

# MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23 GROUP PHASE

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## I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the EHF European League Women group phase for the 2022/23 season. The competition is now in its third season and already the qualification phase has shown the quality of the clubs taking part.

Over the upcoming six rounds the 16 teams in the group phase will fight for a place in the quarter-finals, and ultimately a spot in the EHF Finals Women in May. Last season's final weekend in Viborg showcased some top-class handball and winners SG BBM Bietigheim are now demonstrating their quality in the EHF Champions League Women.

That leaves a place open for a new champion. 2021 champions Les Neptunes de Nantes are back and will face Ikast Håndbold, third last year, in the group phase. They are among teams from seven nations still in the competition, including four Hungarian sides and three from Norway.

In group A, recent EHF Champions League contenders BV Borussia 09 Dortmund from Germany are set to meet Siófok KC – who have had plenty of success at European level in the past – as well as Molde Elite from Norway and ES Besançon Féminin from France.

European League debutantes Fana join Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC alongside Nantes and Ikast in group B. In group C, Nykøbing Falster Håndbold will fancy their chances after beating last season's finalists and fellow Danish side Viborg HK in the last qualification round, but they face regular Champions League participants HC Podravka Vegeta, Hungary's DVSC Schaeffler and last season's quarter-finalists Sola HK from Norway.

Group D features an interesting blend of teams from France, Hungary, Romania, and Germany, as Paris 92, Praktiker-Vác, SCM Ramnicu Valcea, and Thüringer HC will battle it out for the coveted quarter-final spots.

We pride ourselves with an excellent cooperation with media covering the EHF competitions both on the club and national team level. This document will guide you through the EHF European League Women group phase and offers plenty of information on all 16 teams and their players.

Should you have any questions related to this competition do not hesitate to contact us.

FHF Media & Communications Team

# I HANDBALLS GET FRESH LOOK FOR THE NEW SEASON

New season, new look! The official SELECT SPORT match balls for the 2022/23 season of the EHF European League appear in a high-class and fresh design.

In line with the competition's brand identity introduced in 2020, the new EHF European League ball showcases a dynamic and powerful design with the official social media hashtag #ehfel prominently printed over it.

The hand-sewn ball is made of extremely hard-wearing synthetic leather material and a patented zero-wing bladder inside the ball ensures optimal roundness. The new balls were first introduced at both EHF Finals 2022 events – for women, on 14/15 May in Viborg; for men, on 28/29 May in Lisbon.





#### Only one click away - the Home of Handball Shop

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



## I ALL EYES ON THE EHF FINALS

The EHF Finals mark the highlight weekend of the EHF European League season. The 2023 event will be held across the weekend of 13/14 May 2023 and will be the third edition of the final event introduced in 2021.

The premier EHF Finals Women were played at the Sala Polivalenta Lascar Pana in Baia Mare, Romania and saw the French team of Nantes Atlantique Handball becoming the first-ever winner of the EHF European League Women. Last season, at the Energi Viborg EHF Finals 2022, SG BBM Bietigheim celebrated the title after their win in the final against Viborg HK.

## I THE WINNERS' TROPHY AWAITS

SG BBM Bietigheim not only celebrated a spectacular win in Viborg but became only the second team in history to lift the coveted EHF European League trophy. The design has been revealed on the fringes of the start of 2020/21 season and will be seen after final battles also in many seasons to come.

Aligned with the concept of the EHF Champions League trophy, the core idea of the EHF European League trophy is to represent a goal as the main objective of the sport, to reflect the dynamic movement of a ball hitting the target and to transmit handball as a team sport by forming the net in the shape of a shield. The design is the same for both men's and women's competitions and every element from the font to the logo fits the competition identity. The concept was developed by a Spanish agency based in Barcelona, which specialises in the design and production of environmentally responsible trophies. The medals are made from the removed material of the net structure, which means that every player gets a piece of the trophy for himself and herself.







## I DIGITAL CHANNELS

#### BE PART OF THE #EHFEL COMMUNITY

Social media, app, newsletter – fans have the opportunity to follow the EHF European League and their favourite teams on multiple digital channels!

#### FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Join the conversation and engage with the EHFEL family on social media! The EHF European League accounts give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news.

In addition to dedicated EHF European League channels on Facebook (EHF European League), Twitter (@ehfel\_official) and Instagram (@ehfel\_official). Fans can also check out the Home of Handball channels on YouTube (The Home of Handball), Twitch (HomeofHandball) and TikTok (@homeofhandball).

#### HOME OF HANDBALL APP

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

The app allows for each user and all fans of the EHF European League to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

Click here to download the App

# I EHFTV

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

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

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

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

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF European League, whenever it is played. It's time for more handball! Join EHFTV and get ready for a new handball era.





# I EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN TO BE BROADCAST ACROSS EUROPE

Handball fans in over 20 European countries will be able to follow all the action as the EHF European League Women group phase gets underway. Broadcasters across the Continent have signed up to show matches from the second-tier European competition, which starts its group phase this Saturday (7 January 2023). There will also be comprehensive streamed coverage on the EHF's on-demand platform, EHFTV, throughout the group phase. Fans in Austria, Spain, Germany, Türkiye and the UK will be able to watch the group phase on EHFTV before local broadcasters pick up coverage for the later stages of the competition, particularly the EHF Finals.

#### TV PARTNERS BROADCASTING THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23



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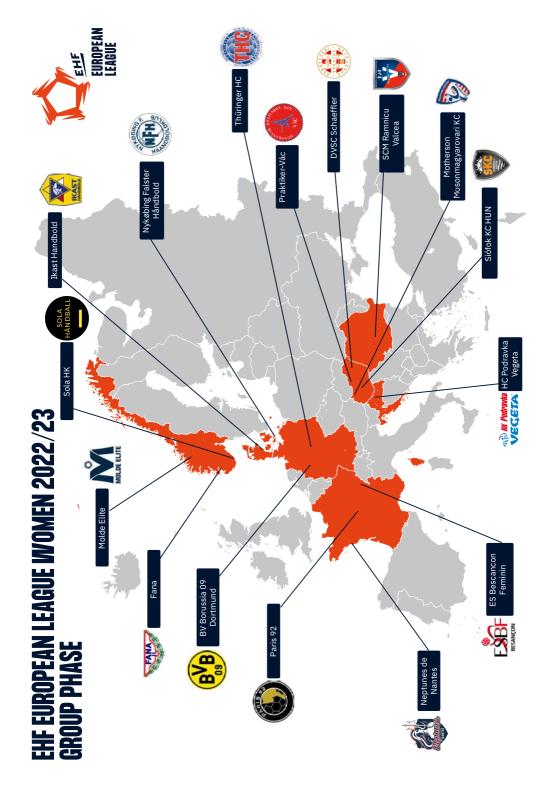
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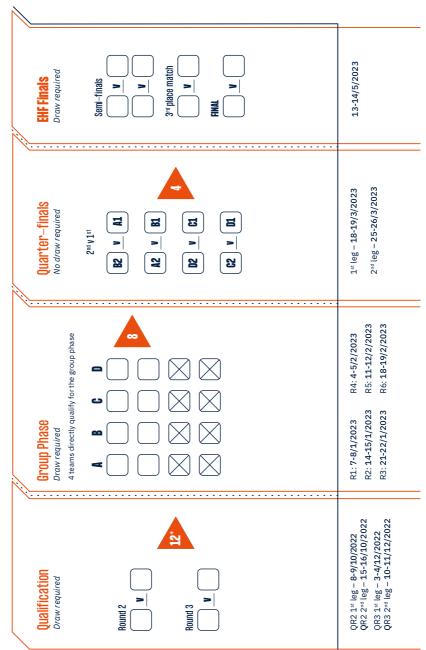
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# EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE IVOMEN 2022/23 SEASON Playing system and dates





# **I 7 NATIONS, 4 HUNGARIAN TEAMS, 1 FORMER WINNER**

#### FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23 GROUP PHASE

The group phase of the EHF European League Women 2022/23 is ready for throw-off. A total of 37 teams started the competition, 42 qualification matches were played, and 48 group matches are ahead.

Before the 16 teams left in the competition enter the road to the quarter-final, here are the most interesting stats.

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European competition debutant - Fana from Norway - are part of the group phase.

- 1 former European League champion is among the 16 group phase participants: Nantes, winners of the inaugural edition in 2020/21.
- 1 former EHF FINAL4 participant is part of the group phase: Ikast, who played in Budapest in 2014 as FC Midtjylland.
- **1** goal was the narrowest winning margin in the last qualification round: Mosonmagyarovar beat Buzau 52:51 on aggregate.
- 1 qualification tie was decided by a shootout: Lubin vs Koprivnica; both legs ended in a draw, the Croatian side won the shootout.
- 1 former EHF Champions League (CL) finalist plays in the European League group phase this season: Ramnicu Valcea (2010 against Viborg).
- 1 team that competed at the EHF Finals 2022 is part of the 2022/23 group phase: Ikast; winners Bietighiem play in the CL, Viborg lost to Ikast in qualication, Baia Mare do not play internationally.
- 2 teams that played CL last season are part of the group phase: Dortmund and Podravka.

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teams that competed at the inaugural EHF Finals 2021 play in the 2022/23 group phase: winners Nantes, runners-up Siófok and Ikast Handbold

- 3 winners of the former Cup Winners' Cup are part of the group phase: Ikast (twice winners as FCM and Ikast Bording), Valcea and Besancon.
- 3 teams have played the group phase in all three seasons so far: Ikast, Nantes, and Vác.
- **3** group phase participants from last season now play in the CL: winners Bietigheim (GER), Storhamar (NOR), and Zagreb (CRO).
- 4 teams have come through two qualification round to make it to the group phase: Nykøbing, Siófok, Thüringer HC, and Fana.
- 4 Hungarian teams are part of the group phase: Siófok, Mosonmagyarovar, DVSC, and Vác; Norway and France are represented by three teams each, Denmark and Germany by two.
- 4 teams were seeded for the group phase: Ikast, DVSC, Paris 92, and Molde.
- 7 group phase teams also played the group phase last season: Nantes, Besancon, Ramnicu Valcea, Vác, Ikast, Sola, and Mosonmagyarovar.
- **37** goals was the biggest winning margin in the last qualifaction round, when Dortmund beat Zeleznicar 74:37 on aggregate.
- **2,303** goals were scored in the two qualification rounds: 960 in 17 matches of round 1 (one match was not played) and 1343 in 24 matches of round 2; an average of 55.1 goals per match.



# **CLUBS**

# **GROUP A PREVIEW**

# BVB

#### **EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE COMES TO THE FORE**

Seasoned forces and newer faces come together in group A. BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, ES Besancon Feminin and Siófok KC are more than familiar with European tournaments, while for Molde Elite it is a new experience to reach the group stage. Exciting showdowns and big challenges are in the works in group A.

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund have reached the EHF Champions League playoffs in the past two seasons, but this year new challenges await. Dortmund was a fixture in the EHF Cup and Challenge Cup for many years and the German club lifted the Challenge Cup in 2002/03 for the first and last time. As they play their first European League season, get ready to see players like Meret Ossenkopp curl the ball into the goal from the right wing.

French side ES Besancon Feminin are ready to make things difficult for the other teams in the group. For more than 25 years, Besancon have managed to be part of the international scene, with several participations in the quarter-finals and finals of the EHF Cup Winners' Cup, among other highlights. Last season, Besancon reached the quarter-finals of the European League. However, they were beaten by the defending champions from Germany, SG BBM Bietigheim, who impressed most with their fast play.

The Norwegian team in group A, Molde Elite, is part of the group stage of a European tournament for the first time in the club's history. In 2020/21 and 2021/22, Molde made it to qualification round 3 before being knocked out. Now, the club have the opportunity to break into European handball. Among others, the Obaidli sisters Sherin and Mona are ready to give it their all and show what the Norwegian side is capable of in an international context.

Hungary is always front and centre when it comes to international handball - and here Siófok KC are absolutely no exception. In the 2020/21 season, Siófok KC played right to the end when, in the very first EHF Finals Women, they met Nantes in the final, where they were beaten. Siófok do have experience of a European trophy, however, as they lifted the EHF Cup in 2018/19 after beating Team Esbjerg. Whether Siófok can repeat the trick in 2022/23, only time will tell

Ida Hummeluhr







# I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

#### PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP A

#### BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs ES Besancon Feminin 2-0-0 (48:44) 4:0

19.03.2000ESBF Besancon vs Borussia Dortmund, EHF Cup – Quarter-final22:23 (12:9)26.03.2000Borussia Dortmund vs ESBF Besancon, EHF Cup – Quarter-final25:22 (10:12)

#### BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Molde Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Siófok KC**

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### ES Besancon Feminin vs Molde Elite

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### ES Besancon Feminin vs Siófok KC

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Molde Elite vs Siófok KC

No previous encounters in European competitions

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white Player short: grey Goalkeeper shirt: turquoise

#### Dark

Player shirt: black Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: black



Playing hall Helmut-Körnig-Halle Strobelallee 40 44139 Dortmund Germany Capacity: 4,500

# **BV BORUSSIA 09 DORTMUND**



Many things have changed at Borussia Dortmund in the last months – they have a new coach, a new squad with many young newcomers, and this international competition is new ground for the handball section of the famous football club.

However, in their debut season of the EHF European League Women, they are aiming high.

- after two seasons in the EHF Champions League, reaching the play-offs both times, Dortmund are making their debut in the European League
- the squad has changed a lot 11 new players arrived, 12 players left the club
- in October, Dortmund parted ways with coach Andre Fuhr and replaced him with Henk Groener
- last season, defending champions Dortmund finished second in the German Bundesliga
- they won EHF Challenge Cup in 2003 and were runnersup in the EHF Cup in 1997

The domestic and international start for new Borussia coach Henk Groener was successful. In the German Bundesliga, the former Netherlands and Germany national team coach and Borussia have won all matches, including the two easy-going European League qualifiers against Serbian champions Zeleznicar.

Groener took over the club after Andre Fuhr left in a difficult situation, as also German internationals Amelie Berger and Mia Zschocke left the club in October.

With his long-term experience in international women's handball, Groener seems to be the right coach. Although, as for the whole club, the European League is a new experience for Groener, reaching the quarter-finals or further seems to be manageable.

#### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League Women**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

#### **EHF Champions League Women**

Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

#### **EHF Cup**

Runners-up (1): 1996/97 1/2 finals (1): 1999/00 1/4 finals (1): 1998/99

#### **Challenge Cup**

Winners (1): 2002/03 1/4 final (1): 2003/04

#### **Cup Winners' Cup**

1/2 finals (2): 1994/95, 1997/98





#### HENK GROENER

#### Coach

- Dutch coach took over in November 2022 after previous coach Andre Fuhr was dismissed
- had strong knowledge of the club's German players as he was German women's coach from 2018 to 2022
  - led the Dutch national team to the 2015 WCh final
- played over 200 times for the Netherlands' men's team and coached them from 2002 to 2005

WCh: S 2015 (coach)

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Mia Zschocke (Storhamar)
Amelie Berger (HSG Bensheim/Auerbach)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Norah	Kothen	GER	Goalkeeper	04/05/2005		171
С	4	Alina	Grijseels	GER	Centre Back	12/04/1996		175
	6	Zöe	Sprengers	NED	Left Wing	19/01/2000		166
	8	Maraike	Kusian	GER	Right Wing	20/08/2002		176
	9	Lisa	Antl	GER	Line Player	21/06/2000		172
	11	Harma Anna C	Cornelia van Kreij	NED	Left Back	11/11/1993		175
	12	Sophie Amalie	eMoth	DEN	Goalkeeper	16/09/1998		176
	15	Madita	Kohorst	GER	Goalkeeper	14/10/1996	Lohne, GER	183
	16	Yara	Ten Holte	NED	Goalkeeper	23/11/1999		175
	22	Meret	Ossenkopp	GER	Right Wing	21/06/1998		175
	23	Haruno	Sasaki	JPN	Left Back	26/02/1995		172
	29	Emma	Olsson	SWE	Line Player	20/08/1997		180
	30	Frida Nåmo	Rønning	NOR	Centre Back	03/02/1997		165
	31	Zoe	Stens	GER	Line Player	23/03/2000		170
	33	Anna-Lena	Hausherr	GER	Left Wing	07/07/2001		165
	66	Dana	Bleckmann	GER	Left Back	09/05/2001	Kempen, GER	179
	94	Sara	Garovic	SRB	Back	22/08/1994	Beograd, SRB	172
		Lyna	Schwarz	GER	Left Back	17/03/2004		
		Mara	Birk	GER	Right Wing	06/05/2005		
		Mia Elisa	Bomnüter	GER	Right Wing	08/04/2005		



#### YARA TEN HOLTE

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#### Goalkeeper

- joined Borussia in 2018 for her first international adventure
- made her Dutch national team debut in 2021 and impressed as their number one keeper at EHF EURO 2022
- set to join Danish side Odense in the summer of 2023
- graduated with a Master of Science from VU Amsterdam in 2022



#### ALINA GRIJSFFI S



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#### Centre back

- plays her eighth season already for BVB after having transferred to Dortmund at the age of 18
- played for all German youth and junior national teams, highlighted by the silver medal at the U18 World Championship in 2014
- co-captain of the German national team and a versatile back court player
- had her debut in the German women's team in 2018 and was their top scorer at EHF EURO 2022 with 44 goals



**ZOË SPRENGERS** 



#### Left wing

- speedy left wing made the move to Dortmund from Leverkusen in the summer of 2022
- made her major championship debut for Netherlands at the 2021 WCh
- has impressed at underage level, winning the European Youth beach handball Championship in 2016 and silver at the W19 EHF EURO where she was the all-star left wing



HARMA VAN KRFI.I

#### Left back

- left back who can contribute at both ends of the court
- joined Krim in summer of 2019 from Borussia Dortmund to be able to play in the Champions League
- impressed with 82 goals over three seasons in Europe's top flight competition
- returned to Dortmund last summer

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: red Player short: redblack Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

#### Dark

Player shirt: black Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: blue



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# **ES BESANCON** FEMININ



After reaching the quarter-final of the EHF European League for the first time last season, the French club aim to repeat this performance again: 20 years after their Cup Winners' Cup victory, Besançon are back on track in the EHF European League.

