kincso	Sass	HUN	Goalkeeper	11/08/2004	Budapest, HUN	178
3	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line Player	03/10/1988	Paris, FRA	182
C 8	Zita	Szucsánszki	HUN	Centre Back	22/05/1987	Budapest, HUN	172
9	Szofi	Imre	HUN	Goalkeeper	21/06/2004	Budapest, HUN	178
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06/11/1991	Budapest, HUN	178
14	Anett	Kisfaludy	HUN	Line Player	31/08/1990	Kapuvár, HUN	180
15	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	167
16	Blanka	Bíró	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/09/1994	Vác, HUN	186
17	Alicia	Stolle	GER	Right Back	17/06/1996	Ahlen, GER	182
18	Anett	Kovács	HUN	Right Wing	12/11/1994	Mezotúr, HUN	167
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left Back	26/04/1998	Buxtehude, GER	182
21	Gréta	Márton	HUN	Left Wing	03/10/1999	Mohács, HUN	173
23	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left Back	18/06/1987	Budapest, HUN	187
26	Angela	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31/01/1993	Spakenburg, NED	173
27	Anna	Kukely	HUN	Centre Back	27/05/2003	Békéscsaba, HUN	173
42	Katrin Gitta	Klujber	HUN	Right Back	21/04/1999	Budapest, HUN	169
50	Luca	Kármán	HUN	Left Back	18/07/2004	Budapest, HUN	190
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15/03/1990	Belgrade, SRB	183
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Left Back	06/09/1987	Belgrade, SRB	178
90	Szandra	Szöllosi-Zácsik	HUN	Left Back	22/03/1990	Budapest, HUN	187
94	Bodza	Buzsáki	HUN	Left Wing	25/03/2004	Budapest, HUN	171

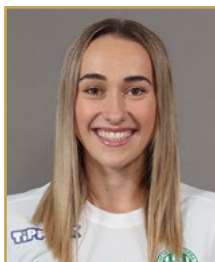


Blanka Bíró

 @biroblanka

Goalkeeper

- born and raised in Vác, where she played for eight years
- played internationally in the EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup, and was first called up for the national team at age 18 – for the home EHF EURO 2014
- the 186-cm tall goalkeeper is a regular choice for the national team
- won silver with Hungary at the Women's 19 EURO in 2013



Gréta Márton

 @gretamarton

Left wing

- Hungarian international, who scored a personal best 51 goals in CL 2021/22 season
- entering her eighth CL season with FTC, after 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
- one of the most active handball players on social media



Emily Bölk

 @emily_boelk

Left back

- German international, who joined FTC in 2020 from Thüringer HC
- was FTC's second-best scorer in CL 2021/22 season, with 72 goals
- visited Viborg 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 pass the 100-goal mark
- mother Andrea was also a national team player in Germany



Andrea Lekic

 @lekiandrea

Centre back

- Serbian international, who arrived at FTC in the summer of 2022 from Krim
- previously also played CL with Buducnost, Vardar, CSM Bucuresti, and Győr
- won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, finished runners-up once, and third three times
- in 2013, she won WCh silver with Serbia and was named World Player of the Year

EC trophies: CL 2013
WCh: S 2013



Béatrice Edwige

 @edwige_beatrice

Line player

- French international, who joined FTC from Rostov in February 2022
- born in Paris, moved to Mana in French Guiana, but returned to France at age 11
- nicknamed Bea, she left France after 15 seasons spent at Cercle Dijon, OGC Nice and Metz Handball in the summer of 2019 to join Győr
- in 2021, joined her friend Grace Zaadi at Rostov following two seasons at Győr
- first Guianese player to take part in Olympics, best defender at EHF EURO 2016

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



Dragana Cvijic

 @cvijic_dragana

Line player

- two-time CL winner, who arrived at FTC after playing for Krim and CSKA in 2021/22
- had joined Buducnost in 2011 and won the CL in her first season with the club; lifted the CL trophy another time (2015) during her six-year stint in Podgorica
- also played CL for Vardar (2017/18) and CSM Bucuresti (2018-21)
- Serbian international, part of the team that won silver at their home WCh in 2013

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015
WCh: S 2013



Katrin Klujber

 @keti_klujber

Right back

- prolific scorer for FTC since her CL debut in 2018/19, netting 54, 84, 68, and 62 times respectively in her first four CL seasons
- debuted in Hungarian league at age 16; won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016
- part of the Hungarian team that won the Junior WCh in Hungary in 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



Angela Malestein

 @angelamalestein

Right wing

- Dutch international, arrived in Budapest in summer of 2020 from Bietigheim
- leading goal scorer for FTC in CL 2021/22 season, with 81 goals
- first played in Dutch national team at age 16 and has been part of all the recent successes of the team, including winning the world title in 2019
- played for VOC and Dalfsen before moving to Germany at age 19 in 2012

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

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: black-orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

Rocknet aréna
Mostecká 5900
430 01 Chomutov
Czech Republic
Capacity: 5,250

DHK BANÍK MOST



Experience is paramount in a successful season in European competitions, but so is ambition. While DHK Baník Most do not have most of the former, they surely bring a lot of grit and dedication to the table making their comeback in the EHF Champions League after three seasons.

With a core of Czech and Slovak players, it will be interesting to see how the 'Black Angels' do this season when facing tougher and more experienced opponents.

Main facts:

- DHK Baník Most will play the EHF Champions League Women for the second time; they won the qualification tournament in 2019/20 and went out after the group matches that season
- most of their roster is composed of Czech and Slovak players, with a single Dutch player: goalkeeper Ellen Janssen and a Polish line player Daria Somionka
- they will face champions Vipers Kristiansand in the group phase; the MVP of the EHF FINAL4 last season, Czech back Markéta Jerábková, played for Most between 2014 and 2018
- since their first season in the EHF Champions League, Most have been eliminated in the qualification rounds of the EHF European League twice, adding to their lack of international experience
- this season marks the 10th anniversary of Most's biggest interational success: winning the Challenge Cup in 2012/13

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2
Group Matches (1): 2019/20

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16: 2013/14; Group Phase: 2017/18, 2019/20
Challenge Cup: Winners: 2012/13; Quarter-finals: 2011/12

Czech league: 9 titles (2013-19, 2021, 2022)

Czech cup: 7 titles (2014-18, 2020, 2022)



1 **MATCH**
Longest
winning run

31 **GOALS**
Most goals

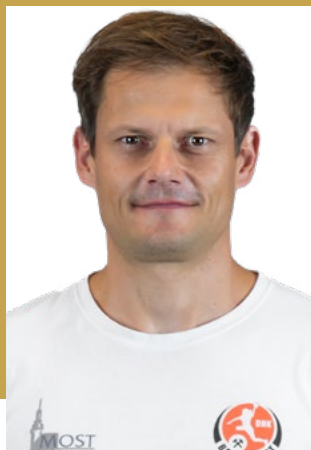
67 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	29:31 (14:13) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (a), 06.10.2019
Biggest defeat	21:46 (13:23) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 13.10.2019
Longest winning run	1 match (06.10.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	1 match (06.10.2019)
	1 match (20.10.2019)
Longest losing run	3 matches (02.11.2019 – 17.11.2019)
Longest run without win	5 matches (13.10.2019 – 17.11.2019)
Most goals	31 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:31W (a), 06.10.2019
Most goals opponent	46 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 21:46L (h), 13.10.2019
Most goals both teams	67 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 21:46L (h), 13.10.2019
Fewest goals	19 v IK Sävehof SWE 24:19L (a), 02.11.2019
Fewest goals opponent	24 v IK Sävehof SWE 24:19L (a), 02.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams	43 v IK Sävehof SWE 24:19L (a), 02.11.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2019/20 DHK Baník Most CZE	6	1	1	4	151:190	–39	3:9		Group Matches
Total:	6	1	1	4	151:190	–39	3:9		



Adrian Struzik

Coach

- Polish coach, who joined DHK Baník Most in the summer of 2021, arriving from Polish side Pilka Reczna Koszalin
- started coaching career two decades ago in his native Gdansk, later worked as an assistant at Gdynia in the Polish top flight
- led Szczecin to the second place in the Polish league and to the final of the Challenge Cup 2014/15
- was assistant coach at Poland's women's national team and head coach of the junior national team
- is also working as a lecturer in sports physiology at the University of Szczecin

Arrivals:

Emma Veselovská (Most youth/CZE)
Daria Somionka (Pilka Reczna Koszalin/POL)

Departures:

Iveta Korešová (Sokol Písek/CZE)
Markéta Zemanová (unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
8	Michaela	Holanová	CZE	Line Player	04/02/1990	Pisek, CZE	176
9	Adéla	Strísková	CZE	Left Wing	14/12/2000	Most, CZE	156
11	Veronika	Andrýsková	CZE	Left Back	24/05/1997	Zlín, CZE	192
14	Tatiana	Sutranová	SVK	Left Back	26/08/1997	Presov, SVK	180
16	Ema	Veselovská	CZE	Back	10/12/2003	Melník, CZE	172
17	Adéla	Pokorná	CZE	Line Player	17/03/2002	Litomerice, CZE	175
21	Ellen	Janssen	NED	Goalkeeper	14/08/1998	Maastricht, NED	177
C 22	Lucia	Mikulcik	SVK	Left Wing	22/06/1998	Trnava, SVK	164
24	Valentina	Schüllerová	CZE	Centre Back	30/05/2004	Ústí nad Labem, CZE	174
26	Charlotte	Cholevová	CZE	Left Back	29/07/2022	Ostrava, CZE	174
28	Adéla	Protivová	CZE	Left Back	04/05/2004	Ústí nad Labem, CZE	178
31	Dominika	Müllnerová	CZE	Goalkeeper	26/03/1992	Ústí nad Labem, CZE	170
32	Jana	Kasparová	CZE	Goalkeeper	11/06/2003	Cheb, CZE	172
33	Tereza	Eksteinová	CZE	Right Wing	11/03/1999	Plzen, CZE	168
38	Valerie	Smetková	CZE	Right Back	10/01/2001	Hodonín, CZE	174
71	Sofie	Behenská	CZE	Left Wing	15/10/2004	Ústí nad Labem, CZE	170
73	Barbora	Kroftová	CZE	Right Wing	26/06/2002	Most, CZE	175
74	Marie	Poláková	CZE	Right Wing	29/07/2002	Havlíčkovuv Brod, CZE	175
81	Katarína	Kostelná	SVK	Right Back	21/10/1998	Trencín, SVK	168
91	Daria	Somionka	POL	Line Player	07/02/1999	Kartuzy, POL	184
96	Veronika	Mikulásková	CZE	Centre Back	16/10/2000	Olomouc, CZE	172



Dominika Müllnerová

Goalkeeper

- former Czech international, who has played at Most for her entire career
- won nine Czech national league titles, making her the most decorated player in the club's history
- keeps all her handball medals in a safe place at the house where she was born
- retired from the Czech national team after seven years in 2021



Lucia Mikulčík

 @lucia.mikulcik22

Left wing

- captain and key player of the team; also captained the Slovakia women's national team
- daughter of a former professional football player; she played tennis before starting with handball at age 10
- played for Duslo Sala, one of the two leading clubs in her native Slovakia
- returned from maternity leave in 2018; the following season, she scored 22 goals for Most in their only previous CL season



Charlotte Cholevová

 @charlotte.cholevova

Left back

- Czech international, one of the country's most promising talents
- was the (shared) top scorer of the 2022 Junior (U20) WCh in Slovenia, with 62 goals from 97 attempts; also the second-best scorer of the W19 EHF EURO 2021
- played for the national senior team at the 2021 WCh in Spain
- started playing handball aged six, with her family been heavily involved in the sport, and also tried ballet in her younger years



Veronika Andrýšková

 @andv_11

Left back

- Czech international, who made her debut in 2017 and played at the 2021 WCh in Spain
- started playing handball at the age of seven thanks to her parents, who love the sport
- joined Baník Most in 2020 after two seasons with league rivals Sokol Poruba
- at 1.92m, one of the tallest players in the CL 2022/23 season
- studied nutrition and food at the University of Agriculture, where she got her degree with a thesis on nutrition in sport

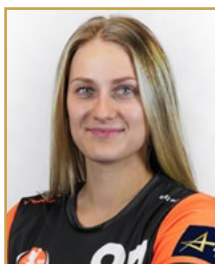


Michaela Holanová

 @michaela.borovska

Line player

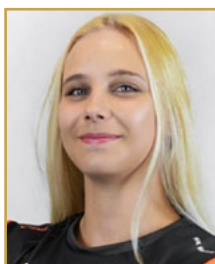
- among the longest-tenured players in Most, signed in 2013 from Sokol Písek and has been part of all nine domestic league titles of the 'Black Angels'
- Czech international, who returned to the national team in 2022 from an eight-year break following the birth of her son, Filip, in August 2014
- had never heard of handball before when a school teacher urged her to take up the sport when she was eight years old
- once considered quitting the sport due to a persistent shoulder injury



Katarína Kostelná

Right back

- Slovakian back, who was born in Trenčín and started playing handball there age nine
- signed for Most in 2017 at age 18 and has not played for a different club since
- got first European experience in the EHF Cup in her first season with Most
- among the club's best scorers in their previous CL season (2019/20), with 22 goals
- has played with the number 81 on her shirt throughout her entire career



Valerie Smetková

 @valeriesmetkova

Right back

- Czech international, arrived at Most from domestic league rivals Sokol Poruba in 2020
- played hockey, like her sister did, and table tennis, but opted for handball at age nine
- calls former Czech player and current THW Kiel coach Filip Jicha one of her idols
- once scored 240 goals in a single season when she was playing in the Czech junior championship – a record



Tereza Eksteinová

 @eksteinova_t

Right wing

- started her handball career in her hometown of Plzeň, but moved to Most when she was only 16; now into her seventh season with Baník
- part of the team that played their maiden CL campaign in 2019/20, scoring eight times
- used the summertime in 2022 to recover from shoulder surgery
- studies physiotherapy at the university in Ústí nad Labem

GROUP A




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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: white



Playing hall

Complex Sportiv National
Sala Polivalenta Bucuresti
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CSM BUCURESTI



CSM Bucuresti took the EHF Champions League by storm in 2016, winning the title in debut season. They have since reached the EHF FINAL4 two more times, but failed to lift the trophy again.

With Cristina Neagu's window of opportunity to claim a second Champions League trophy closing, the Romanian powerhouse have brought some much-needed experience into the squad.

