



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23
PLAY-OFFS

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAY-OFFS

Together we are celebrating an anniversary as the continental premium women's club handball competition is currently in its 30th season. What a journey it has been since the EHF Champions League Women started in 1993/94 – so many exciting matches, so many big stars, so many great stories. The group phase in the anniversary season fitted perfectly in this picture.

The group phase is now over, and 12 teams continue their journey in the knock-out phase. They all hope to make it all the way to the EHF FINAL4 Women 2023 on 3 and 4 June in Budapest. Four teams are only one step away from reaching that season goal, as they have finished in the top two of their respective group and advance to the quarter-finals directly: two-time defending champions Vipers Kristiansand and CSM Bucuresti from group A, and Metz Handball and Györi Audi ETO KC from group B.

Eight other teams are still in the running for the remaining four quarter-final places, and that is what the play-offs on 18/19 and 25/26 March are all about. Four pairings, playing home and away matches, and four teams earning their place in the quarter-finals.

Drama, tension, excitement, and world-class handball are all guaranteed as we have some thrilling encounters to look forward to.

Two-time former champions Krim Mercator Ljubljana, who won their last trophy 20 years ago, are up against competition newcomers CS Rapid Bucuresti.

Brest Bretagne Handball, who made it to the final in 2021, face a team that made their EHF FINAL4 debut as recently as last season: Team Esbjerg.

Two other Nordic teams meet each other: first-time participants Storhamar Håndball Elite have two duels with Scandinavian neighbours Odense Håndbold coming up.

And last but not least, two-time former champions WHC Buducnost BEMAX lock horns with FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, who are eager to finally get to the EHF FINAL4 in their hometown for the first time.

In both play-off weekends, all four matches have different throw-off times (Saturdays at 16:00 and 18:00 CET, Sundays at 14:00 and 16:00 CET) so fans will not miss any of the action.

Game on!

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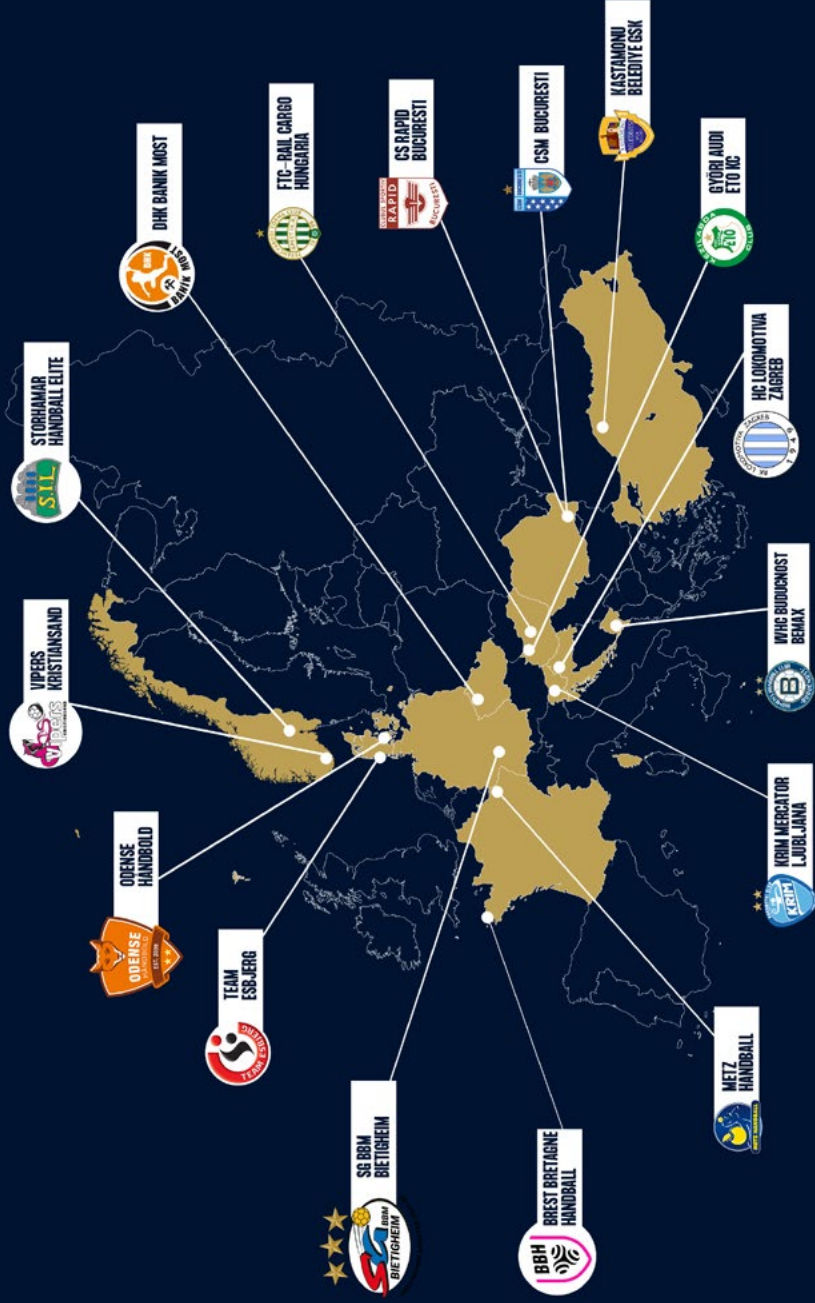
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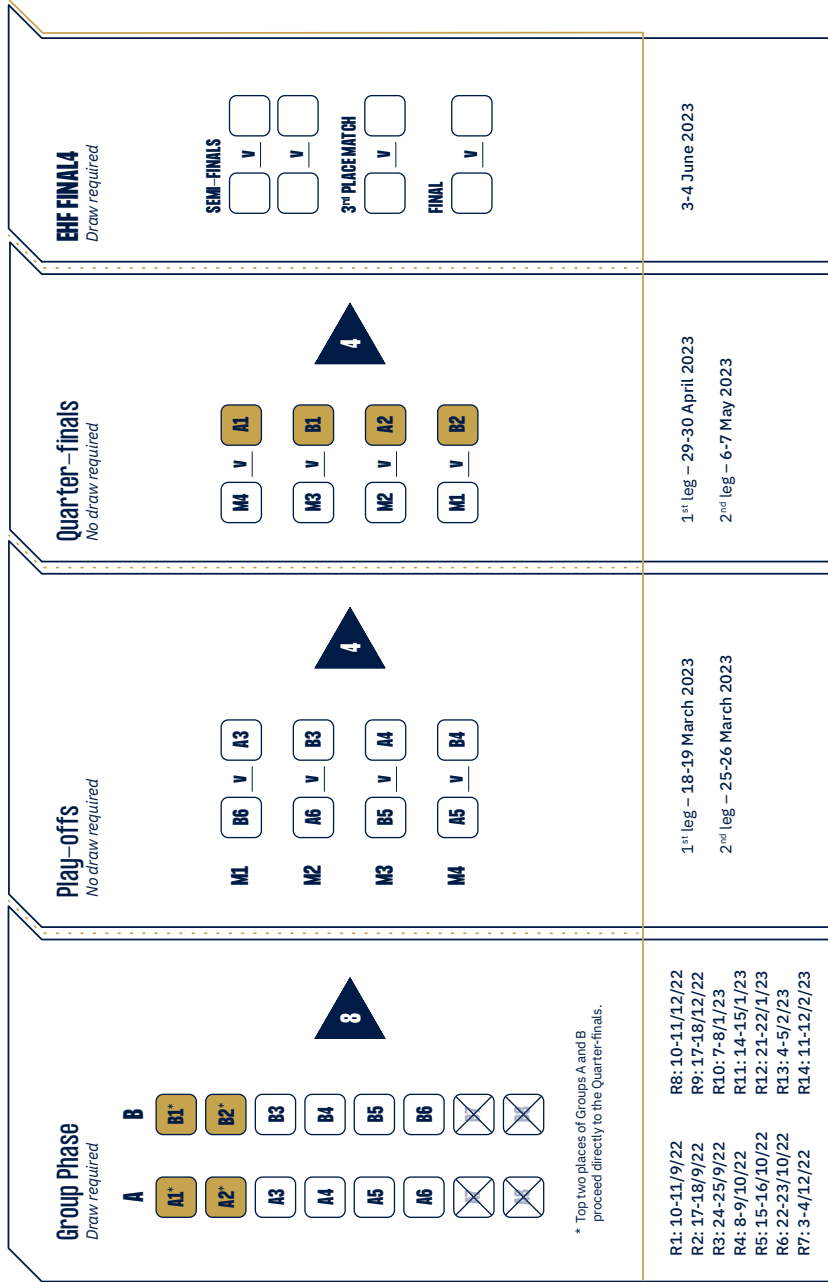
SEASON 2022/23