- ESBF are into their second second in the European League
- last year, Besancon lost to eventual champions Bietigheim in the quarter-final (59:43 on aggregate)
- Besancon played the final of the French cup, losing to Metz Handball, and finished fourth in the domestic league
- the roster is pretty much the same as last season, as only three players left last summer and four others arrived
- coach Sébastien Mizoule took over the team in July 2020
- best European result for the club dates back to 2003, when it won the Cup Winners' Cup with players like Raphaëlle Tervel and Valérie Nicolas

After defeating Bera Bera in the second qualification round, the club from the East of France will try to match its performance from last season.

In order to do so, coach Sébastien Mizoule will be able to work with a team that has not changed much since last season, with only three new players. This collective experience should be one of the ways to make up for Besançon's youth, as only six players are aged 25 and above. But their performances in 2021/22 proved that qualify does not always come with age.

Last season, ESBF had their guarter-finals debut in the European League. 12 years since the club had reached that level in any European competition, and it already felt an achievement, especially since the roster is mainly composed of young developing players.

This season again, only six players are 25 or older, while only two are aged above 30. "The goal is to match last year's performance and to reach the quarter-finals," says coach Sébastien Mizoule, hopeful that players like Audrey Dembélé, Lucie Granier and Clarisse Mairot will lift the club up.

#### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF European League Women**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2

Quarter-final (1): 2021/22

#### **EHF Champions League**

Quarter-final (1): 1998/99 Group Matches (1): 2001/02

#### **EHF Cup**

Quarter-final (1): 1999-2000 Last 16 (1): 2003/04 Group Phase (1): 2018/19

#### **EHF Challenge Cup**

Quarter-final (1): 2009/10

#### **Cup Winners' Cup**

Winners (1): 2002/03 Semi-final (1): 2000/01 Quarter-final (1): 2005/06

French league: 4 titles (1998, 1999, 2001, 2003)

French cup: 4 titles (2001-03, 2005)





# SÉBASTIEN MIZOULE



- arrived at the club in 2016, first as head of the training centre
- took over as Besancon coach in July 2021, replacing Raphaëlle Tervel who had been the head coach for six years
- prior to arriving in Besançon in 2016, he was assistant coach in Nîmes for four seasons
- rejected an approach from elsewhere and committed to the club until 2024

#### **ARRIVALS**

Tonje Lerstad (Sola HK) Nada Corovic (Zork Jagodina) Ivana Dezic (Lokomotiva Zagreb) Clémentine Chardaire Laury Sidicina Léa Pobelle

#### **DEPARTURES**

Roxanne Frank (Paris 92) Aleksandra Rosiak (Krim Mercator Ljubljana) Line Uno Jensen (Ikast Handbold) Juliette Mairot (Palente Besançon)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Tonje	Haug Lerstad	NOR	Goalkeeper	09/10/1996	Trondheim, NOR	176
	3	Nada	Corovic	MNE	Left Back	16/12/2000	Niksic, MNE	180
	4	Mathilde	Roy	FRA	Right Back	04/06/2002	Lons Le Saulnier, FR	A 172
	7	Alizée	Frecon	FRA	Centre Back	06/07/1994	Besançon, FRA	165
	8	Clarisse	Mairot	FRA	Left Back	27/01/2001	Besançon, FRA	170
	9	Léa	Cuenot	FRA	Line Player	25/03/2001	Besancon, FRA	176
	10	Louise	Cusset	FRA	Line Player	25/06/1998	Rueil Malmaison, FR	A182
	13	Camille	Aoustin	FRA	Left Wing	13/02/1990	Cherbourg, FRA	170
	14	Ema	Cordier	FRA	Right Wing	04/03/2003	Besançon, FRA	171
	15	Kiara	Tshimanga	FRA	Left Wing	23/11/2002	Colombes, FRA	164
	20	Ivana	Dežic	CRO	Right Back	27/07/1994	Varazdin, CRO	179
	21	Florence	Bonnet	FRA	Goalkeeper	21/04/2002	Puy en Velay, FRA	180
С	23	Pauline	Robert	FRA	Line Player	12/12/1996	lure, FRA	172
	28	Lucie	Granier	FRA	Right Wing	11/06/1999	Marseille, FRA	167
	30	Juliette	Faure	FRA	Centre Back	23/10/1999	Nimes, FRA	165
	31	Sabrina	Zazai	FRA	Right Wing	19/10/1994	Grenoble, FRA	170
	39	Natalia	Nosek	POL	Right Back	20/04/1998	Krakow, POL	179
	55	Léa	Pobelle	FRA	Left Wing	16/09/2001	Besançon, FRA	168
	75	Audrey	Dembele	FRA	Left Back	10/03/2001	Paris, FRA	183
	77	Clémentine	Chardaire	FRA	Line Player	17/09/2004	Talence, FRA	180
	87	Sakura	Hauge	NOR	Goalkeeper	07/01/1987	Bergen, NOR	174
	88	Laury	Sidicina	FRA	Left Back	08/02/2005	Baie Mahault, FRA	186



#### TONJE LERSTAD

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#### Goalkeeper

- moved abroad for the first time in the summer of 2022 after one season at Sola
- shone for Sola in the 2021/22 European League as they reached the quarter-finals
- is on the Norway recruit team but has yet to make the breakthrough at senior level
- won a silver medal with Norway at the 2022 World Games in beach handball



#### **LUCIE GRANIER**





#### Right wing

- born in Marseille, she joined Besancon in 2017
- made her national team debut for France in October 2021
- played her first international tournament two months later at the 2021 WCh
- a real offensive talent and is set to join Metz in the summer of 2023

WCh: S 2021



#### AUDREY DEMBELE



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#### Left back

- on a two-season loan from Metz and impressed in the European League with 28 goals last season
- will join Brest Bretagne in the summer of 2023
- made her championship debut for France at EHF EURO 2022, playing three matches
- her twin sister Laureen plays for Nice



#### **CLARISSE MAIROT**

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#### Left back

- a clear leader in the team despite turning just 22 in January 2023
- spent all her career in the club and was coached by current trainer Sébastien Mizoule in her younger years
- comes from a handball family with her aunt Sandrine Delerce a 2003 world champion and her mother, Lucile Mairot, a former French top flight player
- has already been part of French national team camps and an international debut is on the cards

#### **GROUP A**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



Playing hall Molde Arena Aukravegen 34 6413 Molde Norway Capacity: 2,000

# **MOLDE ELITE**



With the first ever group phase in EHF European League, Molde Elite have a lot of exciting things to look forward to face in the near future.

To reach the group phase has been a dream for the team for several years.

"We are debutants in the group phase and for a club that has only been in the top fight in the national league since 2015, that is really amazing to experience," the president of the club, Per Gjerde, says.

- It is the first time Molde Elite have made it to the group phase of European competition
- Last season, they reached the final qualification round, but lost to Chambray Touraine Handball
- Molde have been playing in Norway's top-level domestic league since 2015
- A large part of the successful team is based on newcomers for this season

With a lot of transfers in the summer break, it will be exciting for every handball fan to see what power Molde Elite contains.

The importance and meaning are nothing to be mistaken about.

"This is massive for us. It has been an ambition for us the last three years. Playing on this level is crucial for our development," Gierde says.

Just as the president of Molde Elite tells, there has been development in Molde Elite. The club was founded in 1961 and has thus played through the Norwegian league for several decades.

And now it also applies on the European stage. A year after they in qualification, they have made it to the group phase for 2022/23!

#### PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2022/23): 2 Qualification (1): 2021/22

Norwegian league: -

Norwegian cup: - (runners-up in 2021)





# TOR ODVAR MOEN



- prior to joining Molde in 2020, was a coach at Hungary's Siófok KC
- earlier in his career, coached IL Runar and Larvik HK
- played handball in his younger years
- also known for being active on his Twitter profile, where he shares his own views and opinions

#### **ARRIVALS**

Christine Karlsen Alver (Fana) Rikke Øyerhamn Larsen (Tertnes Bergen) Johanne Halseth Nypan (Byåsen) Celina Vatne (Flint Tønsberg) Mie Blegen Stensrud (LFH09) Helene Voss Sanner (Larvik HK)

#### **DEPARTURES**

Julie Lygren (retired) Elke Karsten (Bourg De Peage) Sofie Rakvåg Roald (retired)



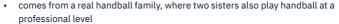
# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Mathilde Bern	er Rømer	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/04/2003	København, DEN	180
	2	Mia Kristine	Strand	NOR	Right Wing	27/04/2001	Trondheim, NOR	167
	3	Christine Karl	sen Alver	NOR	Centre Back	16/07/2000	Bergen, NOR	166
	4	Mona	Obaidli	NOR	Back	17/02/1997	Molde, NOR	175
	5	Rikke Øyerhar	mn Larsen	NOR	Back	23/08/2000	Bergen, NOR	176
	6	Thale	Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	Left Back	15/01/2000	Skien, NOR	178
	7	Johanne Hals	ethNypan	NOR	Right Back	25/06/2003	Kristiansand	171
	8	Vilde	Nerås	NOR	Left Wing	01/05/1997	Ålesund, NOR	172
С	10	Sherin	Obaidli	NOR	Line Player	27/10/1992	Molde, NOR	173
	11	Elise	Skinnehaugen	NOR	Right Back	03/06/1996	Hamar, NOR	168
	12	Catharina Fisk	erstrand Broch	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/06/1998	Oslo, NOR	187
	16	Ine	Karlsen Stangvik	NOR	Goalkeeper	04/04/1990	Oslo, NOR	179
	17	Mie	Blegen Stensrud	NOR	Left Back	19/05/2002	Lillehammer, NOR	178
	18	Torine	Hjelme Dalen	NOR	Left Wing	05/03/2002	Ålesund, NOR	166
	19	Celina	Vatne	NOR	Left Back	20/01/2002	Kristiansand, NOR	183
	20	Synne	Fossheim	NOR	Line Player	21/03/1998	Gjovik, NOR	180
	22	Helene Voss	Sanner	NOR	Line Player	13/02/2000	Bærum, NOR	167
	24	Lise Slemmen	Gussiås	NOR	Goalkeeper	02/02/2004	Molde, NOR	177
	28	Anastasija	Marsenic	MNE	Right Wing	24/02/2003	Ballerup, DEN	173
	31	Tina	Hustad Holen	NOR	Goalkeeper	03/10/2004	Molde, NOR	173
	37	Silje	Rekdal	NOR	Centre Back	17/07/2004	Molde, NOR	178
	38	Lisa	Paulsen Halle	NOR	Line Player	21/04/2004	Molde, NOR	171



MONA ORAIDU

**Back** 



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- at Molde Elite she plays together with sister Sherin
- grew up in Molde
- in the 2021/22 season, Obaidli scored 30 goals in the EHF European League



THALF RUSHFFLDT DFILA



- born in Porsgrunn, Norway, in 2001
- her dad is football coach Ronny Deila
- moved to Sola in the summer of 2021 from Fredrikstad BK
- already a key figure for Sola due to her variety of skills



SHERIN OBAIDLI

#### Line player

- the oldest of the three professional handball players in the Obaidli family
- at Molde Elite, she plays together with younger sister Mona
- Obaidli is the Molde captain
- was born in Bahrain, where she had her first years of life and part of her upbringing in her early childhood years



CHRISTINF KARI SEN ALVER

#### Centre back

- Alver is a young, Norwegian playmaker who originally comes from Bergen
- in her youth, she participated in various tournaments and championships with the Norwegian national team
- played six years for Norwegian club Fana, helping it to move up to the top Norwegian league
- moved to Molde in summer 2022

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#### **GROUP A**



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Playing hall Kiss Szilard Sportcsarnoke Szekrenyessy ut 1 8600 Siofok Hungary Capacity: 1,500

# SIOFOK KC



Siófok won the last completed edition of the Women's EHF Cup in 2019, and finished runners-up in the inaugural edition of the EHF European League Women in 2021. The squad has since changed completely; only current team captain, Nelli Such, participated in both finals.

- Siófok first triumphed over MKS FunFloor Lublin, then beat CS Magura Cisnadie in the final qualifying round to reach the group phase of the European League
- the Hungarian side will face BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, ES Besancon Feminin and Molde Elite in Group A
- two key players left the club, Katarina Jezic and Simone Böhme, both have joined Turkish side Kastamonu Belediyesi

Siófok are having an up-and-down start to their season: from their first 10 matches, they won five and lost four. Many new faces have been added to the team of head coach Uros Bregar, thus it is not a surprise that the team has been inconsistent

Although the group includes some of the toughest opponents in Europe's second flight, Siófok know how to bring the trophy to the side of Lake Balaton.

With multiple newcomers, reaching the EHF Finals again like two seasons is not among the expectations by the management this time.

"Our main goal of this season was to qualify for the EHF European League group phase. We did it, so we are satisfied. This competition is getting stronger and stronger every year. Group A is really strong, but of course we will do everything to go as far as we can," coach Bregar says about his team's chances

#### **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **EHF European League**

Participations (including 2022/23): 2 Runners-up (1): 2020/21

#### **EHF Cup**

Winners (1): 2018/19

Hungarian league: -Hungarian cup: -





# UROS BREGAR

- became head coach at Krim in 2015 at age 36 and was leading the Slovenian champions until 2021 before joining Siófok
- took over Serbia in April 2021 ahead of EHF EURO 2022 qualifications
- started coaching career as a 20-year-old, later mentored by Marta Bon, who he succeeded at the helm of Krim
- was assistant coach to Indira Kastratovic at Vardar in 2013 before taking over at Hungarian side Vác

#### **ARRIVALS**

Dejana Milosavljevic (HC Podravka Vegeta) Hawa N'Diaye (Toulon) Dounia Abdourahim (Toulon) Marina Rajcic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK) Blanka Kajdon (Vasas) Ana Kojic (Mosonmagyaróvár)

#### **DEPARTURES**

Katarina Jezic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK) Simone Böhme (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK) Andela Janjusevic (Rapid Bucuresti) Simona Sarkova (Kisvárda) Maja Vojnovic (Saint-Armand Handball)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Marina	Rajcic	MNE	Goalkeeper	24/08/1993		178
2	Ana	Kojic	SRB	Right Wing	04/10/1997	Beograd, SRB	165
5	Alexa Szederl	ke Sirián	HUN	Line Player	01/06/1994	Szeged, HUN	172
8	Tamara	Mavsar	SLO	Left Wing	01/04/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	172
10	Fanni	Juhász	HUN	Centre Back	10/01/2002	Mohács, HUN	168
11	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Right Back	23/11/1994	Pozsega, CRO	173
12	Lili	Herczeg	HUN	Goalkeeper	25/09/2000	Kiskunhalas, HUN	172
13	Lilly Leticia	Török	HUN	Line Player	02/07/2003	Bad Hersfeld, GEF	R 181
14	Blanka	Kajdon	HUN	Centre Back	12/06/2002	Veszprém, HUN	169
15	Kinga Debrec	zeni-Klivinyi	HUN	Back	31/03/1992	Budapest, HUN	173
20	Rita	Lakatos	HUN	Centre Back	06/07/1999	Dunajska Streda, SVI	< <b>1</b> 77
23	Nelli	Such	HUN	Right Wing	12/05/1992	Bekescsaba, HUN	178
24	Dounia	Abdourahim	FRA	Right Back	17/01/1992	Nimes, FRA	182
25	Hawa	N'diaye	FRA	Line Player	24/07/1995	Strasbourg, FRA	176
28	Nikoletta	Kiss	HUN	Right Back	23/07/1996		180
44	Laura	Lapos	HUN	Left Back	12/02/2002	Siófok, HUN	178
55	Kíra	Wald	HUN	Left Wing	02/05/2001	Siófok, HUN	163
57	Szidónia	Puhalák	HUN	Left Wing	05/07/1996	Szeged, HUN	175
77	Kincsö	Csapo	HUN	Goalkeeper	11/12/2001	Dunaujváros, HUN	180
88	Andjela	Janjusevic	SRB	Right Back	18/06/1995	Belgrade, SRB	181



### MARINA RAJICIC

#### Goalkeeper



- was not part of the EHF EURO 2020 due to pregnancy, returned to handball six months later to play at the OG 2020
- other than Kastamonu and Buducnost, she played for Metz where she joined her sister
- · started her professional career in Podgorica in 2009
- made national team debut aged 16 and, at 18, was youngest player at 2012 OG
- best young player in Montenegro and best goalkeeper of Junior WCh in 2010

CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010 EURO: G 2012. B 2022: OG: S 2012



# TAMARA MAVSAR

#### Left back

- born in Ljubljana and started handball career at Krim, played for Vardar, returned to Krim and in 2022 joined Siófok
- returned to the national team in April 2022 after three years of absence, also become a mother in that period
- made CL debut aged 17 and was named among the best up-and-coming CL players in 2012/13
- · reached CL final with Vardar in 2016/17 season



### BI ANKA KAJDON

#### Centre back

- joined from Vasas SC in the summer of 2022
- the talented playmaker has already impressed in her first season of European club handball
- MVP of the W19 EHF EURO in 2021 as she led Hungary to gold
- was recognised for her talent as an EHF Player of the Month as far back as 2018



## DEJANA MILOSAVLJEVIC

#### **Centre back**

- born in Rijeka, Croatia, started her career in Orijent Presoflex
- moved to Siófok after a four-year spell at Podravka
- · versatile player, can play all back positions and has impressed in the CL
- member of Croatia national team which won bronze at EHF EURO 2020

EURO: B 2020





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# GROUP B PREVIEW



## DOMINANCE OF RECOGNISED TEAMS

In group B, there will be exciting games between unproven forces who are looking forward to gaining experience, and seasoned teams who dream of fighting for gold. For Norwegian club Fana, it is the very first time they play European handball, while it is only the second time for Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC. Both Ikast and Neptunes de Nantes, on the other hand, have had successful experiences, with the latter lifting the trophy in the 2020/21 season in the EHF European League Women.

