



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF FINALS WOMEN 2021

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I INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the EHF Finals Women 2021 in Baia Mare (ROU)

It is a great pleasure to welcome all media representatives to Baia Mare, Romania for the first edition of the EHF European League final tournament - the EHF Finals Women 2021.

We look forward to two days of top class handball in the Sala Polivalenta Lascar Pana in Baia Mare as CS Minaur Baia Mare, Nantes Atlantique Handball, Siófok KC and Herning-Ikast Håndbold compete for the EHF European League title.

We expect extensive local, national and international coverage of the EHF Finals Women 2021. If you require any help or assistance during your time in Baia Mare, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the media team from EHF, EHFM and CS Minaur Baia Mare.

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I MEDIA TIMETABLE

SATURDAY, 8 MAY 2021

14:15

Photographers' briefing

14:45

Semi-final 1

Nantes Atlantique Handball vs HC Minaur Baia Mare

15 minutes after final whistle

Post-match Press Conference

(Head coach and a key player from each team)

18:00

Semi-final 2

Siófok HC vs Herning Ikast Handbold

15 minutes after final whistle

Post-match Press Conference

(Head coach and a key player from each team)

SUNDAY, 9 MAY 2021

17:30

Photographers' briefing

18:00

3/4 Placement Match

15 minutes after final whistle

Post-match Press Conference

(Head coach and key player from each team)

20:45

Final

15 minutes after winners' ceremony

Post-match Press Conference

(Head coach and key player from each team)

I ESSENTIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Accreditation collection

Written media and photographers will be able to collect accreditations and bibs at the hall location: Lascăr Pană Sports Hall, Bulevardul Unirii 14A, Baia Mare 430272, Romania from Saturday 8 May 2021 at 14:00 hrs local time.

It is important you bring the following with you:

- At the accreditation pick-up you must provide the 'health declaration' attached to the email to all accredited media. Please complete it and bring it to the accreditation pick-up.
- When picking up accreditation, all media representatives must provide proof of a negative Covid-19 test (PCR test valid 72 hours prior to the resp. throw-off and Antigen test valid 48 hours prior to the resp. throw-off).
- Please note: Without a valid test certificate, no accreditation will be handed out!

Photographers' and TV bibs

From 14:00 hrs on Saturday 8 May photographers and TV representatives can collect their bibs from the media accreditation. Media must leave a valid photo ID as a deposit in return for a bib. The ID will be returned at the end of each day when bibs are returned.

These bibs must be worn at all times in the arena and they must be returned after the award ceremony on Saturday. Please note that camera bibs will ONLY be issued to those that are accredited as a cameraman.

Official event name/official hashtag

The official name of the event is the 'EHF European League Women Finals' or 'EHF Finals Women' for short. The hashtag for the event is #ehffinals.

Media seats

Media seats with tables for print journalists are situated in Tribune II of the arena.

WLAN access

There will be wireless internet access for all media representatives in the arena free of charge. A password for internet access will be provided on arrival.

Video recording

Video in the arena may only be recorded with the express permission of EHF Marketing GmbH. Please contact EHF Media Officer, Oliver Laaber (laaber@ehfmarketing.com | +43 676 770 9309), for further information in advance of the event. Equipment used for video recording without permission will be removed.

Press conferences

The post-match press conferences will take place approximately 15 minutes after each match/winner's ceremony and will be attended by the head coaches and key players. Press conferences will be conducted in English, any questions in your native language should be directed following the completion of the press conference.

Due to the EHF hygiene protocols, physical attendance in the press conference is not possible for media on site. However, the press conference will be streamed online and questions can be submitted after the match to be asked on your behalf in the press conference. For further details of how this will work, please contact the host media manager and EHF media manager.

EHF Finals Women Online

The event will be covered extensively online by the EHF Media and Communications Department. The event can be followed at ehfel.eurohandball.com and on the following EHF European League social media channels:

https://www.instagram.com/ehfel_official/

https://twitter.com/ehfel_official

<https://www.facebook.com/ehfeuropeanleague>

EHFTV

All four matches will also be streamed live and on-demand around the world at [EHFTV](https://ehftv.com), the European Handball Federation's online streaming platform.



I MEDIA RULES AND GUIDELINES

Official EHFM Rules of Conduct for ENG Crews

The following guidelines and rules of conduct for ENG Crews have been developed to make the job of ENG crews easier at EHF events. Upon receiving an accreditation and signing for an ENG bib, TV crews automatically agree to follow the EHF Rule of Conduct for TV ENG crews:

1. ENG crews are obliged to produce a media identification card upon request.
2. The Host Broadcaster acts on behalf of the European Handball Federation/EHF Marketing GmbH.
3. ENG personnel are requested to wear the bib and accreditation at ALL times.
4. All ENG crews must use the stickers provided on their camera equipment.
5. The bib and the accreditation are only valid for the EHF Finals Women 2021.
6. Only the Host Broadcaster is permitted onto the playing court.
7. Right holders have to stay in the positions designated to them during the games
8. Non-rights holders are not permitted to film during the matches.
9. The guidelines and instructions of the Host Broadcasters MUST be followed at all time.
10. At no time, before, during or after the match are ENG crews permitted to stay in the area behind the players' seats or behind the official table. They must place themselves in the position advised by the EHF.
11. ENG crews are only permitted in the TV area of the mixed zone.
12. ENG crews are not permitted to interfere/obstruct in the work of the Host Broadcaster.



Official EHF Rules of Conduct for Photographers

The EHF has developed the following guidelines to make the job of photographers at its events easier. Upon receiving the accreditation and bib the photographer automatically agrees to follow the EHF guidelines of conduct for photographers:

