



# **MEDIA GUIDE**

**EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24  
GROUP PHASE**

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# I INTRODUCTION TO THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

## WELCOME TO THE MUST-SEE COMPETITION FOR HANDBALL FANS

Now in its fourth season since the inauguration in 2020, the EHF European League Women has firmly established itself as one of the most appealing handball competitions for fans worldwide. The EHF European League is a must-see competition – in the arenas across the continent, but also at home and online thanks to extensive TV coverage and livestreaming on EHFTV.

The 2022/23 season culminated in Ikast Handbold lifting the trophy at the memorable EHF Finals in Graz. And the competition will return to Austria's second-largest city on 11/12 May 2024 as this season's EHF Finals will be hosted by Graz again. After two qualification rounds in October and November, it is now time for the group phase, which, like in previous seasons, consists of four groups of four teams each. Last season's finalists Nykøbing Falster Håndbold will play in group A, where the Danish side meet Praktiker-Vác, Storhamar Handball Elite, and HC Podravka Vegeta.

Another team that competed at the EHF Finals last season, Thüringer HC, are set to face H.C. Dunarea Braila, the Romanian side that eliminated THC's domestic rivals and last season's third-ranked team, BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, in the last qualification round. Group B further consists of HC Lokomotiva Zagreb and Chambray Touraine Handball.

Neptunes Nantes, the only previous winners taking part in the group phase, were drawn into group C; the French side lifted the trophy in the inaugural edition of the EHF European League in 2020/21. Nantes share their group with CS Gloria 2018 BN, MKS FunFloor Lublin, and a team new to the competition this season: HSG Bensheim/Auerbach.

Finally, group D includes Costa del Sol Malaga, the EHF European Cup Women champions in 2021 and runners-up in 2022, who are set to take on Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC, competition debutants CSM Targu Jiu, and Sola HK.

The race to Graz for the EHF Finals Women 2024 is going to be another battle of epic proportions. No wonder the new seasonal campaign for the competition is titled: ALL IN – Greatness is earned.

We pride ourselves at the EHF and EHF Marketing on our positive and cooperative relationship with our colleagues from the media. Should you require any information, help or assistance during the season, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at the EHF Office in Vienna. We will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you might have.

We look forward to working with you during the EHF European League Women 2023/24 season!

*EHF Media & Communications Team*



**ALL IN**  
GREATNESS IS EARNED  
**ALL IN**

# I ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED

## NEW SEASONAL CAMPAIGN FOR EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE LAUNCHED

In the build-up to 2023/24, a new seasonal campaign for the EHF European League has been launched. The campaign's slogan 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' underlines that success in the EHF European League can only come through hard work, dedication, and relentless effort.

The central idea behind the campaign is that there are no givens in the EHF European League. Only the players and teams who are willing to go *all in* will be able to *earn greatness*. 'ALL IN – Greatness is earned' highlights the work ethic of the players, who are pushing themselves to the limit each week in pursuit of glory. It inspires players and fans alike to embrace the journey that comes with striving for greatness. It also showcases the league as one of Europe's top-level competitions.

A [promo video](#) produced by Infront and the media team of EHF Marketing GmbH features the dynamic brushstroke element first introduced for the EHF Finals 2023 last May and emphasises the hard work a player has to deliver – on and off the court – in order to succeed. The campaign also includes key visuals with the same brushstroke and the 'ALL IN' design element. The official hashtag of the campaign is #Allin. The campaign was first launched before the start of the group matches in the EHF European League Men 2023/24 last October.



## I STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

### 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](#)), X (formerly known as 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](#)).

### DOWNLOAD THE HOME OF HANDBALL APP

In 2021, 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 clubs as well as national teams – 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 Home of Handball App.](#)

### SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Make sure all the latest EHF European League news and more comes right to you by signing up for the Home of Handball newsletter!

The weekly round-up of everything that is happening in Europe's major club and national team competitions will land right in your inbox and will be ready for you at your convenience.

[Click here to subscribe to the Home of Handball Newsletter.](#)

## I TUNE IN TO EHFTV – FREE, LIVE AND ON DEMAND

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, [EHFTV](https://ehftv.com) (ehftv.com) has established itself over the past seasons as the 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 sports market.

### THE BEST HANDBALL CONTENT – FOR FREE

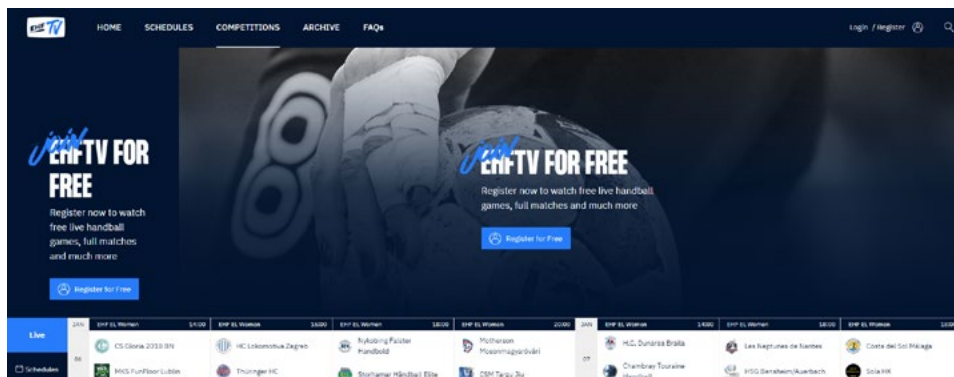
The general approach of EHFTV remains the same; offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. The registration gives handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise 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, such as our Handball Originals content, which features our [exclusive documentary “Dare to Rise”](#). 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 at any time and from anywhere.