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2022/23 SEASON

Playing system and dates



I BIG MARGINS, CLOSE DECISIONS AND MANY WELL-KNOWN FACES

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE PLAY-OFFS

The group phase is history, the play-offs are to come between 18 and 26 March and the four top teams which made it to the quarter-finals have been confirmed. Before the EHF Champions League Women starts its knock-out stages, here are the most important facts and figures from this season's 112 group matches.

0 duels between teams from the same country will occur in either the play-offs or in the quarter-finals

0 teams finished the group phase with a perfect record, Metz came the closest; they were only defeated once

1 team - Banik Most - finished the group without a point, Lokomotiva Zagreb did not take a victory either, but drew once

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teams which had been part of previous EHF FINAL4 tournaments will face each other in the play-offs: Brest (2021) and Esbjerg (2022)

2 former Champions League winners will have go through the play-offs: Krim (2001 and 2003) and Buducnost (2012, 2015)

2 EHF Champions League debutants made it to the play-offs: Rapid Bucuresti and Storhamar Elite from Norway

2 players - Jovanka Radicevic and Cristina Neagu - scored their 1,000th Champions League goals during the group phase, respectively

2 players still in the competition can win their seventh Champions League trophy: Katrine Lunde (Vipers) and Nora Mørk (Esbjerg); last year, they tied the record for the largest number of titles in history for a single player, with Bojana Popovic (coach Buducnost) and Ausra Fridrikas

4 teams - Metz, Vipers, Győr and CSM - booked a direct spot to the quarter-finals

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teams which played in the play-offs in the 2021/22 season, are again in the play-offs: Krim, FTC, Odense and Brest

4 - which means all - teams which had been part of the 2022 EHF FINAL4 in Budapest, are still in the race for the trophy: Vipers, Győr, Esbjerg and Metz, three of them are already qualified for the quarter-finals

4 countries and four clubs were represented by the eight EHF FINAL4 winners so far: Hungary (4), Norway (2), Montenegro and Romania.

4 former or current female IHF World Players of the Year, combining for eight awards, are part of the knock-out stage: Cristina Neagu (CSM/2010, 2015, 2016, 2018), Andrea Lekic (Krim/2013), Sandra Toft (Győr/2021) and Stine Oftedal (Győr/2019).

5 former Champions League winners, all the winners since 2012 and all EHF FINAL4 winners, are still part of the competition: Vipers (2021, 2022), Győr (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019), CSM (2016), Buducnost (2012, 2015) and Krim (2001 and 2003)

5 group matches were attended by 5,000 or more fans, either in Győr or in Bucharest

5 of the 111 group matches decided on court saw the teams score 45 or fewer goals

7 different countries are represented by the 12 teams that are part of the knock-out stage - France, Hungary, Romania, Norway and Denmark (two teams each), Slovenia and Montenegro. Last season, it was almost the same countries although now Montenegro replaces Germany; 1 country is represented by two play-off teams: Denmark (Odense and Esbjerg)

7 teams which have been part of an EHF FINAL4 have made it to the knock-out stage: Vipers, Győr, Esbjerg, Metz, Brest, CSM and Buducnost

7 teams which were part of the 2021/22 quarter-finals are still in the competition.

7 years: the length of time Győr did not lose a Champions League home match, before the 24:28 defeat against Metz in September

7 group matches ended by a margin of 20 or more goals

7 of the 112 group matches ended in draws, four in group A, three in group B

9 times in 112 group matches, the teams scored 70 or more goals combined

9 of 12 teams which qualified for last year's knock-out stage are still in the competition: Vipers, Győr, Esbjerg, Metz, FTC, Brest, CSM, Odense and Krim

11 nations represent the previous winners of the Women's EHF Champions League: Denmark, Hungary (6 titles each), Austria (4), Norway (3), Slovenia (2), Montenegro (2), North Macedonia, Spain, Croatia, Russia and Romania (one title each)

13 different clubs have been part of the seven EHF FINAL4 events: Győr (6 times), Vardar (5 times), Buducnost (4), CSM (3), Kristiansand (3), Metz (3), Rostov (2), Midtjylland, Volgograd, Larvik, CSKA, Brest and Esbjerg (all once each)

15 times in 112 group matches, a team scored 40 or more goals in a single game

25 points in 14 group matches was the total of group winners Metz, ahead of Vipers (23), CSM and Győr (both on 22), Esbjerg and Rapid (both on 20).

26 group matches were attended by 3,000 or more fans

41 goals in the FTC vs Brest (20:21) match was the lowest scoring of the group phase, followed by 43 goals in the matches of Lokomotiva vs Győr (16:27) and Buducnost vs Lokomotiva (25:18)

43 times in 112 group matches, the away team was the winner, 21 times in group A, 22 times in group B

45 times in 112 group matches, the fans saw 60 and more goals

47 goals were scored by Bietigheim in the match against Most (47:25) to level the all-time highest score in this competition, when Vardar beat Krim 47:29 in 2015

57.24 goals were scored on average in all group matches which were played (only Buducnost vs Kastamonu needed to be cancelled due to the earthquake), the highest average in history

61 times in 112 group matches, the home team was victorious, 30 times in group A, 31 times in group B

76 goals in the Most vs Brest (30:46) match was the highest combined score in the group phase, ahead of 73 goals in the matches Most vs FTC (27:46) and Krim vs Most (42:31)

+97 was Győr's goal difference after 14 matches, topping the ranking ahead of Esbjerg (+88), Vipers (+83) and Metz (+77)

107 goals were scored by Esbjerg's Henny Reistad, making her the top scorer of the group phase. The Norwegian EHF EURO 2022 MVP is two goals ahead of Cristina Neagu (CSM/105 goals)

347 goals were conceded by Győr, giving them the best defence ahead of Metz (352), Buducnost (366), Esbjerg (367), Vipers and Odense (both 373).