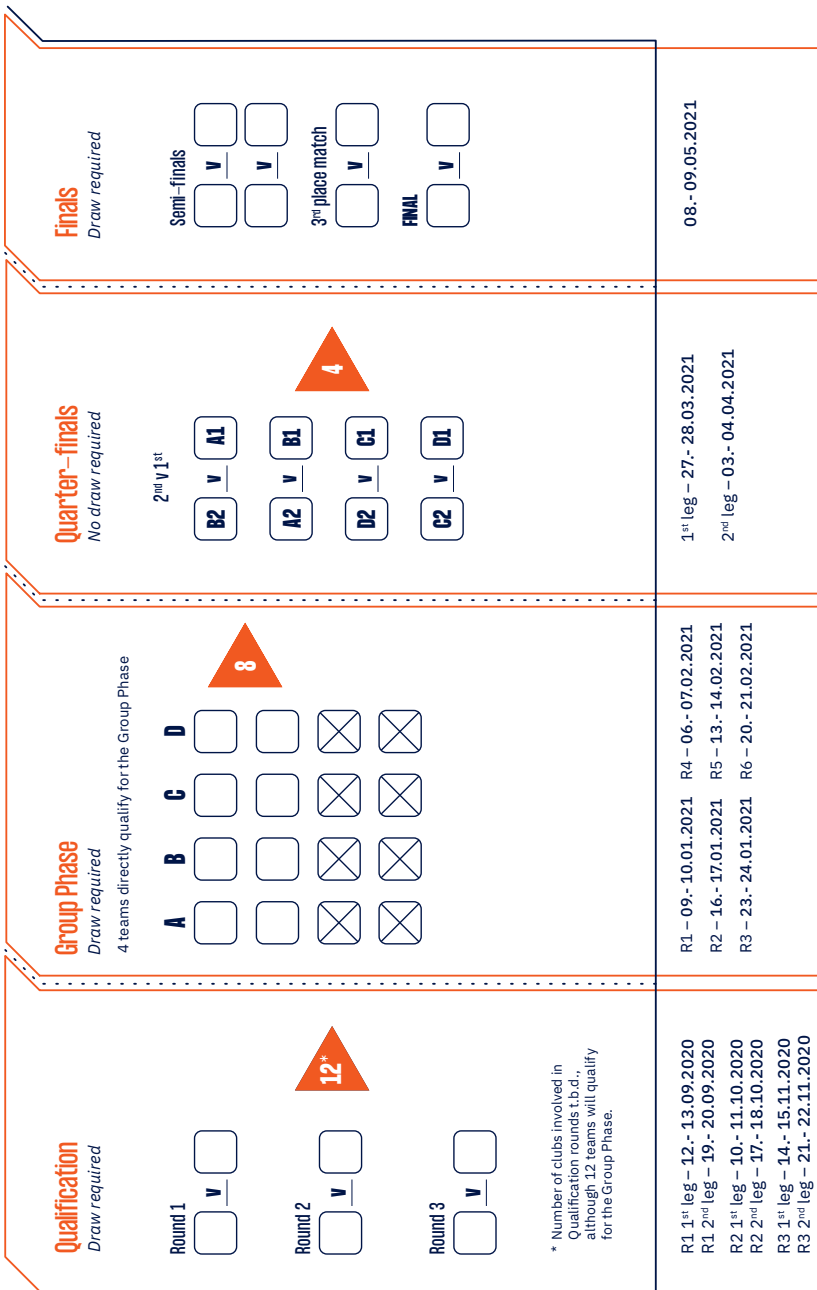
1. Photographers must attend the photographer briefing in the Media Centre on Saturday 8 May.
2. Photographers are only allowed to enter the court following the match for 3/4 place and final when permitted to do so. There will be a roped off area clearly marked for photographers in front of the timekeepers' table.
3. Photographs can be taken during the player line-up. An area will be defined before the match for this purpose. Photographers may stand in this position until the pre-match procedure is over. They must then return to their designated position behind the advertising boards at the ends of the court.
4. Photograph bibs should be worn at all times. These will be issued as part of the accreditation process and are available from the Media Info Desk.
5. During the match all photographers should be at the ends of the court where seats are available behind the advertising boards. Photographers will be advised before the match of an additionally designated areas where they may take photos looking down on the court.
6. It is not allowed to change ends during the game. This has to be done at the half-time or at the end of the match. If a photographer wishes to change ends during the half-time break, he/she must follow the routing system.
7. Photographers are not allowed to stand behind the players' seats or on the opposite side of the court.
8. Photographers have to remain seated and cannot change seats during the match.
9. Photographers are allowed to sit in front of the nets after the point where it is fixed to the advertising borders (fixed 3 metres each side of the goal).
10. Photographers are not allowed sit or stand in front of or to obstruct the view of the advertising boards.
11. Strobe light photography is not permitted.
12. Photographers are not allowed to enter the court during the celebration and awarding ceremony which follows final. During the celebration and awarding ceremony there will be a clearly marked area reserved for photographers in front of the timekeepers' table.

Upon collection of your accreditation you are obliged to follow the above-listed rules.

WOMEN'S EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



I BAIJA MARE HOSTS EHF FINALS WOMEN 2021

The premiere edition of the EHF Finals Women, the final tournaments of the new EHF European League, will be played in Romania this season, with CS Minaur Baia Mare hosting the event.

The EHF Finals Women are scheduled for 8 and 9 May, with CS Minaur Baia Mare, Herning-Ikast Håndbold (DEN), Nantes Atlantique Handball (FRA) and Siófok KC (HUN) competing in the Sala Polivalenta Lascar Pana in Baia Mare. It is the first time that the women's second-tier club competition will be played and decided in a tournament format with four participating teams.

The event will be organised in accordance with the EHF Hygiene Protocol as well as with the health regulations in place in Romania.



Playing hall

Sala Polivalenta Lascar Pana

Bulevardul Unirii 14 A

430272 Baia Mare

Maramures

Romania

Capacity: 2,080

EHF European League Women

The EHF European League Women is the revamped second-tier European club handball competition, replacing the Women's EHF Cup as of 2020/21. The competition is played with a qualification phase, group phase, quarterfinals and final tournament: the EHF Finals Women.

EHF Finals Women

The winners of the EHF European League quarter-final qualify for the final tournament, which brings together the four teams at one venue. The EHF Finals Women start with both semi-finals played on one day, followed by the 3/4 placement match and the final the next day. Baia Mare in Romania has been selected as the host of the inaugural EHF Finals Women in 2021.

I NEW COMPETITION, NEW TROPHY

The four teams competing at the EHF Finals Women 2021 know exactly what they are fighting for. The newly created trophy for Europe's revamped second-tier club competition has been revealed. And for the first time there will be no difference between the trophy for the women's and the men's editions of the competition.

The trophy is made from cast aluminum, a sustainable material. Built and designed by Spanish agency OIKO Design, which specialises in the design and production of environmentally friendly trophies, the big prize for the EHF European League weighs eight kilograms and is 76 centimetres tall.

Trophy connects EHF European League to EHF Champions League

The idea behind the design was to connect the EHF European League to the EHF Champions League, with the intertwining of the brands underlined by the goal net and the ball, which are similar in both trophy designs. The EHF European League trophy proudly wears vibrant blue and orange colours, in line with the branding of the competition.

The trophy will be handed over for the first time after the final on Sunday. The men's edition of the EHF Finals is scheduled for SAP Arena in Mannheim, Germany, on 22/23 May, with hosts Rhein-Neckar Löwen, Füchse Berlin, SC Magdeburg and ORLEN Wisla Plock in the mix.



I LIVE TV BROADCASTERS

Record TV coverage of EHF Finals Women 2021

The EHF European League Women has attracted a lot of media attention during its inaugural 2020/21 season. The final tournament will be no exception.

On the contrary, the EHF Finals Women 2021 in Baia Mare, Romania on 8/9 May will be broadcast live by 22 TV stations worldwide, a record for any final of a second-tier European handball competition.

EHF FINALS WOMEN 2021

Broadcaster overview

8/9 May, Baia Mare (ROU)

<p> DAZN</p> <p> ARENA SPORT</p> <p> BELARUS5</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 2</p> <p> SPORT TV2</p> <p> TV3 SPORT/MAX VIAPLAY</p>	<p> DAZN</p> <p> VIAPLAY</p> <p> EUROSPORT PLAYER</p> <p> SILK SPORT HD1</p> <p> DAZN</p> <p> SPORT TV 1</p> <p> ARENA SPORT</p>	<p> ARENA SPORT</p> <p> VIAPLAY</p> <p> EUROSPORT PLAYER</p> <p> TELEKOM SPORT 4</p> <p> DIGI SPORT 1</p> <p> LOOK SPORT</p> <p> ARENA SPORT 3-5</p>	<p> SPORT TV2</p> <p> V SPORT+ VIAPLAY</p> <p> TRT SPOR 2</p> <p> SPORT TV</p> <p>MENA*: ONTIME</p> <p>AOT** : EHF TV</p>
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*MENA - Middle East & North Africa
**AOT= All other territories

FROM 0 TO 2,659: THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE EHF FINALS WOMEN

FACTS AND FIGURES: STATS AFTER THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE QUARTER-FINAL

The first champions of the EHF European League Women will be crowned on Sunday 9 May when the inaugural 2020/21 season comes to an end at the EHF Finals Women 2021 in Baia Mare.