Ikast Handbold are dreaming of playing in the EHF Finals Women for a third consecutive year, and this time they want gold. With many years of experience in international handball, the club is also one you should keep an eye on to see big matches and great team performances. In addition to the EHF European League, the Jutland club has previously played in the EHF Cup, EHF Champions League, Cup Winners' Cup, Champions Trophy and City Cup back in the days.

Only once before has Hungary's Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC made the cut to be part of the EHF European League, reaching the group phase last season too and earning three victories in their six matches. Whether the squad with predominantly Hungarian players can take the success even further than last time, only time will tell.

It is the seventh time that French side Neptunes de Nantes will be tested in a European club tournament. The first time was in the 2015/16 season, when the team made it through to qualification round 3. But in 2021 Nantes beat Siófok KC in the first-ever EHF Finals Women. Again this year, Neptunes de Nantes consider themselves to be candidates to be able to be part of where all the fun happens – although last year, they did not progress from the group phase.

Fana are making their debut in any European competition, and could well land a surprise. The team have a young squad that has only played in the national Norwegian league. That is being changed now. After progressing through both qualification rounds, Fana are one of only 16 teams who get the opportunity to fight for great records and new goals on the international stage in this season's European League.

Ida Hummeluhr







# I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

# PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP B

<b>Ikast Handbold vs Motherson</b>	Mosonmagvarovari KC
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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Ikast Handbold vs Neptunes de Nantes**

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Ikast Handbold vs Fana**

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs Neptunes de Nantes

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs Fana

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Neptunes de Nantes vs Fana

No previous encounters in European competitions

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: yellow Player short: navy blue Goalkeeper shirt: black

#### Dark

Player shirt: white Player short: red Goalkeeper shirt: blue



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

# **IKAST HANDBOLD**



In the past two seasons, Danish side Ikast Håndbold have been one of the most successful teams in the EHF European League Women – missing out on a place in the final in May by a single goal to eventual winners SG BBM Bietigheim.

- the club won bronze in the EHF European League Women last season
- Ikast Håndbold has been a part of European competitions since the 1994/95 season
- the club has a great history, winning lots of trophies nationally and internationally
- Ikast's top scorer of the season so far is the Norwegian back player Ingvild Bakkerud

After participating in the EHF Finals Women in the last two seasons Ikast Håndbold plays with open cards when it comes to the tournament this season.

First with fourth place in the 2020/21 season and most recently third place in 2021/22, the Danish club could almost smell the gold. This time they will not only be able to sense it on the horizon, they want to feel it, touch it and win it

"We are a club with big history and therefore is it always important for us to do well in Europe. We believe we have the team who could win the EHF European League, like we had the chances for the last two years," head coach Kasper Christensen says. "Ikast Håndbold prioritise success and experiences in Europe. We have been on the European stage for many years and it's important to do well. It's part of the club's DNA to reach as far as possible in European tournaments," he adds.

Not only the head coach of Ikast Håndbold has big ambitions and a great hope for the season; its captain, Stine Skogrand, has a wish for the EHF European League.

"Our biggest motivation this season is to play the finals, and this year we want to come to the final, after two years as number four and three," she says. However, there will be no success without difficult matches, tough opponents and exciting duels.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

**EHF Cup** 

Winners (2): 2001/02, 2010/11

**EHF Cup Winners' Cup** 

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

**Challenge Cup** 

Winners (1): 1997/98

**EHF Champions Trophy** 

Winners (1): 1998





# KASPER CHRISTENSEN Coach



- became head coach at Ikast when he replaced Mathias Madsen in the summer of 2020
- the move marked Christensen's switch from men's to women's handball
- led Ikast to third place in the Danish league in his first season in charge
- a former Skjern Håndbold player, who previously worked as a coach with men's side SønderjyskE

# **ARRIVALS**

Andrea Austmo (Vipers Kristiansand)
Julie Gantzel (Holstebro Håndbold)
Trine Mortensen (IK Sävehof)
Line Uno (ES Besancon)
Stephanie Andersen (Randers HK)
assistant coach Christian Køhler (København Håndbold)

# **DEPARTURES**

Sabine Englert (Aarhus United)
Tyra Axnér (Nykøbing Falster Håndbold)
Olivia Simonsen (SønderjyskE Kvinder)
Naja Nissen (Rocasa Grand Canaria)
assistant coach Anders Friis (Bjerringbro-Silkeborg, vouth)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
	1	Jessica	Ryde	SWE	Goalkeeper	18/05/1994	Östra Torn, SWE	185	
	4	Julie Mathies	en Scaglione	DEN	Left Back	20/08/2004	Aarhus, DEN	175	
	5	Vilde Ingebor	g Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25/07/1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182	
	6	Cecilie Højgaa	ard Brandt	DEN	Left Wing	16/11/2001	Viborg, DEN	178	
С	7	Stine Ruscett	a Skogrand	NOR	Right Wing	03/03/1993	Bergen, NOR	173	
	11	Sarah	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	10/04/1990	Frederiksbjerg, DE	N177	
	12	Stephanie	Andersen	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/06/1992	Randers, DEN	186	
	13	Julie Horsbøl	Gantzel Pederse	nDEN	Line Player	13/04/1994	Ikast-Brande, DEN	173	
	14	Emma	Lindqvist	SWE	Centre Back	17/09/1997	Raus, SWE	177	
	15	Emma	Friis	DEN	Left Wing	31/10/1999	Herning , DEN	162	
	16	Andrea Austm	no Pedersen	NOR	Goalkeeper	19/04/1994	Trondheim, NOR	179	
	17	Simone Cathr	ine Petersen	DEN	Centre Back	28/08/1997	Ringsted, DEN	177	
	19	Alberte	Ebler	DEN	Right Back	16/01/2003	Skanderborg, DEN	175	
	21	Ingvild Kristia	ansen Bakkerud	NOR	Left Back	09/07/1995	Kongsberg, NOR	187	
	23	Trine Wacker	Mortensen	DEN	Left Wing	14/09/1994	Roskilde, DEN	170	
	24	Emma	Jessen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/08/2006	Sønderborg, DEN	175	
	25	Dittemarie Ju	el Christensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	03/07/2006	Svendborg, DEN	177	
	30	Camilla	Markussen	DEN	Centre Back	07/10/2003	Thisted, DEN	170	
	31	Johanne Møll	er Kristensen	DEN	Line Player	15/01/2003	Herning, DEN	170	
	33	Maria Lykke	Andersen	DEN	Left Back	16/06/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	170	
	34	Line Edling	Lauritsen	DEN	Left Wing	08/09/2003	Herning, DEN	170	
	35	Maja Lundgre	n Pyndt	DEN	Left Back	22/01/2004	Herning, DEN	170	
	55	Caroline Søga	ard Sørensen	DEN	Right Back	02/07/2004	Vesthimmerland, DEN	170	
	77	Line Mai Nørg	aard Hougaard	DEN	Right Wing	06/10/1999	Herning, DEN	163	
	93	Line Uno	Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	19/10/1993	Kolding, DEN	172	



JESSICA RYDE

#### Goalkeeper

- a penalty specialist who joined from H65 Höör in 2017
- won the Swedish title in 2017 and the Challenge Cup in 2014
- considered one of the best goalkeepers in the Danish league
- played her first major championship with Sweden at EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2014



# Right back

- 29-year-old Norwegian is Herning-Ikast's team captain
- an important part of Norway's national team as her defensive skills allow Nora Mørk to play on the wing
- has played for Ikast since she signed from Silkeborg-Voel KFUM in 2018
- a member of Norway's national team since 2013

EURO: G 2016, 2020, 2022; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



# **JULIE SCAGLIONF**

#### Left back

- made her league debut as a 16-year-old
- considered to be one of the greatest Danish talents in decades
- daughter of former world champion player Lone Mathiesen
- has played her entire professional career in Ikast



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#### Centre back

- made her comeback at Ikast in 2020, after she had previously left the club in 2017
- an integral part of the squad which won the W19 EHF EURO in 2015, she also won bronze at the WCh 2021
- the best year of her career was 2015, when she won the EHF CWC, the W19 EHF EURO, the Danish league and the Danish Cup with Herning-Ikast and the Danish league and the Danish Cup with the Herning-Ikast U18 team
- said that she was inspired by backs like Anja Andersen and Bojana Popovic when she was growing up



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# **GROUP B**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



Playing hall UFM Aréna Gorkij utca 1. 9200 Mosonmagyaróvár Hungary Capacity: 1,006

# MOTHERSON MOSONMAGYAROVÁRI KC



Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC made their debut in European competitions in the EHF European League Women last season, finishing third in group A. Now they are back, having reached the group phase in one of the closest ties of the qualification round.

- Mosonmagyaróvár joined the competition in qualification round 3, where they were underdogs against the Romanian side SCM Gloria Buzau and advanced to the group phase by only one goal after two matches
- M'óvár, as the locals call it, is only a few kilometres from both the Austrian and Slovakian borders
- the squad is a mixture of young, mostly Hungarian players, led by experienced coach János Gyurka, a 297-time former Hungarian international

Mosonmagyaróvár only narrowly missed the quarter-finals last season, finishing level with French side ES Besancon Feminin on points but falling short due to their head-to-head result. Their second season in the European League has handed them a tough draw, as they share the group with 2021 champions Neptunes de Nantes from France as well as multiple European trophy winners Ikast Handbold. The Danish side finished third last season and they are the only EHF Finals 2022 contenders who are part of the group phase in 2022/23. The fourth participants are Fana from Norway who make their debut in a group phase of a European competition. Progression is definitely possible for Mosonmagyaróvár , but they will need to draw on all of last season's experience.

"There are four clubs including us from Hungary who will play in the group stage of EHF European League. I think none of them envy us after having the results of the draw," said János Gyurka, head coach. "We had no luck in the qualification round as our opponents were the Romanian league leaders SCM Gloria Buzau who were excellent. However, the close victory gave us confidence," added Gyurka. "We want to develop and learn, for which this series is an excellent opportunity."

Captain Eszter Tóth shares her head coach's feelings. "I love this game, I enjoy every match. Especially the international matches, which are always interesting. That is why we want to stay in the competition as long as possible. We have a young team and we were not the favourites in the third qualification round. Yet here we are again in the group stage and we want to take our chance this year." she said.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

# **EHF European League Women**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2

Other

**Hungarian league:** bronze medallists (2020/21)





# JÁNOS GYURKA Coach

- wore the Hungarian national jersey 297 times as a player
- finished as a runner-up at the 1986 Men's WCh
- also finished in fourth place at the Olympic Games in 1988
- took over on the bench as Mosonmagyarovar head coach in 2020

WCh: S 1986 (as player)

# **ARRIVALS**

Anna Albek (TuS Metzingen)
Ines Ivancok (HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames)
Fruzsina Bardi (Alba Fehérvár KC)
Fanni Csire (Szombathelyi KKA)
Luca Faragó (Vasas SC)
Nikolett Tóth (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
Kyra Sztankovics (MKC junior)

# **DEPARTURES**

Tanja Asanin (SCM Ramnicu Valcea) Ana Kojic (Siófok KC) Bojana Milic (CS Dacia Mioveni) Lily Török (Siófok KC) Brigitta Csekő (Györi Audi ETO KC) Rebeka Török (Pénzügyőr SE) Vanessza Hajtai (Békéscsabai ENKSE)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth H	leight	Weight
С	2	Eszter	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	27/10/1992	Gyor, HUN	180	
	4	Lilla	Ágoston	HUN	Centre Back	19/01/2004	Budapest, HUN	174	
	6	Anna	Albek	HUN	Right Back	02/12/2001	Zenta, SRB	188	
	7	Lara	Babinszky	HUN	Centre Back	22/12/2004	Budapest, HUN	176	
	10	Kyra	Sztankovics	HUN	Right Wing	12/03/2004	Budapest, HUN	169	
	11	Petra	Mihály	HUN	Right Wing	04/01/2001	Dunaujvaros, HUN	173	
	18	Fruzsina	Bardi	HUN	Line Player	18/09/1995	Kisvárda, HUN	170	
	20	Luca	Faragó	HUN	Line Player	11/10/2002	Körmend, HUN	174	
	21	Kitty	Mistina	HUN	Goalkeeper	13/01/1996	Békéscsaba, HUN	177	
	22	Zsófia	Stranigg	HUN	Left Wing	02/11/2000	Budapest, HUN	170	
	28	Barbora	Lancz	SVK	Right Back	28/07/2002	Sala, SVK	170	
	29	Ines	Ivancok	AUT	Left Back	14/04/1998	Wien, AUT	182	
	31	Zsófia	Szemerey	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/06/1994	Kazincbarcika, HUN	184	
	32	Noémi	Pásztor	HUN	Line Player	02/04/1999	Szombathely, HUN	180	
	33	Nikolett	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	13/07/2001	Budapest, HUN	175	
	44	Fanni	Csire	HUN	Left Wing	24/04/1999	Szombathely, HUN	173	
	49	Patricia	Kovacs	AUT	Left Back	26/05/1996	Lustenau, AUT	178	
	77	Kíra Bernadet	t Soltész	HUN	Goalkeeper	07/01/2003	Budapest, HUN	176	
	96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23/09/1996	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	176	



**ZSÓFIA STRANIGG** 

#### LOUI IA O I NAINIU

Left wing

- joined Mosonmagyarovar in 2020
- won the W19 EHF EURO 2019 with Hungary
- · studying at university to become a physiotherapist
- brother Ferenc Stranigg is Mosonmagyarovar's assistant coach

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**ESZTER TÓTH** 

#### Centre back

- · she is Mosonmagyarovar's team captain
- started her career in Györ's youth teams
- joined Mosonmagyarovar in 2020 after four seasons with MTK Budapest
- made her debut for Hungary's national team in 2020 against Sweden



**GABRIFI I A TÓTH** 

#### **Centre back**

- Hungarian international, who joined ÉRD on loan from Györ ahead of the 2017/18 season
- debuted for the national team in 2014 against Romania
- won the CL in 2017 as well as numerous domestic titles with Györ
- played for Siófok KC in the 2020/21 season before moving to Mosonmagyarovar
- previously played for Veszprém, reaching the Last 16 in the Cup Winners' Cup in 2013/14



**NOÉMI PÁSZTOR** 

### Line player

- joined Magyarovar in 2022 after two seasons with FTC, where she won the Hungarian championship in 2020
- was part of Hungary's squad that won the Junior WCh in 2018
- · debuted in Hungary's national team at the 2019 WCh

# **GROUP B**



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# **NEPTUNES DE NANTES**



"The hardest part is not to reach the top but to stay there." French club Les Neptunes de Nantes experienced that mantra the tough way last season. After winning the first ever EHF Finals Women in 2021, the club went through a tough season in 2021/22. A change of coach in December, with Helle Thomsen taking over, did not resolve every problem, and the French side did not progress from the group phase. But the 2021 champions are back with humility and a couple of new faces, and the aim of once again reaching the knock-out phase.

- Nantes won the EHF European League Women in 2021, defeating Siofok 36:31 in the final
- in 2021/22, les Neptunes could not get out of their group, eliminated by Bietigheim and Baia Mare
- they finished fifth in the French League last season, behind champions Metz, Brest, Paris 92 and Besançon
- coach Helle Thomsen took over from Guillaume Saurina in December 2021 after being his assistant for a few months
- last summer signings include line player Anna Lagerquist (Rostov) and new French national player Lena Grandveau (Bourg de Péage)

Back in September 2020, only a few people would have said Les Neptunes de Nantes were favourites to win the European League. But led by Nathalie Hagman's stellar performance, the French side made it to the top, lifting the first ever trophy in its short history. Two years later, fans are left wondering if this success was a one-off surprise or the first stone of a great project. Last season, Nantes looked like a different team, lacking cohesion. This season, the Scandinavian delegation is more important than ever in Nantes, and it feels like the players are forming a team again. In qualification round 3, Oldenburg could not do anything to stop the Neptunes, led by an impressive offensive performance.