### PERSONALISED CONTENT FOR REGISTERED ACCOUNTS

Once fans enter their EHFTV account, they find an adapted filter menu, with improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise it to their favourite competitions and/or clubs directly on their registered account. These features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball footage 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, wherever and whenever it is played. It's time for more handball! [Join EHFTV](#) and be part of a new handball era.



## I WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE – WHEREVER YOU ARE

Handball fans across the globe will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Women 2023/24 group phase – no matter where they are. Many broadcasters on the continent have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition unfolds. They will be transmitting all the excitement and drama from the EHF European League to the homes of the many fans, backed up by streamed coverage on [EHFTV](https://www.ehf.eu/ehftv), EHF’s on-demand platform.

# WHERE TO WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN



## GROUP PHASE 2023/24

<p> AUT – DAZN</p> <p> BIH – Arena Sport</p> <p> CRO – Arena Sport</p> <p> CAN – DAZN (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> CZE – AMC</p> <p> DEN – Handball Kanalen</p> <p> ESP – DAZN</p> <p> FIN – Handball Kanalen</p> <p> FRA – Eurosport</p> <p> GEO – Silknet</p> <p> GER – DAZN</p> <p> GER – DYN</p> <p> HUN – AMC</p> <p> ISR – SportTV (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> JPN – DAZN (EHF FINALS)</p>	<p> KOS – Arena Sport</p> <p> MKD – Arena Sport</p> <p> MNE – Arena Sport</p> <p> NOR – Handball Kanalen</p> <p> POL – Eurosport</p> <p> ROU – Digi sport</p> <p> ROU – Prima Sport</p> <p> ROU – Orange Sport</p> <p> SLO – Arena Sport</p> <p> SRB – Arena Sport</p> <p> SUI – DAZN</p> <p> SVK – AMC</p> <p> SWE – Handball Kanalen</p> <p> TUR – TRT (EHF FINALS' final match)</p> <p> UK – VIAPLAY (EHF FINALS)</p>
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WORLD –  (Geo-restrictions may apply)

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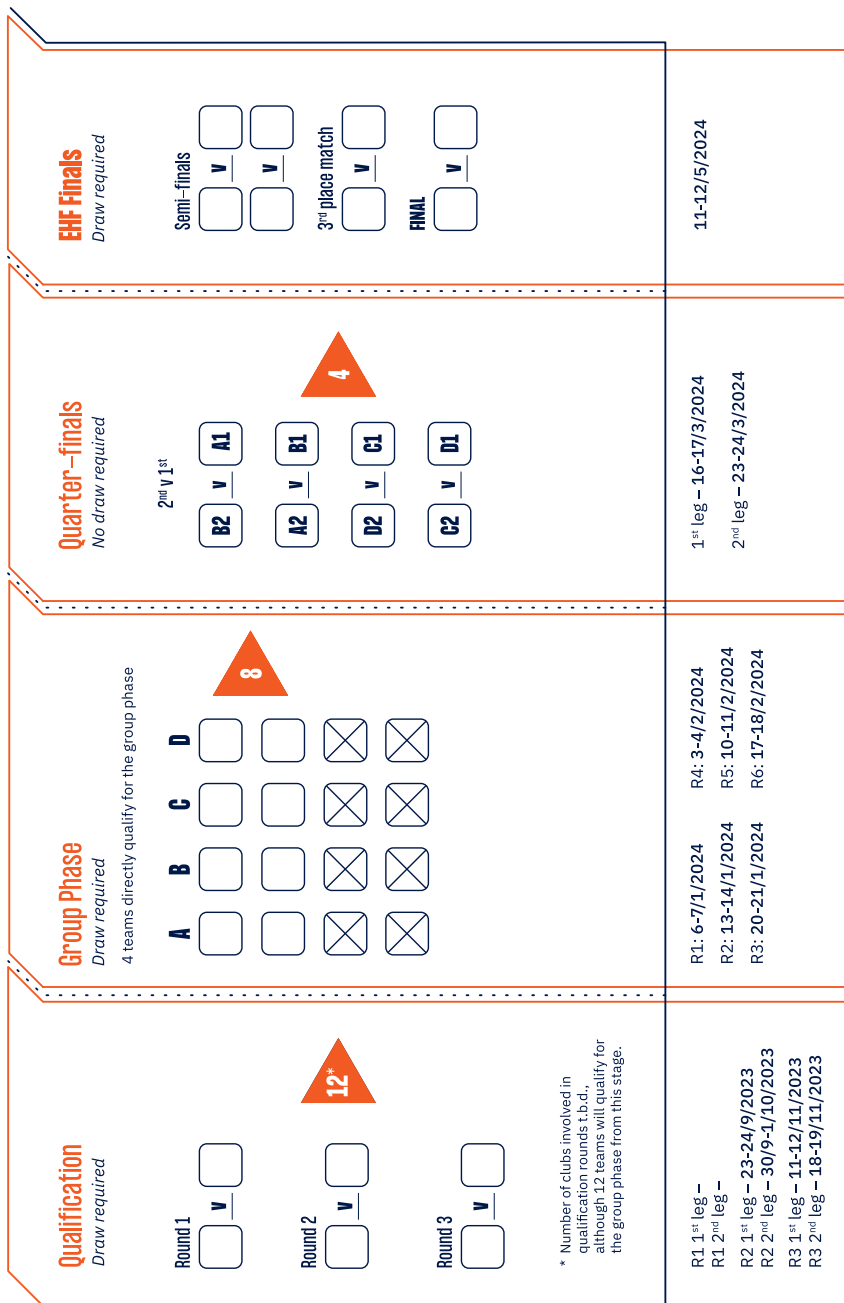




# EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN

## 2023/24 SEASON

Playing system and dates



# 48 MATCHES, 16 TEAMS, 9 NATIONS, 1 FORMER WINNER

## FACTS & FIGURES: IMPORTANT NUMBERS BEFORE THE START OF THE GROUP PHASE

After 36 matches in two qualification rounds in October and November 2023 reduced the field to 16 teams, the group phase of the EHF European League Women 2023/24 is ready for throw-off.