After 68 EHF European League matches played, Nantes Atlantique Handball and CS Minaur Baia Mare (14:45 CEST), followed by Siófok KC and Herning-Ikast Håndbold (18:00 CEST) will contest the semi-finals on Saturday 8 May.

Here is an overview of facts and figures:

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teams at the EHF Finals started the season in the first qualification round; Nantes are the only team to play qualification before the group phase.

1 team will play their first European semi-final: Nantes. For both Siófok and Baia Mare this is the second semi-final, while Herning-Ikast have even won five trophies in three different EHF competitions.

1 former EHF Champions League top scorer is part of the EHF Finals: Siófok's Andrea Kobetic (Penezic) scored 102 times for Vardar in 2014/15 and shared the top-scorer title that season with Cristina Neagu.

2 of the four semi-finalists were also in the semi-final of the EHF Cup last season, which was cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak: Siófok and Herning-Ikast. The other semi-finalists were Odense Håndbold and HC Podravka Vegeta.

2 of the four semi-finalists have won EHF competitions before: Herning-Ikast (City Cup 1997/98, EHF Cup 2000/01 and Cup Winners Cup 2003/04, and EHF Cup 2010/11 and CWC 2014/15 as FC Midtjylland) and Siófok (EHF Cup 2018/19).

3 Russian teams were in the quarter-final – but all failed to make it to the EHF Finals.

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of the 38 group matches played and none of the eight quarter-final matches ended in a draw.

4 EHF EURO 2020 medallists have made it to the EHF Finals with their respective clubs: Norway's gold medallist Stine Skogrand with Herning-Ikast, French silver medallists Gnonsiane Niombla and Tamara Horacek as well as Croatian bronze medallist Katarina Jezic with Siófok.

4 matches - two semi-finals, the 3/4 placement match and the final - are still ahead.

4 - which means all - teams at the EHF Finals won their respective group, and also won both legs of their quarter-final.

4 nations are represented at the EHF FINALS: Denmark, France, Hungary, and Romania.

5 is the number of EHF club competitions in which Herning-Ikast goalkeeper Sabine Englert has reached (at least) the semi-final, after winning the Challenge Cup with Bayer Leverkusen and the EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup with FC Midtjylland, and playing the EHF Champions League final with Hypo Niederösterreich.

5 of the 38 group matches played but none of the eight quarter-final matches ended with a difference of 10 or more goals.

7 straight matches is the current winning streak from Siófok.

9 goals was the biggest aggregate margin in the quarter-final: Baia Mare vs Dunarea Braila 58:49.

15 points in eight matches have been gathered by Siófok, the only team that remained unbeaten in the group phase; Baia Mare and Herning-Ikast both lost one match.

17 times in 38 group and eight quarter-finals matches, 60 or more goals were scored.

17 European matches in a row Siófok have been unbeaten, including eight (seven wins, one draw) in the current EHF European League season.

17 goals were the most by a single player in the quarter-final: Helene Fauske (Herning-Ikast) scored eight goals in the first leg and nine in the second against Handball Club Lada.

25 of the 38 group matches and four of the eight quarter-finals were won by the home team.

51 goals make Herning-Ikast's Helene Fauske the top scorer in the competition since the start of the group phase. Nantes' Bruna De Paula and Kastamonu's Amanda Kurtovic follow with 46.

63 was the highest number of goals by a team in the quarter-final: Nantes vs HC Zvezda 63:57.

68 matches been played so far in the European League: 22 in the two qualification rounds, 38 in the group phase, and eight in the quarter-final.

77 was the highest number of goals in a group phase match, when Thüringer HC (GER) beat Storhamar HE (NOR) 41:36.

83 was the highest number of goals in any EHF European League Women match this season, when Vaci NKSE (HUN) beat Banik Most (CZE) 42:41 in qualification round 3.

257 is the highest number of goals scored this season by one team: Herning-Ikast; followed by Siófok with 242 and Braila with 219.

455 goals were scored in the quarter-final for an average of 56.87 goals per game; in the group phase the average was 58.0 goals per game.

2,659 goals have been scored in 38 group matches and eight quarter-final matches of the inaugural EHF European League Women season.

Most goals (since start of group phase):

77 - Thüringer HC vs Storhamar 41:36 (GP)
70 - Zvezda vs Herning-Ikast 31:39 (GP)
68 - Herning-Ikast vs Vac 39:29 (GP)
68 - Braila vs Kuban 36:32 (GP)
...
62 - Zvezda vs Nantes 29:33 (QF)

Fewest goals:

40 - Kastamonu vs Lublin 20:20 (GP)
46 - Nants vs Lublin 25:21 (GP)
48 - Herning-Ikast vs Paris 25:23 (GP)
...
52 - Baia Mare vs Braila 27:25 (QF)

Biggest winning margins:

+13 - Storhamar vs Baia Mare (27:40)
+12 - Vac vs Herning-Ikast (26:38)
+11 - Fleury vs Siófok 24:35
...
+7: Braila vs Baia Mare 24:31

Most points:

15 - Siófok
14 - Baia Mare
14 - Herning-Ikast

Most goals:

257 - Herning-Ikast
242 - Siófok
219 - Dunarea Braila

Top scorers (since start of group phase):

51 - Helene Fauske (Herning-Ikast)
46 - Bruna De Paula (Nantes)
46 - Amanda Kurtovic (Kastamonu)
42 - Jovana Kovacevic (Baia Mare)
41 - Maria Kanaval (Dunarea Braila)

Top scorers (still in competition):

51 - Helene Fauske (Herning-Ikast)
46 - Bruna De Paula (Nantes)
42 - Jovana Kovacevic (Baia Mare)
39 - Tamara Horacek (Siófok)
38 - Katarina Jezic (Siófok)



SEMI-FINAL PAIRINGS

NANTES ATLANTIQUE HANDALL (FRA) VS CS MINAUR BAIJA MARE (ROU)



Semi-final 1
Saturday 8 May 2021 at 14:45 CEST

Referees: Tatjana Prastalo, Vesna Balvan (BIH)
EHF Delegates: Liudmila Bodnieva (RUS), Tatjana Medved (SRB)



- in their eighth European season, Baia Mare play a semi-final for the second time, after losing the Women's Challenge Cup final in 2003 against BV Borussia 09 Dortmund
- Nantes are in their fifth European season, with their previous best result the quarter-final of the Women's EHF Cup in the 2016/17 season
- Baia Mare have players of six different nationalities in their squad, while Nantes boast players from seven different countries in their roster
- Baia Mare are on a seven-match winning streak: after opening the group phase with a draw, they had five straight wins to win their group before also winning both quarter-final matches
- on the other side, Nantes are riding a six-game winning streak, with an average margin of 4.5 goals
- Nantes centre back Bruna De Paula comes into the EHF Finals Women as the competition's top scorer with 54 goals; Marina Dmitrovic from already eliminated Braila also netted 54 times.
- Baia Mare's best scorer is Serbian left back Jovana Kovacevic, who scored 42 goals in the six games she played for an outstanding average of seven goals per game
- Nantes coach Guillaume Saurina played for Romanian side CSM Bucuresti between 2016 and October 2017, while his wife, Nantes player Camille Ayglon spent two seasons (2016-18) with the women's team of CSM Bucuresti
- Baia Mare have mixed results against French sides, winning three games, against Fleury Loiret and Merignacais, and losing twice against Metz Handball and once against Merignacais
- Baia Mare have won eight of their last nine European home games; however, due to the current health situation, they will have to do without the support of their fans from the stands of Sala Polivalenta Lascar Pana during the EHF Finals