Main facts:

- CSM are heading into their eighth consecutive season in Europe's top flight, but they have not qualified for the EHF FINAL4 since 2017/18
- 10 players have left while six have been ushered in, with the highest-profile signings being goalkeeper Laura Glauser, centre back Grace Zaadi Deuna, and line player Crina Pintea
- players from seven different countries complete the roster for CSM – with seven Romanian players, four French players, three from Norway, two from Montenegro and one each from Russia, Slovenia and Sweden
- left back Cristina Neagu, who is in third place on the all-time Champions League top scorer list, needs 90 more goals to hit the 1,000-goal milestone
- CSM finished second last season in the domestic league, topped by local rivals Rapid Bucuresti, and this will be the first Champions League season featuring two teams from the Romanian capital

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 8

Winners (1): 2015/16

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

Quarter-finals (4): 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21, 2021/22

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

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Romanian league: 5 titles (2015-18, 2021)

Romanian cup: 5 titles (2016-19, 2022)



5 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

39 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:19 (16:10) v MKS Perla Lublin POL (h), 19.10.2019
Biggest defeat	33:23 (19:10) v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN (a), 25.01.2020
Longest winning run	5 matches (31.03.2016 – 16.10.2016) 5 matches (04.11.2017 – 04.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (04.11.2017 – 11.02.2018)
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)
Longest run without win	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	39 v NFH – Nykøbing Falster HK DEN 39:26W (h), 04.11.2017
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
Most goals both teams	71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387		+29	21:11	Winner
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-final
2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU	12	7	1	4	314:288		+26	15:9	Quarter-final*
2020/21 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	10	1	7	436:411		+25	21:15	Quarter-final
2021/22 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	9	2	7	437:395		+42	20:16	Quarter-final
Total:	110	62	8	40	2885:2673		+212	132:88	

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



Adrian Vasile Coach

 @adivasileofficial

- former right wing for Steaua Bucuresti between 2001 and 2011, won the Challenge Cup in 2006
- started coaching career as strength and conditioning coach at Steaua before joining CSM in 2014 as assistant to Mette Klit
- won the CL in 2016 as assistant coach of Kim Rasmussen; took over as head coach of CSM in 2019
- also in charge of Romanian national team since January 2021

**EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2006 (as player);
CL 2016 (as assistant coach)**

Arrivals:

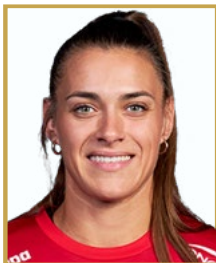
Laura Glauser (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Crina Pintea (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Marina Sudakova (CSKA/RUS)
Evelina Eriksson (Vipers Kristiansand/NOR)
Grace Zaadi (Metz Handball/FRA)
Kalidiatou Niakate (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)

Departures:

Yvette Broch (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Carmen Martin (IK Sävehof/SWE)
Barbara Lazovic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
Eduarda Amorim (retired)
Jelena Grubisic (retired)
Martine Smeets (retired)
Diana Fînaru (CSM Slatina/ROU)
Denisa Vâlcan (CSM Craiova/ROU)
Clara Preda (CS Brăila/ROU)
Tess Wester (unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Laura	Glauser	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Besancon, FRA	178
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
6	Malin	Larsen Aune	NOR	Right Wing	04/03/1995	Trondheim, NOR	165
7	Alicia Maria	Gogirla	ROU	Right Back	17/01/2003	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	183
C 8	Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26/08/1988	Bucharest, ROU	180
9	Grace	Zaadi Deuna	FRA	Centre Back	07/07/2003	Courcouronnes, FRA	171
10	Angela Stefania	Stoica	ROU	Left Back	24/08/2003	Ploiesti, ROU	182
11	Mioara Bianca	Ciubotaru	ROU	Left Back	14/04/2006	Focsani, ROU	180
12	Marie Skurtveit	Davidson	NOR	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Bergen, NOR	178
13	Andreea	Gheorghe	ROU	Centre Back	21/08/2004	Calarasi, ROU	175
14	Kalidiatou	Niakaté	FRA	Left Back	15/03/1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
15	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	05/05/1991	Podgorica, MNE	180
16	Evelina	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/08/1996	Österhaninge, SWE	185
17	Elizabeth	Omeregje	SLO	Centre Back	29/12/1996	Athens, GRE	178
20	Irina	Maxim	ROU	Right Back	28/05/2005	Tirgu Neamt, ROU	180
21	Alexandra	Dindiligan	ROU	Left Wing	16/02/1997	Galati, ROU	174
22	Katia	Supiala	ROU	Line Player	21/03/2005	Bucharest, ROU	177
27	Mariam Nadia	Mohamed	ROU	Left Wing	27/08/2004	Bucharest, ROU	171
28	Siraba	Dembele Pavlovic	FRA	Left Wing	28/06/1986	Dreux, FRA	172
49	Andreea	Ailincai	ROU	Line Player	15/12/2003	Bacau, ROU	185
51	Marina	Sudakova	RUS	Right Wing	17/02/1989	Volvograd, RUS	164
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28/11/1996	Berane, MNE	187
77	Crina Elena	Pintea	ROU	Line Player	03/04/1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	192



Laura Glauser

 @lauraglauser

Goalkeeper

- French international, who arrived at CSM in the summer of 2022 from Győr
- spent 10 years at Metz in her native France before joining Győr in 2020 and made the CL 2021/22 All-star Team
- gave birth to daughter Kaniela in 2018, returned to the court after three months
- made national team debut in 2012, won five medals between 2016 and 2021

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



Siraba Dembele Pavlovic

 @sirab86

Left Wing

- former French national team captain, who is playing her third CL season with CSM
- previously played for Randers (DEN), Vardar (MKD), Rostov (RUS) and a string of French club teams, including most recently Toulon (2018-20)
- retired from the French national team in 2021 after scoring 848 goals in 291 matches
- married with former football goalkeeper Igor Pavlovic, she is a mother of twins (2019)

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2006, 2016; WCh: B 2017, S 2009, 2011; OG: S 2016



Cristina Neagu

 @cristinaneaguofficial

Left back

- 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
- top scorer of CL 2021/22 with 110 goals, even though CSM played only 16 matches
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, netted 910 goals in 16 seasons and is ranked third in the all-time goal scorer list

EC trophies: CL 2015
EHF EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015



Kalidiatou Niakaté

 @kalidiatouniakate

Left back

- started her professional career at Paris 92, later played for Nantes and Brest, before signing for CSM in the summer of 2022 – her first club outside France
- scored 113 CL goals in total in her last two seasons with Brest
- initially was a player only used in defence, but has developed into an all-round player during her two seasons in Nantes
- a strong shooter, she has won a hat-trick of gold medals with France

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



Elizabeth Omoregie

@elizabethomoregie

Centre back

- born and raised in Greece to a Nigerian father and Bulgarian mother; initially played for Bulgaria but has been representing Slovenia since 2017
- signed with CSM in the summer of 2018 after four years with Krim in Slovenia
- had her personal best CL season in 2021/22, scoring 64 times for CSM
- started as a track and field athlete, picked up handball at the age of eight



Grace Zaadi Deuna

@gracezaadi

Centre back

- French international, who left Rostov to return to her former club Metz in March 2022 and play the EHF FINAL4 2022, before joining CSM in the summer
- one of the products of the local handball school in Metz, plays centre and left back
- leading French national team player, won seven medals with France since 2016
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits

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



Crina Pintea

@crinapintea11

Line player

- re-joined from Győr in summer of 2022, after her earlier stint with CSM in 2019-21
- won CL with Győr in 2019 and was named CL All-star line player that season
- her younger sister, Andreea Ailincai, is also a professional handball player with CSM
- has an Eiffel tower tattoo since playing for Paris changed her life

EC trophies: CL 2019
WCh: B 2015



Malin Aune

@malinaune

Right wing

- joined CSM for her first club outside Norway after winning the CL with Vipers in 2021
- was named All-star right wing of the Norwegian League in 2019
- Norwegian international since 2015, has won two EHF EURO and one world title since
- her older brother Joakim was a World Cup ski jumper until his retirement in 2020

EC trophies: CL 2016
EURO: S 2008, S 2014; WCh: B 2011; OG: B 2012

GROUP B PREVIEW



THREE POWERHOUSE CLUBS READY TO FACE THEIR OPPONENTS

Group B of the EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 features national champions from Hungary, France, Romania, Montenegro, Turkey and Croatia, plus two strong clubs from Denmark and Norway – and all eight teams are ready to fight for a spot at the EHF FINAL4 Women 2023.

Three EHF FINAL4 2022 participants – Györi Audi ETO KC, Metz Handball and Team Esbjerg – are under the spotlight in group B. Collectively, they will be the number one obstacle for the other teams looking to reach the knockout phase.



Debutants CS Rapid Bucuresti and Storhamar Handball Elite may not have the same experience in the top-flight competition, but they will be hard nuts to crack. WHC Buducnost BEMAX and Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK want to get back on track after disappointing 2021/22 seasons, while HC Lokomotiva Zagreb hope to gain experience with their young squad.

Five-time EHF Champions League winners Györi Audi ETO KC are the top team in group B, and they look very strong on paper again. With a few changes to their squad, mainly in the goalkeeping position, and new signings like Ana Gros, Györ are aiming for the EHF FINAL4 2023. After a slightly disappointing campaign in 2020/21, they reached the final last season.



Team Esbjerg surprised everyone with their performance in the 2021/22 season, reaching the EHF FINAL4 Women and finishing fourth. No one could have predicted that Esbjerg, who finished fourth in the Danish league, would top group A and lose only one of their first 16 Champions League matches. This season, they return as Danish league runners-up after losing the title to Odense, but with a strong desire to improve their Champions League performance, especially with the help of decorated players such as Nora Mørk.

Finishing third at the EHF FINAL4 2022 marked the best result in the EHF Champions League for Metz Handball. Metz boosted their energy after winning the French league and cup last season. With a slightly changed squad, the French side will not allow injuries to stop them from fighting at the top of group B and aiming to reach Budapest again.



After raising the EHF Champions League trophy in 2012 and 2015, Buducnost have not had many successful seasons in Europe's top-tier competition. After some changes at the club, Buducnost are on their way back to glory with the help of head coach Bojana Popovic, who is starting her third year at the helm. We do not know how the squad changes will affect the Montenegrin side, but the return of team captain Milena Raicevic will bring some much-needed experience.



Current Romanian champions CS Rapid Bucuresti have an experienced team containing great Romanian players and new international signings like European, world and Olympic champion Alexandra Lacrabere and Croatian goalkeeper Ivana Kapitanovic. Even though Rapid Bucuresti were outsiders, they beat CSM Bucuresti to the domestic title by one point last season, which proves they can be a dark horse in the group.

Norwegian side Storhamar will have the chance to top reaching the quarter-finals of the EHF European League Women. In their first EHF Champions League season, Storhamar are bringing the Scandinavian style to group B, but the lack of experience will be challenging for the Norwegian league runners-up. Regardless of the odds and their squad, Storhamar want to prove they belong among the best.

Kastamonu finished with no points in the EHF Champions League group phase last season. Their first appearance in the group phase did not go as expected, but the Turkish champions want to shine a new light on the club this season. The arrival of new head coach Claus Mogensen and a few strong signings might help the Turkish club secure their first Champions League victory.

Croatian side Lokomotiva Zagreb are back in the EHF Champions League after an eight-year absence – but with a completely different squad. Having lost their most important players to rivals Podravka Vegeta, Lokomotiva now rely on young and talented Croatian players. Overthrowing Podravka in the 2021/22 season was the highlight for the club after they finished their journey in the EHF European League Women without a win in the group phase. As the underdogs of the group, Nenad Sostaric's side have nothing to lose, which is why they can play without pressure, and sometimes that can be dangerous for their opponents.

Danijela Vekic



I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP B TEAMS

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball 8-0-1 (280:234) 16:2

30.09.2007	Györi Audi ETO vs HB Metz Moselle Lorraine, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 2	30:27 (15:12)
09.10.2011	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	28:23 (16:13)
30.10.2011	Metz Handball vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:33 (7:17)
14.02.2015	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (15:11)
15.03.2015	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:27 (8:12)
09.04.2017	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:31 (16:16)
15.04.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:22 (17:12)
23.10.2021	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	29:33 (15:16)
15.01.2022	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	39:30 (20:13)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX 18-4-3 (658:585) 40:10

13.05.2006	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, EHF Champions League MVM EHF FINAL4 – Final	21:27 (10:15)
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 Champions League EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:21 (8:11)
06.05.2017	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League TIPPPIX 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)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Storhamar Håndball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Team Esbjerg 3-0-0 (97:75) 6:0

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)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2-0-0 (75:42) 4:0

13.11.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	37:20 (19:9)
20.11.2021	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	22:38 (9:19)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb 2-0-0 (58:38) 4:0

19.10.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb, EHF Champions League – Group C	32:23 (17:13)
16.11.2014	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	15:26 (7:13)

Metz Handball vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

Metz Handball vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX 4-0-10 (331:370) 8:20

13.01.1990	Buducnost Titograd vs ASPTT Metz, Champions Cup – Last 16	27:16 (12:7)
20.01.1990	ASPTT Metz vs Buducnost Titograd, Champions Cup – Last 16	22:23 (11:8)
05.01.2003	Handball Metz Metropole vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group D	31:30 (15:15)
15.02.2003	RK Buducnost MONET vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Champions League – Group D	34:25 (20:12)
11.04.2010	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Metz Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	28:21 (15:11)
17.04.2010	Metz Handball vs Buducnost T-Mobile, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:28 (13:10)
04.02.2012	Metz Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:29 (14:15)
04.03.2012	Buducnost vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	32:26 (15:9)
15.10.2016	Buducnost vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:19 (11:10)
11.11.2016	Metz Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:25 (14:16)
21.10.2017	Metz Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:23 (13:10)
04.11.2017	Buducnost vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:18 (11:8)
21.10.2018	Metz Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:24 (8:11)
04.11.2018	Buducnost vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	23:19 (9:10)

Metz Handball vs Storhamar Håndball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg 3-1-1 (151:141) 7:3

09.02.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:31 (15:15)
08.03.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:29 (14:19)
24.10.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:29 (18:14)
22.11.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:28 (16:12)
05.06.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	26:32 (12:18)

Metz Handball vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2-0-0 (63:45) 4:0

31.10.2021	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	20:30 (9:13)
19.01.2022	Metz Handball vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	33:25 (17:10)

Metz Handball vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Storhamar Håndball Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions

WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Storhamar Håndball Elite 1-0-1 (57:48) 2:2

14.03.2010	Storhamar Handball vs Buducnost T-Mobile, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	28:22 (12:13)
20.03.2010	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Storhamar Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	35:20 (20:9)

WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Team Esbjerg 0-0-2 (45:71) 0:4

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)

WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions

Storhamar Håndball Elite vs Team Esbjerg 0-1-1 (48:53) 1:3

13.01.2019	Storhamar Handball Elite vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Cup – Group A 28:28	(14:15)
09.02.2019	Team Esbjerg vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF Cup – Group A 25:20	(11:10)

Storhamar Håndball Elite vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Storhamar Håndball Elite vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions

Team Esbjerg vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Team Esbjerg vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions

Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters in European competitions



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: green
GK shirt: blue, black



Playing hall

AUDI Arena Győr
Toth Laszlo utca 1
9027 Győr
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Capacity: 5,500

GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC

Györi Audi ETO KC returned to the throne of the Hungarian domestic league last season, but failed in their bid to add a record-extending sixth EHF Champions League title for the second straight year.