Manager Romuald Notari is very clear on what his club is expecting from this European season. "We want to go to the quarter-finals and then we will see. It would be pretentious to say anything else because we know that the group phase will be tough," Notari says. With experienced players such as Nathalie Hagman, Anna Lagerquist and Adrianna Placzek, you can expect the French side to progress. Helle Thomsen has been able to put her print on the group during the summer preparation, unlike last season, and the collective work should give Nantes the options to move throughout the competition.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League Women participations (including 2022/23): 3

Winners (1): 2020/21 Group phase (1): 2021/22

Other

**EHF Cup** 

Quarter-final (1): 2016/17 Round 3 (1): 2015/16

National league: -





# HELLE THOMSEN Coach

- Danish coach who arrived in Nantes in 2021, after earlier stints at club level with TTH, Midtjylland, CSM Bucuresti, Molde, and Kastamonu
- won one silver and two bronze medals at Women's EHF EURO events with Sweden and Netherlands
- also led Netherlands to bronze at WCh 2017 in Germany
- named Female Coach of the Season in 2018/19 by the EHF, following her bronze medal with the Dutch team at EHF EURO 2018 in France

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2015 EURO: S 2016, B 2014, 2018; WCh: B 2017

# **ARRIVALS**

Anna Lagerquist (Rostov) Marine Dupuis (Toulon) Léna Grandveau (Bourg-de-Péage)

# **DEPARTURES**

Mai Kragballe Nielsen (Savehöf) Clara Vaxes (Plan de Cuques) Fie Woller (København Håndbold) Déborah Kpodar (Gloria Bistrita)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	3	Lauryn	Cossou	FRA	Left Back	17/07/2002	Schoelcher, FRA	179
	4	Nathalie	Hagman	SWE	Right Wing	19/07/1991	Farsta, Stockholm, SWI	<b>167</b>
	5	Manon	Loquay	FRA	Line Player	06/01/1999	St Sebastien sur Loire, FR.	A176
	8	Carin	Strömberg	SWE	Centre Back	10/07/1993	Nacka, SWE	184
	11	Oriane	Ondono	FRA	Line Player	14/04/1996	Alfortville, FRA	180
	12	Floriane	Andre	FRA	Goalkeeper	30/05/2000	Saint-Chamon, FRA	180
	13	Barbara	Moretto	FRA	Right Back	24/11/1993	Pau, FRA	172
	14	Mari	Finstad Bergum	NOR	Left Back	16/03/1998	Gjøvik, NOR	178
	16	Ylana	Richard	FRA	Left Back	14/10/2004	La Rochelle, FRA	182
С	17	Marine	Dupuis	FRA	Left Wing	18/04/1992	Pontarlier, FRA	167
	18	Naémi	Ardouin	FRA	Left Wing	18/11/2002	St Sebastien sur Loire, FR.	A177
	19	Anna	Lagerquist	SWE	Line Player	16/10/1993	Allhelgona, SWE	175
	20	Orlane	Ahanda	FRA	Right Back	20/11/1998	Nantes, FRA	176
	23	Déborah	Kpodar	FRA	Left Back	03/06/1994	L'Isle-d'Espagnac, FR	A171
	24	Adrianna	Placzek	POL	Goalkeeper	10/12/1993	Leszno, POL	174
	25	Albane	Frachon	FRA	Right Wing	30/08/2003	Bordeaux, FRA	165
	29	Léna	Grandveau	FRA	Centre Back	21/01/2003	Beaune, FRA	171
	30	Lorine	Boudekhane	FRA	Goalkeeper	12/03/2002	Caen, FRA	180
	32	Nolwen	Verton	FRA	Right Back	14/11/2004	Courcouronnes, FRA	182
	33	Gordana	Mitrovic	SRB	Left Back	10/09/1996	Attendorn, GER	176
	42	Dyénaba	Sylla	FRA	Left Wing	04/04/1997	Noisy le Sec, FRA	175
	44	Raïssa	Dapina	SEN	Right Wing	27/09/1995	Paris, FRA	171
	69	Lorine	Perrot	FRA	Left Back	13/07/2001	Montpellier, FRA	177
	99	Héléna	Mathon	FRA	Line Player	21/08/2003	Suresnes, FRA	177



### ADRIANNA PI AC7FK

Goalkeeper



- aged 29, arrived in Nantes in 2019, after playing for two seasons for fellow French side Fleury
- regular fixture in the Polish national team, played at the last EHF EURO 2022
- played in the Challenge Cup final in 2015 with SPR Pogoń Szczecin
- spent six seasons at Szczecin before moving to France in 2017

EC trophies: EL 2021



### MARI FINSTAD BERGLIM



#### Left back

- arrived in Nantes in March 2021, after the Norwegian league was halted by Covid-19
- Nantes is her first experience outside of Norway, after she played for Larvik and Tonsberg
- won the EL with the club in 2021
- was made famous by the buzzer beater she scored in the 2021/22 EL season against Lublin

EC trophies: EL 2021



# CARIN STRÖMBFRG



# @carinstromberg

#### Centre back

- 29-year-old centre back who is one of three Swedish players at Nantes
- joined Nantes in 2021 after playing for Viborg for five seasons
- in 2013, she made her debut for Sweden's national team against Germany
- was the MVP of the 2010 Youth WCh, where she won gold with Sweden



## NATHALIE HAGMAN



#### Right wing

- Nantes is the seventh professional club of her career
- moved to France in 2020 after playing for Odense and CSM Bucuresti in recent
- scored a personal record of 19 goals in two separate matches at the 2021 WCh
- became youngest-ever debutant in Swedish national team in 2009
- hard-shooting right back, also strong on the wing

EC trophies: EL 2021; EHF Cup 2015; CWC 2016

EURO: S 2010, B 2014

# **GROUP B**



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#### Kit colours

Player shirt: red Player short: blue Goalkeeper shirt: black

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Playing hall Fana Arena Slåtthaugvegen 144 5222 Nesttun Norway Capacity: 1,206

# FANA



For the first time in history, Fana Håndball Elite participated in a European tournament and have even made it to the group phase of the EHF European League Women - meaning they have already reached their first goal.

Since it is the first time ever Fana is participating in EHF European League. their goal was originally to qualify for the group phase. As they have already achieved the first goal, they are setting themselves for another goal.

- It is the first time ever that Fana Håndball Elite joins an international competition
- Earlier this year the Norwegian club got a new president in Bjørn Thømt
- The club hasn't yet won a title in any league
- Two captains have been chosen for the team; Marit Ova **Bøyum and Celine Solstad**

"Before the season our main objective was to qualify for the EHF European League. Now that we have qualified, we set further goals. Although it is our first time qualified, we are going to be competitive. It is in our DNA to try to win every match we play. If we don't succeed with that, we always try to learn from the experience. And put ourselves in position to win the next game," coach Erlend Lyssand tells.

Winning games are one thing, but another thing is the importance of being a part of a tournament like the EHF European League Women. "For the club it is great to be a part of the big stage in Europe. Only five years ago we played in the second league in Norway. It has been a clear objective for the club to develop young local players. So, it is good for the young players to see that it is possible to get all the way in Fana," Lyssand makes clear.

Since Marit Ova Bøyum is one of the captains of the team, we zoom right in on her attitude towards having to play the group phase of the EHF European League Women. If you ask if the co-captain has motivation for the tournament the answer is clear. "We have already reached our first target - to reach the group phase. This is our first time in the qualification and we are very happy that we now can play against European teams. We have an objective to put ourselves in position to win every match, and that also includes EHF European League. EHF European league is a new challenge for us that gives motivation and opportunities for further development."

# **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

National league: - (5th in 2021/22)





# ERLEND LYSSAND head coach

- 2022/23 is the ninth season that 47-year-old Lyssand has coached Fana
- it is the first time that Lyssand will manage Fana in a European tournament
- hopes to be able to take the success from the qualifying campaign into the group stage with victories and the quarterfinals

# **ARRIVALS**

Lina Mossestad (Fyllingen) Marte Haaland (Gneist)

# **DEPARTURES**

Christine Karlsen Alver (Molde) Henriette Karlsen Risti (Åsane) Cathrine Schøtt (retired) Anna Kallestad (retired)



# I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Olivia Lykke	Nygaard	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2001		180
	2	Marte	Haaland	NOR	Back	21/04/2003		173
	3	Maria	Grasdal	NOR	Line Player	03/05/2004		175
	4	Linnea	Kyrkjeeide	NOR	Right Wing	13/01/2004		173
	5	Maren	Langø	NOR	Left Wing	20/08/2002		167
	6	Lina Waage	Mossestad	NOR	Back	29/08/2002		170
	7	Sara	Berg	NOR	Left Wing	09/09/2001		176
	8	Aurora Kjellev	vold Hatle	NOR	Left Back	02/07/2001		174
	9	Maren	Gabrielsen	NOR	Right Wing	09/08/1998		172
	10	Lene	Kausland	NOR	Line Player	07/04/1998		180
С	11	Celine	Solstad	NOR	Right Back	01/05/1997		169
	12	Maylee	Xu	NOR	Goalkeeper	29/11/1997		170
	13	Andrea	Solstad	NOR	Centre Back	04/02/1999		176
	14	Eline	Solbakken	NOR	Line Player	31/08/2004		184
	15	Leah	Osa	NOR	Back	20/02/2003		167
	16	Ida	Drønen	NOR	Goalkeeper	11/06/1996		172
С	18	Marit Ova	Bøyum	NOR	Left Back	15/03/1996		173
	19	Maria	Haldorsen	NOR	Right Wing	10/02/2003		161
	21	Nora	Hagerup	NOR	Right Wing	04/09/2000		167
	37	Oda Lunne	Mastad	NOR	Line Player	01/01/1997		175



SARA BERG

#### **Left wing**

- · joined Fana from Fyllingen
- helped move Fyllingen up into the second division in Norway
- scored 30 goals in four qualification matches for the EL 2022/23, making her Fana's top scorer



### AURORA KJELLEVOLD HATLE

#### Left back

- the 2022/23 season is Hatle's first in a European competition
- previously played for various junior teams, also at national team level
- Hatle has both qualities in shooting and in defence
- started playing handball as a child for Kjøkkelvik IL, near Bergen



**CELINE MARIE SOLSTAD** 

### District hands

- **Right back**
- represented Norway at the 2013 European Youth Olympic Festival
- · loves playing football as part of her handball training
- earlier in her career, Solstad played for HOP
- · loves the classic Norwegian dish of meatballs



## MARIT OVA BØYUM

#### Left back

- started playing handball for Førde, a Norwegian first-division team, at the age of 16
- · joined Fana in 2019
- alongside handball, Bøyum studies and dreams of becoming a teacher
- has a twin sister named Ingrid, who also plays handball



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# GROUP C PREVIEW



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# INTERESTING MATCH-UPS INS GROUP C

Group C of the EHF European League Women is welcoming some well-known names in the European competition. Former EHF Champions League contenders HC Podravka Vegeta, last season's group A winners Sola HK, and two first-time European League group phase participants: Nykøbing Falster Håndbold and DVSC Schaeffler.

DVSC Schaeffler won the former EHF Cup on two occasions and have been trying to qualify for the group phase of the EHF European League for two straight seasons. The Hungarian side got their spot in the group phase of the European competition after finishing third in the domestic championship last season. Head coach Zoltán Szilágyi has young and talented players in the squad, mainly Gréta Kácsor, who are led by more experienced players, like team captain Dóra Hornyák. With the good mixture, they are hoping to return to former second-tier competition success.

Sola HK are looking to continue the good work they started last season, qualifying from round 3 and beating Rocasa Gran Canaria. After an incredible 2019/20 season, Sola came back to the European competitions after 15 years and already in the first year won group A, before being stopped in the quarter-finals by CS Minaur Baia Mare. Even though they will miss experienced player Camilla Herrem, two strong names are still with the team: Kristina Novak and Maja Magnussen.

Nykøbing Falster Håndbold are back in the group phase of the European competition after three years. Their recent most successful result were the quarter-finals of the EHF Cup in 2018/19, where they were stopped by Viborg. This season, they got their revenge as they defeated last season's finalists in the last qualification round, and are coming to the group boosted by confidence.

Former EHF Champions League winners HC Podravka Vegeta, who finished second in the Croatian championship for the first time in six years, have had to earn their spot in Europe's second-tier group phase through qualification. They eliminated MKS Zaglebie Lubin after a shootout and are now eager, with new head coach Zeljko Babic and an almost all-Croatian squad, to prove themselves.





Danijela Vekić

# I GROUP C HEAD-TO-HEADS

# PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP C

#### **DVSC Schaeffler vs Sola HK**

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **DVSC Schaeffler vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold**

No previous encounters in European competitions

### DVSC Schaeffler vs HC Podravka Vegeta 0-0-2 (45:55) 0:4

15.04.2006	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs DVSC Debrecen, EHF Cup – Semi-final	26:21 (11:12)
23.04.2006	DVSC Debrecen vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Cup – Semi-final	24:29 (13:17)

### Sola HK vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Sola HK vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

### Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta 1-0-1 (52:53) 2:2

13.01.2019	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold - NFH vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Cup – Group D	24:28 (10:13)	
09.02.2019	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold – NFH, EHF Cup – Group D	25:28 (11:14)	

# **GROUP C**



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# **DVSC SCHAEFFLER**



DVSC Schaeffler bring plenty of legacy success to the EHF European League Women. The club won the EHF Cup two times, and finished as runners-up twice back in the 1980s and 1990s. Now, after last season's domestic bronze, they are aiming to get back to the European elite.

In 2019/2020 Debrecen finally reached the group stage of the second-tier European competition after many failed attempts, however the season got cancelled due to the pandemic. They competed in group A alongside Thüringer HC, Kastamonu Belediyesi and DHK Banik Most, and were third when the season ended prematurely, based on their poorer goal difference compared to Kastamonu.

- DVSC reached the group phase of the EHF Cup in 2019/20, but it was cancelled after six rounds due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- after a two-year hiatus, the team from Hungary's second biggest city returned to the international stage as they finished third in the domestic league
- left back Gréta Kácsor, a junior world and European champion and twice named the best young handballer in Hungary, joined the squad
- the German goalkeeper Ann Cathrin Giegerich had surgery in March for a cruciate ligament injury. She hopes to return to the court in January

Since then, this is the first time to celebrate a group phase berth. Zoltán Szilágyi, the head coach who took over in 2021, is confident. "The fact that we finished third in the last Hungarian championship is a serious step forward for our team. The next goal is to achieve a good result in the European League as well," Szilágyi says.

"We do not know who will be in our group yet, but we definitely want to get to the quarter-finals in spite of the schedule being very busy in January and February, we will play many matches."

The squad has a lot of young and talented players and most of them played their part in the latest successes of Hungary's underage national teams. They are balanced by experienced veterans such as the team captain Dóra Hornvák. The left back understands the tests ahead and has plenty of knowledge to share with the others as she spent seven years in total at Györi Audi ETO KC and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, winning the EHF Champions League twice with Györ.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

**EHF Cup** 

Winners (2): 1995/96, 1996/97

**Hungarian League** Winners (2): 1955, 1987

**Hungarian Cup** 

Winners (5): 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991





# ZOLTÁN SZILAGYI Coach

- son of former Hungarian international Istvan Szilagyi, who played 214 games and scored 541 goals for the national team
- his brother, Viktor, was also a handball player and represented Austria, winning the CL with Kiel in 2007, and is now Kiel's sporting director
- managed men's team Dabas before coming to Vác in 2016, his first stint as a coach of a women's team
- moved to Debrecen in 2021 after five years with Vác
- also coaches the junior national team

## **ARRIVALS**

Catherine Gabriel (Paris 1902) Konszuéla Hámori (Praktiker-Vác) Jovana Jovovic (Moyra-Budaörs Handball) Gréta Kácsor (Praktiker-Vác) Alexandra Töpfner (Alba Fehérvár KC)

# **DEPARTURES**

Anna Kovács (retired)
Deonise Fachinello (retired)
Karina Jezhykava (retired)
Kyra Csapó (Érd)
Rebeka Arany (DKKA)
Luca Poczetnyik (DKKA, on loan)
Lilly Török (Siófok KC, on loan)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
5	Konszuéla	Hámori	HUN	Right Back	04/08/1996	Salgótarján, HUN	168
9	Nóra	Nagy	HUN	Right Back	09/03/2004	Jászberény, HUN	178
12	Vanessa-And	lrea Torda	HUN	Goalkeeper	20/06/2003	Nagykároly, ROU	184
13	Petra	Füzi-Tóvizi	HUN	Line Player	15/03/1999	Nyíregyháza, HUN	178
16	Ann-Cathrin	Giegerich	GER	Goalkeeper	04/01/1992	Erlenbach am Main, GEI	R182
18	Réka	Bordás	HUN	Line Player	26/08/1997	Karcag, HUN	184
22	Jovana	Jovovic	SRB	Left Back	04/12/2001	Vrbas, SRB	181
24	Míra	Vámos	HUN	Left Wing	23/02/2003	Ózd, HUN	170
25	Liliána	Csernyánszki	HUN	Centre Back	25/08/2004	Debrecen, HUN	165
28	Alexandra	Töpfner	HUN	Right Wing	08/02/1996	Szekszárd, HUN	170
29	Eszter	Reszegi	HUN	Goalkeeper	15/10/2004	Debrecen, HUN	180
31	Csenge	Kiss	HUN	Right Wing	12/04/2005	Komárom, HUN	174
38	Petra	Vamos	HUN	Centre Back	14/09/2000	Ózd, HUN	170
43	Szimonetta	Planeta	HUN	Right Back	12/12/1993	Kazincbarcika, HUN	N 196
44	Gréta	Kácsor	HUN	Left Back	24/04/2000	Budapest, HUN	175
55	Panni	Kostyó	HUN	Line Player	22/08/2004	Nyíregyháza, HUN	174
66	Zoé	Makó	HUN	Left Wing	13/06/2004	Ózd, HUN	165
71	Mirtill	Petrus	HUN	Left Wing	14/11/2001	Debrecen, HUN	169
77	Krisztina Ann	aPanyi	HUN	Left Back	18/05/2004	Eger, HUN	178
81	Nina	Szabó	HUN	Centre Back	18/12/2001	Debrecen, HUN	171
83	Dorina	Kelemen	HUN	Left Back	05/09/2004	Mátészalka, HUN	171
88	Mariana	Costa	BRA	Right Wing	14/10/1992	Sao Paulo/SP, BR	166
92	Dóra	Hornyák	HUN	Left Back	24/01/1992	Debrecen, HUN	179
94	Catherine	Gabriel	FRA	Goalkeeper	04/09/1994	Yaoundé, CMR	172



# GRÉTA KÁCSOR

Left back

#### INL IA KAUSUN

- discovered by Vác when she was only 14, in 2014; joined DVSC as her second professional club in 2022
- won gold at the Junior WCh in 2018 and at the W19 EHF EURO 2019 with Hungary
- made her debut in the national team in 2020, while also scoring two goals at the EHF EURO 2020
- named the best Hungarian youth handball player of the year twice, in 2017 and 2018



# DÓRA HORNYÁK

#### Left back

- spent seven seasons combined at Hungarian powerhouses Györ and FTC
- · won CL twice with Györ
- aged 30, she is one of the oldest players in DVSC's squad
- nickname is Dodó



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# PETRA FÜZI-TÓVIZI

#### Line player

- young, talented line player, already developed into an important force for DVSC
- played for Hungarian national under-20 team that won Junior WCh in 2018
- part of Hungarian national team at EHF EURO 2018 and WCh 2019



KONSZUÉLA HÁMORI

### **Right back**

- 26-year-old Hungarian international who joined DVSC in 2022
- started her career at Váci NKSE in 2013
- debuted in the national team in 2019 against Lithuania
- nickname is Koni

# **GROUP C**



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#### Kit colours

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

Player shirt: black Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: turgoise



Playing hall Stavanger Idrettshall Gunnar Warebergsgt. 3 4021 Stavanger Norway Capacity: 6,300

# **SOLA HK**



Young players, European experience and big hopes are the main topics for Sola HK before the group phase of the EHF European League Women 2022/23 begins in January, Last season, the Norwegian club advanced from the group phase with a perfect record, but they exited the competition in the quarter-finals. For the second year in a row, Sola HK are part of the 16-team group phase in the EHF European League Women.