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Nantes Atlantique Handball vs CS Minaur Baia Mare

No previous encounters in European competitions

EHF FINALS



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white/purple
Player short: purple
GK shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: purple/pink
Player short: purple
GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

H Arena

5 rue Andre Tardieu
44200 Nantes
France
Capacity: 5,902

NANTES ATLANTIQUE HANDBALL



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

QUALIFICATION ROUND 3

vs SCM Gloria Buzau W23:16 (11:9)
@ SCM Gloria Buzau L27:21 (10:7)

GROUP PHASE

@ Handball Club Lada L32:29 (14:14)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi W35:26 (18:10)
@ MKS Perla Lublin W26:31 (12:15)
vs MKS Perla Lublin W25:21 (11:12)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi W26:29 (15:12)
vs Handball Club Lada L0:10

QUARTER-FINAL

@ HC Zvezda W29:33 (16:16)
vs HC Zvezda W30:28 (15:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Bruna De Paula (BRA)	54
2. Déborah Kpodar (FRA)	37
3. Lotte Grigel (DEN)	28
4. Gordana Mitrovic (SRB)	21
5. Camille Ayglon Saurina (FRA)	20

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Nantes Atlantique Handball	6	4	0	2	149 : 141	8	8
2. Handball Club Lada	6	3	0	3	147 : 139	8	6
3. MKS Perla Lublin	6	2	1	3	154 : 155	-1	5
4. Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	6	2	1	3	156 : 171	-15	5

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Quarter-final (1): 2016/17

National league: -

National cup: -



Guillaume Saurina Coach

 @guillaumesaurina

- became head coach of Nantes Atlantique in summer of 2020
- at age 39, he ended his player career at HBC Nantes in 2018 to become assistant coach at the club
- as a left back, he spent most of his playing career with USAM Nimes Gard; also played for CSM Bucuresti in 2016-17
- was twice top scorer of the French league
- married to Nantes player Camille Ayglon-Saurina, they have a son together

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Bruna Almeida De Paula		BRA	Back	26.09.1996	Campestre/MG, BRA	170
3	Lauryn	Cossou	FRA	Back	17.07.2002	Schoelcher, FRA	178
4	Nathalie	Hagman	SWE	Right Wing	19.07.1991	Farsta, SWE	167
5	Manon	Loquay	FRA	Line Player	06.01.1999	StSebastien sur Loire, FRA	176
7	Emilie	Bellec	FRA	Right Wing	07.05.1999	Libreville, GAB	165
8	Clara	Vaxes	FRA	Back	21.05.2002	Marseille, FRA	176
11	Camille	Ayglon Saurina	FRA	Right Back	21.05.1985	Avignon, FRA	180
12	Floriane	Andre	FRA	Goalkeeper	30.05.2000	Saint Chamond, FRA	180
13	Blandine	Dancette	FRA	Right Wing	14.02.1988	Firminy, FRA	169
14	Mari	Finstad Bergum	NOR	Left Back	16.03.1998	Gjøvik, NOR	178
15	Kaba Gassama Cissokho		ESP	Line Player	16.08.1997	Granollers, ESP	180
17	Stine Bodholt	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	08.11.1989	Aabenraa, DEN	180
18	Naemi	Arduoin	FRA	Left Wing	18.11.2002	StSebastien sur Loire, FRA	179
19	Charlotte	Kieffer	FRA	Line Player	21.02.1998	Schiltigheim, FRA	185
20	Orlane	Ahanda	FRA	Right Back	20.11.1998	Nantes, FRA	176
21	Gordana	Mitrovic	SRB	Back	10.09.1996	Attendorn, GER	176
23	Déborah	Kpodar	FRA	Left Back	03.06.1994	Iles d'Espagnac, FRA	171
24	Adriana	Placzek	POL	Goalkeeper	10.12.1993	Leszno, POL	174
26	Maëlle	Le Roy	FRA	Left Back	19.05.2001	Bordeaux, FRA	175
C 27	Marion	Maubon	FRA	Left Wing	27.07.1989	Bordeaux, FRA	165
29	Inès	Godet	FRA	Line Player	09.05.2001	Saint Herblain, FRA	184
30	Lorine	Boudekhane	FRA	Goalkeeper	12.03.2002	Caen, FRA	180
33	Beatrix	Escribano	ESP	Back	04.05.1990	Alcazar de San Juan, ESP	178
34	Lotte	Grigel	DEN	Back	05.04.1991	Esbjerg, DEN	165
42	Dyénaba	Sylla	FRA	Left Wing	04.04.1997	Noisy le Sec, FRA	175
44	Marnie	Valette	FRA	Back	13.01.2001	Montpellier, FRA	168
69	Lorine	Perrot	FRA	Back	13.07.2001	Montpellier, FRA	176
72	Laurie Fontaine-Carretero		FRA	Goalkeeper	03.11.1995	Nimes, FRA	179

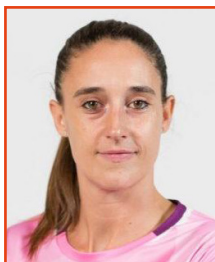


Bruna Almeida de Paula

 @brunapaula96

Centre back

- her spectacular style owned her the MVP title of the French league in 2019/20
- chased by several top clubs in Europe, but chose to sign with Nantes in 2020, after four seasons at Fleury Loiret HB
- will leave Nantes in the summer of 2020 to join French league rivals Metz Handball
- at 24, already a regular player in the Brazil national team



Camille Ayglon-Saurina

 @camilleayglonsaurina

Right back

- aged 35, arrived at Nantes in 2018 after playing for Nîmes for most of her career and two seasons for CSM Bucuresti
- took part twice in the EHF FINAL4 with CSM, in 2017 and 2018
- played 270 times with the France national team but was not included in coach Olivier Krumbholz's squad for EHF EURO 2020

EURO: G 2018, S 2016, OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011



Adrianna Placzek

Goalkeeper

- aged 27, arrived in Nantes in 2019, after playing for two seasons for fellow French side Fleury Loiret HB
- regular player for Polish national team, played at EHF EURO 2020
- played the Challenge Cup final in 2015 with SPR Pogoń Szczecin



Blandine Dancette

 @blandine.dancette

Right wing

- after playing in Nîmes for 10 seasons, moved to Chambray, then joined Nantes in the summer of 2017
- was reunited in Nantes with former Nîmes teammate Camille Ayglon-Saurina
- at 32, is one of the most experienced players in the team
- has announced her retirement at the end of the 2020/21 season

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017, S 2011, 2009



Nathalie Hagman

 @hagman

Right wing

- Swedish international, who joined Nantes from Odense Håndbold in summer of 2020
- played for Lugi HF in her native Sweden, then moved to Denmark (TTH, Nykøbing) and Romania (CSM Bucuresti, from 2017-2019) before returning to Denmark (Odense)
- was youngest ever debutant in Swedish national team in 2009
- hard-shooting right back, also strong on wing

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, CWC 2016
EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Déborah Kpodar

 @deborah_kpodar

Left back

- French international, who joined Nantes Atlantique in the summer of 2020
- arrived at Metz Handball in 2012 at age 18 and played four seasons for them; also had stints at Saint-Maur and Dijon before moving to Nantes
- with Togolese ancestry, Kpodar has a native language tattoo on her abdomen
- part of French national team that won the world title in 2017