456 goals were scored by Vipers in the 14 group matches to top the attack ranking, ahead of Esbjerg (455), Győr (44), Rapid (441) and CSM (439)

1,056 goals have now been scored by Jovanka Radicevic in 19 CL seasons; on 4 December 2022 she passed Anita Görbicz as the all-time top scorer of the competition, netting her 1,017th strike. Cristina Neagu is currently on 1,015 goals.

5,100 fans at the crucial final group match between Győr and Esbjerg was the highest attendance in the group phase

6,354 goals were scored in the 111 group matches which were decided on the courts

ROAD TO BUDAPEST

Time to write history





PAIRINGS

PLAY-OFFS

I STORHAMAR HÅNDBALL ELITE (NOR) VS ODENSE HÅNDBOLD (DEN)



First leg: Saturday, 18 March at 18:00 CET, Hamar (NOR)

Second leg: Saturday, 25 March at 18:00 CET, Odense (DEN)



- this is the debut season for the Norwegian side in the Champions League. They reached their first ever play-offs after four wins and 10 defeats, placing them in sixth place in group B
- their previous best success in European competitions was reaching the quarter-finals of the EHF European League Women
- this is coach Kenneth Gabrielsen's second season at the helm
- Storhamar scored 377 goals in 14 matches of the group phase, which makes them, alongside Brest Bretagne, the least-effective attack among the qualified teams
- Anniken Obaidli is the team's top scorer with 81 goals; her sisters Sherin and Mona play for EHF European League Women participants Molde Elite
- Storhamar are the seventh Norwegian team to play in the EHF Champions League and have a chance to join Vipers among the top eight teams
- Odense need a single win to secure their largest number of victories in one season in the European premium competition, tying their previous record of eight set in the 2021/22 season
- only three sides have conceded fewer goals than Odense – 373 – in the first 14 matches of the season, with the Danish champions shipping an average of 26.6 goals per game in the group phase
- the Danish side had their largest-ever winning streak in the Champions League in this season's group phase, winning six games in a row
- back Mie Højlund is Odense's top scorer this season so far, with 60 goals, followed closely by fellow back Dione Housheer, with 56 goals, and left wing Bo van Wetering, with 55
- the Danish side had an unprecedented wave of injuries, but welcomed back Housheer and left back Lois Abbingh in the last weeks of the group phase, as they have been slowly getting back to full strength
- Odense have made the play-offs in the past two seasons, but are eyeing a return to the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time since their inaugural season in 2018/19

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Storhamar Handball Elite vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

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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



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ Metz Handball L31:22 (21:9)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W37:13 (22:7)
@ Team Esbjerg L35:25 (21:10)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W31:29 (12:13)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC L21:35 (13:15)
@ CS Rapid Bucuresti L27:25 (14:15)
@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX L24:23 (12:11)
vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX L25:27 (12:13)
vs CS Rapid Bucuresti L29:36 (15:17)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC L39:26 (17:13)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W28:33 (13:17)
vs Team Esbjerg L25:34 (11:19)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W22:31 (12:17)
vs Metz Handball L24:26 (16:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Anniken Obaidli (NOR)	79
2 Maja Jakobsen (NOR)	61
3 Tina Abdula (NOR)	51
4 Guro Nestaker (NOR)	39
5 Olivia Löfqvist (SWE)	29

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: -



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
losing run

37 **GOALS**
Most goals

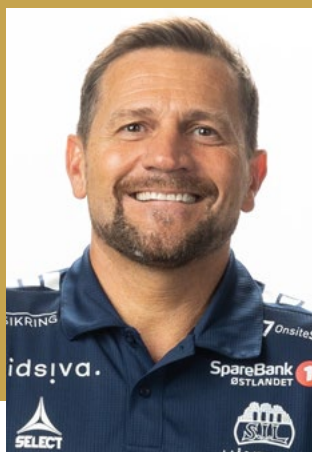
65 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:13 (22:7) v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO (h), 17.09.2022
Biggest defeat	21:35 (13:15) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 16.10.2022
Longest winning run	1 match 4x
Longest unbeaten run	1 match 4x
Longest losing run	6 matches (16.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest run without win	6 matches (16.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Most goals	37 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (h), 17.09.2022
Most goals opponent	39 v v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:26 (a), 07.01.2023
Most goals both teams	65 v v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:26 (a), 07.01.2023
Fewest goals	21 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 21:35 (h), 16.10.2022
Fewest goals opponent	17 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (h), 17.09.2022
Fewest goals both teams	43 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 24:23L (a), 03.12.2023

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2022/23 Storhamar Håndball Elite	14	4	0	10	377	406	-29	8:20	Play-offs
Total:	14	4	0	10	377	406	-29	8:20	



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 during the season:

Marthine Svendsberget
Mia Zschocke

I TEAM ROSTER

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1	Stine	Lidén	NOR	Goalkeeper	31/05/1988	Lørenskog, NOR	184
4	Susanne Liberg	Amundsen	NOR	Left Wing	20/08/2002	Elverum, NOR	160
5	Marthine	Svendsberget	NOR	Left wing	14/01/2001	Hamar	170
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
C 19	Mathea	Enger	NOR	Centre Back	09/07/2004	Elverum, NOR	170
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
28	Mia	Zschocke	GER	Left back	28/05/1998	Aschaffenburg	178
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

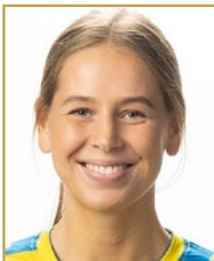
- has spent her entire career in Norway, joining Storhamar from Byåsen in 2018
- made her CL group phase debut in 2022, but did play in a CL qualification tournament twice with her former club Byåsen
- was among Storhamar's best scorers in the European League 2021/22, with 30 goals
- was named the All-star 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

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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

EURO: G 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

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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

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Banik Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W27:23 (12:12)
vs DHK Banik Most W41:22 (24:11)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L34:27 (16:10)
vs CSM Bucuresti L27:31 (13:16)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball W21:25 (8:16)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W31:24 (14:12)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana W23:29 (15:11)
vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W26:22 (15:11)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim W24:27 (16:13)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball W25:24 (14:11)
@ CSM Bucuresti L40:31 (21:11)
vs Vipers Kristiansand L24:34 (13:15)
@ DHK Banik Most W19:37 (10:16)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria L25:28 (9:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Mie Højlund (DEN) 60
2 Bo van Wetering (NED) 55
Dione Housheer (NED) 55
4 Maren Aardahl (NOR) 52
5 Trine Pedersen (DEN) 30