Last season, the club had a great run in the group phase, where they remained undefeated throughout their six games in group A. While Sola did very well until the quarter-finals, an eight-goal defeat against CS Minaur Baia Mare in the first leg of their quarter-final tie all but ended their hopes of reaching the EHF Finals Women.

- the Norwegian club are in group C with DVSC Schaeffler, Nykøbing Falster Håndbold and HC Podravka Vegeta
- since August 2020 the coaching team has been comprised of Steffen Stormo Stegavik (head coach) and Kjetil Aanestad (assistant coach)
- in the EHF European League Women 2021/22 season, Sola reached the guarter-finals for the first time
- Sola beat Rocasa Gran Canaria 66:57 on aggregate in qualification round 3 to reach the group phase

For Sola HK's head coach, Steffen Stormo Stegavik, another participation in the group phase of the EHF European League is a positive step for the club.

"We are looking forward to once again being in the group phase of the European League. At first glance at the teams that have qualified this year. it's a higher level than last year. "For Sola HK, it's important to be able to get to play in the EHF European League. This makes it possible to keep our good young players longer in the club. Sola wants to be a club where our players get international matches every season," added Stegavik.

Team captain Martine Wolff is highly motivated ahead of the group phase – and there are several reasons for this. "Our biggest motivation for this season in the EHF European League is that we get to participate for the second season in a row in the group phase. The team will get the opportunity to achieve more experience this season, and we have a lot of tough and exciting games to come. We are really looking forward to the start of this year's international season," said the 26-year-old line player.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

Norwegian Cup: runners-up (2020/21)





# STEFFEN STORMO STEGAVIK

- Sola is Stormo Stegavik's first job as a head coach
- married to star Camilla Herrem since 2013
- led Sola to a third-place finish in the Norwegian league in his first season
- played over 40 games for Norway's men's national team during a great playing career

# **ARRIVALS**

Rinka Duijndam (Thüringer HC) Merlinda Qurraj (Flint Tønsberg) Lea Sigtrudur Nilsen (SIF) Guri Fjellstad Nikolaisen (Junkeren) Ine Skartveit Bergsvik

# **DEPARTURES**

Tonje Haug Lerstad (ES Besancon Feminin) Pia Tomine Gundersen Furu (SIF) Johanna Fossum (Oppsal) Karoline Jensen (Junkeren)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Ine Skartveit I	Bergsvik	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2000	Stavanger, NOR	174
	3	Guro	Berland Husebø	NOR	Wing	16/11/2001	Stavanger, NOR	164
	5	Vilde	Ueland	NOR	Back	14/03/1994	Stavanger, NOR	174
	6	Emilie	Kindervaag	NOR	Left Wing	09/10/2004	Stavanger, NOR	167
	7	Angunn	Gudmestad	NOR	Back	08/05/2001	Stavanger, NOR	167
С	8	Martine	Wolff	NOR	Line Player	20/06/1996	Oslo, NOR	175
	9	Kaja Horst	Haugseng	NOR	Line Player	23/09/2001	Stavanger, NOR	183
	10	Lene Kristians	en Tveiten	NOR	Back	23/02/2001	Oslo, NOR	167
	11	Frøydis	Wiik Seierstad	NOR	Centre Back	05/08/1999	Stavanger, NOR	171
	14	Anne Malin Gje	engedal Antonsen	NOR	Centre Back	21/03/2005	Stavanger, NOR	175
	15	Maja	Magnussen	NOR	Wing	30/06/1997	Trondheim, NOR	164
	16	Amalie	Frøland	NOR	Goalkeeper	01/09/1997	Andøy, NOR	175
	17	Kristiane	Knutsen	NOR	Centre Back	12/08/1998	Stavanger, NOR	160
	18	Lea	Sigtrudur Nilsen	NOR	Right Wing	15/09/2003	Stavanger, NOR	170
	20	Live	Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	Back	15/01/2000	Skien, NOR	176
	22	Kristina	Novak	NOR	Back	29/08/2000	Stavanger, NOR	176
	24	Martha	Barka	NOR	Back	13/06/1999	Stavanger, NOR	177
	25	Merlinda	Qorraj	NOR	Back	10/01/2001	Kristiansand, NOR	173
	29	Thea	Kristensen	NOR	Wing	09/01/2005	Stavanger, NOR	175
	30	Rinka	Duijndam	NED	Goalkeeper	06/08/1997	Wateringen, NED	178
	35	Viktoria	Giske	NOR	Line Player	16/10/2004	Stavanger, NOR	171
	37	Viviann	Knutsen	NOR	Left Back	07/11/2005	Stavanger, NOR	167
	44	Guri Fjellstad	Nikolaisen	NOR	Left Wing	22/09/1998	Finnsnes, NOR	165
	49	Hege Holgers	en Danielsen	NOR	Line Player	03/09/1990	Stavanger, NOR	173
	77	Camilla	Herrem	NOR	Wing	08/10/1986	Stavanger, NOR	167



CAMILLA HERREM

#### @herremcamilla

#### Left wing

- 36-year-old legend who is still one of the best left wings in the world
- Olympic, world and European champion with Norway's national team
- moved back to "her" club Sola in 2017 after more than 10 years at other clubs
- has won 16 titles during her career

EC trophies: CWC 2016

OG: G 2012, B 2016, 2020; EURO G 2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012;

WCh: G 2011, 2015; S 2017; B 2009



### KRISTIANF KNUTSFN

#### **Centre back**

- has played her entire career at Sola apart from 2019/20, when she played for
- at just 160cm tall, known for her speed and agility
- scored 12 goals in the EL in 2021/22 and a further six in qualification for the 2022/23 group phase
- born in 1998



## KRISTINA NOVAK

#### **Right back**

- 22-year-old right back who already has experience in the Norwegian league
- has developed a lot over the years, now used a lot in attack by her coach
  - considered one of Norway's biggest talents for many years
- called up to the national team for the EHF EURO 2022, where they won gold

EURO: G 2022



# MAJA MAGNUSSEN



### @majamagn

#### **Right wing**

- was the third top scorer for Sola in the EL 2021/22 season as they reached the quarter-finals, with 58 goals in total
- joined Sola in 2020 from Byåsen, where she had played since 2015
- extended contract with club in February 2022, having initially signed for two years
- is a regular reserve for the national team, but has not played at a major championship

# **GROUP C**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: yellow Player short: blue Goalkeeper shirt: grey

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue Player short: blue Goalkeeper shirt: light blue



Playing hall Arena Naestved Ved Stadion 11 4700 Naestved Denmark Capacity: 3,176

# NYKØBING FALSTER HÅNDBOLD



After ending the hopes of fellow Danish side Viborg HK in qualification, Nykøbing Falster Håndbold are set to play their first EHF European League Women group phase. With a young, largely Scandinavian squad, the team are aiming to make the most of the experience ahead and put their club on the European map.

- Nykøbing Falster Håndbold are part of group C together with DVSC Schaeffler, Sola HK and HC Podravka Vegeta
- the team's captain is former Danish national player, Kristina "Mulle" Kristiansen
- NFH beat Danish League opponents Viborg HK on the way to the group phase
- coach Jakob Larsen is in the middle of his sixth season at the club

Nykøbing Falster currently sit fourth in the Danish league and beat EHF Finals 2022 runners-up Viborg HK to make it to this stage in the EHF European League. In December they beat EHF Champions League participants Team Esbjerg 32:27 in a Danish league match. The results show NFH steadily climbing the rankings in Denmark, and now they have a chance to make a splash in Europe too.

It is the first time ever that Nykøbing Falster Håndbold have reached the EHF European League Women group phase. They took part in the qualification round in 2019/20, losing to Paris 92. However, the team does have experience in the second-tier European competition, having reached the semi-finals of the EHF Cup in 2016/17 and the quarter-finals in 2018/19. They also played in the EHF Champions League in 2017/18, getting to the main round.

Although the club is happy to have reached this point in the European League, qualification is about more than handball, according to the club's director, John Brædder.

"Our part of Denmark and the world, Lolland-Falster, is getting more and more international. This is why we find it very important for NHF to participate in the EHF European League, to brand our area internationally and create a good base for recruiting talented new players," Brædder says.

# **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

# **EHF European League**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

# EHF Champions League Main round (1): 2017/18

## **EHF Cup**

Semi-finals (1): 2016/17 Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Danish league: 1 title (2016/17)

**Danish Cup:** 1 title (2017/18)





# JAKOB LARSEN Coach

- former Slovenian international, at the helm in Velenje since 2018, previously worked at Slovan and Koper
- was a left wing, who gained his first European cup experience in the 1990s with Gradec in the EHF Cup
- played four seasons in total in the CL, for Lubljana, Kozina, and Koper
- played 140 matches and scored more than 400 goals for the Slovenian national team

# **ARRIVALS**

Estavana Polman (Team Esbjerg) Sofie Bardrum (Ajax København) Annika Fridheim Petersen (Haukur) Tyra Axnér (fra Ikast Håndbold) Stine Eiberg Jørgensen (Ajax København) Marie Helene Sajka (Paris 92)

# **DEPARTURES**

Estavana Polman (CS Rapid Bucuresti) Johanna Forsberg (IK Sävehof) Celine Lundbye Kristiansen (København Håndbold) Emilie Steffensen Jo Lund Nielsen (HØJ Elite)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Sofie Alnor	Nielsen	DEN	Left Wing	27/05/1995	Ringsted, DEN	174
7	Amalie Wulff	Nielsen	DEN	Centre Back	18/05/1999	Ballerup, DEN	170
8	Stine Eiberg	Jørgensen	DEN	Left Back	25/11/1998	Høje-Tåstrup, DEN	1183
9	Tyra	Axnér	SWE	Left Back	18/03/2002	Minden, GER	178
10	Charlotte Lun	d Mikkelsen	DEN	Right Wing	20/04/1996	Aarhus, DEN	175
12	Annika Fridhe	eim Petersen	FAR	Goalkeeper	01/06/1999	Esbjerg, DEN	179
15	Sofie Langbal	lle Flader	DEN	Centre Back	04/06/1996	Copenhagen, DEN	177
16	Louise	Egestorp	DEN	Goalkeeper	28/02/1994	Kopenhavn, DEN	177
18	Alberte Kielst	trup Madsen	DEN	Right Back	15/09/2000	Assens, DEN	185
20	Mia Solberg	Svele	NOR	Centre Back	16/04/2001	Elverum, NOR	175
23	Elma	Halilcevic	DEN	Left Wing	18/06/2000	Esbjerg, DEN	168
24	Sofie Amalie	Olsen	DEN	Right Wing	16/02/1995	Frederiksberg, DEN	N 178
25	Marie Hélène	Sajka	FRA	Right Wing	13/09/1997	Nancy, FRA	185
27	Liv	Navne	DEN	Right Back	30/10/2000	Lolland, DEN	173
32	Cecilie	Greve	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/01/1992	Holbæk, DEN	185
34	Sofie	Bardrum	DEN	Line Player	03/04/1996	Svendborg, DEN	173
44	Nikita	Van der Vliet	NED	Line Player	14/03/2000	Zaanstad, NED	174
79	Kristina	Kristiansen	DEN	Centre Back	13/07/1989	Høje Taastrup, DEN	N 163
97	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left Back	05/08/1992	Arnhem, NED	173



# **CECILIE GREVE**

# Goalkeeper

- has played for NFH since 2017
- previous clubs include Quick 70, Roskilde, Odense and Randers
- won WCh bronze in 2013 with the Danish national team
- won gold at W17 EHF EURO 2009 and W19 EHF EURO 2011



# **ELMA HALILCEVIC**

#### Left wing

- born in Esbjerg to Bosnian parents and began her career at Team Esbjerg
- joined NFH in 2021 after three seasons in Esbjerg's senior squad, including two
- named to the Danish national development squad in summer 2022
- part of the Danish team which won EHF EURO silver in 2022, playing a part in all eight games

EURO: S 2022

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TYRA AXNÉR

#### Left back

- daughter of Swedish women's national coach, Tomas Axnér
- considered to be one of Sweden's great young talents
- made her international breakthrough during the EHF EURO 2022
- switched to NFH from Ikast prior to the 2022/23 season



MARIF-HÉI ÈNF SAJKA

#### **Right wing**

- born and raised in Nancy in France
- before switching to Danish handball, she played for Metz and Paris 92
- in addition to club handball, Sajka is also part of the French national team
- with her arrival in Denmark in 2022, has thrown herself into learning Danish



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# **GROUP C**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



Playing hall Sports Hall Fran Galovic\_ Josip Samarzija BEPO Zeljka Selingera bb 48000 Koprivnica Croatia Capacity: 2.080

# HC PODRAVKA VEGETA VEGETA

After failing to secure the Croatian title in 2021/22, HC Podravka Vegeta had to pass their spot in the EHF Champions League to their rivals Lokomotiva Zagreb and start a different European journey in the EHF European League Women. With a new head coach and an almost completely Croatian squad, the handball giants from Koprivnica are ready to face their opponents in group C.

- head coach Željko Babic is enjoying his first stint in women's handball, after previously coaching Meshkov Brest, Gorenje Velenje, Eurofarm Pelister and Croatia's men's national team
- Ana Panzda (AUT) and Iryna Stelmakh (UKR) are the only non-Croatian players in Podravka's squad
- last season's leading names like Dijana Mugoša, Yuliya
   Dumanska, Bianca Maria Bazaliu and Selena Miloševic left the club
- Podravka lost against Lokomotiva in a direct battle for the Croatian crown last season but won the Croatian Cup for the 24th time
- the Croatian club qualified for the group phase after eliminating MKS Zaglebie Lubin 50:48 on aggregate after a penalty shoot-out in qualification round 3

Podravka Vegeta has been the first name in Croatian women's handball for the last 30 years. The EHF Champions League 1995/96 winners left their mark in 26 subsequent European seasons, trying to reclaim former glory. After failing to secure another season in the top-tier competition, the club turned to domestic players who already proven talents. Building the team started last season and concluded with three more signings from Lokomotiva Zagreb: Andrea Šimara, Lucija Bešen and Dora Kalaus.

The Croatian club started their EHF European League journey in qualification round 3 against MKS Zaglebie Lubin. After two tied matches, a place in the group phase was decided through penalties — and Podravka were the lucky ones. After some help from goalkeeper Lucija Bešen, Podravka will welcome yet another European competition in their hall in Koprivnica.

"We are satisfied and happy that we qualified for the group stage, and these six games will mean a lot to us for the development of our game. We need to develop individual skills but also our team play. We have a young team with great energy and we are looking forward to these matches. We're going to do our best in every game against great teams," said head coach Zeljko Babic.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

## **EHF European League Women:**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

#### **EHF Champions League:**

Winners (1): 1995/96 Runners-up (1): 1994/95 Semi-final (1): 1997/98

#### Other

**Champions Trophy: Winners 1995/96** 

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2004/05; Semi-final 2007/08

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

**Croatian league:** 26 titles (1993-2003, 2005-13, 2015-19, 2021)

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





# ŽELJKO BABIC

- Croatian former right wing
- joined Podravka in the summer of 2022; this is his first stint in women's handball and he previously coached clubs including Meshkov Brest, Velenje and Eurofarm Pelister
- was assistant to head coach Slavko Goluza when Croatia won bronze at EHF EURO and Olympics in 2012 and WCh in 2013
- as head coach he led Croatia to bronze at EHF EURO 2016

EURO: B 2016 (as coach)

# **ARRIVALS**

Ema Guskic (ZRK Bjelovar)
Hannah Vuljak (Zrinski Cakovec)
Katja Vukovic (ZRK Dugo Selo)
Dora Kalaus (Lokomotiva Zagreb)
Lucija Bešen (Lokomotiva Zagreb)
Ana Pandza (Hypo Niederösterreich)
Andrea Šimara (Lokomotiva Zagreb)
Ivona Mrden (JKS Jaroslaw)

# **DEPARTURES**

Dijana Mugoša (SCM Craiova)
Andrea Pavkovic (SC witasek Ferlach)
Gabriela Gudelj (Split 2010)
Bianca Maria Bazaliu (Gloria Bistrita)
Bojana Milic (HC Mioveni)
Yuliya Dumanska (Gloria Bistrita)
Selena Miloševic (ZRK Zrinski Cakovec)
Ana Buljan (retirement)
Korina Karlovcan (pregnant)
Dziyana Ilyina (Gloria Buzau)
Dejana Milosavljevic (Siófok KC)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Antonia	Tucakovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	09/05/1992	Split, CRO	172
	2	Nikolina	Zadravec	CRO	Right Wing	02/09/1997	Cakovec, CRO	168
	3	Ana	Turk	CRO	Right Wing	29/06/1989	Jakarta, IDN	169
	4	Katja	Vukovic	CRO	Left Wing	13/09/2006	Zagreb, CRO	171
	5	Iryna	Stelmakh	UKR	Line Player	18/08/1993	Ternopilska obl., UK	R 191
	6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29/05/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	179
	7	Ema	Guskic	CRO	Left Back	28/11/2001	Osijek, CRO	180
	8	Lana	Strugar	CRO	Right Wing	27/11/2004	Koprivnica, CRO	171
	10	Lea	Franušic	CRO	Right Back	07/09/2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	182
	11	Tena	Megerle	CRO	Left Back	26/08/2004	Bjelovar, CRO	190
	12	Nika	Galinec	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/08/2005	Koprivnica, CRO	180
С	14	Larissa	Kalaus	CRO	Centre Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	173
	18	Sara	Šenvald	CRO	Line Player	14/03/1996	Koprivnica, CRO	185
	19	Dora	Kalaus	CRO	Right Back	24/06/1996	Koprivnica, CRO	172
	21	Ivona	Mrden	CRO	Centre Back	29/12/1998	Zagreb, CRO	175
	25	Hannah	Vuljak	CRO	Right Back	18/08/2002	Koprivnica, CRO	183
	44	Tina	Barišic	CRO	Left Back	30/10/2000	Knin, CRO	186
	50	Andrea	Šimara	CRO	Left Wing	13/07/1997	Zagreb, CRO	171
	64	Ana	Pandza	AUT	Centre Back	24/12/2003	Wien, AUT	173
	98	Lucija	Bešen	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/03/1998	Zagreb, CRO	182