Here are the most important Facts & Figures of the competition and its participants:

**1** team in the group phase lifted the trophy of the EHF Cup or the Cup Winners' Cup, the two previous second-tier club competitions before the EHF European League started in 2020: MKS FunFloor Lublin won the EHF Cup in 2001.

**1** team in the group phase has won the EHF Champions League in the past: HC Podravka Vegeta won Europe's topflight in 1996.

**1** goal was the smallest winning margin in qualification round 2, when Sola HK beat Amara Bera Bera 67:66 on aggregate.

**1**

former winner of the EHF European League is part of the group phase this season: Neptunes Nantes, champions in 2021.

**1** player in the group phase has won all major national team titles: Sola HK's Camilla Herrem won the Olympics (2012), World Championship (2011, 2015, 2021), and EHF EURO (2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020) with Norway.

**2** participants of the EHF Finals 2023 are part of the 2023/24 group phase: runners-up Nykøbing Falster Håndbold and fourth-placed Thüringer HC; winners Ikast Handbold play in the EHF Champions League, third-placed BV Borussia 09 Dortmund lost in qualification.

**2** teams in the group phase are debutants in a European club competition this season: German side HSG Bensheim/Auerbach in group C, and Romanian side CSM Targu Jiu in group D.

**2** teams have been part of the group phase in all four seasons of the EHF European League so far: Nantes and Praktiker-Vác.

**2** teams that played in the EHF Champions League last season are part of the EHF European League group phase this season: Storhamar Handball Elite and HC Lokomotiva Zagreb.

**2**

teams have made it all the way from the first qualification round to the group phase: H.C. Dunarea Braila and Costa del Sol Malaga.

**2** former EHF Champions League winners were eliminated from the competition in qualification round 1: Hypo Niederösterreich lost against Önnereids HK; Larvik HK against Malaga.

**2** group phase participants last season are now playing in the EHF Champions League: Ikast from Denmark and DVSC Schaeffler from Hungary.

**3** teams make Romania the best-represented country in the group phase; Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, and Norway have two teams each; Denmark, Poland, and Spain have one each.

**4** teams were seeded for the group phase: the two EHF Finals 2023 participants Nykøbing and THC, and Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC and CS Gloria 2018 BN.

**6**

clubs from six different nations have won the last six editions of the EHF European League / EHF Cup since 2017.

**7** teams also played in the group phase last season: Nykøbing, Vác, Podravka, THC, Nantes, Mosonmagyaróvár, and Sola.

**9** nations are represented in the group phase, two more than in the 2022/23 season: Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Romania and new this season: Poland and Spain.

**36**

goals was the biggest winning margin in qualification round 2, when Lublin beat Zork Jadodina 80:44 on aggregate.

**36** matches were played across two qualification rounds to reduce the number of teams from 34 at the start of the season to 16 for the group phase.

**48** group phase matches are scheduled in January and February to find the eight teams who will advance to the quarter-finals in March.

**73** was the highest number of goals in a single qualification match, when Nantes beat Molde Elite 45:28 in round 3.

**80** was the highest number of goals scored by a team in the two legs of the final qualification round, when Lublin beat Zork 80:44.

**2,008** goals were scored in the two qualification rounds: 717 in the 12 matches of the first round, and 1,291 in the 24 matches of the last round, making for an average of 55.77 goals per match.

## YOUNGEST



**13/08/2007**

**Antea Cicak**  
HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

<b>Antea Cicak</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>13/08/2007</b>
<b>Lilly Janßen</b>	GER	Thüringer HC	<b>20/01/2007</b>
<b>Elizabeth Szilágyi</b>	HUN	Praktiker-Vác	<b>14/11/2006</b>
<b>Andelina Boucek</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>28/10/2006</b>
<b>Ivana Fratnik</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>26/10/2006</b>
<b>Katja Vukovic</b>	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	<b>13/09/2006</b>
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<b>Tara Delekovcan</b>	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	<b>25/05/2006</b>
<b>Lucija Renic</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>17/04/2006</b>
<b>Eliça Naas</b>	FRA	Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>09/04/2006</b>
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<b>Elena Torres Cabello</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>23/03/2006</b>
<b>Lara Stanic</b>	BIH	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>23/03/2006</b>
<b>Nika Kraljevic</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>17/03/2006</b>
<b>Lara Pudic</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>08/03/2006</b>
<b>Kim Ott</b>	GER	Thüringer HC	<b>17/02/2006</b>