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

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	41:22 (24:11) vs DHK Banik Most, 18.09.2022
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest losing run	3 matches (23.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Longest run without win	4 matches (17.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Most goals	41 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 41:22 (h), 18.09.022
Most goals opponent	41 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Most goals both teams	71 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:36W (a), 07.03.2021
	71 vs CSM Bucuresti ROU 40:31L (a), 14.01.23
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
2022/23 Odense Håndbold DEN	14	8	0	6	398:373		+25	16:12	Play-offs
Total:	60	28	4	28	1655:1624		+31	60:60	



Ulrik Kirkely
Coach

 @ulrikkirkely

- returned for his second spell as Odense coach in the summer of 2020, replacing Jan Pytlík
- 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
- will take over the record champions Győr over the summer of 2023

Arrivals during the season:

Nycke Groot

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
27	Cornelia Nycke	Groot	NED	Centre back	04/05/1988	Alkmaar	175
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

EURO: S 2022; 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: G 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

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021



Lois Abbingh

 @loisabbingh1

Left back

- returned to Odense before the 2022/23 play-offs after giving birth to her first child in 2022
- was first Dutch player in Russian handball, joined Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris; previously played for Emmen, Oldenburg (both GER) and Baia Mare (ROU)
- scored her personal best of 84 goals in the 2020/21 CL season
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- scored the winning goal for the Netherlands in WCh 2019 final against Spain

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



Rikke Iversen

 @rikkeiversen93

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

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2019, B 2021



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

EURO: G 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2021



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

I BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL (FRA) VS TEAM ESBJERG (DEN)



First leg: Sunday, 19 March at 16:00 CET, Brest (FRA)

Second leg: Sunday, 26 March at 14:00 CEST, Esbjerg (DEN)



- in the group phase Brest lost the largest number of matches as a host in their history in the European premium competition – four out of the seven they played so far
- between the 12 teams still in the hunt for the trophy, Brest have scored the second-lowest number of goals in the competition – 377 or an average of 26.9
- the French side has already conceded seven losses, as many as they did in the 2018/19 and the 2021/22 seasons
- Pablo Morel's team have won only six of the last 20 games played in the European top competition
- Brest will miss left back Djurdjina Jaukovic, who suffered a knee injury and will be out for the next months, after scoring 63 goals this season
- Brest have made the quarter-finals in each of the past three seasons, one of the best streaks in the European premium competition, tied by the likes of Győr, Metz Handball and Vipers Kristiansand
- in their sixth Champions League season, Esbjerg aim to reach their third quarter-finals
- the Danish side finished third in group B with 20 points after 10 wins and four defeats; the last round's 28:29 defeat by Győr left them without a direct ticket to the quarter-finals
- Esbjerg were part of the play-offs in the 2020/21 season when they lost to the same opponents – Brest Bretagne Handball. Brest won 63:54 on aggregate
- in the 2021/22 season, Esbjerg skipped the play-offs and reached their first EHF FINAL4
- EHF FINAL4 2022 and EHF EURO 2022 MVP Henny Reistad is the competition's current top scorer with 107 goals
- with 455 goals scored in 14 matches, Esbjerg have the second-most efficient attack of the group phase with 32.5 goals scored on average. Vipers Kristiansand have scored one more (456)

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg 3-1-0 (117:105) 7:1

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

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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
France
Capacity: 4,077

BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Banik Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ Vipers Kristiansand L31:24 (18:13)
vs CSM Bucuresti L26:33 (13:17)
@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W20:21(9:12)
vs DHK Banik Most W31:26 (17:14)
vs Odense Håndbold L21:25 (8:16)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana L24:22 (12:10)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim D25:25 (14:13)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W32:28 (17:18)
vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana L22:24 (12:10)
@ Odense Håndbold L25:24 (14:11)
@ DHK Banik Most W30:46 (14:22)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W24:21 (14:10)
@ CSM Bucuresti D30:30 (15:18)
vs Vipers Kristiansand L29:36 (15:17)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE) 63
2 Alicia Toublanc (FRA) 43
3 Tatjana Brnovic (MNE) 40
4 Monika Kobylinska (POL) 36
5 Constance Mauny (FRA) 30
Coralie Lassource (FRA) 30

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

46 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals both teams

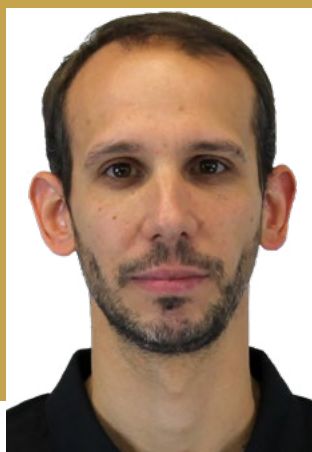
I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	30:46 (14:22) vs DHK Banik Most CZE (a), 14.01.2023
Biggest defeat	39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019
Longest winning run	6 matches (05.10.2019 – 16.11.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches (10.03.2019 – 09.02.2020)
Longest losing run	7 matches (07.10.2017 - 06.10.2018)
Longest run without win	8 matches (07.10.2017 - 13.10.2018)
	8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)
Most goals	46 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46W (a), 14.01.2023
Most goals opponent	39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019
Most goals both teams	76 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46W (a), 14.01.2023
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	
2022/23 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12:14	Play-offs	
Total:	82	36	14	32	2268:2184	+84	86:78		

* 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 during the season:

Darly Zoqbi de Paula
Siobann Delaye

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Darly	Zoqbi de Paula	ESP	Goalkeeper	25/08/1982	Ponte Nova	178
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
28	Ludivine	Mey	FRA	Right Wing	28/03/2004	Chaoguan, CHN	168
30	Siobann	Delaye	FRA	Right wing	01/06/2003	Romans sur Isère	173
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



Julie Foggea

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Goalkeeper

- joined Brest in the summer of 2022 after two seasons at CS Rapid Bucuresti
- started her senior career at CJF Fleury Loiret; moved outside France for the first time in 2017 when she joined Érd in Hungary
- born in Guadeloupe, where she started playing handball as a left back, but became a goalkeeper when the previous goalkeeper quit
- moved to Toulouse at the age of 18
- has been partnering Cléopatre Darleux, who will miss the CL play-offs due to injury



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

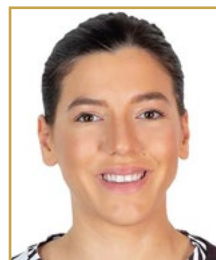


Jenny Carlsson

 @jennycarlson / athletewithstoma

Centre back

- spent her early years at Swedish clubs Kärna and Lugå before moving to Denmark
- left Holstebro in February 2022 after nearly two years to join Brest
- had emergency ileostomy in 2018 after suffering with ulcerative colitis; uses her profile to raise awareness of life with a stoma
- made national team debut in 2021 and was part of Sweden's OG, WCh and EURO 2022 squads, finishing fourth at the Tokyo OG