# HICHJA BEŠEN

## Goalkeeper

- started her career in Sesvete, joined Podravka from Lokomotiva in 2022
- her sister Gabrijela is also a goalkeeper in Hungary, younger sister Mihaela is a left wing in Sesvete, while third sister Monika was also a handball player but had to give up due to injury
- in 2020/21 season she was the best goalkeeper of Croatian league
- was part of the EHF EURO 2020 team that won bronze, nicknamed 'Queens of shock'
- · she has a University of Applied Health Science degree in nursing

EURO: B 2020

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# ANDREA ŠIMARA

#### Left wing

- before choosing handball, she was a tennis player until she was 11; also plays beach handball
- started her handball career in Tresnjevka where she spent 10 years before joining Lokomotiva
- · came to Podravka in summer of 2022, along with four other Lokomotiva players
- was part of the Croatia national team which won bronze at the EHF EURO 2020
- · holds master's degree from Faculty of Agriculture

EURO: B 2020



# TINA BARIŠIC

#### Left back

- · started playing handball at the age of five in her home town Knin
- · primarily a left back but can play in all back positions
- before joining Podravka Vegeta, Barisic spent five years in Ivanic-Grad and two in Umag
- she was part of Croatia's youth and junior national teams



# LARISSA KALAUS

## Centre back

- started playing handball in HC Mlinar in Križevci
- already played for Podravka in her youth, later for Koka and Lokomotiva
- her twin sister Dora is also a handball player, and joined her at Podravka in 2022
- made her national team debut in 2018, winning bronze with Croatia at the EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017

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EURO: B 2020



# STRONG OPPONENTS TO FACE IN GROUP D

Group D features an interesting blend of clubs from France, Romania. Hungary and Germany, fighting for the quarter-final spot. While SCM Ramnicu Valcea wish to repeat that same success. Paris 92. Praktiker-Vác and Thüringer HC are seeking to make their club's history by progressing further than the group phase in the EHF European League. The German and the French side are coming back after one season, stronger and with higher ambitions, while the Hungarian team hope to improve from their last-place finish last time.

'Les Lionnes' have high hopes for this season's EHF European League, their third straight one. After failing to qualify for the group phase in the previous edition, Paris 92 are now back and want to leave its mark. Coach Yacine Messaoudi has a good team to work with after securing the group phase spot after finishing third in the French League last season.

SCM Ramnicu Valcea are in the group phase for the second consecutive season and want to reach at least the same result as last year - the quarter-finals. Head coach Bent Dahl, since taking over in 2021, has made great progress with the team and finished third in Romania. Easily eliminating H 65 Höörs HK proved Valcea are ready to take on another European adventure while dealing with a more limited squad due to iniuries.



Praktiker-Vác enter their third straight group phase after finishing at the bottom of their group both previous times. The young Hungarian team put all their hopes in talented players who are ready to shine on the European stage. Having only one win so far in the competition, recently joined head coach Gábor Herbert hopes he will see his team progress this season. Passing the first test in qualification round 3 defeating LC Brühl Handball, was the first step toward reaching their goals.

The German side is the only team that have started their European journey in qualification round 2, eliminating both Chambray Touraine Handball and IK Sävehof. Thüringer HC finished fourth in their domestic championship. A club with a history and experience of playing EHF Champions League and the former second-tier competition, the EHF Cup, is back in the group phase after being defeated by Molde Elite in the 2021/22 season.



Danijela Vekić









# I GROUP D HEAD-TO-HEADS

# PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP D

#### Paris 92 vs Praktiker-Vác 2-0-1 (84:80) 4:2

09.03.2013	Vaci NKSE vs Issy Paris Hand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	24:23 (9:11)
15.03.2013	Issy Paris Hand vs Vaci NKSE, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	27:23 (14:12)
10.01.2021	Vaci NKSE vs Paris 92, EHF European League – Group A	33:34 (15:16)
12.02.2021	Paris 92 vs Vaci NKSE, EHF European League – Group A	10:0*

<sup>\*</sup> Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stat.

#### Paris 92 vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Paris 92 vs Thüringer HC

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Praktiker-Vác vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea 0-0-2 (59:70) 0:4

16.01.2022	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Váci NKSE, EHF European League – Group D	39:29 (21:11)
20.02.2022	Váci NKSE vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, EHF European League – Group D	30:31 (16:15)

#### Praktiker-Vác vs Thüringer HC

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Thüringer HC**

No previous encounters in European competitions

# **GROUP D**



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Player shirt: black and gold Player short: black GK shirt: yellow



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# PARIS 92



In the not-so-distant past, Paris 92 were one of the major contenders in the old third tier Challenge Cup, but never has the French side managed to play a role in the European League. Les Lionnes are back in the group phase, having been eliminated in the first qualifying round last season, and after signing some major names last summer, they have their sights set higher than ever before.

- in the past, the club was known as Issy Paris Hand, a name that it bore until 2018, when it was changed to Paris 92
- this season is their third straight in the European League, but they have no progressed further than this stage
- last year, Paris were eliminated by Spanish side Bera Bera in the second qualifying round, 53:48 on aggregate
- their best European performance dates to 2013 and 2014, reaching the final of the Cup Winners' Cup and the Challenge Cup
- the club was very ambitious on the transfer market last summer, signing Olympic champion Méline Nocandy as well as Roxane Frank and Astride N'Gouan, two former French internationals

The young centre back was the major piece among Paris 92's signings last summer. One year after winning gold in Tokyo, she decided to move to Paris to try and take another step in her career. So three games in, and a bad knee injury later, Nocandy's season was over already. And when such an important player is down, there is a risk that the whole team is going to be in trouble.

But so far, coach Yacine Messaoudi has been able to find solutions. Déborah Lassource, who recently finished fourth with the French team at the EHF EURO 2022, is taking on more responsibility every day, while Laura Flippes is now a full-time backcourt player. And while Méline Nocandy can hardly be replaced, the team has other options to win games.

Being eliminated by Bera Bera in the second qualifying round last season was a huge blow for Paris 92. "A big failure," says captain Déborah Lassource. So, after finishing third in the French League last season and getting a ticket for the group phase straight away, those girls are hungry for revenge.

"We want to do much better this year and progress, step by step. We are ambitious and we are working every day to create our own chances," adds the captain, whose sister played in the European golden days of the club, in 2013 and 2014, before moving to Brest.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

**European League** 

Group phase (1): 2020/21

**EHF Cup** 

Quarter-final (2): 2014/15, 2008/09

Group phase (1): 2017/18

Cup Winners' Cup: runners-up (2012/13), semi-finals (2015/16)

Challenge Cup: Runners-up (2013/14)

**French league:** - (runners-up 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017)

French league cup: 1 title (2013)





# YACINE MESSAOUDI Coach

- joined Paris 92 in summer of 2020 after directing handball school in Metz for many years
- in Metz, he guided current stalwarts of French national team, including Grace Zaadi, Laura Glauser, Laura Flippes and Orlane Kanor
- Paris is his first experience as head coach

# **ARRIVALS**

Roxanne Frank (Besançon) Astride N'Gouan (Metz) Jannela Blonbou (Chambray) Méline Nocandy (Metz) Candy Jabateh (Fredrikstad BK)

# **DEPARTURES**

Mabana-Ma Fofana (retired)
Marie-Hélène Sajka (Nykobing)
Nadia Mielk-Offendal (Chambray)
Joséphine Nkou
Joana Resende (HBCAM63)
Catherine Gabriel (DVSC Schaeffler)
Ruth Joao (SCM Craiova)
Laetitia Lapointe (Sambre-Avesnois)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
	1	Roxanne	Frank	FRA	Goalkeeper	14/01/1998	Strasbourg, FRA	178	
	9	Astrid	N'gouan	FRA	Line Player	09/07/1991	Saint-Denis, FRA	187	
	10	Aminata	Cissokho	FRA	Left Wing	01/06/2001	Paris, FRA	177	
	16	Léa	Serdarevic	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/08/1995	Pau, FRA	178	
	17	Coura	Kanoute	FRA	Back	17/07/2003	Montfermeil, FRA	179	
	18	Jannela	Blonbou	FRA	Right Wing	10/04/1998	Les Abymes, FRA	180	
	19	Alice	Mazens	FRA	Left Wing	26/07/1998	Villiers, FRA	172	
	20	Laura	Flippes	FRA	Right Back	13/12/1994	Strasbourg, FRA	171	
	21	Amélie	Dufeil	FRA	Right Wing	25/05/2002	Saint-Cloud, FRA	163	
С	22	Déborah	Lassource	FRA	Centre Back	29/09/1999	Gonesse, FRA	172	
	23	Candy Veronic	ca Jabateh	NOR	Right Wing	09/09/1997	Morbuia, SEN	164	
	24	Noella	Lubaki	FRA	Line Player	27/01/2004	Paris , FRA	183	
	25	Meline	Nocandy	FRA	Centre Back	25/02/1998	Saint-Claude, FRA	172	
	26	Elikia	Mapuya Lengadi	oFRA	Goalkeeper	26/06/2002	Saint-Maurice, FR	A176	
	27	Lara	Gonzalez Ortega	ESP	Left Back	22/02/1992	Alicante , ESP	184	
	28	Namizata	Fofana	CIV	Right Wing	01/01/2000	Daloa, CIV	170	
	29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre Back	09/07/1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	172	
	34	Anais	Silvestre	FRA	Back	03/02/2004	Montpellier, FRA	174	
	55	Chloé	Houze	FRA	Left Wing	24/06/2004	Croix, FRA	170	
	76	Lilia	Bossuyt	FRA	Right Wing	22/07/2004	Lillebonne, FRA	171	
	92	Adja	Ouatara	FRA	Line Player	14/10/2001	Paris, FRA	181	
	93	Bidanne	Konte	FRA	Centre Back	28/10/2002	Bondy, FRA	176	



# **ROXANNE FRANK**

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#### Goalkeeper

- the latest talent to emerge from Strasbourg, the city that produced Cléopâtre Darleux
- joined Besancon in 2017, days after winning gold with France at the W19 EHF EURO 2017
- moved to Paris 92 in July 2022
- made her national team debut for France in April 2019, but has not played for the national team since October 2020



# DÉRORAH I ASSOURCE



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#### Centre back

- · Paris 92 has been her only professional club so far
- played for the club with her older sister Coralie, who then moved to Brest
- made her major competition debut with France at the EHF EURO 2022
- suffered a torn Achilles heel in November 2020, just weeks before she was meant to play the EHF EURO 2020 with France



## **LAURA FLIPPES**



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#### **Right back**

- played for Metz for her entire professional career before moving to Paris in 2020
- plays on the wing position for the national team but plays exclusively in the back court with her club
- · started working with a mental coach a couple of years ago
- forged a strong relationship with coach Yacine Messaoudi when he was coaching the B-team in Metz

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



# **ASTRIDE N'GOUAN**



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#### Line player

- made her professional debut with Paris 92 in 2012/13, before returning to the club in 2022
- played for various French clubs such as Toulon, Brest and Metz
- is the latest former Metz player to join Paris 92, after Laura Flippes and Meline Nocandy
- has CL experience, including two FINAL4 participation with Metz in 2019 and 2022

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

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#### Kit colours

**Light**Player shirt: red
Player short: red
GK shirt: black

#### Dark

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



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# PRAKTIKER-VÁC



Hungarian club Praktiker-Vác have been a consistent presence in the EHF European League Women group phase in the past two seasons, but have finished bottom of their group both times. Now, with a younger, fresh team they are looking to go at least a step further.

Former Hungarian national Erika Kis-Máténé Kirsner, who has been Vác's president since 2011, has a clear goal for the European League season.

- Vác beat Swiss side LC Brühl in round 3 to qualify for the group phase
- left wing Natalie Schatzl is the sister of Györi Audi ETO KC left wing Nadine
- Laura Kürthi and Noémi Bárdy both have knee ligament injures and will miss the whole season.
- former team captain Konszuéla Hámori and up-and-coming star left back Gréta Kácsor left the squad

"Before this season, one of our objectives was to repeat and reach the group phase in the European League. Our team made this objective successfully, and the next target is to earn more points than in last two years," Kirsner says.

Vác finished with only one wins in each season and were outplayed in away games. "We would like to improve our performance at games far from our arena and we would like to repeat our good level at our home matches as well," she adds.

Although the Hungarian side produces many talented youngsters, the depth of the squad is not their biggest strength. "To achieve our dreams will be a very hard job for us, because in the group stage we will meet only very good teams from the top leagues from Europe, and meanwhile we need to be successful in the Hungarian League as well, which will be a serious task in this very busy schedule," thinks Kirsner.

Still, the importance of EHF European League for the club is unquestionable. "Of course, when our team is playing in European League matches especially in the group phase it is always a big pleasure for us, because only a few teams can reach this stage from Hungary. For our young team this will be a very good experience, they will learn a lot of things from these matches," finishes the president.

# **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **EHF European League Women**

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 3

## **EHF Cup**

Quarter-finals (1): 2010/11 Last 16 (2): 2011/12, 2013/14

# **Cup Winners' Cup**

Quarter-finals (2): 2003/04, 2012/13

**Hungarian league:** - (third in 2009/10)





# GÁBOR HERBERT Coach

- took over the squad of Vác just recently before the 2022/23 group phase
- won the Hungarian league and cup as a player and was member of the national team
- used to have a coaching role at Pick Szeged with juniors then moved to Orosháza as his first job with a women's side

# **ARRIVALS**

Fanni Csizmadia (Békéscsaba) Anna Ballai (FTC -Rail Cargo Hungaria) Nikolett Marincsák (MTK Budapest) Laura Kürthi (Györi Audi ETO KC) Kira Bánfai (MTK Budapest)

# **DEPARTURES**

Andrea Aron (Szent István SE) Petra Balogh (Szombathely) Vivien Grosch (MTK Budapest) Konszuéla Hámori (DVSC) Gréta Kácsor (DVSC) Zsófia Szondi (Eszterházy SC) Csenge Csatlós (Pázmánd)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Fanni Klára	Csizmadia	HUN	Goalkeeper	23/03/2002	Orosháza, HUN	180
4	Anna	Ballai	HUN	Left Wing	22/01/2003	Budapest, HUN	175
5	Laura	Kürthi	HUN	Right Back	16/03/2002	Gyor, HUN	180
6	Dorka Anna	Bencsik	HUN	Line Player	11/09/2004	Kecskemét, HUN	178
11	Fruzsina	Ferenczy	HUN	Centre Back	02/07/1996	Budapest, HUN	172
12	Bettina	Pásztor	HUN	Goalkeeper	01/12/1992	Fehérgyarmat, HUI	N182
13	Borbála	Ballai	HUN	Centre Back	22/01/2003	Budapest, HUN	170
15	Diána	Világos	HUN	Line Player	31/03/2002	Gyor, HUN	168
16	Anna	Bukovszky	HUN	Goalkeeper	30/06/2002	Balassagyarmat, HUI	N 174
18	Anikó	Kovács	HUN	Centre Back	05/02/2004	Esztergom, HUN	177
19	Anna	Pálffy	HUN	Right Wing	09/11/2003	Vác, HUN	172
21	Alexandra	Szécsi	HUN	Left Back	15/05/2004	Gyöngyös, HUN	180
23	Noémi	Bárdy	HUN	Left Back	15/01/2002	Budapest, HUN	181
24	Nikolett	Marincsák	HUN	Centre Back	18/09/1994	Berettyóújfalu, HUľ	N 172
27	Aida	Kurucz	HUN	Centre Back	19/08/2004	Eger, HUN	172
28	Kíra	Bánfai	HUN	Right Wing	28/01/2000	Pécs, HUN	176
53	Natalie	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	29/03/2000	München, GER	173
59	Csenge	Kuczora	HUN	Centre Back	26/01/2000	Budapest, HUN	176
94	Jázmin	Kovalcsik	HUN	Line Player	02/02/2002	Budapest, HUN	176
96	Fanny	Helembai	HUN	Line Player	26/12/1996	Vác, HUN	178
99	Nikolett	Diószegi	HUN	Right Wing	31/03/1996	Békéscsaba, HUN	173



# **NATALIE SCHATZL**

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#### Left wing

- 22-year-old sister of Györ left wing, Nadine Schatzl
- · born in Munich, Germany, but has Hungarian nationality
- · won W19 EHF EURO 2019 gold with Hungary
- began her career at Érd, joined Dunaújvárosi Kohász in 2020 and then moved to Vác in 2021



# **CSENGE KUCZORA**



#### Centre back

- started her career in Vasas before moving to Vác in 2018
- named as the best defender at the W19 EURO 2019, where she won gold with Hungary
- · also able to play in other positions in the back court
- debuted in the senior national team in March 2022 against Spain



**FANNY HELEMBAI** 

# (a) @helembaifanny

#### Line player

- never played for any other club
- · debuted in the national team in 2020
- · she is one of the most experienced player on the line at 25 years of age



# LAURA KLAUDIA KÜRTHI



#### **Right back**

- a talented and versatile player, can play both as a right wing and as a right back, due to her 180cm height
- born and bred in Györ, she only played for the local team since she started handball.
   She was loaned to MTK Budapest in the summer of 2021 until March 2022
- joined Vác in the summer of 2022
- · All-Star right wing at the Youth EHF EURO in 2019, where she won gold with Hungary

# **GROUP D**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: black

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue Player short: blue Goalkeeper shirt: red



Playing hall "Traian" Sport Hall Str.Nicolae Balcescu Nr.24 240190 Ramnicu Valcea Romania Capacity: 2,239

# SCM RAMNICU VALCEA



A fast-paced team, with a penchant for scoring goals, while also boasting a huge history and a pedigree to be feared, SCM Ramnicu Valcea have big ambitions in this season's EHF European League Women, with a trip to the EHF Finals Women on the cards, provided the team extends their excellent run of form on their home court.