WCh: G 2017



Kaba Gassama

 @kabagassama

Line player

- born in Granollers, Spain, has been called up to the Spanish national team in 2017, when she was only 20, donning the shirt more than a dozen times
- she is of Senegalese ancestry, with her father coming to Spain 30 years ago
- her older brother, Mamadou, also plays handball at Granollers, in the Spanish first league, while another brother, Sekou, plays football in the Spanish lower leagues
- will leave Nantes for her third professional team, Fleury Loiret, in the summer of 2021



Marion Maubon

 @marion__mb

Left wing

- arrived at Nantes Atlantique in 2020 after five seasons with Metz Handball
- previously played for Mios Biganos (2012-15), was captain of that team
- won Challenge Cup with Mios Biganos in 2015 and four French titles with Metz
- was a key player in France youth teams but failed to make the national A team

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2015

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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Mures
Romania
Capacity: 2,080

CS MINAUR BAIA MARE



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS WOMEN

GROUP PHASE

vs Storhamar Handball Elite W33:29 (14:13)

@ Astrakhanochka L33:27 (14:8)

vs Astrakhanochka W30:27 (13:15)

@ Storhamar Handball Elite W27:40 (11:19)

vs Thüringer HC W10:0

@ Thüringer HC W0:10

QUARTER-FINAL

@ HC Dunarea Braila W24:31 (12:12)

vs HC Dunarea Braila W27:25 (13:14)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Jovana Kovacevic (SRB)	42
2. Jelena Lavko (SRB)	30
3. Linn Blohm (SWE)	24
4. Cristina Laslo (ROU)	23
5. Andreea Popa (ROU)	15
Asuka Fujita (JAP)	15

FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. CS Minaur Baia Mare	6	5	0	1	150 : 116	34	10
2. Astrakhanochka	6	4	0	2	137 : 112	25	8
3. Storhamar Handball Elite	6	2	0	4	157 : 182	-25	4
4. Thüringer HC	6	1	0	5	93 : 127	-34	2

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Quarter-finals (2): 2014/15, 2015/16

Group matches (1): 2013/14

EHF Cup:

Last 16 (1): 2008/09

Round 4 (1): 2009/10

Round 3 (1): 2007/08

Challenge Cup:

Runners-up (1): 2002/03

Last 16 (1): 2004/05

Romanian league: 1 title (2014)

Romanian cup: 3 titles (2013, 2014, 2015)



Costica Buceschi

Coach

- this is Buceschi's third stint at Minaur Baia Mare, after previously coaching four other teams in the Romanian league, including the men's team of Baia Mare
- also worked as assistant coach at the Romanian women's national team in 2019, under Tomas Ryde
- led Baia Mare to their only national title in 2014 but the club parted ways with him later that year
- his daughter, Eliza, plays handball for Rapid Bucuresti and the national team, while his wife, Carmen, played for Baia Mare

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Cristina	Enache	ROU	Goalkeeper	01.05.1994	Focsani, ROU	183
3	Jelena	Lavko	SRB	Right Back	06.07.1991	Zrenjanin, SRB	182
4	Yaroslava	Burlachenko	UKR	Line Player	14.05.1992	Kiev, UKR	177
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20.05.1992	Stockholm, SWE	180
6	Petruta Andreea	Argyelan	ROU	Left Wing	25.06.1999	Baia Mare, ROU	166
8	Angela	Cioca	ROU	Centre Back	23.01.1995	Tg. Jiu, ROU	176
9	Ana Maria	Tanasie	ROU	Left Wing	06.04.1995	Hunedoara, ROU	173
11	Karoline Helena	De Souza	BRA	Left Back	24.04.1990	Paranagua, BRA	180
12	Filippa	Idéhn	SWE	Goalkeeper	15.08.1990	Jönköping, SWE	183
13	Cristina	Laslo	ROU	Centre Back	10.04.1996	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	177
16	Cristina	Ciausescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	16.02.2000	Bucuresti, ROU	175
20	Larissa Fais	Munhoz Araujo	BRA	Left Wing	01.07.1992	Curitiba, BRA	167
21	Eva	Kerekes	ROU	Left Wing	07.04.2001	Zetea, ROU	170
C 24	Jovana	Kovacevic	SRB	Left Back	09.04.1996	Belgrade, SRB	180
25	Mikaela	Måssing	SWE	Left Back	13.03.1994	Mölndal, SWE	189
27	Asuka	Fujita	JPN	Right Wing	14.02.1996	Osaka, JPN	166
30	Sonia Mariana	Seraficeanu	ROU	Right Wing	25.07.1997	Hunedoara, ROU	177
55	Oana Doina	Bors	ROU	Right Wing	27.11.2003	Baia Mare, ROU	177
70	Andreea Cristina	Popa	ROU	Centre Back	03.06.2000	Bucuresti, ROU	175
79	Ionica	Munteanu	ROU	Goalkeeper	07.01.1979	Bucharest, ROU	176
98	Andreea	Tecar	ROU	Right Back	21.03.1998	Baia Mare, ROU	179
99	Anca Georgiana	Polocoser	ROU	Left Back	01.05.1997	Suceava, ROU	179



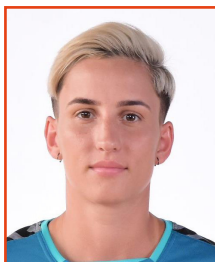
Filippa Idéhn

 @filippaidehn

Goalkeeper

- joined Baia Mare in the summer of 2020 together with fellow Swedes Linn Blohm and Mikaela Måssing
- goalkeeper with a penchant for scoring goals, she scored 12 times for the Sweden
- Baia Mare is Idéhn's eighth club during her career, after she played for five Swedish clubs and in Denmark for Esbjerg and in France for Brest Bretagne Handball
- played at four EHF EURO and three WCh events, and once at the Olympics

EURO: B 2014

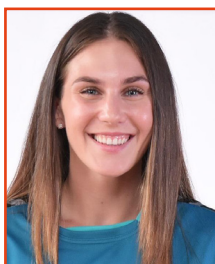


Cristina Laslo

 @laslo13cristina

Centre back

- natural-born playmaker, Laslo has won the Junior WCh with Romania in 2014
- despite many players avoiding the number 13, Laslo stated it is her favourite and loves playing with it since she was a junior
- has played for Cluj, Corona Brasov and also had a one-year stint with Buducnost
- loves tattoos and has several of them, including one of her twin brother, also a handball player, on her calf
- can also play on the right or left back, but her preferred position is centre back



Jovana Kovacevic

Left back

- Serbian left back, who played for Buducnost, Bekescsaba and Érd before arriving at Baia Mare in the summer of 2020
- leading scorer for Baia Mare in the European League, with 42 goals; scored 25 goals for Érd in the EHF Cup in the 2019/20 season
- has played two EHF EURO tournaments with the Serbian national team, in 2016 and 2018, but failed to make the cut in 2020
- she was modeling when she was younger, alongside her brother, but took up handball when she was 14, after giving up aikido, where she had a brown belt



Linn Blohm

 @blohmlinn

Line player

- started career as left back, became line player only at age 17 when moving to Sävehof
- joined Baia Mare in summer of 2020 together with Filippa Idéhn and Mikaela Måssing
- played in Sweden (IK Sävehof) and Denmark (TTH, FC Midtjylland, København) before joining the Romanian club
- voted All-star line player at the WCh 2019 and the best Swedish player in 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, CWC 2016

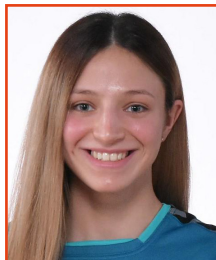
EURO: B 2014



Asuka Fujita

Right wing

- first Japanese player to compete for a Romanian club team
- previously played for another side in Europa: Borussia Dortmund in Germany
- learned English from Cristina Laslo, her roommate at Baia Mare
- has scored more than 100 goals for the Japanese women's national team since her debut in 2017, when she was only 21