## SHORTEST



**157 cm**

**Esperanza López Jiménez**  
Costa del Sol Malaga

<b>Esperanza López Jiménez</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>157</b>
<b>Ine Marie Terland</b>	NOR	Sola HK	<b>159</b>
<b>Elizabeth Szilágyi</b>	HUN	Praktiker-Vác	<b>160</b>
<b>Belén Jiménez Martín</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>160</b>
<b>Susanne Amundsen</b>	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	<b>160</b>
<b>Kristiane Knutsen</b>	NOR	Sola HK	<b>160</b>
<b>Ayaka Ikehara</b>	JPN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>160</b>
<b>Katja Maric</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>161</b>
<b>Lucija Renic</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>162</b>
<b>Soledad López Jiménez</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>162</b>
<b>Kristina Kristiansen</b>	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>163</b>
<b>Matilde Vestergaard</b>	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>164</b>
<b>Flavie Le Doux</b>	FRA	Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>164</b>
<b>Tina Abdula</b>	NOR	Storhamar Handball Elite	<b>164</b>
<b>Maja Magnussen</b>	NOR	Sola HK	<b>164</b>
<b>Lara Stanic</b>	BIH	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>165</b>

## OLDEST



14/10/1981

**Lydia Jakubisova**  
Thüringer HC

<b>Lydia Jakubisova</b>	SVK	Thüringer HC	<b>14/10/1981</b>
<b>Paula Teodorescu</b>	ROU	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>26/03/1984</b>
<b>Florina Chintean</b>	ROU	CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>06/12/1985</b>
<b>Camilla Herrem</b>	NOR	Sola HK	<b>08/10/1986</b>
<b>Weronika Gawlik</b>	POL	MKS FunFloor Lublin	<b>20/10/1986</b>
<b>Ekaterina Dzhukeva</b>	BUL	CSM Targu Jiu	<b>08/05/1988</b>
<b>Nicoleta Dinca</b>	ROU	CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>02/07/1988</b>
<b>Mercedes Stellanos</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>21/07/1988</b>
<b>Jovana Stoiljkovic</b>	SRB	Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>30/09/1988</b>
<b>Kinga Achruk</b>	POL	MKS FunFloor Lublin	<b>09/01/1989</b>
<b>Virginia Fernandez</b>	ESP	Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>06/03/1989</b>
<b>Aneta Udristoiu</b>	ROU	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>22/06/1989</b>
<b>Kristina Kristiansen</b>	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>13/07/1989</b>
<b>Laura Pristavita</b>	ROU	CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>20/07/1989</b>
<b>Yuki Tanabe</b>	JPN	Thüringer HC	<b>25/08/1989</b>
<b>Kristina Liscevic</b>	SRB	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>20/10/1989</b>

## TALLEST



191 cm

**Seyna Mbengue**  
CS Gloria 2018 BN

<b>Seyna Mbengue</b>	ESP	CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>191</b>
<b>Liliana Venancio</b>	ANG	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>191</b>
<b>Andelina Boucek</b>	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>189</b>
<b>Anna Albek</b>	HUN	Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC	<b>189</b>
<b>Clemence Nkindanda</b>	FRA	Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>188</b>
<b>Catharina Broch</b>	NOR	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>187</b>
<b>Maria Kanaval</b>	BLR	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>187</b>
<b>Aminata Sow</b>	FRA	Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>187</b>
<b>Nikoleta Trúnková</b>	SVK	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>186</b>
<b>Ekaterina Dzhukeva</b>	BUL	CSM Targu Jiu	<b>186</b>
<b>Kim Ott</b>	GER	Thüringer HC	<b>185</b>
<b>Ana Maria Cristea</b>	ROU	H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>185</b>
<b>Tina Barišic</b>	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	<b>185</b>
<b>Alberte Kielstrup</b>	DEN	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>185</b>
<b>Marie Hélène Sajka</b>	FRA	Neptunes Nantes	<b>185</b>
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## AGE AVERAGE

H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>29.5</b>
Thüringer HC	<b>27.7</b>
CSM Targu Jiu	<b>27.1</b>
CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>27.0</b>
Costa de Sol Malaga	<b>26.9</b>
MKS FunFloor Lublin	<b>26.7</b>
Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>26.0</b>
Storhamar Handball Elite	<b>25.3</b>
<b>EHF European League</b>	<b>25.3</b>
HSG Bensheim/Auerbach	<b>25.2</b>
Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>24.8</b>
Sola HK	<b>24.7</b>
Neptunes Nantes	<b>24.0</b>
Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC	<b>23.9</b>
HC Podravka Vegeta	<b>23.9</b>
Praktiker-Vác	<b>22.4</b>
HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>21.2</b>

## HEIGHT AVERAGE

Neptunes Nantes	<b>177.0</b>
H.C. Dunarea Braila	<b>177.0</b>
HC Podravka Vegeta	<b>176.7</b>
CS Gloria 2018 BN	<b>176.5</b>
Thüringer HC	<b>176.3</b>
Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC	<b>176.2</b>
Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	<b>175.6</b>
MKS FunFloor Lublin	<b>175.3</b>
HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	<b>175.1</b>
<b>EHF European League</b>	<b>175.0</b>
HSG Bensheim/Auerbach	<b>174.6</b>
Praktiker-Vác	<b>174.6</b>
CSM Targu Jiu	<b>174.3</b>
Chambray Touraine Handball	<b>174.2</b>
Storhamar Handball Elite	<b>172.5</b>
Sola HK	<b>172.3</b>
Costa del Sol Malaga	<b>170.6</b>

# I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN 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 goals scored 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 goals scored 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 goals scored in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of goals scored 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 by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of a representative of each club.

### QUARTER-FINALS

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

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

### RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.

- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached.

In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.

- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.

- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.

- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



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# GROUP A PREVIEW



## WELL-KNOWN FACES TO CLASH IN GROUP A

Group A of the EHF European League Women 2023/24 brings exciting clashes of well-known faces in continental handball: EHF Champions League 2022/23 play-off participants Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF Finals 2023 runners-up Nykøbing Falster Håndbold, former EHF Champions League winners Podravka Vegeta, and one of the two teams that have been part of every EHF European League group phase so far, Praktiker-Vác. The Danish and Croatian clubs meet for the second season in a row and again are welcoming clubs from Norway and Hungary in their group, after their duels with Sola HK and DVSC Schaeffler last season.