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

EURO: B 2022



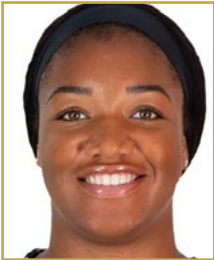
Helene Fauske

 @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

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Line player

- French international, whose star has been rising in recent seasons, as she was named in the All-star Teams of the CL 2020/21, the OG 2020, the 2021 WCh and EHF EURO 2022
- 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

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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: black
GK shirt: turquoise

Dark

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



Playing hall

Blue Water Dokken
Gammel Vardevej 82
6700 Esbjerg
Denmark
Capacity: 3,579

TEAM ESBJERG

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

vs Györi Audi ETO KC L31:29 (13:13)
@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX W23:28 (11:16)
vs Storhamar Handball Elite W35:25 (21:10)
@ CS Rapid Bucuresti L34:32 (19:14)
vs Metz Handball W35:28 (18:12)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W27:43 (12:25)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W18:30 (8:14)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W33:20 (18:13)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W39:31 (23:17)
@ Metz Handball L26:24 (11:11)
vs CS Rapid Bucuresti W35:30 (18:13)
@ Storhamar Handball Elite W25:34 (11:19)
vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX 30:20 (15:9)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC 29:28 (12:11)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Henny Reistad (NOR) 107
2 Kristine Breistøl (NOR) 48
3 Nora Mørk (NOR) 47
4 Vilde Ingstad (NOR) 47
5 Marit Jacobsen (NOR) 40

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	27:43 (12:25) vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR (a), 23.10.2022
Biggest defeat	38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017
Longest winning run	8 matches (23.10.2021 – 05.02.2022)
Longest unbeaten run	14 matches (26.09.2021 – 08.05.2022)
Longest losing run	4 matches (24.10.2020 – 22.11.2020)
Longest run without win	8 matches (20.09.2020 – 09.01.2021)
Most goals	43 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:43W (a), 23.10.2022
Most goals opponent	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
Most goals both teams	70 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:43W (a), 23.10.2022 70 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 39:31W (h), 17.12.2022
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	
2022/23 Team Esbjerg DEN	14	10	0	4	455:367	+88	20:8	Play-offs	
Total:	72	38	7	27	2058:1899	+159	83:61		

* 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 (player), S 2022 (coach); WCh: B 2007 (player), B 2021 (coach)

Arrivals during the season:

Anna Opstrup Kristensen

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	Anna Opstrup	Kristensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/10/2000	Skanderborg	184
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
21	Sara	Winde	DEN	Goalkeeper	21/01/2005	Esbjerg, DEN	174
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



Amalie Miling

 @amaliemiling

Goalkeeper

- joined Esbjerg from Kopenhagen during the summer of 2022
- before Kopenhagen she played for her home town HIK
- in Esbjerg put in the spotlight after Rikke Polusens' injury, creates a duo with Anna Kristensen
- was part of younger age categories, made her Danish national team debut in 2018

WCh: B 2013

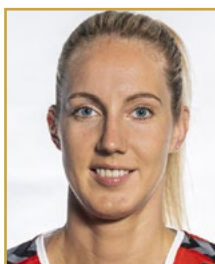


Beyza Türkoglu

 @beyzatrkoglu

Left wing

- prior to signing for Esbjerg in 2021, she previously played for two Turkish clubs - Ankara Yenimahalle and Kastamonu
- made her national team debut for Türkiye in 2021
- while playing in the Turkish league, she played in several positions including right wing and line player
- started playing handball when she was 11 years old and lived with her family for several years in Switzerland, before coming back to Türkiye



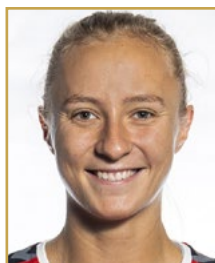
Kristine Breistøl

 @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, 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2021



Henny Reistad

 @hennyreistad

Centre back

- Norwegian international, arrived at Esbjerg in 2021 after three seasons with Vipers
- 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 and MVP of the EHF EURO 2022
- 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 and was MVP of the EHF EURO 2022, where Norway won gold

EC trophies: CL 2021
OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2020, 2022; 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
- voted best defender of the EHF EURO 2022

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021



Nora Mørk

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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, 2022; 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

EURO: S 2022; 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

I WHC BUDUCNOST BEMAX (MNE) VS FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARY (HUN)



First leg: Saturday, 18 March at 16:00 CET, Podgorica (MNE)

Second leg: Saturday, 25 March at 16:00 CET, Érd (HUN)



- the Montenegrin club are playing their 26th season in the EHF Champions League, winning the 2012 and 2015 edition
- they are back in the play-offs after missing out in the 2021/22 season and are the second-youngest team by average age
- Buducnost finished fifth in group B with 13 points: six wins, one draw and seven defeats
- will pass 8,000 Champions League goals in the play-offs – the first team ever to do so in the competition’s history
- team captain Milena Raicevic, in her comeback to the club season, is the competition’s 10th top scorer, netting 74 times
- the last time Buducnost progressed from the play-offs was in 2020/21 when they beat FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 50:48 on aggregate for a spot in the quarter-finals
- the Hungarian side has made it to the knockout phase of the European top competition for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons
- the second game against Buducnost in the play-offs will be FTC’s 220th, only the fourth team to hit this milestone in the EHF Champions League Women
- right back Katrin Klujber has been in immense form this season for FTC. She is the fourth-best scorer of the competition, with 93 goals, scoring in double digits four times throughout the season
- FTC’s home form has been patchy at best this season, but the Hungarian side finished the group phase with three home wins in a row against Most, Krim Mercator Ljubljana and SG BBM Bietigheim
- the Hungarian side welcomed back centre back Aniko Cirjenics-Kovacsics in February 2023, after a two-year absence
- FTC’s main problem in the group phase was consistency. They could not put together a winning streak longer than two games throughout the whole season

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

WHC Buducnost BEMAX vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 5-1-9 (393:410) 11:19

14.04.2002	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs Bud. Brilliant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	32:32 (16:14)
21.04.2002	Bud. Brilliant Podgorica vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	31:32 (16:16)
29.10.2006	Buducnost T-Mobile vs FTC Budapest HUN, Champions Trophy – Place 3/4	30:25 (15:14)
27.10.2007	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Budapest Bank-FTC, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:19 (11:9)
06.01.2008	Budapest Bank-FTC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:28 (15:12)
13.10.2013	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:25 (13:13)
17.11.2013	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:21 (15:14)
12.02.2017	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:33 (9:19)
11.03.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:24 (8:9)
28.01.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	34:26 (19:18)
24.02.2018	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:24 (12:12)
07.03.2021	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	22:19 (11:7)
13.03.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	29:28 (9:15)
30.10.2021	Buducnost BEMAX vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:30 (13:13)
08.01.2022	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost BEMAX, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:22 (18:11)

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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



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W27:40 (13:20)
vs Team Esbjerg L23:28 (11:16)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb L25:24 (14:13)
vs Metz Handball L28:36 (16:21)
vs CS Rapid Bucuresti D30:30 (13:10)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC L32:19 (15:9)
vs Storhamar Handball Elite W24:23 (12:11)
@ Storhamar Handball Elite W25:27 (12:13)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC L23:25 (12:14)
@ CS Rapid Bucuresti L39:29 (17:12)
@ Metz Handball L29:23 (13:9)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W25:18 (16:8)
@ Team Esbjerg L30:20 (15:9)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W10:0