Anca Polocoser

Left back

- a defensive specialist has seen limited time in attack, both in her club and in the Romanian national team
- born in Suceava, made her first important steps at a local club in Baia Mare, playing only in Romania since she made it to the big stage in 2015
- after winning the bronze medal at the Youth World Championship in 2016, she made her debut in the Romanian national team in 2018



Ana Maria Tanasie

 @tanasie_ana_maria

Left wing

- once a rising star for Romanian handball, her development has been hampered by several knee injuries, underwent knee surgery six times
- started playing handball at age 12, also practiced athletics which helped refine her speed as short track was her favourite discipline
- worked as a model in several shootings for various Romanian outlets



Andreea Popa

Centre back

- born and bred in Bucharest, Popa started playing handball as a kid with her mother, a physical education teacher, as her first coach
- considered a rising star through the junior ranks, Popa made her debut for the Romanian national team in 2019 and played at EHF EURO 2020
- also played beach handball with Romanian national youth team
- MVP and top scorer of Romanian junior league in 2017

SIÓFOK KC (HUN) VS HERNING–IKAST HÅNDBOLD (DEN)



Semi-final 2
Saturday 8 May 2021 at 18:00 CEST

Referees: Marija Ilieva, Silvana Karbeska (MKD)
EHF Delegates: Lidija Bojic-Cacic (CRO), Monika Hagen (SWE)



- Siófok won the Women's EHF Cup in 2018/19, beating Team Esbjerg 47:42 on aggregate in the final; earlier Esbjerg had defeated Herning-Ikast in an all-Danish semi-final
- both Siófok and Herning-Ikast were also in the EHF Cup semi-final in 2019/20 when the season was cancelled amid the coronavirus outbreak
- Herning-Ikast are the most decorated club at the EHF Finals with six European trophies, having won the EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup twice, and the City Cup and Champions Trophy once
- Herning-Ikast are the youngest team at the EHF Finals, with an average age of 22.12
- Siófok have dominated ties against Danish teams in the past, winning six of the eight games, including the semi-final against Viborg and final against Esbjerg in the EHF Cup 2018/19
- Herning-Ikast's Norwegian centre back Helene Fauske is third on the EHF European League top scorer list with 51 goals; French back Tamara Horacek is Siófok's best scorer with 39 goals
- Siófok are the only unbeaten team in EHF European League Women this season, winning seven straight games after drawing with Kuban in their opening match of the group phase
- the teams boast the best attacks in the competition: Herning-Ikast scored 257 goals, Siófok 242
- Siófok are unbeaten for 16 European games (13 wins, three draws) since a defeat against Nantes in qualification round 3 of the EHF Cup 2019/20 in November 2019
- the teams also met in the group phase of the EHF Cup 2018/19, with Siófok taking two wins (25:21 at home and 34:22 away) though both sides advanced to the quarter-final

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Siófok KC vs Herning-Ikast Håndbold 2-0-0 (59:43) 4:0

05.01.2019	Siófok KC Hungary vs Herning-Ikast Håndbold, EHF Cup – Group B	25:21 (14:11)
03.02.2019	Herning-Ikast Håndbold vs Siófok KC Hungary, EHF Cup – Group B	22:34 (8:20)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: red/yellow/white



Playing hall

Kiss Szilárd Sportcsarnok
Szekrényessy ut 1
8600 Siófok
Hungary
Capacity: 1,500

SIÓFOK KC



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs Kuban	D28:28 (15:18)
@ Fleury Loiret Handball	W24:35 (10:20)
@ H.C. Dunarea Braila	W25:27 (14:11)
vs H.C. Dunarea Braila	W31:24 (17:14)
@ Kuban	W25:31 (10:14)
vs Fleury Loiret Handball	W29:28 (13:13)
QUARTER-FINAL	
@ Astrakhanochka	W26:32 (14:16)
vs Astrakhanochka	W29:28 (15:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Tamara Horacek (FRA)	39
2. Katarina Jezic (CRO)	38
3. Gnonsiane Niombla (FRA)	29
4. Gabriella Tóth (HUN)	25
5. Simone Böhme (DEN)	21

FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Siófok KC	6	5	1	0	181 : 154	27	11
2. H.C. Dunarea Braila	6	3	1	2	170 : 167	3	7
3. Kuban	6	2	2	2	130 : 120	10	6
4. Fleury Loiret Handball	6	0	0	6	104 : 144	-40	0

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Winners (1): 2018/19

Hungarian league: -

Hungarian cup: -



Zdravko Zovko

Coach

- legendary former player, won gold with Yugoslavia at 1984 Olympics and silver and bronze at World Championships
- won Men's European Champions Cup as coach with Zagreb in 1992 and 1993, and bronze with Croatia at EHF EURO 1994
- started coaching 30 years ago and has plied his trade in Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Germany, Italy and Russia
- prior to signing for Siófok in October 2020, he served as an assistant to Gábor Danyi at Györi Audi ETO KC
- named best Croatian handball coach three times: in 1994, 1995 and 2002

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016; EURO: B 1994, WCh: S 1995 (as coach)
OG: G 1984; WCh: S 1982, B 1974 (as player)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
7	Melinda	Szikora	HUN	Goalkeeper	19.11.1988	Kiskunhalas, HUN	175
8	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Wing	17.08.1991	Randers, DEN	169
9	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12.11.1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	168
10	Fanni	Juhász	HUN	Centre Back	10.01.2002	Mohács, HUN	168
11	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Left Back	05.11.1995	Pozega, CRO	178
13	Camille	Aoustin	FRA	Left Wing	13.02.1990	Cherbourg, FRA	170
16	Julia	Krasznai	HUN	Goalkeeper	15/03/2005	Kaposvár, HUN	170
17	Katarina	Ježić	CRO	Line Player	19.12.1992	Rijeka, CRO	173
18	Zea	Kadlicsek	HUN	Right Wing	17.07.2001	Budapest, HUN	173
21	Csilla	Mazak-Németh	HUN	Right Back	21.01.1989	Budapest, HUN	178
23	Nelli	Such	HUN	Right Wing	12.05.1992	Békéscsaba, HUN	178
23	Nikoletta	Kiss	HUN	Right Back	23.07.1996	Budapest, HUN	180
24	Hanga	Balogh	HUN	Left Back	23.04.2002	Miskolc, HUN	182
27	Fanni	Mistina	HUN	Goalkeeper	07.02.2002	Békéscsaba, HUN	174
29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre Back	09.07.1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	172
28	Nikoletta	Kiss	HUN	Right Back	23.07.1996	Budapest, HUN	180
30	Kira	Kolumban	HUN	Line Player	06.04.2005	Székesfehérvár, HUN	172
C 31	Szilvia	Kocsis	HUN	Left Back	22.07.2004	Budapest, HUN	173
32	Andrea	Kobetic	CRO	Left Back	13.11.1985	Zagreb, CRO	186
33	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left Back	18.06.1987	Budapest, HUN	187
44	Laura	Lapos	HUN	Left Back	12.02.2002	Siófok, HUN	176
77	Kincső	Csapo	HUN	Goalkeeper	11.12.2001	Dunaujváros, HUN	178
96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23.09.1996	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	175