Györ had a consistent season, but in the course of seven days lost the final of the Hungarian cup (to FTC) and the final of the EHF FINAL4 (to Vipers). Can Ambros Martin's team hit back in 2022/23?

Main facts:

- Györ lost their high-profile French goalkeeping duo of Laura Glauser and Amandine Leynaud, but signed Danish standout Sandra Toft from Brest as a worthy replacement
- the four newcomers in the summer of 2022 include two players who have worn the Györ jersey before: Slovenian goalgetter Ana Gros and Dutch line player Yvette Broch
- club legend Anita Görbicz, who ended her playing career in 2021, has become the club's new president
- Györ will meet two opponents in group B they have not played against before in a European cup competition: Rapid and Storhamar

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 21
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Final (4): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2021/22
Semi-finals (5): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2020/21
Quarter-finals (3): 2014/15, 2019/20*
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06
Qualification (1): 2004/05

* 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: 16 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008-14, 2016-19, 2022)
Hungarian cup: 15 titles (2005-16, 2018, 2019, 2021)



16

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

55

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46

GOALS
Most goals

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2000/01 Győri Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168	-12	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2005/06 Győri ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169	-15	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2006/07 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267	+24	12:8	Semi-final	
2007/08 Győri Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366	+49	22:6	Semi-final	
2008/09 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415	+39	23:9	Runners-up	
2009/10 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337	+18	18:10	Semi-final	
2010/11 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334	+53	21:7	Semi-final	
2011/12 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422	+50	21:11	Runners-up	
2012/13 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346	+89	30:2	Winner	
2013/14 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337	+71	26:2	Winner	
2014/15 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	385:313	+72	21:7	Quarter-final	
2015/16 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	12	1	3	436:357	+79	25:7	Runners-up	
2016/17 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	13	1	2	481:390	+91	27:5	Winner	
2017/18 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	0	2	442:365	+77	28:4	Winner	
2018/19 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	2	0	521:406	+115	30:2	Winner	
2019/20 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	12	11	1	0	390:302	+88	23:1	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	20	15	4	1	637:489	+148	34:6	Third Place	
2021/22 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	18	15	1	2	590:458	+132	31:5	Runners-up	
Total:	254	191	20	43	7409:6241	+1168	402:106		

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



Ambros Martin

Coach

- former left wing, who won the CL with Portland San Antonio in 2001, the Super Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup in 2000
- moved to coaching in 2003, was on Itxako's bench between 2004 and 2012 and won the EHF Cup in 2009
- worked at Győr from 2012 to 2018, winning four CL trophies
- joined Rostov-Don in 2018, but returned to Győr just ahead of the EHF FINAL4 2021
- CL All-star coach between 2015 and 2018; has also coached the Romanian and Russian women's national teams, winning the bronze medal at the WCh in 2019

EC trophies: CL 2001 (as player), 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018 (as coach); Cup Winners' Cup 2000 (as player); EHF Cup 2009 (as coach) WCh: B 2019 (as coach)

Arrivals:

Ana Gros (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
Line Haugsted (Viborg HK/DEN)
Sandra Toft (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)
Yvette Broch (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)

Departures:

Amandine Leynaud (retired)
Crina Pintea (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
Laura Glauser (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Line	Haugsted	DEN	Left Back	11/11/1994	Skive, DEN	179
4	Eszter	Ogonovszky	HUN	Right Back	14/07/2003	Komárom, HUN	178
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20/05/1992	Ingarö, SWE	180
6	Nadine	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	19/11/1993	München, GER	173
7	Kari Brattset	Dale	NOR	Line Player	15/02/1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	183
C 8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	25/08/1994	Glostrup, DEN	185
9	Ana	Gros	SLO	Left Back	21/01/1991	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	186
11	Eun-hee	Ryu	KOR	Right Back	24/02/1990	Inchon, KOR	178
15	Stine Bredal	Oftedal	NOR	Centre Back	25/09/1991	Oslo, NOR	168
16	Silje Margaretha	Solberg	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
19	Alexa	Gyori	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/02/2004	Szombathely, HUN	177
21	Veronica	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	10/07/1990	Stavanger, NOR	175
22	Viktória	Gyori-Lukács	HUN	Right Wing	31/10/1995	Budapest, HUN	168
23	Csenge Réka	Fodor	HUN	Left Wing	23/04/1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
27	Estelle	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre Back	11/08/1991	Sébastien-sur-Loire, FRA	178
31	Yvette	Broch	NED	Line Player	23/12/1990	Monster, NED	185
48	Dorottya	Faluvégi	HUN	Right Wing	31/03/1998	Budapest, HUN	170
81	Júlia	Farkas	HUN	Centre Back	01/08/2004	Sárvár, HUN	174
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/10/1989	Gribskov, DEN	176



Sandra Toft

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Goalkeeper

- Danish international, arrived at Györ in summer of 2022 after three seasons with Brest
- played first CL match on 25th birthday on 18 October 2014, with Larvik against Metz
- reached CL final in 2015 with Larvik and again in 2021 with Brest
- World Player of the Year in 2021, the first goalkeeper in 20 years to receive the award
- broke neck and back in 2009 car accident but returned to the courts within six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
WCh: B 2021



Nadine Schatzl


 @schatzi_nadi

Left wing

- re-joined Györ in 2021 from league rivals FTC; also played for Érd in the past
- had her first CL experience as an 18-year-old in 2010/11 during her first stint at Györ, and she reached the CL final with Györ the following season
- born in Munich, Germany, but started playing handball in Mohács at the age of 10
- member of the Hungarian national team since 2014



Anne Mette Hansen

 @a_to_the_m

Left back

- Danish international, who arrived at Györ in 2017 for her first club outside Denmark
- team captain, who has won the CL twice with Györ; named CL All-star left back after winning her second title in 2018/19
- started handball at age 9 in Copenhagen, joined København Håndbold in 2014
- won 2012 Youth WCh, became member of the national A team the following year

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019
WCh: B 2013, 2021



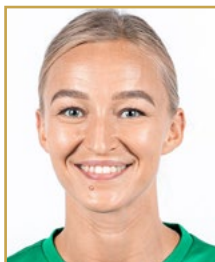
Veronica Kristiansen

 @veronicakristiansen

Left back

- Norwegian international since 2013, who signed with Györ in 2018 after three seasons at Ikast Håndbold in Denmark
- prolific scorer, had two seasons in the CL (2017/18, 2020/21) with more than 90 goals
- named CL 2017/18 All-star centre back, but can play across all back court positions
- younger sister Jeanett was also a Norwegian international; she retired in 2022

EC trophies: CL 2019
EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017; OG: B 2016, 2020



Stine Oftedal

 @stineoftedal

Centre back

- Norwegian international, who arrived in Györ in 2017 after four seasons at Paris 92
- made CL All-star Team as centre back for the fourth straight season in 2021/22
- has won three EHF EUROs and two WChs since making debut for Norway in 2010
- named IHF World Player of the Year in 2019; individual accolades also include MVP WCh 2017 and All-star centre back of EHF EUROs in 2018 and 2020

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019
EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021 S 2017;
OG: B 2016, 2020



Linn Blohm

 @blohmlinn


Line player

- experienced Swedish international, who joined Györ in the summer of 2021
- scored 45 times in CL 2021/22, a personal best, and was named CL All-star line player
- had breakthrough at Sävehof before moving to the Danish league for six years (2014-20)
- joined Baia Mare in 2020 and reached the inaugural EHF Finals Women with the Romanian side in May 2021

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015; CWC 2016
EURO: B 2014



Ana Gros

 @anagros6

Right back

- Slovenian international, who returned to Krim in March 2022 from CSKA before moving on to Györ in the offseason for her second stint at the Hungarian club
- also spent eight years in France, at Metz and Brest
- reached CL final with Györ in 2012 and with Brest in 2021; was the CL top scorer in 2020/21 with 135 goals
- key player for Slovenian national team for many years after debut in 2007



Viktória Györi-Lukács

 @lukacsviki

Right wing

- Budapest-born player, who joined Györ in the summer of 2020 from arch rivals FTC
- 2022/23 is her 11th European club season; won the Cup Winners' Cup with FTC as a 16-year-old in her first season (2011/12)
- scored a personal best 68 goals and was named CL All-star right wing in 2020/21
- Hungarian international since 2014

EC trophies: CWC 2012

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
GK shirt: purple

Dark

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Playing hall

Les Arènes de Metz
5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire
57000 Metz
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Capacity: 4,500

METZ HANDBALL



In June 2022, Metz Handball made the journey to Budapest for a second time, having qualified for the EHF FINAL4 in a repeat of their 2019 achievement. Finishing third this time marked the team's best result in 23 seasons of playing in the EHF Champions League.

With several key players having left in the offseason – including team captain Méline Nocandy, back court players Grace Zaadi and Orlane Kanor, and line player Astride N'gouan – Metz might look somewhat different in the 2022/23 season, but the ambitions remain the same.

Main facts:

- Metz reached the semi-finals for the second time in the club's history in 2022, but lost again: this time against eventual champions Vipers
- in domestic play, Metz took the double of league and cup title
- a total of seven players left the club over the summer, challenging coach Emmanuel Mayonnade to re-build his team to a similar strength as in last season
- Danish centre back Kristina Jørgensen and Russian right back Valeriia Maslova are experienced reinforcements

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 24
Semi-finals (2): 2018/19, 2021/22
Quarter-finals (4): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20*, 2020/21
Main Round (2): 2011/12, 2014/15
Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 1995/96
Last 32 (1): 1993/94
Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14
Qualification (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08
** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

Other

EHF Cup: Final 2012/13; Quarter-finals: 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08
Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2012/13; Semi-finals: 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

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

French cup: 10 titles (1990, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022)



I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

7 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

Biggest win	37:18 (17:10) v Astrakhanochka RUS (h), 11.02.2017
Biggest defeat	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
	7 matches (06.10.2019 – 25.01.2020)
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
Most goals opponent	39 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:30L (a), 15.01.2022
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	17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996
	17 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 26:17W (h), 03.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY


	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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-final	
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	Quarter-final	
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-final*	
2020/21 Metz Handball FRA	18	12	1	5	459:414	+45	25:11	Quarter-final	
2021/22 Metz Handball FRA	20	14	1	5	554:475	+79	29:11	Third Place	
Total:	160	80	12	68	4195:4037	+158	172:148		

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



Emmanuel Mayonnade

Coach

 @mayonnade_manu

- in charge of Metz since the 2015/16 season
- became only the second French coach to reach the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest when Metz qualified in 2019
- elected best coach in the CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- started coaching at age 23 in Mios and stayed with the French club for 10 years
- took over the Dutch national team in March 2019 and won the world title that year, but left after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021

WCh: G 2019

Arrivals:

Camille Dupuiset (Bourg de Péage/FRA)
 Kristina Jørgensen (Viborg HK/DEN)
 Noémie Barthélémy (Saint Amand/FRA)
 Valeriia Maslova (CSKA/RUS)
 Stelvia Pascoal (Petro De Luanda/ANG)
 Julie Le Blevéc (Fleury Loiret/FRA - back from loan)

Departures:

Orlane Kanor (CS Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)
 Ivana Kapitanovic (CS Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)
 Méline Nocandy (Paris 92/FRA)
 Astride N'Gouan (Paris 92/FRA)
 Grace Zaadi (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
 Adriana Cardoso (WHC Buducnost BEMAX/MNE)
 Mia Brkic (Saint Amand/RUS)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Camille	Depuiset	FRA	Goalkeeper	19/10/1998	Dijon, FRA	178
C 2	Bruna Almeida	De Paula	BRA	Centre Back	26/09/1996	Campestre, BRA	170
6	Chloé	Valentini	FRA	Left Wing	19/04/1995	Besancon, FRA	165
8	Camila	Micijevic	CRO	Left Back	08/09/1994	Heidenheim, GER	194
9	Delia	Golvet	FRA	Right Wing	21/10/2005	La Trinité, FRA	176
10	Kristina	Jørgensen	DEN	Centre Back	17/01/1998	Viborg, DEN	185
11	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Left Back	05/11/1995	Pozega, CRO	178
14	Debbie	Bont	NED	Right Wing	09/12/1990	Edam, NED	175
19	Louise Katharina	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17/10/1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
20	Laura	Fauvarque	FRA	Left Back	30/10/2003	Arpajon, FRA	183
21	Laura	Kanor	FRA	Left Wing	16/06/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	175
22	Giulia	Fabbo	ITA	Left Back	26/10/2003	Salerno, ITA	174
23	Zaliata	Mlamali	FRA	Left Wing	23/02/2003	Marseille, FRA	172
24	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right Back	29/11/2001	Metz, FRA	191
27	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line Player	27/08/2002	Mont-Saint-Martin, FRA	183
28	Noémie	Barthelemy	FRA	Line Player	02/05/1992	Saint-Pol-rur-Mer, FRA	189
29	Lalie	Vernay	FRA	Right Back	29/07/2003	Venissieux, FRA	172
42	Emma	Tucella	FRA	Right Wing	08/01/2004	Mont-Saint-Martin, FRA	168
51	Lily	Balassi	HUN	Centre Back	24/05/2005	Budapest, HUN	183
61	Valeriia	Maslova	RUS	Right Back	23/01/2001	Rostov, RUS	188
70	Julie	Le Blevéc	FRA	Right Wing	27/06/2000	Neuilly-sur-Seine, FRA	165
71	Melanie	Halter	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/06/2002	Schitilgheim, FRA	187
99	Hatadou	Sako	FRA	Goalkeeper	21/10/1995	Tournan en Brie, FRA	172

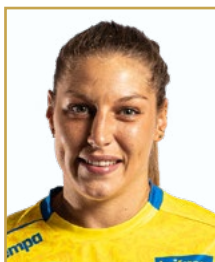


Camille Depuiset

 @camille_dpst

Goalkeeper

- talented goalkeeper, who arrived at Metz in 2022, set to play her first CL season
- previously played for French clubs Toulon (2015-19) and Bourg-de-Péage (2019-22)
- part of the French team that won the W19 EHF EURO 2017 in Slovenia
- has been called up for the senior national team several times but – at the start of the 2022/23 season – was still to play her first game for France



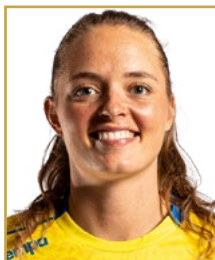
Chloé Valentini

 @chloppet

Left wing

- after playing for eight seasons in Besançon, moved to Metz in the summer of 2021
- scored 38 goals in the CL 2021/22 – her first season in Europe's top flight
- won medals with France in her first three events: EURO 2020, Olympics, WCh 2021
- part of the new talented French handball generation, alongside Laura Flippes, Méline Nocandy and Orlande Kanor