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Milena Raicevic (MNE) 73
2 Matea Pletikovic (MNE) 58
3 Ivana Godec (MNE) 43
4 Ivona Pavicevic (MNE) 28
5 Adriana Cardoso (BRA) 25

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
	40 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:40W (a), 10.09.2022
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 Dunaferri 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 Dunaferri 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. Brillant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	Semi-final	
2001/02 Bud. Brillant 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	
2022/23 WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13:15	Play-offs	
Total:	304	158	25	121	7982:7755	+227	341:267		

* 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 Buducnost in November 2020
- earlier, was sports director and assistant coach at Buducnost
- born Petrovic, she was one of the best players of the world, playing for Buducnost, Slagelse and Viborg, and winning the CL with each of 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
EURO: B 2022 (as coach); OG: S 2012; WCh: B 2001**

Arrivals during the season:

Ivana Godec (MKS Iuventa Michalovce/SVK)

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
11	Ivana	Godec	MNE	Line player	11/05/2001	Podgorica	177
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

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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

EURO: B 2022



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

EURO: B 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

EURO: B 2022



Milena Raicevic

 @mraicevic90

Centre back

- re-joined Buducnost, 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 Buducnost 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, B 2022; OS: S 2012



Nikolina Vukcevic

 @_nvukcevic_

Line player

- regarded one of Montenegro's most promising talents, started professional career at Buducnost 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



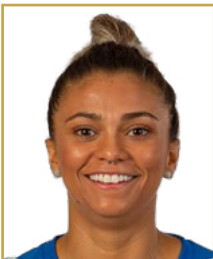
Ivana Godec

 @godecivana

Line player

- from Podgorica, started playing handball in Buducnost
- after a two-year stint in Juventa Mihalovce (Slovakia) she returned to Buducnost in 2022
- was part of the national team that won bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2022
- had her national team debut in 2017

EURO: B 2022



Adriana Cardoso de Castro

 @docecardoso21

Right wing

- Brazilian international, who arrived at Buducnost 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: 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



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

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6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Banik Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ vs Odense Håndbold W27:23 (12:12)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim L40:20 (18:9)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball L20:21 (9:12)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana W30:32 (15:15)
vs Vipers Kristiansand D26:26 (12:14)
@ DHK Banik Most W27:46 (11:26)
@ CSM Bucuresti L30:24 (10:11)
vs CSM Bucuresti L29:33 (11:17)
vs DHK Banik Most W43:19 (20:11)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L27:26 (15:15)
vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W37:26 (19:10)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball L24:21 (14:10)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W28:23 (10:12)
@ Odense Håndbold W25:28 (9:15)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Katrin Klujber (HUN) 92
2 Emily Bölk (GER) 63
3 Antje Malestein (NED) 56
4 Andrea Lekic (SRB) 35
5 Gréta Márton (HUN) 28

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

43 **GOALS**
Most goals

73 **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	40:20 (18:9) vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER (a), 18.09.2022
Longest winning run	5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012) 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015) 8 matches (13.03.2021 – 13.11.2021)
Longest losing run	4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007) 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013) 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017) 4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018) 4 matches (07.04.2019 – 13.10.2019)
Longest run without win	5 matches (04.01.1998 – 31.10.1999) 5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)
Most goals	43 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 43:19W (h), 17.12.2022
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016 40 vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER 40:20L (a), 18.09.2022
Most goals both teams	73 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 43:19W (h), 17.12.2022
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	
2022/23 FTC–Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	1	6	407:374	+33	15:13	Play-offs	
Total:	218	112	18	88	6016:5859	+157	242:194		



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 during the season:

Aniko Cirjenics-Kovacsics
Dorka Papp

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
24	Dorka	Papp	HUN	Right wing	26/07/2006	Budapest	165
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
91	Anikó	Cirjenics-Kovacsics	HUN	Centre back	29/08/1991	Nagyatád	170
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

I KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO) VS CS RAPID BUCURESTI (ROU)



First leg: Sunday, 19 March at 14:00 CET, Ljubljana (SLO)

Second leg: Sunday, 26 March at 16:00 CEST, Bucharest (ROU)



- Krim secured a play-offs spot after a come-back against CSM Bucuresti in the last round of the group phase, which brought them fifth place in group A
- the Slovenian side ended the group with six wins and eight defeats, giving them a total of 12 points
- Jovanka Radicevic is currently the all-time top scorer of the EHF Champions League Women with 1,056 goals
- Radicevic is also the sixth top scorer of the current season with 78 goals. Her teammate Daria Dmitrieva is in ninth place with 76
- the second leg of the play-offs will be Krim's 300th match played in the EHF Champions League, only Buducnost BEMAX have played more
- in the 2021/22 season, Krim qualified for their first quarter-final spot in 15 years. They have a similar goal this season
- Rapid had a stunning EHF Champions League debut, finishing fourth in their group with nine wins and two draws
- the Romanian champions are unbeaten on their home court, winning six games and drawing another one, usually with a sold-out arena cheering for them
- only three sides have scored more than Rapid this season, with the Romanian champions averaging 31.5 scored goals per game
- backs Eliza Buceschi (56 goals) and Sorina Grozav (51 goals) have been Rapid's top scorers this season
- if Rapid qualify, it will be the first time since 2015/16 with two Romanian teams in the quarter-finals of the competition. CSM Bucuresti are directly qualified
- Rapid will be bolstered by the return of right back Azenaide Carlos from Kastamonu, and Dutch centre back Estavana Polman from Nykøbing Falster Håndbold and just a few days before the play-offs signed the Danish coach Kim Rasmussen, who won the CL in 2016 with Rapid's city rivals CSM

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

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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



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ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ CSM Bucuresti L30:28 (17:19)
vs Vipers Kristiansand L21:27 (11:13)
@ DHK Banik Most W29:42 (13:21)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria L30:32 (15:15)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim L30:23 (15:14)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball W24:22 (12:10)
vs Odense Håndbold L23:29 (15:11)
@ Odense Håndbold L26:22 (15:11)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball W22:24 (12:10)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W35:28 (19:14)
@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria L37:26 (19:10)
vs DHK Banik Most W42:31 (24:11)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L36:31 (20:15)
vs CSM Bucuresti W28:26 (13:14)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	79
2 Daria Dmitrieva (RUS)	76
3 Barbara Lazovic (SLO)	52
4 Aleksandra Rosiak (POL)	37
5 Tjaša Stanko (SLO)	32

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

42 **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	42 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 29:42W (a), 24.09.2022
	42 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 42:31W (h), 22.01.2023
Most goals opponent	47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Most goals both teams	76 v 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011
	76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Fewest goals	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
Fewest goals opponent	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