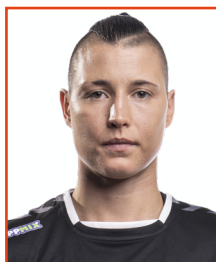


Zsuzsanna Tomori

Left back

- started playing handball at age 12, made debut in Hungarian league at 17
- had two stints playing for Győr (2007-10 and 2015-19), winning six domestic leagues and three CL trophies
- awarded the Hungarian player of the year award three times: in 2012, 2015 and 2016
- was CL top scorer in 2012/2013, with 95 goals

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019, EHF Cup 2019, Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012
EURO: B 2012



Katarina Jezic

 @katarinajezic17

Line player

- Siófok is her fourth club, after Lokomotiva Zagreb, Buducnost, and Baia Mare
- led Croatia to bronze at EHF EURO 2020, the team's first medal at a major event
- CL finalist with Buducnost in the 2013/14 season, losing against Győr
- playing for Siófok since 2017 and won EHF Cup in 2018/19 with the club

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019
EURO: B 2020



Andrea Kobetic

 @penka1985

Left back

- was CL top scorer in 2014/15 and EHF Cup top scorer in 2018/19
- played for five teams in her career: Lokomotiva Zagreb, Podravka Vegeta, RK Krim Mercator, Vardar Skopje and Siófok
- lost CL final twice with Vardar: in 2017 and 2018
- All-star left back of WCh 2011; retired from Croatian national team in 2016

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



Simone Böhme

 @simonebohme

Right wing

- has played for five clubs in her career, including three in her native Denmark, before joining CSM Bucuresti in January 2017 and Siófok in the summer that year
- named best player of Danish league in 2013, when she was playing for Silkeborg-Voel
- has played for the Danish national team in 33 games since 2015, but failed to make the cut for the EHF EURO 2020 in her home country, where the team finished fourth

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010, 2019

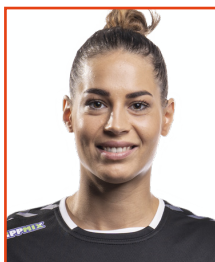


Melinda Szikora

 @sziki_

Goalkeeper

- has always played in Hungary, with stints at Alba Fehervar, FTC and Siófok, but is set to move to SG BBM Bietigheim, in Germany, in the summer of 2021
- an outspoken and eccentric character, Szikora dons the number 7 shirt at Siófok
- loves doing extreme sports, including bungee jumping, but has reduced it after two knee surgeries
- passionate photographer since her years at FTC



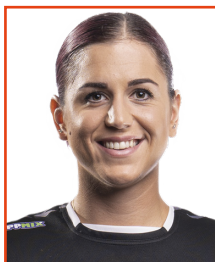
Júlia Hársfalvi

 @julcsi1112

Left wing

- won CL with Győr in 2017 and played one season each for DVSC and German side Metzgingen before arriving at Siófok in 2019
- will join Hungarian league rivals FTC in the summer of 2021
- made national team debut for Hungary in 2017

EC trophies: CL 2017



Tamara Horacek

 @tamara_horacek

Left back

- French international, who joined Siófok in the summer of 2020 for her first foreign club after playing for Metz Handball and Issy Paris
- daughter of former Croatian player Vesna Horacek, who won CL with Krim in 2001
- born in Croatia, followed her mother when she moved to France in 2004 and started to play for Metz; made debut for club's A team in 2013, the same year her mother retired
- won Olympic silver and EHF EURO bronze in 2016, missed EURO 2018 with knee injury

OG: S 2016; EURO: B 2016



Gnonsiane Niombla

 @gnons29

Centre back

- French international, who arrived at Siófok in 2019, her fifth club in the past 10 years
- previously played for CSM Bucuresti (2016-18) and Metz Handball (2018/19), and will return to France in summer of 2021 to join Paris 92
- creative player with dazzling speed, can play both as left back and as centre back
- part of French team that won WCh 2017 and home EHF EURO 2018

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

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Kit colours

Light

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Player short: purple
GK shirt: blue/yellow

Dark

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



Playing hall

IBF Arena
Stadion Allé 2b
7430 Ikast
Denmark
Capacity: 2,250

HERNING-IKAST HÅNDBOLD



ROAD TO THE EHF FINALS

GROUP PHASE

vs HC Zvezda W34:35 (15:13)
@ Paris 92 L26:23 (14:12)
@ Vaci NKSE W26:38 (13:21)
vs Vaci NKSE W39:29 (19:13)
@HC Zvezda W31:39 (13:18)
vs Paris 92 W25:23 (13:12)

QUARTER-FINAL

@ Handball Club Lada W27:29 (17:17)
vs Handball Club Lada W28:25 (13:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Helene Fauske (NOR)	51
2. Stine Skogrand (NOR)	31
3. Emma Friis (DEN)	30
4. Michaela Møller (DEN)	25
5. Ingvild Bakkerud (NOR)	23

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Herning-Ikast Håndbold	6	5	0	1	198 : 160	38	10
2. HC Zvezda	6	3	0	3	135 : 135	0	6
3. Paris 92	6	3	0	3	93 : 101	-8	6
4. Vaci NKSE	6	1	0	5	150 : 180	-30	2

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Fourth place (1): 2013/14
Semi-finals (1): 2002/03
Quarter-finals (4): 1998/99, 2004/05, 2016/17, 2017/18

EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 2001/02, 2010/11
Runners-up (1): 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup:

Winners (2): 2003/04, 2014/15

Champions Trophy:

Winners (1): 1997/98

City Cup:

Winners (1): 1997/98
Runners-up (1): 1996/97

Danish league: 4 titles (1998, 2011, 2013, 2015)

Danish cup: 8 titles (1990, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019)



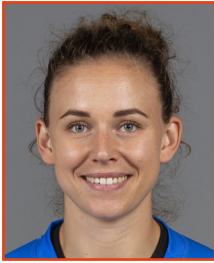
Kasper Christensen

Coach

- took over as head coach from Mathias Madsen in July 2020
- coached SønderjyskE in the Danish men's league the previous three seasons
- began his coaching career as an assistant at TM Tønder
- previously played for Tønder and was known for being a playmaker with good game vision

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jessica	Ryde	SWE	Goalkeeper	18.05.1994	Östra Torn, SWE	185
2	Frida Norgaard	Pedersen	DEN	Line Player	16.04.2001	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	169
3	Caroline Dahl	Busk	DEN	Centre Back	26.07.2001	Vejle, DEN	178
4	Michala Elsberg	Møller	DEN	Centre Back	16.02.2000	Aalborg, DEN	175
5	Vilde Ingeborg	Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25.07.1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182
6	Cecilie Højgaard	Brandt	DEN	Right Wing	16.11.2001	Viborg, DEN	169
C 7	Stine Ruscetta	Skogrand	NOR	Right Back	03.03.1993	Bergen, NOR	173
8	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Centre Back	31.01.1997	Bærum, NOR	177
10	Naja Nissen	Kristensen	DEN	Left Wing	10.08.1999	Ikast-Brande, DEN	177
11	Sarah	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	10.04.1990	Frederiksberg, DEN	177
12	Anne Christine	Bossen	DEN	Goalkeeper	14.10.2003	Aarhus, DEN	176
15	Emma	Uhrskov Friis	DEN	Left Wing	31.10.1999	Herning, DEN	162
16	Sabine	Englert	GER	Goalkeeper	27.11.1981	Aschaffenburg, GER	183
17	Simone Cathrine	Petersen	DEN	Right Wing	28.08.1997	Ringsted, DEN	177
19	Lin	Johannsen	DEN	Left Wing	08.03.2002	Tinglev, DEN	171
20	Mathilde Hoy	Troelsen	DEN	Left Back	06.07.2003	Holstebro, DEN	181
21	Ingvild Kristiansen	Bakkerud	NOR	Left Back	09.07.1995	Kongsberg, NOR	184
22	Olivia Mathilde	Simonsen	DEN	Left Back	14.08.2000	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	185
23	Liv Sveinbjornsdottir	Poulsen	FAR	Right Wing	27.12.2001	Vestmanna, FAR	173
24	Mathilde Berner	Romer	DEN	Goalkeeper	19.04.2003	København, DEN	180
28	Mie Sophie	Sando	NOR	Line Player	26.10.1993	Tonsberg, NOR	182
29	Nanna Lovig	Rasmussen	DEN	Line Player	03.07.2003	Holstebro, DEN	181
47	Julie Mathiesen	Scaglione	DEN	Left Back	20.08.2004	Aarhus, DEN	175
77	Line Nørgaard	Hougaard	DEN	Right Wing	06.10.1999	Herning, DEN	163
	Emma Caroline	Petersen	DEN		13.11.2001		
	Wilma Henriette	Krautmeyer	DEN		07.03.2002		