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020; WCh: S 2021



Kristina Jørgensen

 @kristina_jorgensen

Left/centre back

- joined Metz in the summer of 2022 from Viborg HK, the EHF Finals 2022 hosts
- made her debut in the Danish league as an 18 year old; was born in Horsens but started her senior career in Skanderborg
- versatile back court player, who can play on the left or in the centre
- named MVP of the W19 EHF EURO 2017, where Denmark won silver
- best left back in the Danish league in the last two seasons

WCh: B 2021



Bruna De Paula

 @brunapaula96

Centre back

- Brazilian international, who arrived at Metz in the summer of 2021 from Nantes
- was chased by many top clubs in 2020 but signed with Nantes, helped them win the EHF European League 2020/21 while becoming MVP of the EHF Finals 2021
- before her year at Nantes, had played for four seasons in Fleury
- has become a regular fixture in the Brazil national team at a young age

EC trophies: EL 2021

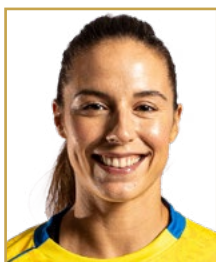


Sarah Bouktit

 @sarahbouktit

Line player

- started career at Metz and returned to the club in 2021 after one season with Fleury
- 2021/22 was her best European season so far, scoring 46 goals for Metz in the CL
- named in the All-star Team of the W17 EHF EURO 2019 as best line player; took part in the EHF Respect Your Talent programme that year
- made national team debut for France in two EHF EURO 2022 Qualifiers in March 2022



Louise Burggaard

 @louiburggaard

Right back

- joined Metz in 2019 as one of several Danish players moving to France that summer
- made debut in Danish league at age 17 with KIF Vejen; in Danish national team at 19
- also played for Holstebro, Viborg and Herning-Ikast (formerly known as Midtjylland)
- played CL with all her three Danish clubs and won Cup Winners' Cup with Viborg

EC trophies: CWC 2014



Valeriia Maslova

 @lrmaslova_

Right back

- Russian international, who started her career in her native Rostov and made her CL debut with that club in the 2017/18 season
- reached the EHF FINAL4 in 2019, where Rostov lost in the final to Győr
- joined Buducnost in 2020; scored 47 goals in the CL 2021/22 group phase before she returned to Russia to play for CSKA; moved on to Metz in the summer of 2022
- in May 2018, she made her debut in the Russian national team at age 17; won the 2018 Youth (U18) WCh in Poland three months later



Debbie Bont

 @debbiebont

Right wing

- signed for Metz in 2020; previously played in Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark
- scored 34 times for Metz in 2021/22, her most successful CL season so far
- made her debut in the Dutch national team when she was 19; has meanwhile scored more than 400 goals in over 200 matches for Netherlands
- said one of the reasons to join Metz was working with Emmanuel Mayonnade, then coach of the Dutch national team, after they had won the world title together in 2019

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

GROUP B



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: burgundy
GK shirt: burgundy or orange

Dark

Player shirt: burgundy
Player short: burgundy
GK shirt: white or orange



Playing hall

Complexul National Sala Polivalenta Bucuresti

Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
030454 Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CS RAPID BUCURESTI



Seven seasons after CSM Bucuresti took the EHF Champions League by storm and lifted the trophy in their debut season, another side from the Romanian capital are now aiming high.

Rapid Bucuresti, the current Romanian champions, have built a promising side and are led by an experienced coach on the bench, while EHF Champions League fans are about to learn just how loud their fans are.

Main facts:

- last season, Rapid won the title in the Romanian league for the sixth time – but first time in 19 years – thanks to a one-point advantage over CSM Bucuresti
- Rapid make their debut in the EHF Champions League; their best international result in the EHF era has been winning the EHF City Cup (predecessor of the Challenge Cup) in 1999/2000
- four seasons ago, Rapid were still playing in the second Romanian league but have constantly improved since: from 11th (in the 2019/20 season) to sixth (2020/21) to first (2021/22)
- five different nationalities are represented in Rapid's squad: Romanian, Spanish, French, Angolan and Croatian
- they will play their games in the Sala Polivalenta in Bucharest, but also in Mioveni, 120 kilometres away from the Romanian capital

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2
Qualification: 2003/04

Other

City Cup: Winners: 1999/2000

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

Romanian cup: 1 title (2004)



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

No previous matches in the EHF Champions League Women

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
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No previous matches in the EHF Champions League Women



Carlos Viver

Coach

- former Spanish international, who joined Rapid in November 2020 with his assistant David Ginesta Montes, a former teammate of his at BM Granollers
- spent almost his entire 18-year playing career at Granollers – except for one season; won the EHF Cup in 1995 and 1996
- coached Granollers until 2017, when he became head coach of Spain's national women's team
- led Spain to silver at their home WCh in 2019, but was replaced with José Ignacio Prades two years later

EC trophies: EHF Cup 1995, 1996 (as player)
WCh: S 2019 (as coach)

Arrivals:

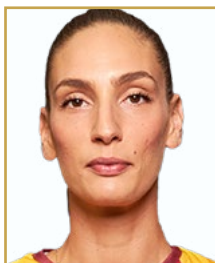
Alexandra Lacrabère (Chambray Touraine/FRA)
 Orlane Kanor (Metz Handball/FRA)
 Ivana Kapitanović (Metz Handball/FRA)
 Isabel Guialo (Fleury Loiret HB/FRA)
 Irene Espinola Pérez (Neckarsulmer SU/GER)
 Jennifer Gutiérrez Bermejo (BVB Handbal-Damen/GER)
 Lorena Ostase (CSM Slatina/ROU)

Departures:

Julie Foggea (Brest Bretagne HB/FRA)
 Elena Voicu (Corona Brasov/ROU)
 Marina Ilie (CS Dacia Mioveni 2012/ROU)
 Laura Popa (CS Dacia Mioveni 2012/ROU)
 Claudia Constantinescu (CS Dacia Mioveni 2012/ROU)
 Azenaide Carlos (Kastamonu Bld. GSK/TUR)
 Florentina Dragomir (née Craiu) (CSM Slatina/ROU)
 Oana Lefter (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi	ROU	Centre Back	01/08/1993	Baia Mare, ROU	177
11	Gabriela	Perianu	ROU	Left Back	20/06/1994	Braila, ROU	187
12	Diana	Ciuca	ROU	Goalkeeper	01/06/2000	Craiova, ROU	180
16	DenisaStefania	Sandru	ROU	Goalkeeper	27/09/1994	Brasov, ROU	182
17	Marta	Lopez Herrero	ESP	Right Wing	04/02/1990	Malaga, ESP	168
18	Jennifer Maria	Gutiérrez Bermejo	ESP	Left Wing	20/02/1995	Horgen, SUI	169
20	Dorina	Korsós	HUN	Left Wing	03/09/1995	Kecskemet, HUN	184
21	Irene	Espinola Perez	ESP	Right Back	19/12/1992	Granada, ESP	184
22	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left Back	16/06/1997	Guadeloupe, FRA	178
23	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/09/1994	Split, CRO	183
27	Lorena Gabriela	Ostase	ROU	Line Player	25/07/1997	Vaslui, ROU	179
34	Alica	Fernandez Fraga	ESP	Centre Back	21/12/1992	Valdovino, ESP	172
44	Ainhoa	HemándezSerrador	ESP	Line Player	27/04/1994	Barakaldo, ESP	180
C 64	Alexandra	Lacrabere	FRA	Right Back	27/04/1987	Pau, FRA	178
77	Alexandra-Diana	Badea	ROU	Right Wing	22/05/1998	Bucharest, ROU	177
90	Isabel Evelize	Wangimba Guialo	ANG	Centre Back	08/04/1990	Luanda, ANG	180
99	Sorina Maria	Grozav	ROU	Left Back	27/05/1999	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	175



Ivana Kapitanovic

 @ivana_kapitanovic

Goalkeeper

- Croatian international, who joined Rapid in 2022 after four seasons with Metz
- made professional debut at Podravka Vegeta in her native Croatia in 2009 and spent nine years with the club, winning the domestic league eight times
- was elected Player of the Year in Croatia in 2019
- played for Croatia at the EHF EURO 2018 and the 2021 WCh, but missed the team's surprise run to bronze at the EHF EURO 2020 due to a knee injury



Jennifer Gutiérrez Bermejo

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Left wing

- born in Horgen, Switzerland, but has Spanish citizenship
- arrived at Rapid in the summer of 2022 after two seasons with Dortmund, her first foreign club; previously played for Spanish sides Elche, Malaga, and Mecalía
- best left wing in 2016/17 and MVP in 2019/20 of the Spanish league
- also a beach handball international; won world title with Spain in 2016

WCh: S 2019



Sorina Maria Grozav

 @sorinairca

Left back

- talented left back, was top scorer of W17 EHF EURO 2015 and W19 EHF EURO 2017
- signed for Rapid in 2021, was the team's best scorer with 146 goals in their Romanian title-winning season 2021/22; now set to make her CL debut
- previously played for CSM Corona Brasov, the only other club in her career so far, and gained international experience during three seasons in the EHF Cup
- daughter of Romania women's national team top scorer Mariana Tirca, who scored more than 1,500 goals and won the CL with Croatian Podravka in 1995/96



Eliza Iulia Buceschi

 @elizabuceschi

Centre back

- Rapid are the seventh club in her career; she played outside Romania twice – for Thüringer HC in Germany and for FC Midtjylland in Denmark
- her father, Costica, was her coach at Baia Mare; her mother, Carmen, played alongside Eliza when she made her debut in the Romanian league
- made the CL All-star Team as best young player in the 2014/15 season
- Romanian international, who scored more than 200 goals in 80 games



Alicia Fernández Fraga

 @aalifernandez

Centre back

- Spanish international, who has been playing in Romania since 2017
- joined Rapid from domestic league rivals Ramnicu Valcea in 2021
- one of the most technical players in the Romanian league, named Player of the Year in 2018/19 – the season Ramnicu Valcea beat CSM Bucuresti to the Romanian title
- playing for Spain's national team since 2017, won silver at 2019 WCh in Japan

WCh: S 2019



Lorena Ostase

Line player

- regarded one of the most talented line players of her generation, but put aside several offers and stayed at CSM Slatina in the lower ranks of the Romanian league until 2022
- at age 25, set to make her debut in a European competition after joining Rapid
- won gold and made the All-star Team at the 2014 Youth WCh in Russia
- playing for Romania national team since 2019, sharing playing time with Crina Pintea



Alexandra Lacrabère

 @alexandralacrabere64

Right back

- joined Rapid in the summer of 2022 for the 11th club of her professional career
- has spent the last four seasons in the French league with Chambray and Fleury; her list of previous employers include foreign clubs Vardar, Zvezda, and Bera Bera
- played the EHF FINAL4 twice – with Vardar in 2017 and 2018
- former French international, who played 256 games and scored over 800 goals between 2006 and 2021; made the All-star Team of the 2016 Rio Olympics

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



Marta Lopez Herrero

 @martalh17

Right wing

- 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 French League in 2013 and 2014, when playing for Fleury
- Spanish international, who returned to the team in 2019 after a three-year break

OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2019; EURO: S 2014

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue &
white stripes
Player short: blue
GK shirt: pink

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: lime



Playing hall

Bemax Arena
Ulica Svetlane Kane
Radević
81000 Podgorica
Montenegro
Capacity: 2,245

WHC BUDUCNOST BEMAX



Not many clubs have an EHF Champions League history like WHC Buducnost BEMAX do. The Montenegrin champions won the title twice and are entering their 27th season in Europe's top flight.

Having reached the quarter-finals in 2020/21, Buducnost crashed out of the competition with a seventh-place finish in the group phase last season. With some small changes, familiar faces, and hard work, Buducnost hope to go beyond the group phase again in 2022/23.

Main facts:

- Buducnost have one of the longest traditions in the CL, entering their 27th season
- the team from Podgorica raised the CL trophy in 2012 and 2015
- head coach Bojana Popovic is going into her third season at the helm
- five players have left the club in the offseason; five others have joined, most notably returning team captain Milena Raicevic

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 27

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

Main Round (1): 2012/13

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

Group Matches (7): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2021/22

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

Other

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

Montenegrin league: 33 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019, 2021, 2022)

Montenegrin cup: 27 titles (1984, 1989, 1995-98, 2000-02, 2005-22)



14 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

40 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015
Biggest defeat	36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997
	35:20 (16:10) v Team Esbjerg DEN (a), 26.09.2021
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
Most goals opponent	40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998
Most goals both teams	76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Fewest goals	16 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005
	16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013
Fewest goals opponent	14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014
Fewest goals both teams	34 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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-final	
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17:3	Semi-final	
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12:8	Semi-final	
2000/01 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	Semi-final	
2001/02 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12:8	Semi-final	
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8:8	Quarter-final	
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8:8	Quarter-final	
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-final	
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28:4	Winner	
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	Runner-up	
2014/15 Buducnost MNE	16	15	1	0	444:326	+118	31:1	Winner	
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-final	
2018/19 Buducnost MNE	14	6	1	7	330:345	-15	13:15	Quarter-final	
2019/20 Buducnost MNE	12	7	0	5	335:317	+18	14:10	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Buducnost MNE	18	6	2	10	453:479	-26	14:22	Quarter-final	
2021/22 Buducnost BEMAX MNE	14	3	0	11	337:407	-70	6:22	7th Gr. A	
Total:	290	152	24	114	7636:7389	+247	328:252		

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



Bojana Popovic

Coach



- one of the legends of the game, Bojana Popovic replaced Dragan Adzic as head coach of Budućnost in November 2020
- earlier, was sports director and assistant coach at Budućnost
- born Petrovic, she was one of the best players of the world, playing for Budućnost, Slagelse and Viborg, and winning the CL with each of these teams, 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

EC trophies: CL 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012; EHF Cup 2003; OG: S 2012; Wch: B 2001

Arrivals:

Milena Raicevic (Kastamonu Bld. GSK/TUR)
 Vanesa Agovic
 Ivana Godec (MKS Iuventa Michalovce/SVK)
 Mari Plamenova Tomova (Ferrara/ITA)
 Adriana Cardoso de Castro (Metz Handball/FRA)

Departures:

Anastasija Babovic (SCM Craiova/ROU)
 Bruna Zrnic (Alba Fehérvár/HUN)
 Tatjana Brnovic (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)
 Valeriia Maslova (Metz Handball/FRA)
 Ivana Mitrovic (unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Andrea	Skerovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	10/04/2004	Podgorica, MNE	180
5	Natasa	Corovic	MNE	Back	07/05/1999	Niksic, MNE	173
9	Jelena	Vukcevic	MNE	Right Back	11/02/2004	Pogorica, MNE	178
10	Matea	Pletikosic	MNE	Centre Back	24/04/1998	Sinj, MNE	169
12	Armelle	Attingré	FRA	Goalkeeper	15/01/1989	Kadjokro, CIV	179
13	Andrijana	Popovic	MNE	Left Back	20/04/2002	Niksic, MNE	185
14	Katarina	Dzaferovic	MNE	Right Back	14/07/2002	Podgorica, MNE	182
15	Gordana	Marsenic	MNE	Centre Back	09/01/2003	Berane, MNE	178
16	Marija	Marsenic	MNE	Goalkeeper	06/05/2004	Berane, MNE	178
20	Tijana	Lutovac	MNE	Line Player	20/09/2004	Podgorica, MNE	178
21	Adriana	CardosoDeCastro	BRA	Right Wing	29/10/1990	Fortaleza, BRA	167
33	Vanesa	Agovic	MNE	Back	30/03/1996	Berane, MNE	184
37	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	09/12/1996	Cetinje, MNE	171
44	MariPlamenova	Tomova	BUL	Left Back	11/05/2002	Pleven, BUL	180
87	Jovana	Kadovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	09/01/2002	Podgorica, MNE	185
88	Nadja	Kadovic	MNE	Left Wing	28/08/2003	Podgorica, MNE	180
C 90	Milena	Raicevic	MNE	Back	12/03/1990	Podgorica, MNE	178
91	Ivona	Pavicevic	MNE	Back	21/04/1996	Podgorica, MNE	178
95	Ilda	Kepic	MNE	Left Back	17/01/1995	Thisted, DEN	182
97	Nikolina	Vukcevic	MNE	Line Player	28/07/2000	Podgorica, MNE	180



Armelle Attingré

 @aarmelle23

Goalkeeper

- Ivorian-French goalkeeper, who joined Buducnost in 2020 from Fehérvár (HUN)
- previously played for French clubs Fleury, Paris 92, and Nantes, as well as Turkish side Yenimahalle; gained CL experience with Paris (2012/13) and Yenimahalle (2016/17)
- named best goalkeeper of the French league in 2013 and 2014
- played 16 matches for French national team, was part of the EHF EURO 2014 squad



Ivona Pavicevic

 @ivonapavicevic55

Left wing

- Montenegrin international, who has been playing for Buducnost since 2015 – except for a brief stint at Romanian side Corona Brasov in 2019
- started professional career at age 17 at ZRK Danilovgrad in 2013
- 2021/22 has been her best European season by far, scoring 64 CL goals for Buducnost
- part of national team since 2015; played for Montenegro at Tokyo Olympics in 2021



Ilda Kepic

 @ildakepic

Left back

- Danish-born left back, who holds Montenegrin citizenship
- arrived at Buducnost in 2021 after one season with Skövde HF in Sweden, which was her first club outside Denmark
- previously played for Skive, Randers, Vendsyssel, and Holstebro – but never more than two seasons at the same club
- first appeared in the Montenegrin national team in the spring of 2022



Matea Pletikosc

 @mateapletikosc

Centre back

- born in Sinj, Croatia, received Montenegrin citizenship in 2020
- had been playing for Buducnost since 2015 and returned to the club from Slovenian side Krim in August 2021, initially on a one-year loan
- made an immediate impact when debuting at age 17 in CL 2015/16 season
- was a youth and junior international for Croatia – part of the All-star Team of the W17 EHF EURO 2015 – but has opted to play for Montenegro at senior level



Milena Raicevic

 @mraicevic90

Centre back

- re-joined Budućnost, the club where she has spent almost her entire career, in the summer of 2022 after a one-year stint at Kastamonu in Turkey
- started career at Budućnost in 2007; won CL twice with the club – in 2012 and 2015
- longstanding Montenegrin international; made the All-star Team of the 2010 Junior WCh and was part of the team that won Olympic silver and EHF EURO gold in 2012
- twin sister Dragana was also a professional handball player, brother Ivan plays soccer

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; CWC 2010
EURO: G 2012; OS: S 2012



Nikolina Vukcevic

 @_nvukcevic_

Line player

- regarded one of Montenegro's most promising talents, started professional career at Budućnost in 2017 at age 17
- born in Podgorica, started to play handball at the age of eight
- as a child, she admired eventual teammates Andrea Lekic and Majda Mehmedovic
- been part of the Montenegrin national team since 2019; EHF EURO 2020 was her first major championship with the national team

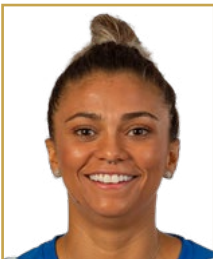


Katarina Dzaferovic

 @katarinadzaferovic

Right back

- joined Budućnost as a youth player aged 14 in 2016 and has never left the club since
- already made the A team of Budućnost when she was only 15
- had her best CL season in 2020/21, scoring 23 times for Budućnost; was then out injured for 10 months but returned just before the end of the 2021/22 season
- Montenegrin international since 2019, played her first major event at EHF EURO 2020



Adriana Cardoso de Castro

 @docecardoso21

Right wing

- Brazilian international, who arrived at Budućnost from Metz in the summer of 2022
- got first CL experience with Danish side Randers in 2011/12
- joined Bera Bera in 2012 and played for the Spanish club until 2021, interrupted for stints at German sides Celle and Blomberg-Lippe
- part of the Brazilian national team, played at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: white



Playing hall

Boligpartner Arena
Kornsilovegen 58
2316 Hamar
Norway
Capacity: 1,626

STORHAMAR HANDBALL ELITE



Norwegian handball has been on the up on club level in the past decade, with Vipers Kristiansand winning back-to-back titles in the past two seasons – and enabling other teams from the Scandinavian nation to dream big.

One of those teams is Storhamar Håndball Elite, who will make their debut in the premium European competition this season after finishing second in the Norwegian Eliteserien over the past four seasons.

Main facts:

- Storhamar are one of two sides making their debut in the EHF Champions League this season, alongside CS Rapid Bucuresti
- coach Kenneth Gabrielsen enters his second season as Storhamar's coach, after having previously led Glassverket and Vipers Kristiansand
- Storhamar lost their top scorer from last season, right wing Emilie Hovden, who moved to Viborg HK – the hosts and losing finalists of the EHF European League Women 2022
- the Norwegian side have been runners-up in the domestic league for the past four seasons; they advanced to the quarter-finals of the second-tier European competition twice in this period
- Storhamar are the seventh Norwegian team to play in the EHF Champions League, with two of them – Larvik HK and Vipers Kristiansand – winning the trophy

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2020/21

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals: 2018/19; Group Phase: 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2009/10

Norwegian league: -

Norwegian cup: -



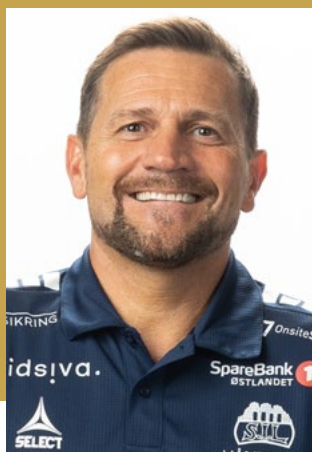
EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

No previous matches in the EHF Champions League Women

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
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No previous matches in the EHF Champions League Women



Kenneth Gabrielsen

Coach

- became head coach of Storhamar in 2020, two years after he had left Vipers Kristiansand to take a break from the sport
- in his two seasons with Vipers, he won the Norwegian league and cup, and reached the final of the EHF Cup in 2017/18
- previously, he was five years at Glassverket and led them from the second division to the second place in Norway's top flight
- was named Coach of the Year in Norway in 2014/15
- spent his playing career with Norwegian sides Bodø HK and Sandefjord Håndball

Arrivals:

Line Ellertsen (Aarhus United/DEN)
 Tina Abdulla (BVB Handball-Damen/GER)
 Olivia Lofqvist (Lugi HF/SWE)
 Anna Klausen Jacobsen (Flint Tønsberg/NOR)

Departures:

Emilie Hovden (Viborg HK/DEN)
 Lone Sandvik (unknown)
 Andrea Holmsveen Moen (Flint Tønsberg/NOR)
 Sara Ronningen (Thüringer HC/GER)
 Cassandra Tollbring (H65 Höör/NOR)
 Jeanett Kristiansen (retired)
 Betina Riegelhuth (retired)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Stine	Lidén	NOR	Goalkeeper	31/05/1988	Lørenskog, NOR	184
4	Susanne Liberg	Amundsen	NOR	Left Wing	20/08/2002	Elverum, NOR	160
6	Ane Cecilie	Høgseth	NOR	Line Player	15/01/2001	Oslo, NOR	178
7	Marie Johanna Elinore	Johansson	SWE	Right Back	19/03/1996	Hässleholm, SWE	180
8	Maja	Jakobsen	NOR	Right Back	28/03/1990	Gjøvik, NOR	169
10	Kristin	Venn	NOR	Left Wing	05/03/1994	Orkdal, NOR	169
11	Tina	Abdula	NOR	Right Wing	20/09/1997	Skopje, MKD	164
12	Sofie Ege	Grønlund	NOR	Goalkeeper	03/04/1999	Bergen, NOR	176
14	Monika Høistad	Bruce	NOR	Left Back	17/11/2001	Lillehammer, NOR	175
18	Olivia Linnèa Josephine	Löfqvist	SWE	Line Player	13/07/1998	Hörby, SWE	177
19	Mathea	Enger	NOR	Centre Back	09/07/2004	Elverum, NOR	170
C 21	Moa Amanda	Fredriksson	SWE	Line Player	17/12/1991	Gothenburg, SWE	173
23	Line	Ellertsen	NOR	Right Back	04/06/1998	Stavanger, NOR	172
24	Anna Klausen	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	23/05/2000	NOR	174
25	Anniken	Obaidli	NOR	Centre Back	22/06/1995	Molde, NOR	172
30	Eli Marie	Raasok	NOR	Goalkeeper	21/11/1996	Fredrikstad, NOR	175
33	Guro	Nestaker	NOR	Left Back	15/08/1998	Gjøvik, NOR	181



Eli Marie Raasok

Goalkeeper

- came back to Norway in February 2022 and joined Storhamar on a 3.5-year deal, after spending almost two years in Denmark with Silkeborg and Randers, respectively
- started senior career in 2014 at Oppsal IF, the club she had already joined as a junior
- represented Norway 53 times at junior and youth level, but has not been called up for the senior team so far
- modified a barn at her house to turn it into a gym



Kristin Venn

 @kristinvenn

Left wing

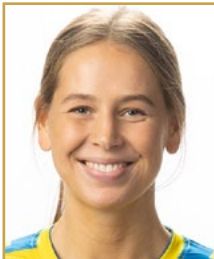
- has spent her entire career in Norway, joining Storhamar from Byåsen in 2018
- will make her CL group phase debut, but did play in a CL qualification tournament twice with her former club Byåsen
- was among Storhamar's best scorers in the European League 2021/22, with 30 goals
- was named the All-star left wing of the Norwegian league in 2019; had also made the All-star Team of the Women's 17 EHF EURO 2011



Susanne Amundsen

Left wing

- talented left wing, who arrived at Storhamar in 2020 for her first senior club
- turned 20 just before the start of the 2022/23 season, she is a pacy wing with a penchant for goals, described by her club as "the fastest player" in the team
- contributed six goals to Norway's journey to gold at the 2022 Junior (U19) WCh in Slovenia in June and July



Guro Nestaker

 @guronestaker

Left back

- arrived at Storhamar in 2018 for only the third club in her career
- started to play in the youth ranks of second-division side Gjøvik HK before joining Oppsal IF in Norway's top flight in 2016
- a strong, physical left back, named All-star defender at 2016 Youth (U17) WCh
- made her debut in the senior national team in 2019, but is not a regular



Anniken Obaidli

 @annikenobaidli

Centre back

- joined Storhamar from Norwegian league rivals Molde Elite in 2021
- second-best scorer for Storhamar in the European League 2021/22, with 48 goals
- two of her sisters, Mona and Sherin, still play together at Molde, her former club
- her father, Khalid, is from Bahrain, where he and Anniken's mother, Ruth, lived between 1988 and 1995, just before Anniken was born
- was voted the favourite player of the Norwegian league by fans in 2020



Ane Cecilie Høgseth

 @anehandball

Line player

- Norwegian international, who signed for Storhamar in 2021 after three seasons with Aker Toppåndbal, 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
- made senior debut for Norway during EHF EURO Cup games in April 2022



Maja Jakobsen

 @majjak90

Right back

- vastly experienced former international, who won the EHF EURO 2014 with Norway
- earlier won gold at the W19 EHF EURO in 2009 and the Junior WCh in 2010
- played four seasons for Danish side Odense before returning to Norway in 2019 for her third stint with Storhamar, having played for the club before in 2006-10 and 2011-15
- was named best right back in the Norwegian league in 2020/21, and was the league's top scorer in 2014/15 with 162 goals for Storhamar

EURO: G 2014, S 2012



Tina Abdula

Right wing

- Skopje-born Norwegian right wing, who arrived at Storhamar in the summer of 2022 after two years with German Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund
- scored 47 goals (26 and 21, respectively) in her two CL seasons with Dortmund
- started senior career at Tertnes Bergen and played three seasons EHF Cup with them
- played 30 matches for Norwegian YAC national teams but has not appeared in the country's senior national team so far



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
GK shirt: turquoise

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

Blue Water Dokken
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Denmark
Capacity: 3,579

TEAM ESBJERG

Team Esbjerg might have lost the final of the Danish league to Odense Håndbold, they are undoubtedly one of the main contenders in the EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 season.

The Danish side boast two of the three top scorers from the previous season, six world champions in 2021 with Norway, and a strong core which has not undergone many changes in recent years.