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	Quarter-final
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218		-8	8:8	Quarter-final
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287		+11	13:11	Runner-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146		+7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270		+32	15:9	Winner
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151		-3	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302		+55	20:4	Winner
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309		+35	14:10	Runner-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185		+37	14:2	Quarter-final
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285		+27	16:8	Runner-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231		+14	10:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180		-5	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386		-3	12:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334		+30	15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356		+8	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312		-22	10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355		0	16:12	Semi-final
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295		+5	11:13	4th MR Gr. 2
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374		-69	4:20	6th MR Gr. 1
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208		-48	0:12	4th Gr. A
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345		-51	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335		-34	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328		-31	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	1	8	310:348		-38	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
2020/21 RK Krim Mercator SLO	16	3	3	10	371:422		-51	9:23	Play-offs
2021/22 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	18	5	2	11	466:498		-32	12:24	Quarter-final
2022/23 Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	14	6	0	8	399:405		-6	12:24	Play-offs
Total:	298	130	19	149	7922:9043		-121	279:317	



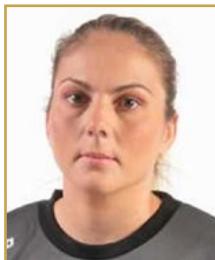
Dragan Adzic Coach

- 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**

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	Ngombebe	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

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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



Aleksandra Rosiak

@a.rosiak66

Left back

- Polish handball player, joined Krim in 2022 from Besanscon Feminin
- before going international, played in Poland for Plock and Lublin where she played her first European matches
- known for her excellent long-range shoots
- part of the Polish national team, competed at the EHF EURO 2018, 2020 and 2022



Daria Dmitrieva

@dashikdmitrieva07

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 78 times in the 2022/23 group phase, bringing her all-time Champions League total to a record 1,056 goals
- 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, B 2022; OG: S 2012

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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



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

ROAD TO THE PLAY-OFFS

GROUP PHASE:

@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W27:31 (12:16)

vs Metz Handball D32:32 (16:21)

@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W26:33 (12:15)

vs Team Esbjerg W34:32 (19:14)

@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX D30:30 (13:10)

vs Storhamar Handball Elite W27:25 (14:15)

@ Györi Audi ETO KC L32:30 (18:15)

vs Györi Audi ETO KC W30:27 (15:16)

@ Storhamar Handball Elite W29:36 (15:17)

vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX W39:29 (17:12)

@ Team Esbjerg L35:30 (18:13)

vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W28:22 (15:13)

@ Metz Handball L36:34 (20:17)

vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W27:22 (15:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Eliza Buceschi (ROU)	56
2 Sorina Grozav (ROU)	51
3 Orlane Kanor (FRA)	42
4 Dorina Korsós (HUN)	37
5 Lorena Ostase (ROU)	34

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)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
unbeaten run

39 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	39:29 (17:12) v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE (h), 08.01.2023
Biggest defeat	35:30 (18:13) v Team Esbjerg DEN (a), 15.01.2023
Longest winning run	3 matches (11.12.2022 – 08.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (10.09.2022 – 23.10.2022)
Longest losing run	1 match 3x
Longest run without win	1 match 5x
Most goals	39 v v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 39:29W (h), 08.01.2023
Most goals opponent	36 v Metz Handball FRA 36:34L (a), 04.02.2023
Most goals both teams	70 v Metz Handball FRA 36:34L (a), 04.02.2023
Fewest goals	27 v Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 27:22W (h), 12.02.2023
Fewest goals opponent	22 v Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 27:22W (h), 12.02.2023
Fewest goals both teams	49 v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 28:22 (h), 07.02.2023

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2022/23 CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20:8		Play-offs
Total:	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20:8		



Kim Rasmussen

Coach

- Danish coach, who joined Rapid as head coach just prior to the 2022/23 play-offs replacing Carlos Viver
- took over as Montenegro coach only 10 days prior to EHF EURO 2020, succeeding Per Johansson
- spent six years at the helm of the Polish national team, leading them to semi-finals at WCh 2013 and 2015, and four years with Hungary
- previously coached at Roskilde in his native Denmark and CSM Bucuresti, with whom he won the CL in 2016

EC trophies: CL 2016 (as coach)

Arrivals during the season:

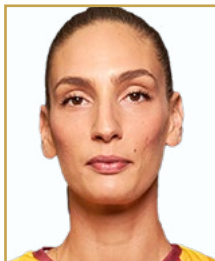
Albertina Kassoma
Azenaide Carlos
Estavana Polman
Andjela Janjusevic

Departures during the season:

Alexandra Lacrabère
Isabel Wangimba

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
C 7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi	ROU	Centre Back	01/08/1993	Baia Mare, ROU	177
10	Albertina	Kassoma	ANG	Line player	12/06/1996	Praia, CPV	194
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
35	Azenaide	Carlos	ANG	Right back	14/06/1990	Luanda	175
44	Ainhoa	Hernández Serrador	ESP	Line Player	27/04/1994	Barakaldo, ESP	180
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
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left back	05/08/1992	Arnhem	174
88	Andjela	Janjusevic	SRB	Right back	18/06/1995	Belgrade	181
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

 @gb_jenni

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



Dorina Korsós

@korsosdorina

Right back

- joined Rapid in the summer of 2022 after one year with Debrecen
- started with handball in her hometown Kecskemét, Hungary
- spent five seasons with Győr between 2012-17 and was later loaned to Metzgingen for another four seasons
- voted best defender of the CL in 2015
- won a silver medal with the junior national team in 2013

CL: 2013, 2014, 2017



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

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.

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.

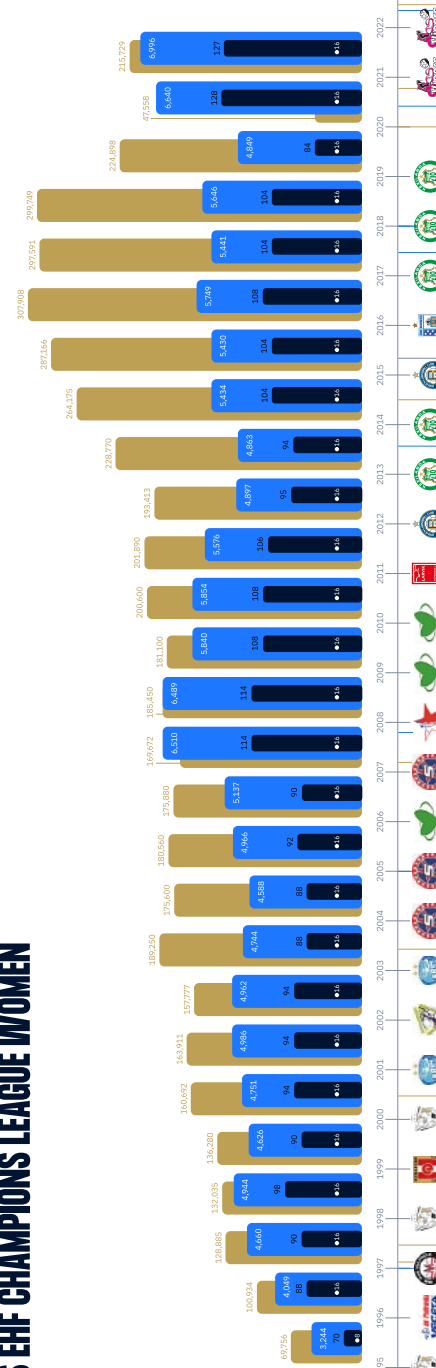
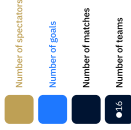