The 2022/23 season marked Nykøbing's comeback to the European competition after a two-year hiatus and they wrote history by going all the way to the final, eventually losing to Ikast Handbold. Jakob Larsen's team were directly seeded to the group phase and, despite a much-changed squad, they still hold the same ambition – eyeing their second EHF Finals.

After one season in the EHF Champions League, Storhamar are ready to rock the EHF European League. In their third season in the second tier they are hoping to at least repeat their 2021/22 success, when they reached the quarter-finals. With minor changes but significant new signings, Kenneth Gabrielsen hopes his third season at the helm will be one to remember after eliminating H 65 Höörs HK in qualification.



Vác enter their fourth straight group phase after eliminating Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK in qualification. The young Hungarian team are hoping to make progress after finishing bottom of the group in each previous season and claiming only two victories. Gábor Herbert's team rely on strong back court players led by Csenge Kuczora.

Podravka are one of two Croatian representatives in the group phase, alongside Lokomotiva Zagreb. After being part of the second-tier competition last season as Croatian league runners-up, they return in that same role but led by a new head coach, Ivica Obrvan. The 1996 EHF Champions League winners dream of getting back among the best and are relying on an almost all-Croatian squad, that easily beat Swiss side Spono Eagles in the only qualification round Podravka had to play.



*Danijela Vekić*

## I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

### PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP A

#### Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs Praktiker-Vác

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs Storhamar Handball Elite

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta 3-0-1 (109:100) 6:2

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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)
22.01.2023	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF European League – Group C	28:23 (12:10)
05.02.2023	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold, EHF European League – Group C	24:29 (11:16)

#### Praktiker-Vác vs Storhamar Handball Elite

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Praktiker-Vác vs HC Podravka Vegeta 1-0-1 (44:42) 2:2

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02.02.2013	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Vaci NKSE, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	23:15 (13:6)
09.02.2013	Vaci NKSE vs HC Podravka Vegeta, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	29:19 (14:9)

#### Storhamar Handball Elite vs HC Podravka Vegeta

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No previous encounters in European competitions

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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: grey



## Playing hall

**Spar Nord Boxen**  
Nørre Boulevard 4A  
4800 Nykøbing F.  
Denmark  
Capacity: 1,515

# NYKØBING FALSTER HANDBOLD



In their maiden EHF European League Women season last year, Nykøbing Falster Håndbold wrote history for the club. Surviving two qualification rounds, they went through group C as the top team, before eliminating SCM Ramnicu Valcea in the quarter-finals, qualifying for the EHF Finals in Graz, and beating BV Borussia 09 Dortmund in the semi-final, only to finish second after a well-fought game in the final against Ikast Handbold.

Now back in the group phase after skipping qualification as one of the seeded teams, can the Danish side deliver again?

- are in their sixth season under head coach Jakob Larsen
- will welcome their opponents to the new Spar Nord Boxen
- ended the 2022/23 season as EL runners-up, the club's best European result to date
- open the group phase against Storhamar, the new club of their second-best scorer last season: Mia Svele
- saw three former stalwarts end their careers: Sofie Alnor, Louise Egestorp and Sofie Olsen

Elma Halilcevic, Nikita Van der Vliet, Marie Hélène Sajka and Mia Svele, who have all left the club, were among the team's leading players in the 2022/2 season. However, Nykøbing have been busy during the summer, bringing 11 new players into the squad.

"The whole team is looking forward to playing in the European League again. We've got 11 new players this season and want to see how the team fares in a European context," said team captain Kristina Kristiansen.

As the Danish side surpassed their previous best result in Europe – the semi-finals of the EHF Cup 2016/17 – they are eager to show their skills once again in a well-balanced group.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3

Runners-up (1): 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2020/21

### **Other**

### **EHF Champions League**

Main round (1): 2017/18

### **EHF Cup**

Semi-finals (1): 2016/17

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

**Danish league:** 1 title (2017)

**Danish cup:** 1 title (2018)





## JAKOB LARSEN

### Coach

- head coach of Nykøbing since 2017, when he arrived from the men's team of GOG
- also had several stints as Odense coach in the past
- born in Greenland, spent his playing career as a left back in Denmark, Spain and France
- scored more than 500 goals for Greenland and played at three WChs alongside his older brother, Rasmus
- married to former Danish international Kamilla Larsen; the pair have two sons

## ARRIVALS

Caroline Aar Jakobsen (Byåsen/NOR)  
Moa Högdahl Schønningsen (Viborg/DEN)  
Matilde Vestergaard (Horsens/DEN)  
Rosa Skovlund Schmidt (Ajax/DEN)  
Catharina Fiskerstrand Broch (Molde/NOR)  
Line Haupt Christiansen (HIK/DEN)  
Ayaka Ikehara (Odense/DEN)  
Lærke Nolsøe Pedersen (Viborg/DEN)  
Mona Obaidli (Molde/NOR)  
Julie Seeberg (FIF/DEN)  
Aimee von Pereira (Nice/FRA)