Main facts:

- last season, Esbjerg became the first Danish side to clinch a spot in the EHF FINAL4 since FC Midtjylland in the 2013/14 season
- Esbjerg have been reinforced with the signings of right back Nora Mørk and line player Kathrine Heindahl, but they have seen Marit Malm Frafjord, Line Jørgensen and Estavana Polman leaving
- Esbjerg were unbeaten on home court in 2021/22: six wins, two draws
- only three coaches in the EHF Champions League have a longer tenure at their club than Esbjerg's Jesper Jensen
- prior to the EHF FINAL4 2022, Esbjerg only had one loss in 16 matches last season, making them one of the most consistent sides in the competition

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6

Semi-finals (1): 2021/22

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20*

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Main Round (1): 2016/17

Qualification (1): 2015/16

* 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: 3 titles (2016, 2019, 2020)

Danish cup: 2 titles (2018, 2022)



8 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

37 **GOALS**
Most goals

66 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:20 (16:10) v Buducnost BEMAX MNE (h), 26.09.2021
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)
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	37 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 37:29W (h), 14.02.2021
Most goals opponent	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
Most goals both teams	66 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 31:35W (a), 25.01.2020 66 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 37:29W (h), 14.02.2021
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

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	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-final*	
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	
Total:	58	28	7	23	1603:1532	+71	63:53		

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



Jesper Jensen

Coach

- former Danish international, who became head coach of Esbjerg in 2017 after stints with the women's team of KIF Vejen and the men's team of Aalborg Håndbold
- led Esbjerg to consecutive Danish league titles in 2019 and 2020, and steered the team to the EHF FINAL4 in 2022
- appointed head coach of the Danish women's national team in 2020, and won bronze at the 2021 World Championship
- as a centre back, he scored 238 times in 100 games for Denmark, was part of the team that won the EHF EURO 2008

EURO: G 2008, B 2006; WCh: B 2007 (player), B 2021 (coach)

Arrivals:

Nora Mørk (Vipers Kristiansand/NOR)
 Kathrine Heindahl (CSKA/RUS)
 Anne Tolstrup Petersen (København Håndbold/DEN)
 Julie Bøe Jacobsen (Byåsen Håndball Elite/DEN)

Departures:

Marit Malm Frafjord (retired)
 Line Myers (retired)
 Annette Jensen (Horsens Håndbold Elite/DEN)
 Estavana Polman (Nykøbing F. Håndbold/DEN)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Rikke	Vestergaard Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/04/1986	Holstebro, DEN	177
2	Mia	Brinch-Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	07/05/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	178
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
6	Signe	Damgaard Krell	DEN	Centre Back	21/02/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	176
7	Julie Ami	Sall	DEN	Left Wing	21/11/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	162
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right Back	05/04/2001	Oslo, NOR	167
C 10	Kathrine	Heindahl	DEN	Line Player	26/03/1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
11	Kirstine-Marie	Heide	DEN	Right Wing	18/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	172
12	Sara	Winde	DEN	Goalkeeper	21/01/2005	Esbjerg, DEN	174
13	Marit Malm	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25/11/1985	Tromsø, NOR	182
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23/08/1993	Oslo, NOR	193
15	Stine	Lund	DEN	Goalkeeper	08/05/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	179
16	Amalie	Milling	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/12/1999	Hørsholm, DEN	186
17	Beyza Irem	Türkoglu	TUR	Left Wing	04/02/1997	Altindag, TUR	175
18	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right Back	01/01/1996	Aarhus, DEN	192
19	Line	Jørgensen Myers	DEN	Right Back	31/12/1989	Hvidovre, DEN	186
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	25/02/1994	Narvik, NOR	165
23	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	174
24	Sanna	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
33	Julie Bøe	Jacobsen	DEN	Centre Back	23/06/1998	Lørenskog, DEN	168
51	Vilde	Mortensen Ingstad	NOR	Line Player	18/12/1994	Oslo, NOR	178



Rikke Vestergaard Poulsen

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Goalkeeper

- joined from league rivals Viborg HK in the summer of 2019 to replace Sandra Toft
- set to be Esbjerg's No. 1 goalkeeper in the 2022/23 season since German international and teammate Dinah Eckerle is out with pregnancy
- started handball when she was only four years old in her local club, Ejbing Boldklub
- played 73 matches for Danish national team but has not been called up in recent years

WCh: B 2013



Sanna Solberg-Isaksen

@sannasolberg

Left wing

- joined in the summer of 2017 from Norwegian side Larvik HK
- regular in the Norwegian national team – like twin sister Silje Solberg, who plays as a goalkeeper for Győr
- has won eight medals at major championships with Norway since 2014
- tall and efficient wing player with a large variety of shots

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



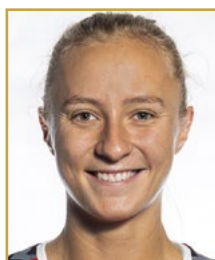
Kristine Breistøl

@kristinebrei

Left back

- Norwegian international, who joined Esbjerg from Larvik HK in summer of 2018
- grown into a key asset for the team after initially spending much time in the shadow of Dutch star Estavana Polman, who has now left the club
- scored a personal best total of 83 goals in the CL 2021/22 season, when Esbjerg reached the EHF FINAL4 for the first time
- best known as a long-range shooter, well capable of firing in goals from 10 meters

EURO: G 2020; OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2021



Henny Reistad

@hennyreistad

Centre back

- Norwegian international, arrived at Esbjerg in 2021 after three seasons with Vipers
- was named MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2021 after she helped Vipers win their first CL title, scoring 25 goals in total in the semi-final and final
- was one of three players to pass the 100-goal mark in the CL 2021/22 season
- made the All-star Team of the 2021 WCh in Spain, where Norway won gold

EC trophies: CL 2021
OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2020; WCh: G 2021



Kathrine Heindahl

@heindahl

Line player

- Danish international, who joined Esbjerg in 2022 after two seasons at CSKA in Russia
- previously played in Denmark for GOG, Holstebro, Randers, and Odense twice
- initially started handball career as a centre back, but transitioned to a line player
- has a bachelor's degree in business economics from Aarhus University; has built a clothing company, IKAIKA, selling products through an online shop

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

WCh: B 2021



Nora Mørk

@noramrk_9

Right back

- legend of the game, who joined Esbjerg from Vipers in the summer of 2022
- one of only four female players to have won the CL six times – alongside Katrine Lunde, Ausra Fridrikas and Bojana Popovic – since lifting the trophy with Vipers in 2022
- despite many knee injuries, is ranked in all-time top 10 of CL scorers, with 780 goals
- with over 100 caps for Norway, has won every major championship, except Olympics

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020; OG: B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017



Mette Tranborg

@mettetranborg

Right back

- Danish international, who has spent her entire career with clubs in Denmark
- signed for Esbjerg in 2020 after three seasons with league rivals Odense
- one of the tallest CL players at 192cm, a complete back and excellent defender
- turned pro at age 16 and became the youngest player ever in the Danish league
- won Youth WCh in 2012, and bronze at WCh in Spain in 2021

WCh: B 2021



Marit Røsberg Jacobsen

@maritrij

Right wing

- Norwegian international, 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 the bronze medal
- enrolled in master's degree in Sports and Health at University of Southern Denmark

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

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white-red-black
Player short: white-red black
GK shirt: black-blue-yellow

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: white
GK shirt: black-blue-yellow



Playing hall

Kastamonu Sports Hall
İnönü, Mah, Alparslan Türkeş
Blv. 13/1
37150 Kastamonu Merkez
Türkiye
Capacity: 4,000

KASTAMONU BELEDİYESİ GSK



The EHF Champions League 2021/22 season did not exactly pan out as planned for Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK, after the Turkish champions built the third-longest losing streak in the competition's history.

However, the Turkish club renewed their vows to come back stronger, added key players in crucial roles in the side and tried to strengthen the team as much as possible in order to win their first game in the competition.

Main facts:

- after losing all 14 matches in the group phase last season, Kastamonu will feature in Europe's premier competition for the second time
- Dane Claus Mogensen, who is testing the waters outside Scandinavia for the first time in his career, has been appointed as coach
- three of the four Montenegrin players who signed last season – Jovanka Radicevic, Milena Raicevic and Marina Rajcic – left this summer, as only left wing Majda Mehmedovic stayed at the club
- in a bid to bring more spirit to the side, Kastamonu signed experienced right wing Simone Böhme and line player Katarina Jezic

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Group Phase (1); 2021/22
Qualification (2): 2017/18, 2019/20

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2020/21
EHF Cup: Semi-finals: 2017/18, Quarter-finals: 2019/20
Challenge Cup: Finalists: 2015/16

Turkish league (5): 2017, 2019-22



0 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

29 **GOALS**
Most goals

68 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	–
Biggest defeat	37:20 (19:9) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 13.11.2021
Longest winning run	–
Longest unbeaten run	–
Longest losing run	14 matches (since 12 September 2021)
Longest run without win	14 matches (since 12 September 2021)
Most goals	29 v CSKA RUS 29:31 (h), 13.02.2021
	29 v Odense Håndbold DEN 37:29 (a), 20.02.2021
Most goals opponent	39 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 39:25 (a), 16.10.2021
Most goals both teams	68 v Odense Håndbold DEN 37:29 (a), 20.02.2021
Fewest goals	20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 37:20 (a), 13.11.2021
Fewest goals opponent	24 v Krim Mercator Ljubljana 23:24 (h), 25.09.2021
Fewest goals both teams	47 v Krim Mercator Ljubljana 23:24 (h), 25.09.2021

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2021/22 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	14	0	0	14	349:462	-113	0:28	8th Gr. A	
Total:	14	0	0	14	349:462	-113	0:28		



Claus Mogensen

Coach

- Danish coach who joined Kastamonu in the summer of 2022 to replace Romanian coach Costica Buceschi
- worked the past six seasons at København Håndbold, leading the club to their first Danish league title in 2017/18
- Kastamonu is Mogensen's second club outside Denmark, having coached Norwegian side Byåsen in 2013-16
- previously worked with Horsens, Skanderborg, and Aarhus

Arrivals:

Simone Böhme (Siófok KC/HUN)
Katarina Jezic (Siófok KC/HUN)
Azenaide Carlos (CS Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)
Samara da Silva Vieira (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)

Departures:

Marina Rajcic (Siófok KC/HUN)
Jovanka Radicevic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
Sara Kovarova (Krim Mercator Ljubljana/SLO)
Milena Raicevic (WHC Buducnost BEMAX/MNE)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Yaren Berfe	Göker	TUR	Goalkeeper	05/11/1999	Bursa, TUR	183
2	Samara	Da Silva Vieira	BRA	Left Back	07/10/1991	Natal, BRA	183
3	Nursah	Sancak	TUR	Left Wing	24/10/1997	Bursa, TUR	165
7	Kübra	Sarikaya	TUR	Left Wing	14/10/1996	Istanbul, TUR	168
8	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Wing	17/08/1991	Randers, DEN	169
C 13	Serpil	Iskenderoglu	TUR	Centre Back	15/07/1982	Istanbul, TUR	167
14	Nurcuren	Akgün Göktepe	TUR	Line Player	20/06/1992	Antalya, TUR	181
17	Katarina	Jezic	CRO	Line Player	19/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	173
19	Neslihan	Caliskan	TUR	Left Back	29/07/1997	Izmir, TUR	181
21	Betül	Yilmaz	TUR	Left Back	31/10/1988	Düce, TUR	178
35	Azenaide Danila	Jose Carlos	ANG	Right Back	14/06/1990	Luanda, ANG	176
37	Ceren	Demircelen	TUR	Line Player	23/02/1992	Ankara, TUR	171
58	Merve	Durdu	TUR	Goalkeeper	15/04/1996	Sivas, TUR	182
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25/05/1990	Pogdorica, MNE	169



Merve Durdu

Goalkeeper

- Turkish international, who joined Kastamonu from domestic league rivals Muratpasa in the summer of 2020
- first played CL with Muratpasa in a qualification tournament for the 2018/19 season
- member of the national team since 2016, but has not qualified for a major event yet
- also a prolific beach handball goalkeeper; has been part of the national teams since her youth and represented Turkey at the Beach EURO 2019 in Poland



Majda Mehmedovic

 @majdamehmedovic77


Left wing

- the only one of the four Montenegrin internationals joining Kastamonu ahead of the 2021/22 season who is still with the Turkish club
- spent most of her career at Buducnost, except for three seasons at CSM (2016-19)
- her first CL appearance was in 2008/09; her personal best are 55 goals in 2020/21
- part of the Montenegrin team that won Olympic silver and EHF EURO gold in 2012

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012; EURO: G 2012



Samara Da Silva Vieira

 @samylvieira02

Left back

- Brazilian international, who returned to Turkey to join Kastamonu in the summer of 2022 after an earlier stint with Üsküdar in 2017/18
- played CL with three different clubs in the past three seasons: Ramnicu Valcea, Krim, and CSM Bucuresti, scoring 98 goals in total
- started handball at the age of nine, initially as a goalkeeper, before becoming a back
- has been playing for the Brazilian national team since 2015



Neslihan Caliskan

 @neslihancaliskan

Left back

- arrived at Kastamonu in the summer of 2021, after spending four seasons at Üsküdar
- scored 24 times in the CL 2021/22, her debut season in Europe's top flight
- Turkish international, who has also represented youth and junior teams of the country
- also playing beach handball at an international level; was part of the Turkish national team that competed the the Beach Handball EURO 2019 in Poland

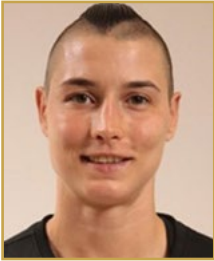


Serpil Iskenderoglu

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Centre back

- having turned 40 in July 2022, the legend of Turkish handball is in the 26th season of her career, which started in 1997 at T.M.O. in Ankara
- has played almost her entire career for Turkish clubs, and since 2015 for Kastamonu; only spent 2006/07 at Nürnberg in Germany and became the league's top scorer
- reached the final of the former Challenge Cup twice – with Muratpasa in 2012 and with Kastamonu four years later – but lost them both
- played more than 300 international matches for Turkey



Katarina Jezic

 @katarinajezic17

Line player

- Croatian international, who arrived at Kastamonu in the summer of 2022 after six seasons with Hungarian side Siófok
- won the EHF Cup with Siófok in 2018/19, beating Team Esbjerg in the final
- previously played CL with Baia Mare, Lokomotiva Zagreb, and Buducnost
- team captain of Croatia at the EHF EURO 2020, where they won bronze

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019
EURO: B 2020



Azenaide Carlos

Right back

- born in Luanda, Angola, she started playing handball at the age of 11 and made her debut in the national team only seven years later
- joined Kastamonu in the summer of 2022 after one season at Rapid Bucuresti and two at Podravka Vegeta; scored 43 times for Podravka in the CL 2020/21 season
- was one of the first Angolan players to join a European club when she signed for Balonmano Bera Bera in Spain in 2010
- first played for Angola at 2008 Olympics; has won African Championship four times



Simone Böhme

 @simonebohme

Right wing

- Danish international, joining Kastamonu in 2022 after five years with Siófok
- signed with CSM Bucuresti in January 2017 for her first foreign club, having previously played for Randers, Silkeborg, and Viborg in her native Denmark
- won the EHF Cup in 2010 with Randers, and again nine years later with Siófok
- part of the Danish national team that won bronze at the 2021 WCh in Spain

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010, 2019
WCh: B 2021

GROUP B




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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: royal blue
GK shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: black



Playing hall

Sportska dvorana
Sutinska vrela
Podsusedski trg 14B
Susedgrad,
10000 Zagreb
Croatia
Capacity: 1,300

HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB



Lokomotiva Zagreb are back in the EHF Champions League after securing their first Croatian title since 2014, having overthrown Podravka Vegeta in the 2021/22 season.