Jessica Ryde

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Goalkeeper

- joined from H65 Höör in 2017, after winning the Swedish title with the club in 2017 and the Challenge Cup in 2014
- ended 2020 with the top save percentage in the Danish league – 43.2
- played her first major championship with Sweden at EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2014



Stine Skogrand

@sskogi

Right back

- joined from league rivals and neighbours Silkeborg-Voel KFUM in 2018
- returned from maternity leave for 2019/20 and had the best international season of her career, scoring 40 goals in the EHF Cup
- played vital role in Norway's EHF EURO 2020 gold in defence and attack
- married to Norwegian international and Skjern right back Eivind Tangen

EURO: G 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Helene Gigstad Fauske

@helenefauske

Centre back

- joined from Norwegian side Stabæk IF in 2017
- flexible and creative playmaker with a fine eye for the game and a good shot
- main goal scorer for the team since years: netted 51 times in the EHF European League 2020/21, 53 in EHF Cup 2019/20, and 70 in EHF Cup 2018/19
- made national team debut in 2017, won WCh silver with Norway six months later

WCh: S 2017



Ingvild Kristiansen Bakkerud

@bakkerud

Left back

- joined from league rivals Odense in the summer of 2020
- had breakthrough season in 2018/19, scoring 43 goals in CL for Odense
- the 187cm-tall left back is renowned for her powerful back court shooting
- won bronze at Junior WCh 2012, played first major event with Norway at WCh 2019, was reserve at EHF EURO 2020



Sabine Englert

Goalkeeper

- most experienced player in the squad, joined Herning-Ikast in 2009
- has played in semi-finals of CL, EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and Challenge Cup
- won EHF Cup (2011) and Cup Winners' Cup (2015) with Herning-Ikast
- former German international, who made her debut in 2001 and won bronze at WCh 2007 before retiring from the national team in 2009

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011, CWC 2015
WCh: B 2007



Naja Nissen Kristensen

 @najanissenkristensen

Left wing

- playing for Herning-Ikast since she left her youth club Brande HK when she was 12, though she spent one season on loan with Ringkøbing Håndbold, in 2018/19
- her brother, Rasmus Nissen, is a soccer player for Red Bull Salzburg in Austria
- described as an atypical winger, with plenty of speed, but also a penchant for duels against other players



Mie Sophie Sandø

 @miesophies

Line player

- Norwegian line player, who came out of retirement to join Herning-Ikast in 2020
- this is her second stint in Denmark, after playing a season for SønderjyskE (2013/14)
- played CL final with Larvik in 2013, also played for Stabaek and Haslum in Norway
- initially retired in early 2020 to focus on her work at Norwegian Players' Association



Cecilie Højgaard Brandt

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Right wing

- born in Viborg, she joined Herning-Ikast in 2018 at the age of 17
- was crucial in the first semi-final against Lada, scoring five times as Herning-Ikast won the game in Russia 31:29; has scored 16 times in the EHF European League so far
- gained useful experience in the club's under-19 team before making the A team
- playing third European season with Herning/Ikast, scoring 28 goals in total

I SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Sunday 9 May 2021

3/4 Placement Match (14:45 CEST):

Loser Nantes Atlantique Handball/CS Minaur Baia Mare vs Loser Siófok KC/Herning-Ikast Håndbold

Referees: Malgorzata Lidacka, Urszula Lesiak (POL)

Final (18:00 CEST):

Winner Nantes Atlantique Handball/CS Minaur Baia Mare vs Winner Siófok KC/Herning-Ikast Håndbold

Referees: Ana Vranes, Marlis Wenninger (AUT)

I POTENTIAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN POTENTIAL FINALISTS

Nantes Atlantique Handball vs Siófok KC 1-0-1 (58:61) 2:2

10.11.2019	Nantes Atlantique Handball vs Siófok KC Hungary, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	24:32 (12:16)
16.11.2019	Siófok KC Hungary vs Nantes Atlantique Handball, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	29:34 (15:13)

Nantes Atlantique Handball vs Herning-Ikast Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Minaur Baia Mare vs Siófok KC

No previous encounters in European competitions

CS Minaur Baia Mare vs Herning-Ikast Håndbold 1-0-1 (50:61) 2:2

03.11.2007	HCM Baia Mare vs Ikast Bording Elite Håndbold, EHF Cup – Round 3	29:26 (14:15)
10.11.2007	Ikast Bording Elite Håndbold vs HCM Baia Mare, EHF Cup – Round 3	35:21 (20:7)

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF A DRAW IN REGULAR TIME?

All matches of the EHF Finals Women shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes.

If a Semi-final match or the Final ends in a draw, there will be a five minutes break followed by one extra time of 2 x 5 minutes, there will be a one minute half time break at half time for the changeover of teams.

If the placement match 3/4 ends in a draw, there shall be no extra time, the match will be decided directly by penalty throws.

If penalty throws are needed to decide the match, the procedure is as follows:

- 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.
- At the technical meeting the teams will be informed at which goal the penalty throws will be 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.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five 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.
- 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 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.

CURRENT TOP SCORERS



51 goals

Helene Fauske

*Herning-Ikast
Håndbold*

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Helene Fauske (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Håndbold	51
2	Bruna De Paula (BRA)	Nantes Atlantique Handball	46
	Amanda Kurtovic (NOR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	46
4	Jovana Kovacevic (SRB)	CS Minaur Baia Mare	42
5	Maria Kanaval (BLR)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	41
6	Tamara Horacek (FRA)	Siófok KC	39
7	Katarina Jezic (CRO)	Siófok KC	38
8	Marina Dmitrovic (SRB)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	37
9	Marta Gega (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin	34
10	Aneta Udristioiu (ROU)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	33
	Valeriia Kirdiasheva (RUS)	Handball Club Lada	33
12	Natalia Nikitina (RUS)	HC Zvezda	32
13	Stine Skogrand (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Håndbold	31
14	Guro Nestaker (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	31
15	Emma Uhrskov Friis (DEN)	Herning-Ikast Håndbold	30
	Maja Jakobsen (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	30
	Emilie Hovden (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	30
	Jelena Lavko (SRB)	CS Minaur Baia Mare	30
19	Gnonsiane Niombla (FRA)	Siófok KC	29
	Veronika Nikitina (RUS)	Handball Club Lada	29
21	Déborah Kpodar (FRA)	Nantes Atlantique Handball	28

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