HISTORY

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 1993–2023

30 YEARS EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

1993 — 2023



1911/1991 EHF founded

25/9/1993 First match played: Kyrgyz Republic vs. Kazakhstan

14/6/1994 First EHF Women's EHF Champions League match between Bulgarian and Soviet women's clubs

10/5/1994 First official website launched

3/6/1997 First official website launched

18/1/1997 The 42:16 win of Azerbaijan over Aragonés Altrix still being the highest winning margin for goals

3/6/1997 Maria Eriksson's 17 goals in the first final leg (and 26 goals in total) as captain of the Swedish women's national team

1999/04 32 teams on the starting grid of the first season (21 teams from 10 nations and the final)

1999 EHF founded the club and national team competitions including the Champions Cup remaining to be the EHF Champions League

17/5/2003 Luminița Beiu (Romania) who has won the trophy for three straight years

18/2/2007 The highest total system goal count in a game with most goals scored (62)

27/9/2000 Finland scores 21 goals over Aragonés Altrix (and Hippo last domestic league fourth place)

1/12/2008 First live on TV game: Real Betis vs. Zvezda Petersburg

2013/14 16,001 fans at the first Alkatraz been sold

6/2/2015 New record for the most goals scored in one game: Norway 21-0 Denmark

3-4/6/2014 EHF Women's EHF Champions League final at the Budapešť Palota (30,000 fans celebrating the second title of Győr)

2018 Azerbaijan Cup Winners League winners

2018 EHF Women's EHF Champions League season

2018 First EHF Women's EHF Champions League season

2018 Season announced after the COVID-19 pandemic, to be awarded

10/10/2020 First season cancelled after a season of 7,000 fans as the first season of the new era

June 2022 - EHF FINAL All-time attendance record for women's club handball: 36,000 at the PVM Dome in Budapest.

April 2022 The official EHF Women's EHF Champions League reaches 350,000 followers

17/2020 Start of the 10-year partnership with the Chinese Handball Federation

July 2022 EHF Women's EHF Champions League reaches 1.5 million & digital reach of 650 million

Competition and players
marketing, TV, media, organisation

I TOP SCORERS GROUP PHASE 2022/23



107 goals

Henny Reistad
Team Esbjerg

Player	Club	Gls
1 Henny Reistad (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	107
2 Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	105
3 Markéta Jerábková (CZE)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	96
4 Katrin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	92
5 Anniken Obaidli (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	79
Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	79
7 Bruna de Paula (BRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	77
8 Charlotte Cholevová (CZE)	DHK Banik Most (CZE)	76
Daria Dmitrieva (RUS)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	76
10 Milena Raicevic (MNE)	WHC Buducnost BEMAX (MNE)	73
11 Ana Gros (SLO)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	65
12 Mouna Chebbah (FRA)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	64
13 Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	63
Emily Bölk (GER)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	63
15 Chloé Valentini (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	62
Kristina Jörgensen (DEN)	Metz Handball (FRA)	62
17 Maja Jakobsen (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	61
Jamina Roberts (SWE)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	61
Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	61
Katarina Jezic (CRO)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	61
21 Mie Højlund (DEN)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	60

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 1993–2023

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	268	202	20	46	7853:6588	+1265	424:112	(19)	79,10%
2	WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	304	158	25	121	7982:7755	+227	341:267	(27)	56,09%
3	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	298	130	19	149	7922:9043	-121	279:317	(27)	46,81%
4	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144*	(23)	63,64%
5	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	218	112	18	88	6016:5859	+157	242:194	(21)	55,50%
6	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
7	Metz Handball FRA	174	92	13	69	4624:4389	+235	197:151	(16)	56,61%
8	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
9	CSM Bucuresti ROU	124	72	10	42	3324:3059	+265	154:94	(8)	62,10%
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3769:3688	+81	153:139	(13)	52,40%
11	Rostov-Don RUS	98	65	7	26	2570:2309	+261	137:59	(7)	69,90%
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	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	86	50	6	30	2472:2266	+206	106:66	(6)	61,63%
16	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
17	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
18	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	82	36	14	32	2268:2184	+84	86:78	(6)	52,44%
19	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
20	Team Esbjerg DEN	72	38	7	27	2058:1899	+159	83:61	(5)	57,64%
21	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
22	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
23	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
24	Odense Håndbold DEN	60	28	4	28	1655:1624	+31	60:60	(4)	50,00%
25	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
34	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	54	12	4	38	1427:1564	-137	28:80	(5)	25,93%
39	CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	14	9	2	3	441:404	+37	20:8	(1)	71,43%
51	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8:20	(1)	28,57%
63	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	20	0	3	17	408:579	-171	3:37	(2)	7,50%
64	DHK Banik Most CZE	20	1	1	18	498:768	-270	3:37	(2)	7,50%
65	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	28	1	1	26	690:914	-224	3:53	(2)	5,36%

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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I ALL-TIME STATS 1993–2023

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Ferencváros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

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Ferencváros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

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

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Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

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WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim 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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Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Viborg HK DEN 27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997

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

Biggest wins

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

Biggest home wins

- 25 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022
- 24 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 24 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022

Biggest away wins

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 23 SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 22 Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:43 (15:20), 03.12.2022

Biggest lead at half-time

- 15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 15 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 15 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022

Most goals

- 47 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023
- 47 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 46 SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 46 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 46 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023

Most goals both teams

- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Buducnost MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 76 Vipers Kristiansand NOR vs Metz Handball FRA 38:38 (17:21), 20.10.2019
- 76 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023

Fewest goals

- 12 Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 12 Kometal Dj. P. Skopje MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 26:12 (12:6), 21.02.1998
- 12 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 12 Slagelse DT DEN vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 12:22 (7:12), 23.02.2008

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 Buducnost 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 Vipers 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

- 26 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 25 CSM Bucuresti ROU vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 40:25 (25:13), 16.10.2022
- 25 Team Esbjerg DEN @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR – 1st half 27:43 (12:25), 23.10.2022
- 25 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 2nd half 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023

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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 @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 4 FC Midtjylland DEN vs HC Vardar MKD – 2nd half 15:25 (11:12), 08.11.2015
- 4 Glassverket NOR @ Thüringer HC GER – 1st half 24:16 (10:4), 16.10.2016

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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 Kometal 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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Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK
(12.09.2021 – 08.10.2022)

Longest losing run

- 17 DHK Banik Most (02.11.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
- 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)

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HC Lokomotiva Zagreb
(19.10.2014 – 12.02.2023)

Longest run without a win

- 19 HK Banik Most (13.10.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- 18 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (12.09.2021 - 08.10.2022)
- 16 Orsan Elda Prestigio (22.01.2005 – 16.01.2009)
- 16 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)

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.

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