The Challenge Cup 2016/17 winners have proven to be a great development club for young talents, and now enter the new European season as underdogs in group B.

Main facts:

- Lokomotiva won the Croatian league for the fourth time last season, their first domestic championship in eight years
- Lokomotiva played the group phase of the EHF Champions League once before, in 2014/15; in 2004/05 and 2013/14, they played the qualification tournaments but did not progress
- the Zagreb-based team won the Challenge Cup in 2017 and played the EHF European Cup final in 2021
- 'Lokosice' will have a changed squad, with many of the pillar players leaving for Podravka Vegeta, while young talents have joined
- head coach Sostaric took the helm in 2013 and is well-known for his extensive handball experience as well as leading Croatia to the bronze medal at the Women's EHF EURO 2020

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Group Matches (1): 2014/15
Qualification (2): 2004/05, 2013/14

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2021/22
EHF European Cup: Final 2020/21
Challenge Cup: Winners: 2016/17; Semi-finals: 2011/12, 2017/18
Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 1995/96, 1997/98

Croatian league: 4 titles (1992, 2004, 2014, 2022)
Croatian cup: 6 titles (1992, 2005, 2007, 2014, 2018, 2021)



1 **MATCH**
Longest
winning run

29 **GOALS**
Most goals

58 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	–
Biggest defeat	15:26 (7:13) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 16.11.2014
Longest winning run	–
Longest unbeaten run	1 match (31.10.2014) 1 match (09.11.2014)
Longest losing run	2 matches (19.10.2014 – 26.10.2014) 2 matches (16.11.2014 – 23.11.2014)
Longest run without win	6 matches (19.10.2014 – 23.11.2014)
Most goals	29 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:29D (a), 31.10.2014
Most goals opponent	32 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 32:23L (a), 19.10.2014
Most goals both teams	58 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:29D (a), 31.10.2014
Fewest goals	15 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 15:26L (h), 16.11.2014
Fewest goals opponent	23 v IK Sävehof SWE 23:23D (h), 09.11.2014
Fewest goals both teams	41 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 15:26L (h), 16.11.2014

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2014/15 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	6	0	2	4	132:164	-32	2:10	4th Gr. C	
Total:	6	0	2	4	132:164	-32	2:10		



Nenad Sostarić
Coach

- former Croatian international, who has a successful coaching career spanning more than three decades with various clubs and national teams
- has been working at Lokomotiva since 2009, with an interruption of two seasons (2014-16)
- head coach of the Croatian national team in 1997-98, 2001-03, and again since 2017; led the team to a surprise bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020
- received the 'Franjo Bučar' state award in 2021, Croatia's highest recognition for extraordinary achievements in sport

EURO: B 2020

Arrivals:

Sara Sabljic (ZRK Split 2010/CRO)
 Klara Birtic (ZRK Split 2010/CRO)
 Kristina Dramac (WAT Atzgersdorf/AUT)
 Mia Tupek (RK Sesvete Agroproteinka/CRO)

Departures:

Lucija Besen (HC Podravka Vegeta/CRO)
 Andrea Simara (HC Podravka Vegeta/CRO)
 Dora Kalaus (HC Podravka Vegeta/CRO)
 Ivana Dezic (ES Besancon Feminin/FRA)
 Kristina Prkacin (SCM Gloria Buzau/ROU)
 Josipa Mamic (HC Dunarea/ROU)
 Kala Kosovac (RK Sesvete)
 Tina Wurth (RK Sesvete)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Lena	Ivancok	AUT	Goalkeeper	29/03/2001	Vienna, AUT	184
3	Lara	Buric	CRO	Right Wing	13/08/2003	Zagreb, CRO	170
4	Mia	Tupek	CRO	Centre back	13/06/2000	Zagreb, CRO	172
5	Ana	Malec	CRO	Centre Back	25/07/2000	Zagreb, CRO	175
7	Klara	Birtic	CRO	Right Back	28/03/2002	Slavonski Brod, CRO	180
C 8	Stela	Posavec	CRO	Right Wing	26/08/1996	Zagreb, CRO	174
9	Terezija	Curic	CRO	Left Back	18/10/1999	Koprivnica, CRO	175
12	Ema	Novosel	CRO	Goalkeeper	18/11/2004	Zagreb, CRO	182
14	Tena	Petika	CRO	Left Back	16/06/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	190
17	Tena	Japundza	CRO	Right Wing	28/10/1998	Pula, CRO	173
18	Marija	Kaludjerovic	MNE	Line Player	13/08/1994	Podgorica, MNE	175
19	Ines	Lisjak	CRO	Line Player	15/11/1994	Zagreb, CRO	174
25	Maja	Bilandzic	CRO	Right Back	09/02/2002	Sinj, CRO	176
29	Sara	Sablic	CRO	Left Back	12/03/2000	Split, CRO	189
31	Andrea	Sedloska	MKD	Left Back	06/03/2003	Prilep, MKD	183
33	Margarita	Skaric	CRO	Left Wing	02/03/2000	Split, CRO	165
34	Lara	Fures	CRO	Line Player	11/10/2002	Zagreb, CRO	178
44	Iva	Zrilic	CRO	Centre Back	13/10/2004	Rijeka, CRO	172
77	Sanja	Dabevska	MKD	Line Player	04/03/1996	Gostivar, MKD	185
88	Leonida	Gichevska	MKD	Left Back	20/06/1998	Sveti Nikole, MKD	178

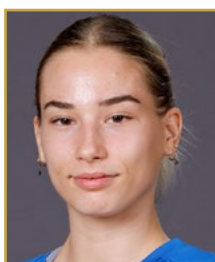


Lena Ivancok

 @lenaivancok

Goalkeeper

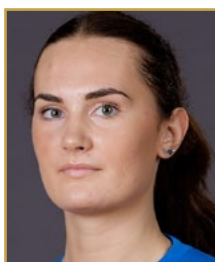
- Austrian international with Croatian roots, who joined Lokomotiva in the summer of 2020 from Fivers in Vienna, where her father Miljenko is the club president
- reached the EHF European Cup final in her first year with Lokomotiva
- made her national team debut for Austria in October 2020
- her older sisters, Karla and Ines, have also both played for the national team



Margarita Skaric

Left wing

- young, talented left wing, who started her career in Split
- also played for Petason Vranjic and Podravka Vegeta before joining Lokomotiva Zagreb in the summer of 2021
- gained first CL experience with Podravka in the 2020/21 season
- has been a regular in the youth and junior national teams of Croatia

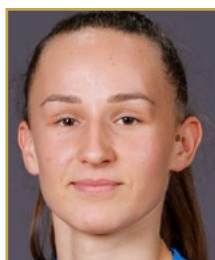


Tena Petika

 @tenapetika

Left back

- daughter of Croatian legendary handball player Snježana Petika
- joined Lokomotiva at the beginning of the 2021/22 season
- previously played for Podravka Vegeta, but moved abroad at the age of 18 to join Kisvárdai KC and Bekescsaba in Hungary
- made her debut in the Croatian national team at the 2021 WCh in Spain

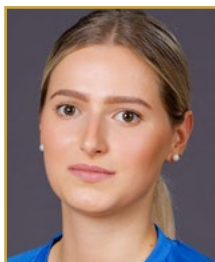


Stela Posavec

Centre back

- arrived at Lokomotiva in 2016 from her only previous club, Zrinski Cakovec
- started playing at Zrinski aged nine, alongside her twin sister Paula
- won the Challenge Cup with Lokomotiva in the 2016/17 season
- played at the EHF EURO 2018 and 2020 with Croatia, winning bronze at the latter

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017
EURO: B 2020



Ana Malec

Centre back

- young, talented centre back, who started her career at Ivanic-Grad
- joined Lokomotiva in 2021; previously played for Bjelovar
- scored 23 times for Lokomotiva in the EHF European League 2021/22
- her brother Lovro is also a handball player
- is part of the Croatian national team, having come through the youth and junior ranks

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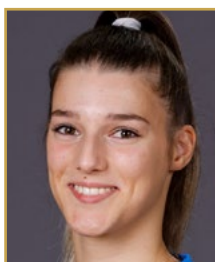


Ines Lisjak

Line player

- experienced line player, who was born in the Croatian capital and already played for Lokomotiva Zagreb in her youth
- had her first CL season with Lokomotiva in 2013/14
- returned to Lokomotiva in the summer of 2021, having also played for Samobor, Dugo Selo, Sesvete, and Umag
- is part of the Croatian national team

 @ines_lis



Maja Bilandzic

Right back

- talented right back who started career at Sinj and is having her first season in the CL
- previously played for Lokomotiva in the EHF European League (2021/22) and European Cup (2020/21); scored her first international goals in the latter competition
- studies at the Faculty of Law at the University in Zagreb
- according to her Instagram page, her life motto is: 'Pray, hope, and don't worry'

 @maja_bilandzic



Tena Japundza

Right wing

- joined Lokomotiva in the summer of 2017 after one season with ZRK Umag; had started her career at ZRK Rovinj
- her mother is a handball coach, and she started playing at the age of seven
- prolific scorer for Croatia's junior and youth national teams; made debut in senior team in 2017 and was part of the squad that won bronze at the EHF EURO 2018

EURO: B 2020

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS – NO AWAY GOALS RULE

Away goals not among the criteria to decide the ranking anymore

All matches 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 2 x 30 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 group phase:
- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
 - b) higher number of plus goals in all matches.

After completion of the group phase 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 phase 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 a responsible of each club.

PLAY-OFF AND QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players 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 perform 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 whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, 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.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- 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 court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



HISTORY

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 1993–2022

I TOP SCORERS 2021/22



110 goals

Cristina Neagu
CSM Bucuresti

Player	Club	Gls
1 Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	110
2 Nora Mørk (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	107
3 Ana Gros (SLO)	CSKA (RUS) / Krim (SLO)	104
Henny Reistad (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	104
5 Grace Zaadi Deuna (FRA)	Rostov-Don (RUS) / Metz Handball (FRA)	91
6 Helene Fauske (NOR)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	87
Jamina Roberts (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	87
8 Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	86
9 Alina Grijseels (GER)	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund (GER)	84
10 Kristine Breistøl (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	83
11 Matea Pletikovic (MNE)	Krim (SLO) / Buducnost (MNE)	81
Angela Malestein (NED)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	81
12 Katarina Krpez-Slezak (SRB)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	80
13 Dione Housheer (NED)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	79
14 Méline Nocandy (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	78
15 Alicia Toublanc (FRA)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	77
16 Dejana Milosavljevic (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	75
Tjaša Stanko (SLO)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	75
18 Markéta Jerábková (CZE)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	74
19 Emily Bölk (GER)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	72
Ana Debelic (CRO)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	72

ALL-STAR TEAM 2021/22



PREVIOUS ALL-STAR TEAMS OVERVIEW

S	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
GK	Sandra Toft (Larvik)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Katrine Lunde (Vipers)	Amandine Leynaud (Győr)	Amandine Leynaud (Győr)
LW	Siraba Dembele (Vardar)	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Camilla Herrem (Vardar)	Siraba Dembele (Rostov-Don)	Manon Houette (Metz)	Sanna Solberg (Esbjerg)	Majda Mehmedovic (Buducnost)
LB	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)	Anne Mette Hansen (Győr)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)
CB	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Veronica Kristiansen (Midtjylland)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)
LP	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Marit Malm Frafjord (Larvik)	Dragana Cvijic (Vardar)	Crina Pintea (Győr)	Asma Elghaoui (Valcea)	Pauletta Foppa (Brest)
RB	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Ana Gros (Metz)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)	Nora Mørk (Vipers)
RW	Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (Larvik)	Jovanka Radicevic (Vardar)	Carmen Martin (Bucuresti)	Iuliia Managarova (Rostov-Don)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)	Viktória Lukács (Győr)
< 23	Eliza Buceschi (Baia Mare)	Luca Szekerces (FTC)	Blanka Biro (FTC)	Tjasa Stanko (Krim)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)	Henny Reistad (Vipers)
DEF	Dorina Korsos (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Zsuzsanna Tomori (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)
C	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)	Ole Gustav Gjekstad (Vipers)

I PAST WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
2022	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2021	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2020	<i>no title awarded</i>	
2019	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2018	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2017	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2016	CSM Bucuresti	ROU
2015	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2014	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2013	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2003	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2002	Kometal Skopje	MKD
2001	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunaferr SE	HUN
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1997	Mar El Osito L'Eliaana Valencia	ESP
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2022

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	254	191	20	43	7409:6241	+1168	402:106	(19)	79,13%
2	Buducnost BEMAX MNE	290	152	24	114	7636:7389	+247	328:252	(27)	56,55%
3	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	284	124	19	141	7523:7638	-115	267:301	(27)	47,01%
4	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144	(23)	63,64%
5	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
6	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	204	105	17	82	5609:5485	+124	227:181	(21)	55,64%
7	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
8	Metz Handball FRA	160	80	12	68	4195:4037	+158	172:148	(16)	53,75%
9	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3769:3688	+81	153:139	(13)	52,40%
10	Rostov-Don RUS	98	65	7	26	2570:2309	+261	137:59	(7)	69,90%
11	CSM Bucuresti ROU	110	62	8	40	2885:2673	+212	132:88	(8)	60,00%
12	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	166	55	8	103	4131:4565	-434	118:214	(22)	35,54%
13	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
14	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
15	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
16	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
17	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
18	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	72	39	5	28	2016:1893	+123	83:61	(6)	57,64%
19	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
20	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	68	31	12	25	1891:1806	+85	74:62	(6)	54,41%
21	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
22	Team Esbjerg DEN	58	28	7	23	1603:1532	+71	63:53	(5)	54,31%
23	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
24	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
25	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
26	Odense Håndbold DEN	46	20	4	22	1257:1251	+6	44:48	(4)	47,83%
41	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	40	7	2	31	995:1176	-181	16:64	(5)	20,00%
61	DHK Banik Most CZE	6	1	1	4	151:190	-39	3:9	(2)	25,00%
63	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	6	0	2	4	132:164	-32	2:10	(2)	16,67%
77	Kastamonu Belediye GSK TUR	14	0	0	14	349:462	-113	0:28	(2)	0,00%
NR	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

NP = number of seasons played, teams in bold play in CL 2022/23 (included in number)

% = winning percentage

* = point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

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Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Baník Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019

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WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krím Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015

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HC Lada Togliatti RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007

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Graničar Djurdjevac CRO @ Viborg HK DEN 27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997

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HYPO Niederösterreich AUT vs Podravka Kopriwnica CRO 17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996

Biggest wins

- 25 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Baník Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 24 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016

Biggest home wins

- 24 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 22 Dunaferri SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 22 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs IK Sävehof SWE 41:19 (20:9), 30.10.2021

Biggest away wins

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 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

Biggest lead at half-time

- 15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krím Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 14 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU vs 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27 (23:9), 07.03.2008
- 14 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012