## DEPARTURES

Annika Petersen (Fana/NOR)  
Elma Halilcevic (Odense/DEN)  
Sofie Flader (København/DEN)  
Nikita van der Vliet (Odense/DEN)  
Mia Svele (Storhamar/NOR)  
Marie Hélène Sajka (Nantes/FRA)  
Liv Navne (Høj/DEN)  
Sofie Alnor (retired)  
Louise Egestorp (retired)  
Sofie Olsen (retired)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Caroline Aar	Jakobsen	NOR	Line Player	27/12/1994	Trondheim, NOR	170
6	Moa Högdahl	Schønningesen	NOR	Right Back	14/03/1996	Trondheim, NOR	179
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	183
9	Tyra	Axnér	SWE	Left Back	18/03/2002	Minden, GER	178
10	Charlotte Lund	Mikkelsen	DEN	Right Wing	20/04/1996	Aarhus, DEN	175
11	Rosa Skovlund	Schmidt	DEN	Right Wing	18/08/2000	Frederiksberg, DEN	178
12	Catharina Fiskerstrand	Broch	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/06/1998	Oslo, NOR	187
16	Line Haupt	Christiansen	DEN	Goalkeeper	04/02/2003	Naestved, DEN	183
18	Alberte Kielstrup	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	15/09/2000	Assens, DEN	185
20	Ayaka	Ikehara	JPN	Right Wing	24/09/1990	Okinawa, JPN	160
21	Matilde Marie	Vestergaard	DEN	Left Wing	11/09/2004	Fredericia, DEN	164
22	Lærke Nolsøe	Pedersen	DEN	Left Wing	19/02/1996	Aalborg, DEN	168
26	Mona	Obaidli	NOR	Back	17/02/1997	Molde, NOR	175
29	Julie Louise Vibe	Seeberg	DEN	Line Player	23/01/2004	Rudersdal, DEN	178
32	Cecilie	Greve	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/01/1992	Holbæk, DEN	185
34	Sofie	Bardrum	DEN	Line Player	03/04/1996	Svendborg, DEN	173
49	Aimee	Von Pereira	GER	Left Back	16/02/2000	Hamburg, GER	183
<b>C</b> 79	Kristina	Kristiansen	DEN	Centre Back	13/07/1989	Høje Taastrup, DEN	163



## CECILIE GREVE

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### Goalkeeper

- experienced goalkeeper, who has been a Danish international since 2012
- played five seasons for Odense (2010-15) and two for Randers (2015-17) before joining Nykøbing in 2017; has always played for Danish clubs in her career
- returned after missing the 2020/21 season because of maternity leave
- won W17 and W19 EHF EURO in 2009 and 2011, and WCh bronze in 2013

WCh: B 2013



## MONA OBAIDLI

 @monaobaidli

### Left/centre back

- started playing in her hometown Molde and stayed there until the end of 2022/23
- a versatile player, joining Nykøbing in the summer of 2023 among 11 other players
- scored 29 goals for Molde in EHF European League 2022/23 season
- comes from a real handball family, her sisters Anniken and Sherin also play the sport at a professional level



## KRISTINA KRISTIANSEN

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### Centre back

- former Danish international and one of the most experienced players in the squad
- arrived at Nykøbing in 2015 after stints at Roskilde and TTH Holstebro
- team captain, known by many by her nickname “Mulle”
- played 10 years for the Danish national team (2007-17), won WCh bronze in 2013 and made the EHF EURO All-star Team as centre back the following year

WCh: B 2013



## SOFIE BARDRUM

 @sofie\_bardrum

### Line player

- joined Nykøbing in the summer of 2022 after four seasons with Danish league rivals Ajax København
- started professional career at Gudme in 2014, has always played in Denmark
- strong line player with a never-give-up mentality
- scored 15 goals for Nykøbing in her first EL season when sharing the line player position with Dutch international Nikita van der Vliet, who has left the club

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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



## Playing hall

Vác Város Sportcsarnoka  
Bán Márton 3  
2600 Vác  
Hungary  
Capacity: 800

## PRAKTIKER-VÁC



Hungarian club Praktiker-Vác are entering their 14th European season and have been part of the EHF European League Women group phase since its inauguration in 2020/21. However, they have not managed to progress further, leaving the former Cup Winners' Cup and EHF Cup quarter-finals as their best results so far.

With only two victories in three seasons and being outplayed in all but one away game, young Vác with four newcomers will have a tough task. Luca Csíkos, Fanni Csire, Alexa Györi and Nelli Such are among the

- are led by **Gábor Herbert, former Hungarian international, who took over as head coach in July 2022**
- are appearing in their fourth straight season in the EL group phase
- have one of the youngest squads in the competition with an age average of just under 22 years
- have seen seven players leave or retire after last season, but brought in four reinforcements
- have had a prominent name leading the club for over a decade now: former Hungarian national Erika Kis-Máténé Kirsner has been Vác's president since 2011

reinforcements in the club. While the first three players are aged 24 years or younger, Such brings experience from her rich career playing at FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and Siófok KC.

"I would be happy if this season we could go through to the quarter-finals. We have a very young team, but I hope everyone will be able to get their maximum performance in these matches," said team captain and line player Franny Tyiskov-Helembai, who has spent her whole career in Vác.

Vác qualified for the group phase with two wins over Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK for an aggregate 17-goal victory (70:53).