- Valcea progressed to the group phase with a 63:48 win on aggregate against H 65 Höörs HK in Qualification Round 3
- the Romanian side is for the second consecutive season in the group phase of the competition, having previously made the quarter-finals last season
- Valcea boast players of nine different nationalities and three different continents in the roster, including Tunisian-born line player Asma Elghaoui and Japanese right wing Asuka Fujita
- last season, they went as far as the quarter-finals of the EHF European League Women, where they were downed by Herning-Ikast Handbold, 61:72 on aggregate
- Bent Dahl's side will lament the absence of left back Jovanka Kovacevic in the first matches of the competition, as the Serbian stalwart suffered a back injury during the EHF EURO 2022

Bent Dahl has done a terrific job at Valcea since his appointment in 2021, leading the squad to third place in the Romanian League last season, despite the team being underdogs for most of the season. The Norwegian coach has deployed a fast-paced system, with plenty of speed in the games, as Valcea delivered one of the biggest surprises of the current season in the Romanian domestic competition, a 37:36 home win against champions Rapid Bucuresti.

That only underlines the penchant for surprises, at least at home, for Valcea, who were a superb side to watch in the competition last season, while also delivering a high-octane attack time and time again. With a good draw in the group phase, the Romanian side, who have inherited Oltchim's performances from back in the day, will want to emulate the performances of the old team, who made an appearance in the final of the EHF Champions League Women in the 2009/10 season.

However, the side clearly has shortcomings – a small roster, where every injury will be critical. But with Dahl at the helm and a strong and experienced group of players, Valcea will try to represent Romania to the best of their abilities, being a proud city, where handball is a way of life.

# PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League Women participations (including 2021/22): 2

#### Other

#### **EHF Champions League:**

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

Semi-finals (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13

Main round (2): 2007/08, 2010/11

## **Cup Winners' Cup:**

Winners (1): 2006/07 Runners-up (1): 2001/02

Champions Trophy: Winners (1): 2006/07

Romanian league: 20 titles (1989-91, 1993-2000, 2002, 2007-13, 2019)

**Romanian cup:** 14 titles (1984, 1990, 1992-99, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2011, 2020)





## BENT DAHL Coach

- replaced Goran Kurtes as Valcea head coach in September 2021, just a few months after being appointed as Romania women's national team assistant coach
- led Norway's junior teams between 1998 and 2008; also had stints at club level with Oppsal, Kongsberg and Siófok KC
- an EHF lecturer, Dahl is also a member of the EHF "RINCK" Convention
- a coach with a penchant for attacking handball, a style he has deployed with previous teams

# **ARRIVALS**

Asuka Fujita (CS Minaur Baia Mare) Elin Hansson (Skuru IK) Raluca Bacaoanu (Magura Cisnadie) Jovana Kovacevic (Gloria Bistrita) Amalia Coman (Stiinta Bucuresti) Daniela de Jong (Skuru IK) Tanja Asanin (Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC)

# **DEPARTURES**

Kristina Liscevic Mireya Gonzalez (both HC Dunarea Braila) Olga Gorshenina (Neckarsulmer SU) Elena Dache (Magura Cisnadie) Zeljka Nikolic (Gloria Bistrita) Roberta Stamin Daniela Marin (both HC Zalau)



# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Daciana	Hosu	ROU	Goalkeeper	16/01/1998	Bistrita, ROU	181
	3	Elin	Hansson	SWE	Left Wing	07/08/1996	StGöran,Stockholm,SWI	<del>-</del> 173
	5	Amalia Mihae	la Coman	ROU	Centre Back	29/07/2000	Bucuresti, ROU	178
	6	Asma	Elghaoui	HUN	Line Player	29/08/1991	Monastir, TUN	174
	7	Yevheniia	Levchenko	UKR	Right Wing	09/11/1994	Luka, Lviv, UKR	170
	8	Bobana	Klikovac	MNE	Line Player	19/07/1995		181
	9	Raluca Elena	Bacaoanu	ROU	Line Player	02/05/1989	Constanta, ROU	177
	17	Tanja	Asanin	MNE	Right Back	05/11/1996		182
	18	Daria	Bucur	ROU	Right Back	11/07/1999	Constanta, ROU	180
	19	Daniela	De Jong	SWE	Centre Back	01/09/1998	Stockholm	175
С	22	Elena Cristina	Florica	ROU	Left Wing	11/05/1992	Creteni, ROU	174
	23	Iryna	Glibko	UKR	Left Back	18/02/1990	Odesa, UKR	169
	24	Jovana	Kovacevic	SRB	Left Back	09/04/1996		178
	26	Isabell	Roch	GER	Goalkeeper	26/07/1990		174
	27	Asuka	Fujita	JPN	Right Wing	14/02/1996	Osaka, JPN	166
	77	Sara	Rus	ROU	Goalkeeper	29/09/2002	Petrosani, ROU	190
	89	Corina Romina	a Lupei	ROU	Left Wing	12/07/2002	Targu Mures, ROU	175
	92	Elena Raluca	Dascalete	ROU	Left Back	08/01/1992	Horezu, ROU	184



# FI FNA CRISTINA FI ORICA

#### Left wing

- born and bred in Valcea, Florica has only played for SCM Craiova and SCM Ramnicu
- the longest-serving player currently at Valcea, Florica was named as the team captain in 2021
- won the Romanian league, cup and super cup with Valcea between 2018 and 2021
- has opened an event centre which hosts wedding and baptism parties in Ramnicu Valcea



# IRYNA GI IRKO

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#### Left back

- started playing handball in Ukraine, but moved to Romania when she was only 22
- considers Romania as her second home after playing for Galati, CSM Bucuresti,
- has scored more than 1,200 goals in the Romanian league and was the top scorer in 2013 and 2018
- returned even stronger in 2021 after missing five months due to a health problem

EC trophies: European Cup 2021



# **ASMA ELGHAOUI**

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#### Line player

- born in Tunisia, a nation which she represented between 2011 and 2016, also obtained Hungarian citizenship, playing two games for the Hungarian national team
- played in France, Russia and Hungary, also winning the CL in 2017 with Györ, where she was loaned by Siófok
- her favourite movie is "A Star is Born" and she also likes listening to rap, pop and R&B music

EC trophies: CL 2017, EHF Cup 2019



# **ASUKA FUJITA**



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# **Right wing**

- one of the first Japanese players to leave her home country for an adventure in Europe. Played for Dortmund between 2018 and 2020 before signing for CS Minaur Baia Mare; she joined Valcea in summer 2022
- has learnt English during her time in Europe, improving her skills as time went by
- became the first Japanese player to ever don the shirt of a Romanian club team
- stated that she is missing her home country, as the cultures of Romania and Japan are totally different

# **GROUP D**



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#### Kit colours

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

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



Playing hall Wiedigsburghalle Nordhausen August-Bebel-Platz 6 99734 Nordhausen Germany Capacity: 2,218

# THÜRINGER HC



For 12 consecutive seasons, Thüringer HC have participated in European Cup competitions. Now in their second appearance in the EHF European League Women group phase, the former German champions start with a completely new team.

However, coach Herbert Müller, who has steered the club to seven league championships and three German Cup trophies, remains a constant presence.

- playing in their 13th season in European Cup competitions, including eight seasons in the EHF Champions League
- were part of the inaugural EHF European League Women group phase in the 2020/21 season, but did not proceed to the quarter-finals; last year failed in qualification round 2
- knocked out two strong teams in the qualification rounds this season: Chambray Touraine Handball (58:52 on aggregate) and IK Sävehof (65:52 on aggregate)
- will face Paris 92, SCM Ramnicu Valcea and Praktiker-Vác in group D
- had a major transition and rejuvenation before this season, with 13 players leaving and 10 arriving from seven countries

Currently, Thüringer HC are in second place in the German Bundesliga after winning eight games and only losing one. In the qualification rounds for the EHF European League group phase, they eliminated two teams that started as favourites, so the new THC squad have already exceeded expectations.

The new arrivals all fit well in the team, particularly German international Annika Lott and the two goalkeepers: Nicole Roth and Irma Schjött. But the most important transfer was experienced Austrian international Sonja Frey, who is the top player in Müller's national team and had already been part of the THC squad from 2012 to 2016.

Being drawn in a challenging group with Paris 92 and Ramnicu Valcea, THC need to finish above at least one of these top teams to reach the guarterfinals. With Thüringer HC possessing a strong home record, the away matches will probably determine their fate. THC are seemingly ambitious enough with their international squad, which has a large Austrian and Scandinavian contingent.

# **PAST ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **EHF European League**

Participations (including 2022/23): 2

## **EHF Champions League**

Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15

Main round (5): 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Group phase (2): 2011/12, 2012/13

EHF Cup: quarter-finals (2019/20)

Challenge Cup: runners-up (2008/09)

**German league:** 7 titles (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)

**German Cup:** 3 titles (2011, 2013, 2019)





# HERBERT MÜLLER

- was born in Romanian city of Timisoara
- is the most successful coach of German Bundesliga clubs in the last 15 years steering Nuremburg to three league championships, followed by seven more domestic championships with Thüringer HC
- in between, coached Romanian side Brasov and since 2009 the Austrian national team
- on club level, his brother Helfried had always been his assistant coach since 2008
- in business life, Müller was maths lecturer at the university

# **ARRIVALS**

Nikoline Skals Lundgreen (Skövde HF) Sonia Frey (Ikast Handbold) Nathalie Hendrikse (Sport-Union Neckarsulm) Madeleine Hilby (Tertnes Bergen) Sara Sætre Rønningen (Storhamar Handball Elite) Vilma Matthijs Holmberg (Skuru IK) Irma Schiött (H 65 Höörs HK) Nicole Roth (TuS Metzingen) Johanna Stockschläder (Sport-Union Neckarsulm) Annika Lott (Buxtehuder SV)

# **DFPARTURES**

Petra Blazek (Hypo Niederösterreich) Ines Khouildi (unknown) Luca Szekerczés (Szombathelyi KKA/Moyra-Budaörs Handball) Emma Ekenman Fernis (LUGI HF) Annika Meyer (SG BBM Bietigheim)

Asli Iskit-Caliskan (CS Magura Cisnadie)

Rinka Duiindam (Sola HK) Lamprini Tsakalou (unknown)

Kerstin Kündig (Viborg HK/SG BBM Bieitgheim)

Kim Braun (Femina Vise)

Miranda Schmidt-Robben (upknown)

Beate Scheffknecht (HC BW Feldkirch)

Arwen Gorb (TSG Ketsch)

Lydia Jakubisova (retired – joined THC's coaching staff)

# **I TEAM ROSTER**

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
	1	Laura	Kuske	GER	Goalkeeper	19/11/2001	NeumarktinderOberpfalz,GEF	R 178
	4	Nikoline Skals	Lundgreen	DEN	Right Back	07/01/1998	Faaborg-Midtfyn, DEN	l 187
	5	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Left Wing	22/04/1993	Wien, AUT	169
	6	Nathalie	Hendrikse	NED	Right Wing	04/04/1995	Amsterdam, NED	170
	7	Yuki	Tanabe	JPN	Left Wing	25/08/1989	Kyotanabe, JPN	170
	8	Dominika	Zachova	CZE	Right Wing	04/06/1996	Pilsen, CZE	175
	9	Madeleine	Hilby	NOR	Back	04/03/1995	Bergen, NOR	172
	10	Sara Saetre	Rønningen	NOR	Line Player	03/11/1996	Levanger, NOR	180
	11	Vilma Matthijs	s Holmberg	SWE	Line Player	25/02/1999	Tyresö, SWE	173
	12	Irma	Schjött	SWE	Goalkeeper	18/11/1998	Stockholm, SWE	179
	14	Anika	Niederwieser	ITA	Centre Back	28/02/1992	Brixen, ITA	185
	16	Nicole	Roth	GER	Goalkeeper	08/05/1995	Nürnberg, GER	182
	18	Johanna	Stockschläder	GER	Left Wing	11/02/1995	Siegen, GER	171
	21	Annika	Lott	GER	Left Back	07/12/1999	Henstedt-Ulzberg, GEF	R 180
	23	Paula	Büttner	GER	Right Back	19/12/2003	Erfurt, GER	165
	24	Sarah	Kupke	GER	Right Back	11/06/2004	Erfurt, GER	170
	29	Johanna	Reichert	AUT	Left Back	31/12/2001	Korneuburg, AUT	178
	43	Jennifer	Rode	GER	Right Back	03/08/1995	Berlin, GER	177
:	57	Josefine	Huber	AUT	Line Player	19/02/1996	Wien, AUT	180
		Kim	Ott	GER	Left Back	17/02/2006	Erfurt, GER	170



# JOHANNA STOCKSCHI ÄDER

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#### Left wing

- was a "late discovery" for the national team, played her first international match at the age of 26 in 2021, did not play any youth or junior teams before
- the biggest surprise of the German team at the EHF EURO 2022, scoring 25 goals in six matches
- transferred to Borussia Dortmund in 2017, where she played her first Bundesliga matches
- left Dortmund to sign for Neckarsulm after becoming German champion in 2021, but moved to Thüringer after one year
- was third-best Bundesliga scorer in the season 2021/22 with 146 strikes, mostly fast-break goals



## ANIKA NIEDERWIESER

#### Left back

- more a defence specialist than a back court player
- started her career in Brixen, Italy; transferred to Thüringer in 2016 and after two seasons and becoming German champion in 2018, moved to Metzingen
- returned to THC in 2021, as their defence specialist
- is an indoor and beach handball national team player for Italy, was awarded best defender at the Beach WCh 2014, was bronze medallist at the Beach EHF EURO 2011 and 2015
- · was awarded Italian player of the year 2019



# **ANNIKA LOTT**

#### Left back

- left her home club at the age of 16 to join Bayer Leverkusen, and became German youth champion in 2018
- moved to Buxtehude in 2018 and played four seasons for the Northern German side
- arrived at Thüringer HC in 2022 and is already best THC scorer in German Bundesliga
- had played in all German youth and junior national teams and had her debut in the women's team in November 2020
- · is a tall shooter, famous for long-range shots



# **SONJA FREY**

#### **Centre back**

- · played for Austria at the 2009 WCh in China at the age of 16
- a core player for the Austrian national team, coached by her club coach Herbert Müller
- in 2012, she left Austria to join Thüringer for the first time and for four years
- then made it to France, first to Dijon, then to Paris, before she went northwards to Denmark to play for Esbjerg and Ikast
- returned to Thüringer at the start of the 2022/23 season
- is a classical playmaker but also strong in one-against-one actions and is always among the best scorers

# I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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

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 of the EHF European League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

#### **GROUP PHASE**

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

During the group phase:

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

After completion of the group phase if two teams have scored the same number of points:

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

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

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

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

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

#### **OUARTER-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**

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last
- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



# HISTORY

# I PAST WINNERS OF EHF SECOND—TIER CLUB COMPETITIONS

# **EHF European League Women**

2022 SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)

2021 Nantes Atlantique Handball (FRA)

# **Previous winners**

# Women's EHF Cup (after merge with Cup Winners' Cup)

2020	no title awarded due to Covid-19	
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2019 Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)

2018 SCM Craiova (ROU)

2017 Rostov-Don (RUS)

# Women's EHF Cup

# Women's Cup Winners' Cup

2016	Dunaujvárosi KKA (HUN)	2016	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2015	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	2015	FC Midtjylland (DEN)
2014	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)	2014	Viborg HK (DEN)
2013	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	2013	HYPO Niederösterreich (AUT)
2012	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)	2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungária (HUN)
2011	FC Midtjylland Handball (DEN)	2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungária (HUN)
2010	Randers HK A/S (DEN)	2010	Budućnost T-Mobile (MNE)
2009	Itxako Navarra (ESP)	2009	FCK Handbold A/S (DEN)
2008	Dinamo Volgograd (RUS)	2008	Larvik HK (NOR)
2007	Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)	2007	CS Oltchim Vâlcea (ROU)
2006	FTC Budapest (HUN)	2006	ZRK Budućnost MONET (SCG)
2005	Cornexi Alcoa (HUN)	2005	Larvik HK (NOR)
2004	Viborg HK (DEN)	2004	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)
2003	Slagelse FH (DEN)	2003	ESBF Besançon (FRA)
2002	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)	2002	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2001	MKS Montex Lublin (POL)	2001	Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)
2000	El Ferrobus Mislata (ESP)	2000	L´Eliana Valencia (ESP)
1999	Viborg HK (DEN)	1999	Baekkelagets Oslo (NOR)
1998	Dunaferr SE (HUN)	1998	Baekkelagets Oslo (NOR)
1997	Robit Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)	1997	Istochnik Rostov (RUS)
1996	Debrecéni VSC (HUN)	1996	Giessen Lützellinden (GER)
1995	Debrecéni VSC (HUN)	1995	Dunaferr SE (HUN)
1994	Viborg HK (DEN)	1994	Tus Walle Bremen (GER)