Most goals

- 46 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Baník Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 45 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 43 HC Lada Togliatti RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 43 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020

Most goals both teams

- 76 RK Krím Mercator SLO vs Budućnost MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 76 RK Krím 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

Fewest goals

- 12 Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krím 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

Fewest goals both teams

- 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 Budućnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014
- * after regular time

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Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE 27:26 (10:18), 25.02.2007

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

- 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 Vipères Kristiansand NOR @ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 26:27 (16:10), 30.10.2021

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RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Viborg HK DEN 28:28 (16:9), 29.10.2011

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

- 7 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA vs Buducnost MNE 28:28 (11:18), 17.01.2021
- 6 Ferrobuss KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelagets 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

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Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020

Most goals in one half

- 24 Dunaferri SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE – 2nd half 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 24 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007
- 24 RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS – 2nd half 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 24 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS – 1st half 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 24 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator – 1st half 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 24 FTC-Rail Cargo HUN vs Fleury Loiret Handball FRA – 1st half 36:23 (24:12), 22.11.2015
- 24 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 40:26 (24:13), 06.10.2019

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HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007

Most goals in one half both teams

- 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

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Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO – 1st half 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

Fewest goals in one half

- 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 @ Kometa 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

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Granicar Djurdjevac CRO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 17:19 (5:6), 25.01.1997

Fewest goals in one half both teams

- 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 Dunaferri 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 Kometa DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)

Longest winning run

- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)
- 14 Buducnost (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
- 14 Györi Audi ETO KC (30.05.2021 – 13.02.2022)

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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)

Longest unbeaten run

- 22 Györi Audi ETO KC (05.05.2013 – 23.11.2014)
- 22 Buducnost (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)
- 14 Györi Audi ETO KC (30.05.2021 – 13.02.2022)
- 14 Team Esbjerg (26.09.2021 – 08.05.2022)

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RK Krim Mercator
(09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)

Longest losing run

- 15 GAS Anagennisi Artas (09.01.1999 – 17.02.2001)
- 14 MKS Perla Lublin (16.11.2014 – 17.11.2019)
- 14 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.09.2020 – 14.03.2021)
- 14 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (12.09.2021 – 20.02.2022)

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Orsan Elda Prestigio
(22.01.2005 – 16.01.2009)

Longest run without a win

- 16 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
- 15 GAS Anagennisi Artas (09.01.1999 – 17.02.2001)
- 15 IK Sävehof (10.11.2013 – 06.02.2015)
- 15 MKS Perla Lublin (09.11.2014 – 17.11.2019)

I HISTORY: 29 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

1993 – 2007

1993/94

**Final: Hypo Niederösterreich vs Vasas
Budapest 20:18 / 25:21 (45:39)**

New name, new playing system, but well-known finalists – just as in the men's competition the Champions League replaced the Champions Cup from the 1993/94 season. 32 teams played two K.O. rounds for the eight places in the Champions League. The two finalists were the winners of the two groups of four. Hypo Niederösterreich became the first title holder showing a spotless performance with 12 victories from 12 matches.

1994/95

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Podravka
Koprivnica 14:17 / 26:19 (40:36)**

After 20 victories in 20 Champions League matches, Hypo Niederösterreich was beaten for the first time in the first leg of the final in Koprivnica. But the 14:17 in Croatia was followed by a clear 26:19 victory in the second leg and the cup remained in Austria.

1995/96

**Podravka Koprivnica vs Hypo
Niederösterreich 13:17 / 25:20 (38:37)**

In the 1995/96 season Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich „only” finished second and that created tremendous joy for the Eastern Croatians. Under the leadership of the old and new top scorer, Snežana Petika, Podravka Koprivnica for the first time took the crown of the greatest club competition.

1996/97

**Mar Valencia vs Viborg HK 35:26 / 23:24
(58:50)**

In 1997 there was a whole new constellation in

the final. Mar Valencia, who had narrowly lost three times in the Champions League Group Phase, celebrated a Spanish fiesta. The team, which was based around the excellent Natalia Morskova, was the first Spanish team in the history of the competition to reach the final. The opponent was Viborg – the first Danish finalist since Copenhagen in 1966 (ed. IHF competition).

1997/98

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Mar El Osito
L'Elia 28:21 / 28:26 (56:47)**

Mar El Osito L'Elia had reached the final by scoring at least 31 goals per match. They failed to repeat this feat when they needed it most. Hypo Niederösterreich triumphed with two victories, earning their third Champions League title.

1998/99

**Dunaferr SE vs Krim Electa Ljubljana 25:23 /
26:26 (51:49)**

Two new faces appeared in the Champions League final in the 1998/99 season. In the semi-finals Dunaferr had beaten defending champion Hypo Niederösterreich while Ljubljana narrowly held the upper hand over Podgorica. In the final it was the Hungarian side that prevailed, winning their first Champions League title.

1999/00

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Kometal Skopje
32:23 / 20:22 (52:45)**

The final of the 1999/00 is less likely to be remembered for Hypo's fourth title but more for the violent disruptions caused during the final by Macedonian fans. In the second leg objects had been thrown onto the court for almost the entire match, and the problems reached a climax when everyone fled into the

changing rooms and Hypo manager Gunnar Prokop was attacked.

2000/01

Viborg HK A/S vs RK Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 22:22 / 19:25 (41:47)

After suffering defeat in the 1999 finals against Dunaferr, the time was finally ripe in 2001 for Krim, Slovenia's most dominating club whose focus had always been to win the Champions League. In the final Krim prevailed over Viborg thanks to win and a draw.

2001/02

FTC HERZ Budapest vs Kometal D. P. Skopje 27:25 / 22:26 (49:51)

On 19 May 2002, 45,000 fans people celebrated their heroines enthusiastically in the main square of the Macedonian capital – a great achievement had been made: Kometal Skopje wore the crown of Europe's top club competition for the first time. Two years before, the Macedonians had played in the finals against Hypo Niederösterreich but after rioting fans during the second leg in Skopje all Macedonian clubs were banned for one year from the European Cup, and no one had expected Macedonian handball to recover that fast from the shock.

2002/03

El Osito Valencia vs Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 30:27 / 28:36 (58:63)

For the third time in a row, the Champions League winner came from former Yugoslavia and for the second time after 2001 Krim Ljubljana was sitting on the European throne. Skopje had won the title in 2002. There was also another record: goalkeeper Luminita Dinu won the European title for the third time in a row.

2003/04

Slagelse DT vs Krim Ljubljana 25:24 / 36:32 (61:56)

In less than four years world class player and

world class coach Anja Andersen had led Danish side Slagelse DT out of the second division and straight into their first Champions League season. And just one year after they had already celebrated the win of the EHF Cup, the team was victorious once more – this time in Europe's most prestigious club handball competition. It was a fairy tale come true.

2004/05

Slagelse DT vs Kometal D.P. Skopje 27:23 / 27:20 (54:43)

For the second time in the history of the Champions League and after the double victory of Hypo Niederösterreich in 1994 and 1995, a team was able to defend its title. In all twelve Champions League matches, from the Group Phase to the final, coach Anja Andersen's team suffered only one defeat.

2005/06

Krim Ljubljana vs Viborg HK A/S 22:24 / 21:20 (43:44)

In the history of the CL that had not happened before. In both final matches of the 2005/06 season the away teams won. It seemed a mere formality for Viborg to lift the trophy following their 24:22 win in Slovenia, but Ljubljana fought back and had one hand on the cup when they led 20:17 in the 52nd minute before running out of steam.

2006/07

Slagelse DT vs Lada Togliatti 29:29 / 32:24 (61:53)

It was Slagelse's third go at gold and they did it convincingly. With elite performances both in the Champions League and the Danish league, where they did not lose one single point, Anja Andersen's women were the favourites for the title – so another success of the "dream team" was not a surprise. The season as they won 12 matches and drew twice with Buducnost in the main round. Győr's captain Anita Görbicz became the season's top scorer for the second time scoring 87 goals.

I HISTORY: 29 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2007 – 2022

2007/08

Zvezda Zvenigorod vs Hypo Niederösterreich 25:24 / 31:29 (56:53)

After having beaten Hypo Niederösterreich at home 25:24, the Russian champions were also triumphant in Wiener Neustadt in a very tough second leg. For Hypo it was a big disappointment as everything had been prepared for party at the Arena Nova to celebrate their ninth title since 1989.

2008/09

Viborg HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 24:26 / 26:23 (50:49)

Viborg HK won the Champions League for the second time after having lost the first leg of the final 24:26 but winning the second leg 26:23 against Györ. Viborg's Grit Jurack contributed four goals in the second match and became the Champions League's top scorer with 113 goals in the 2008/09 season.

2009/10

Viborg HK vs Oltchim Rm. Vâlcea 28:21 / 32:31 (60:52)

Viborg HK defeated Oltchim Vâlcea to win the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League for the second consecutive time and the third time in the last five years. Also the Danish dominance continued. Since 2003/2004 all Champions League titles had gone to Danish teams, except for the 2007/2008 season when Russian team Zvezda Zvenigorod celebrated the victory.

2010/11

Larvik vs Itxako Reyno De Navarra 23:21 / 24:25 (47:46)

In a real nail-biting thriller right until the dying seconds, Itxako defeated Larvik by a single goal in the second leg of the final, but with the aggregate score, the Norwegians were the lucky winners of this clash and brought home the EHF Champions League trophy for the first time in the club's history.

2011/12

Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost 29:27 / 25:27 (54:54)

Buducnost won the tightest edition of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League by account of scoring the greater number of away goals (27 in Hungary) than Györi AUDI ETO KC (25 in Montenegro). It was only a small consolation for Györ's Anita Görbicz who picked up the top scorer for the 2011/12 season.

2012/13

Larvik HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:24 / 22:23 (43:47)

After losing the finals in 2009 and 2012 Györ finally ended their curse of seven European Cup finals without a trophy. The coronation of the new queens of European handball took place in jam-packed Veszprém Aréna after the second leg victory and carried on in the streets of the city of Györ. The Hungarian team were dominant throughout the whole season as they suffered only one defeat (in the semi-final at home vs Oltchim) in 16 matches.

2013/14

Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:27 (10:15)

For the first time in history just one final game decided about the new title holders as Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena hosted the excellent premiere edition of the EHF FINAL4. Györ defended the title after avenging their 2012 defeat by Buducnost in front of a sold-out crowd (10,000). Hungarian champions were the only undefeated team of the season.

2014/15

Larvik vs Buducnost 22:26 (8:14)

Vardar eliminated defending champions Györ in the quarter-final, but had to settle for third place again after stumbling upon Buducnost in the semi-final. In the final, Buducnost eased past Larvik to their second European crown.

2015/16

CSM Bucuresti vs Györi Audi ETO KC 29:26 after penalty shootout (25:25, 13:12)

CSM upset Rostov-Don in the quarter-finals to make the EHF FINAL4 for the first time. And they ousted Vardar in the semi-final and completely stunned handball Europe by defeating Györi Audi ETO KC in front of the favourites' Hungarian home crowd. Unstoppable Isabelle Gulldén netted 15 goals in the final and Aurelia Bradeanu scored the deciding penalty in the shoot-out for CSM.

2016/17

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 31:30 after extra time (26:26, 15:12)

The sold-out Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena witnessed a very similar and thrilling scenario like the year before as the final went to the extra-time. Vardar, who ousted the defending champions CSM Bucuresti in the semi-final, climbed back from a three-goal deficit, but mainly courtesy of a stellar performance of Anita Görbicz Györ were able to snatch a narrow victory and their third title in five years.

2017/18

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 27:26 after extra time (20:20, 9:9)

The 2016/17 finalists went all the way again in 2017/18. And yet again they pampered the sold-out crowd in Budapest with an extra-time thriller. In the end, Györ became the first team to successfully defend the EHF FINAL4 trophy after they were propelled to the title by their Brazilian star Eduarda Amorim. The left back first equalised for 20:20 and forced the extra time and she was also instrumental in the final 10 minutes of the game.

2018/19

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Rostov-Don 25:24 (15:11)

Once again Ambros Martin and Györi Audi ETO KC made it all the way to the final - but this time as opponents. The Spanish coach had taken

over at Rostov-Don, leaving his place at Györ to his former assistant Gábor Danyi. Despite facing the capacity crowd in the Papp Laszlo Sportarena, Rostov climbed back from a four-goal deficit in the second half and were close to force an extra time. However, Györ, supported mainly by the ever-inspirational Eduarda Amorim and the event's MVP Kari Grimsbø, prevailed in the dramatic finish.

2019/20

No title awarded

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the CL was put on hold after the main round, and the quarter-finals and the EHF FINAL4 were cancelled.

2020/21

Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball 34:28 (18:14)

There is a first for everything but few expected Vipers Kristiansand to go all the way following their up-and-down season. But led by DELO EHF FINAL4 MVP Henny Reistad and experienced players like Nora Mørk, Heide Løke and Katrine Lunde, Vipers defeated Brest Bretagne Handball in the final. The French side, with top scorer Ana Gros (135 goals), had ended Györ's stunning 55-match unbeaten run in a dramatic semi-final decided by a penalty shoot-out.

2021/22

Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC 33:31 (15:13)

Vipers made it two in a row as they repeated their triumph from the previous season. Having beaten record champions Györ once in the group phase, the Norwegian side knew what they had to do when the teams met again in the final, this time in the newly built MVM Dome in Budapest. Led by MVP Markéta Jerábková, who scored 19 times in the two EHF FINAL4 games, including seven in the final, Vipers became only the second team to win the EHF FINAL4 in back-to-back years.

I RECORD-BREAKING HIGHLIGHT EVENT IN BUDAPEST

The EHF FINAL4 Women is the culmination of the women European club handball season. The two-day event sees the best four teams in Europe playing to decide the ultimate winner of the EHF Champions League Women.

Introduced in the 2013/14 season the decision to follow the format of the men's version of the competition and create a tournament for the final phase was seen as crucial for the growth of women's handball across Europe. The aim was to create a flagship event, one that could compete on the international sports market and make Europe's leading club competition even more attractive to fans, partners and sponsors.

The success of all previous editions of the EHF FINAL4 up to date shows that this format has been the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment; as it is not just four games played over two days but a true entertainment event! And last season fits perfectly in that picture, as the EHF Champions League EHF FINAL4 Women 2022 in Budapest showcased four thrilling matches inside the

newly built MVM Dome in Budapest. No fewer than 15,400 spectators attended the matches in the Hungarian capital for the final clash of Vipers Kristiansand against the five-time trophy holders Györi Audi ETO KC (33:31), setting an all-time attendance record for women's club handball.

Budapest will remain the event's host when the season reaches its climax on 3/4 June 2023. The MVM Dome will provide state-of-art facilities for the event and is expected to create a great stage for the highlight event of the EHF Champions League Women season.

Full information at: ehffinal4.eurohandball.com

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