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4

Group phase (3): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

### **Other**

### **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:** –

**Hungarian cup:** –





## GÁBOR HERBERT

Coach

- took over as head coach at Vác just before the start of the 2022/23 group phase
- former Hungarian interational, who was a line player and spent most of his career with Szeged
- won the Hungarian league once and the domestic cup twice with Szeged, and played several seasons in the EHF Champions League
- used to coach the junior team at Szeged, then moved to Orosháza for his first job with a women's side

## ARRIVALS

Luca Csíkos (NEKA/HUN)  
Fanni Csire (Mosonmagyaróvár/HUN)  
Alexa Györi (Győr/HUN)  
Nelli Such (Siófok/HUN)

## DEPARTURES

Bettina Pásztor (Békéscsaba/HUN)  
Natalie Schatzl (Mosonmagyaróvár/HUN)  
Anna Pálffy (Szombathely/HUN)  
Laura Kürthi (Komárom/HUN)  
Diána Világos (Komárom/HUN)  
Noémie Bárdy (retired)  
Nikolett Diószegi (retired)

# 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	Luca	Csíkos	HUN	Left Back	25/02/2005	Keszthely, HUN	180
11	Fruzsina	Ferenczy	HUN	Centre Back	02/07/1996	Budapest, HUN	172
13	Borbála	Ballai	HUN	Centre Back	22/01/2003	Budapest, HUN	170
16	Anna	Bukovszky	HUN	Goalkeeper	30/06/2002	Balassagyarmat, HUN	174
18	Anikó	Kovács	HUN	Centre Back	05/02/2004	Esztergom, HUN	177
19	Alexa	Györi	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/02/2004	Szombathely, HUN	177
21	Elizabet	Szilágyi	HUN	Right Wing	14/11/2006	Gyöngyös, HUN	160
23	Nelli	Such	HUN	Right Wing	12/05/1992	Bekescsaba, HUN	178
24	Nikolett	Marincsák	HUN	Centre Back	18/09/1994	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	172
27	Aida	Kurucz	HUN	Centre Back	19/08/2004	Eger, HUN	170
28	Kíra	Bánfai	HUN	Right Wing	28/01/2000	Pécs, HUN	176
33	Korinna Alexandra	Molnár	HUN	Left Back	19/11/2005	Budapest, HUN	175
44	Fanni	Csire	HUN	Left Wing	24/04/1999	Szombathely, HUN	173
53	Dorka Anna	Bencsik	HUN	Line Player	11/09/2004	Kecskemét, HUN	178
59	Csenge	Kuczora	HUN	Centre Back	26/01/2000	Budapest, HUN	176
94	Jázmin	Kovalcsik	HUN	Line Player	02/02/2002	Budapest, HUN	176
<b>C</b> 96	Fanny	Tyiskov-Helembai	HUN	Line Player	26/12/1996	Vác, HUN	178



## CSENGE KUCZORA

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### Centre back

- started her career in Vasas before moving to Vác in 2018
- was Vác's best scorer in EL 2022/23 season with 57 goals in eight matches; was also top scorer in the Hungarian league in 2021/22 and 2022/23
- named best defender at W19 EURO 2019, where she won gold with Hungary; made senior national team debut in 2022
- versatile player, who can also play in other positions in back court



## NIKOLETT MARINCSAK

 @marincsakniki

### Centre back

- arrived at Vác in summer of 2022 from MTK Budapest
- made her European debut in the Cup Winners' Cup in 2013/14 with Veszprém; has also played in various European club competitions with DVSC and MTK
- was club's second-best scorer in EL 2022/23 with 34 goals, her personal best tally in a single European season



## FANNY TYISKOV–HELEMBAI

 @helembaifanny

### Line player

- team captain, who was born in Vác and has never played for another club; part of the senior team since 2017
- played her first European matches in EHF Cup 2017/18 with Vác
- had her personal best European season in 2022/23, netting 22 times in EL
- was first part of the Hungarian national team in 2018; had debut in a major event at EHF EURO 2020 in Denmark



## NELLI SUCH

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### Right wing

- arrived at Vác in summer of 2023 after nine seasons with league rivals Siófok
- started her senior career at age 18 with FTC in 2010, joined Siófok four years later
- one of the most experienced players in Vác's squad with 10 European seasons and three trophies to her name prior to 2022/23 season
- scored 38 goals for Hungary at W19 EHF EURO 2011

Trophies: CWC 2011, 2012; EHF Cup 2019

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**Kit colours**

**Light**

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

**Dark**

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



**Playing hall**

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

# STORHAMAR HANDBALL ELITE



The Norwegian team are returning to the EHF European League after a season in the EHF Champions League. Reaching the play-offs of the top-tier competition gave them a new experience and in their sixth consecutive European season, they are eyeing the EHF Finals.

“The biggest motivation this season is to make a mark in European handball and qualify for the EHF Finals,” said team captain and goalkeeper Eli Marie Raasok, who was among the top six goalkeepers in the CL last season with 138 saves and a 42 per cent efficiency.

- are guided again by head coach **Kenneth Gabrielsen**, who is entering his third season with the club
- have welcomed five new players, though **Tonje Enkerud** is out for months after tearing an **ACL in August 2023**
- are playing their seventh season in a European competition, following their debut at international level in the **EHF Cup 2008/09**
- made it to the play-offs in the **EHF Champions League last season**, where they lost the Nordic derby against **Odense Håndbold: 60:52 aggregate**

Several players left or retired after the 2022/23 season, but the gap has been filled with new signings like Mia Svele from Nykøbing and young goalkeeper Olivia Lykke Nygaard from Fana. They will be perfect pieces in the Storhamar puzzle with well-known Anniken Obaidli, Kristin Venn and Tina Abdula among others.