# I EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2021/22 TOP SCORERS

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Camilla Herrem (NOR)	Sola HK	80
2	Kristina Jörgensen (DEN)	Viborg HK	72
3	Kristina Novak (NOR)	Sola HK	66
4	Emilie Hovden (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	64
5	Jelena Lavko (SRB)	CS Minaur Baia Mare	60
6	Maja Magnussen (NOR)	Sola HK	58
7	Marilena Neagu (ROU)	CS Magura Cisnadie	57
8	Live Rushfeldt Deila (NOR)	Sola HK	53
9	Adrianna Górna (POL)	MKS Zaglebie Lubin	52
	Csenge Kuczora (HUN)	Praktiker-Vác	52
	Iryna Glibko (UKR)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	52
	Emma Friis (DEN)	Ikast Handbold	52
13	Asma Elghaoui (TUN)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	51
14	Julia Maidhof (GER)	SG BBM Bietigheim	50
15	Anniken Obaidli (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	48
	Cristina Laslo (ROU)	CS Minaur Baia Mare	48
17	Betina Riegelhuth (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	47
18	Ingvild Bakkerud (NOR)	Ikast Handbold	46
	Nathalie Hagman (SWE)	Neptunes de Nantes	46
20	Inger Smits (NED)	SG BBM Bietigheim	43

# **I 2022/23 QUALIFICATION TOP SCORERS**

	Player			Club	Goals
1	Sara	Berg	NOR	Fana	30
2	Tamara	Mavsar	SLO	Siófok KC	26
3	Laurentia	Wolff	SUI	LC Brühl Handball	24
4	Marta	Mangué	ESP	Rocasa Gran Canaria	23
5	Aurora	Hatle	NOR	Fana	22
6	Elma	Halilcevic	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	21
7	Marie Hélène	Sajka	FRA	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	21
8	Maria	Gomes de Costa	ESP	Rocasa Gran Canaria	21
9	Nathalie	Hendrikse	NED	Thüringer HC	21
10	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Thüringer HC	21
11	Tabea	Schmid	SUI	LC Brühl Handball	20
12	Annika	Lott	GER	Thüringer HC	19
13	Paulina	Golla	GER	VfL Oldenburg	19
14	Celine	Solstad	NOR	Fana	19
15	Dunja	Tabak	SRB	ZRK Zeleznicar - Indjija	19
16	Ana Maria	Iuganu	ROU	SCM Gloria Buzau	18
17	Veronika	Galušková	CZE	DHC Plzen	17
18	Soledad	López Jiménez	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	17
19	Naja	Kristensen	DEN	Rocasa Gran Canaria	17
20	Jennifer	Rode	GER	Thüringer HC	17
21	Merle	Carstensen	GER	VfL Oldenburg	17
22	Toni-Luisa	Reinemann	GER	VfL Oldenburg	17

(clubs in **bold** have qualified for the 2022/23 group phase)

#### BEFORE 2022-23 SEASON

1 Ikast Håndbold DEN	20	16	0	4	649:567	+82	32:8	(3)	80,00%
2 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	20	11	2	7	550:532	+18	24:16		60,00%
3 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	10	10	0	0	312:230	+82	20:0	(1)	100,00%
4 Neptunes de Nantes FRA	16	10	0	6	452:433	+19	20:12	٠,	62,50%
5 Siófok KC HUN	10	8	1	1	309:278	+31	17:3		85,00%
6 Viborg HK DEN	10	7	2	1	304:272	+32	16:4		80,00%
7 Sola HK NOR	8	6	1	1	257:219	+38	13:3	(2)	81,25%
8 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	14	5	0	9	403:425	-22	10:18	(2)	35,71%
9 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	8	4	1	3	239:244	-5	9:7	(2)	56,25%
10 Astrakhanochka RUS	8	4	0	4	191:173	+18	8:8	(1)	50,00%
11 Handball Club Lada RUS	14	4	0	10	340:350	-10	8:20	(2)	28,57%
12 HC Dunarea Braila ROU	8	3	1	4	219:225	-6	7:9	(1)	43,75%
13 Kuban RUS	6	2	2	2	130:120	+10	6:6	(1)	50,00%
14 Motherson Mosonmag.KC HUN	۱6	3	0	3	160:165	-5	6:6	(2)	50,00%
15 Paris 92 FRA	6	3	0	3	93:101	-8	6:6	(2)	50,00%
16 HC Zvezda RUS	8	3	0	5	192:198	-6	6:10	(1)	37,50%
17 ES Besancon Feminin FRA	8	3	0	5	225:247	-22	6:10	(2)	37,50%
18 MKS Perla Lublin POL	6	2	1	3	154:155	-1	5:7	(1)	41,67%
19 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUF	R 6	2	1	3	156:171	-15	5:7	(1)	41,67%
20 Magura Cisnadie ROU	6	2	0	4	137:162	-25	4:8	(1)	33,33%
21 Praktiker-Vác HUN	12	2	0	10	317:376	-59	4:20	(3)	16,67%
22 Chambray Touraine HB FRA	6	1	1	4	163:176	-13	3:9	(1)	25,00%
23 MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	6	1	1	4	149:173	-24	3:9	(1)	25,00%
24 Thüringer HC GER	6	1	0	5	93:127	-34	2:10	(2)	16,67%
25 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	6	0	0	6	139:174	-35	0:12	(1)	0,00%
26 Fleury Loiret Handball FRA	6	0	0	6	104:144	-40	0:12	(1)	0,00%
NRHC Podravka Vegeta CRO	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NRNykøbing Falster Håndb. DEN	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NRBV Borussia 09 Dortmund GEF	S 0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NRDVSC Schaeffler HUN	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0		N/A
NRFana NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0		N/A
NRMolde Elite NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A

EHF European League Women 2020/21 - 2022/23 (excluding qualification matches):

- club name is last name used in EHF European League Women
- clubs in **bold** are participating in EHF European League Women 2022/23 group phase
- () = number of participations, including 2022/23 season
- % = winning percentage
- last update on 15 December 2022 (up to and including 2021/22 season)

# **TOP 10 BIGGEST WIN**

21	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN	42:21 (19:10)	05.02.2022
19	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	39:20 (19:11)	15.01.2022
17	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Magura Cisnadie ROU	35:18 (16:8)	12.02.2022
15	Sola HK NOR @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23)	13.02.2022
13	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	27:40 (11:19)	10.02.2021
12	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ Vaci NKSE HUN	26:38 (13:21)	23.01.2021
12	SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	21:33 (8:19)	06.02.2022
11	Siófok KC HUN @ Fleury Loiret Handball FRA	24:35 (10:20)	17.01.2021
11	Viborg HK DEN vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	31:20 (15:8)	16.02.2022
11	SG BBM Bietigheim @ Viborg HK DEN	20:31 (10:17)	15.05.2022

# TOP 10 BIGGEST LEAD AT HALF-TIME

12	Sola HK NOR @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23)	13.02.2022
11	SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	21:33 (8:19)	06.02.2022
10	Siófok KC HUN @ Fleury Loiret Handball FRA	24:35 (10:20)	17.01.2021
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN	39:29 (21:11)	16.01.2022
10	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN	34:24 (19:9)	12.02.2022
9	MKS Perla Lublin POL vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	35:26 (18:9)	15.02.2021
9	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN	42:21 (19:10)	05.02.2022
8	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	35:26 (18:10)	16.01.2021
8	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ Vaci NKSE HUN	26:38 (13:21)	23.01.2021
8	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	27:40 (11:19)	10.02.2021
8	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	39:20 (19:11)	15.01.2022
8	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Magura Cisnadie ROU	35:18 (16:8)	12.02.2022
8	Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	28:24 (15:7)	20.02.2022

# **TOP 10 MOST GOALS**

42	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN	42:21 (19:10)	05.02.2022
41	Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	41:36 (18:15)	07.02.2021
40	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	27:40 (11:19)	10.02.2021
40	Sola HK NOR @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23)	13.02.2022
40	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR	40:32 (18:14)	26.03.2022
39	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Vaci NKSE HUN	39:29 (19:13)	06.02.2021
39	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ HC Zvezda RUS	31:39 (13:18)	14.02.2021
39	Sola HK NOR @ ES Besancon Feminin FRA	32:39 (16:22)	15.01.2022
39	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	39:20 (19:11)	15.01.2022
39	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN	39:29 (21:11)	16.01.2022
39	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	33:39 (17:20)	27.03.2022

# **TOP 10 MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

77	Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	41:36 (18:15)	07.02.2021
75	Viborg HK vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	38:37 (19:21)	03.04.2022
72	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR	40:32 (18:14)	26.03.2022
72	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	33:39 (17:20)	27.03.2022
71	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Sola HK NOR	32:39 (16:22)	15.01.2022
70	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ HC Zvezda RUS	31:39 (13:18)	14.02.2021
70	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	36:34 (21:15)	08.05.2021
70	Siófok KC HUN vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	36:34aet (19:18, 31:31)	08.05.2021
68	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Vaci NKSE HUN	39:29 (19:13)	06.02.2021
68	HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs Kuban RUS	36:32 (17:13)	20.02.2021
68	Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA	38:30 (20:13)	09.01.2022
68	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN	39:29 (21:11)	16.01.2022

# **TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS**

18	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO @ Sola HK NOR	25:18 (13:11)	29.01.2022
18	Magura Cisnadie ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	35:18 (16:8)	12.02.2022
19	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN	19:22 (11:12)	15.01.2022
19	MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER	29:19 (16:9)	22.01.2022
20	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
20	MKS Perla Lublin POL @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
20	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER	39:20 (19:11)	15.01.2022
20	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU @ Viborg HK DEN	31:20 (15:8)	16.02.2022
20	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER	20:28 (7:13)	19.02.2022
20	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER	30:20 (12:10)	02.04.2022
20	Viborg HK DEN vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER	20:31 (10:17)	15.05.2022

# **TOP 10 FEW EST GOALS BOTH TEAMS**

40	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
41	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN	19:22 (11:12)	15.01.2022
43	Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:18 (13:11)	29.01.2022
46	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs MKS Perla Lublin POL	25:21 (11:12)	07.02.2021
46	MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	23:23 (12:12)	13.02.2022
48	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Paris 92 FRA	25:23 (13:12)	21.02.2021
48	SG BM Bietigheim GER vs MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	29:19 (16:9)	22.01.2022
48	CS MInaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER	20:28 (7:13)	19.02.2022
49	Paris 92 FRA vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	26:23 (14:12)	16.01.2021
49	Sola HK NOR vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN	27:22 (16:12)	06.02.2022

# BIGGEST HALF-TIME DEFICIT OVERCOME TO IV/IN A GAME

-3	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	26:29 (15:12)	21.02.2021
-3	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	31:33 (19:16)	09.05.2021
-2	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Astrakhanochka RUS	30:27 (13:15)	06.02.2021
-2	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU @ Chambray Touraine Handball FRA	25:26 (14:12)	22.01.2022
-2	Viborg HK DEN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	38:37 (19:21)	03.04.2022
-1	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs Handball Club Lada RUS	29:25 (13:14)	24.01.2021
-1	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs MKS Perla Lublin POL	25:21 (11:12)	07.02.2021
-1	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU	27:25 (13:14)	03.04.2021
-1	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Handball Club Lada RUS	34:27 (16:17)	12.02.2022
-1	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU @ Váci NKSE HUN	30:31 (16:15)	20.02.2022
-1	Viborg HK DEN @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	31:33 (19:18)	26.03.2022

# BIGGEST HALF-TIME DEFICIT OVERCOME TO DRAW A GAME

-6	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Sola HK NOR	29:29 (16:10)	03.04.2022
-3	Siófok KC HUN vs Kuban RUS	28:28 (15:18)	09.01.2021
-3	Siöfok KC HUN @ HC Dunarea Braila ROU	25:27 (14:11)	23.01.2021
-2	Kuban RUS vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU	25:25 (13:15)	17.01.2021
-1	MKS Perla Lublin POL @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
-1	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN	30:30 (14:15)	13.02.2022

# TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF

23	Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 2nd half	41:36 (18:15)	07.02.2021
23	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN – 2nd half	42:21 (19:10)	05.02.2022
23	Sola HK NOR @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO – 1st half	25:40 (11:23)	13.02.2022
22	Sola HK NOR @ ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 1st half	32:39 (16:22)	15.01.2022
22	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR – 2nd half	40:32 (18:14)	26.03.2022
21	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ Vaci NKSE HUN - 1st half	26:38 (13:21)	23.01.2021
21	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR @ Thüringer HC GER - 2nd half	41:36 (18:15)	07.02.2021
21	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR - 2nd half	27:40 (11:19)	10.02.2021
21	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN @ HC Zvezda RUS - 2nd half	31:39 (13:18)	14.02.2021
21	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 1st half	36:34 (21:15)	08.05.2021
21	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN – 1st half	39:29 (21:11)	16.01.2022
21	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR @ Viborg HK DEN -1st half	38:37 (19:21)	03.04.2022

# TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

44	Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 2nd half	41:36 (18:15)	07.02.2021
41	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half	33:34 (12:14)	14.05.2022
40	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR – 2nd half	40:32 (18:14)	26.03.2022
40	Viborg HK DEN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 1st half	38:37 (19:21)	03.04.2022
39	HC Zvezda RUS vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN – 2nd half	31:39 (13:18)	14.02.2021
38	Astrakhanochka RUS vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 2nd half	33:27 (14:8)	24.01.2021
38	HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs Kuban RUS – 2nd half	36:32 (17:13)	20.02.2021
38	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Sola HK NOR – 1st half	32:39 (16:22)	15.01.2022
37	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 2nd half	27:40 (11:19)	10.02.2021
37	Siófok KC HUN vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half	36:34aet (19:18, 31:31)	08.05.2021
37	Siófok KC HUN vs Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA – 2nd half	31:36 (13:17)	09.05.2021
37	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half	31:33 (19:18)	26.03.2022
37	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half	33:39 (17:20)	27.03.2022

# TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF

7	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO @ Sola HK NOR – 2nd half	25:18 (13:11)	29.01.2022
7	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half	20:28 (7:13)	19.02.2022
7	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO @ Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN – 1 st half	28:24 (15:7)	20.02.2022
8	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Astrakhanochka RUS – 1st half	33:27 (14:8)	24.01.2021
8	$HC\ Lokomotiva\ Zagreb\ CRO\ vs\ Motherson\ Mosonmagyarovari\ KC\ HUN-2nd\ half$	19:22 (11:12)	15.01.2022
8	MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half	21:33 (8:19)	06.02.2022
8	Magura Cisnadie ROU @ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 1st half	35:18 (16:8)	12.02.2022
8	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU @ Viborg HK DEN – 1st half	31:20 (15:8)	16.02.2022
9	MKS Perla Lublin POL @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR – 1st half	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
9	MKS Perla Lublin POL @ Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA – 2nd half	25:21 (11:12)	07.02.2021
9	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR @ MKS Perla Lublin POL – 1st half	35:26 (18:9)	15.02.2021
9	Les Neptunes de Nantes FRA vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half	25:27 (16:17)	09.01.2022
9	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half	39:20 (19:11)	15.01.2022
9	MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half	29:19 (16:9)	22.01.2022
9	Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN @ ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 1st half	34:24 (19:9)	12.02.2022

# TOP 10 FEW EST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

18	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN – 2nd half	19:22 (11:12)	15.01.2022
19	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL – 1st half	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
19	Les Neptunes de Nantes FRA vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half	25:27 (16:17)	09.01.2022
19	Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO – 2nd half	25:18 (13:11)	29.01.2022
20	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half	20:28 (7:13)	19.02.2022
21	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL – 2nd half	20:20 (10:9)	09.01.2021
21	Sola HK NOR vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN – 2nd half	27:22 (16:12)	06.02.2022
22	Thüringer HC GER vs Astrakhanochka RUS – 1st half	22:29 (10:12)	10.01.2021
22	Kuban RUS vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU – 2nd half	25:25 (13:15)	17.01.2021
22	Astrakhanochka RUS vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 1st half	33:27 (14:8)	24.01.2021
22	${\sf MothersonMoson magyarovariKCHUNvsHCLokomotivaZagrebCRO-1sthalf}$	28:24 (15:7)	20.02.2022
22	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half	23:29 (13:17)	27.03.2022
22	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 1st half	30:20 (12:10)	02.04.2022

#### **LONGEST WINNING RUN**

 SG BBM Bietigheim GER
 10 matches (09.01.2022 - 15.05.2022)

 Siófok KC HUN
 8 matches (17.01.2021 - 08.05.2021)

 Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA
 8 matches (16.01.2021 - 09.05.2021)

 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN
 8 matches (09.01.2022 - 02.04.2022)

 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN
 6 matches (23.01.2021 - 03.04.2021)

 Sola HK NOR
 6 matches (15.01.2022 - 20.02.2022)

#### LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

 SG BBM Bietigheim GER
 10 matches (09.01.2022 – 15.05.2022)

 Siófok KC HUN
 9 matches (09.01.2021 – 08.05.2021)

 Viborg HK DEN
 9 matches (15.01.2022 – 14.05.2022)

 Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA
 8 matches (16.01.2021 – 09.05.2021)

 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN
 8 matches (09.01.2022 – 02.04.2022)

#### **LONGEST LOSING RUN**

 Váci NKSE HUN
 7 matches (23.01.2021 – 05.02.2022)

 Handball Club Lada RUS
 7 matches (27.03.2021 – 20.02.2022)

 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO
 6 matches (15.01.2022 – 20.02.2022)

 Fleury Loiret Handball FRA
 4 matches (10.01.2021 – 20.02.2021)

 MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL
 4 matches (09.01.2022 – 06.02.2022)

#### LONGEST RUN WITHOUT WIN

 Váci NKSE HUN
 7 matches (23.01.2021 – 05.02.2022)

 Handball Club Lada RUS
 7 matches (27.03.2021 – 20.02.2022)

 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO
 6 matches (15.01.2022 – 20.02.2022)

 MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL
 5 matches (09.01.2022 – 13.02.2022)

 Kuban RUS
 4 matches (09.01.2021 – 20.02.2021)

 Fleury Loiret Handball FRA
 4 matches (10.01.2021 – 20.02.2021)

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