Storhamar have been runners-up in the domestic league for the past five seasons, finishing behind three-time CL winners Vipers Kristiansand each time. They started their 2023/24 journey in the EL in the last qualification round, where they clearly defeated H 65 Höörs HK 73:60 on aggregate.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3

Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

Group phase (1): 2020/21

### Other

### EHF Champions League

Play-offs (1): 2022/23

### EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Group phase (1): 2019/20 (*season cancelled due to pandemic*)

### Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2009/10

Norwegian league: –

Norwegian cup: –





## KENNETH GABRIELSEN

### Coach

- became head coach of Storhamar in 2020, two years after he left Vipers Kristiansand to take a break from the sport
- has meanwhile prolonged his contract until 2026
- in his two seasons with Vipers, he won the Norwegian league and cup, and reached the final of the EHF Cup 2017/18
- previously, he spent five years at Glassverket and led them from the second division to second place in Norway's top flight
- was named Coach of the Year in Norway in 2014/15 and spent his playing career with Norwegian sides Bodø HK and Sandefjord Håndball

## ARRIVALS

Mia Svele (Nykøbing/DEN)  
Mathilde Rivas Toft (Viborg/DEN)  
Tonje Enkerud (Viborg/DEN)  
Olivia Lykke Nygaard (Fana/NOR)  
Ingeborg Monné (Storhamar youth)

## DEPARTURES

Sofie Ege Grøndlund (retired)  
Marthine Svensberget (Oppsal/NOR)  
Mia Zschocke (Ramnicu Valcea/ROU)  
Moa Fredriksson (retired)  
Stine Lidèn (retired)  
Elinore Johansson (DVSC/HUN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Susanne	Liberg Amundsen	NOR	Left Wing	20/08/2002	Elverum, NOR	160
6	Ane Cecilie	Høgseth	NOR	Line Player	15/01/2001	Oslo, NOR	178
7	Ingeborg	Storbæk Monne	NOR	Left Wing	23/05/2004	Elverum, NOR	172
8	Maja	Jakobsen	NOR	Right Back	28/03/1990	Gjøvik, NOR	169
9	Mathilde	Rivas-Toft	NOR	Right Back	16/04/1997	Lørenskog, NOR	171
10	Kristin	Venn	NOR	Left Wing	05/03/1994	Orkdal, NOR	169
11	Tina	Abdula	NOR	Right Wing	20/09/1997	Skopje, MKD	164
14	Tonje	Enkerud	NOR	Centre Back	21/08/1994	Elverum, NOR	177
16	Olivia	Lykke Nygaard	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2001	Oslo, NOR	177
18	Olivia Linnèa	Josephine Löfqvist	SWE	Line Player	13/07/1998	Hörby, SWE	177
19	Mathea	Enger	NOR	Centre Back	09/07/2004	Elverum, NOR	170
20	Mia Solberg	Svele	NOR	Centre Back	16/04/2001	Elverum, NOR	175
23	Line	Ellertsen	NOR	Right Back	04/06/1998	Stavanger, NOR	172
24	Anna Klausen	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	23/05/2000	Norway, NOR	174
25	Anniken	Obaidli	NOR	Centre Back	22/06/1995	Molde, NOR	172
<b>C</b> 30	Eli Marie	Raasok	NOR	Goalkeeper	21/11/1996	Fredrikstad, NOR	175
33	Guro	Nestaker	NOR	Left Back	15/08/1998	Gjøvik, NOR	181



## ELI MARIE RAASOK

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### Goalkeeper

- returned to Norway in February 2022 and joined Storhamar, after spending almost two years in Denmark with Silkeborg and Randers, respectively
- started her senior career in 2014 in Oppsal IF, the club she joined as a junior
- played 53 times for national youth and junior teams, made her senior debut in 2023
- was among the best goalkeepers in CL 2022/23, with 138 saves in 15 matches



## KRISTIN VENN

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### Left wing

- has spent her entire career in Norway, joining Storhamar from Byåsen in 2018
- made CL group phase debut in 2022; played CL qualification twice with Byåsen
- missed first part of CL 2022/23 due to injury, then netted 18 times in four matches
- named All-star left wing of Norwegian league in 2019 and 2023; also made All-star Team of W17 EHF EURO 2011



## GURO NESTAKER

 @guronestaker

### Left back

- arrived at Storhamar in 2018 for only the third club in her career
- started playing in the youth ranks of second-division side Gjøvik HK before joining Oppsal IF in Norway's top flight in 2016
- a strong, physical left back, named All-star defender at the 2016 Youth (U17) WCh
- was among the club's top scorers in CL 2022/23 season, netting 44 times
- made her national team debut for Norway in 2019, but is not a regular choice yet



## ANNIKEN OBAIDLI

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### Centre back

- former Norwegian international, who joined Storhamar from domestic league rivals Molde Elite in 2021; became team's top scorer in CL 2022/23 season with 93 goals
- sisters Mona (Nykøbing) and Sherin (Molde) also play handball professionally; her father, Khalid, is from Bahrain but moved to Norway before Anniken was born
- part of the All-star team in Norwegian league in 2022/23; was voted favourite player of Norwegian league by fans in 2020

GROUP A



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**Kit colours**

**Light**

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

**Dark**

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



**Playing hall**

Sports Hall Fran Galovic\_  
Josip Samarzija BEPO  
Zeljka Selingerova bb  
48000 Koprivnica  
Croatia  
Capacity: 2,080

# HC PODRAVKA VEGETA



Podravka Vegeta return to the EHF European League Women group phase as Croatian runners-up again. The club from Koprivnica saw the domestic title they used to win almost every year since the early 1990s go to Lokomotiva Zagreb for a second straight season.

With an almost all-Croatian squad, which underwent hardly any changes, Podravka now want to make progress in Europe. They jumped over the first hurdle with ease, beating Swiss side Spono Eagles twice during a double-header in the last qualification round in November.

- **start their second straight EL season with a new head coach: former HC PPD Zagreb player Ivica Obrvan**
- **have seven Croatia and two Austria national team players in the squad for 2023/24**
- **are one of two Croatian representatives in the group phase, alongside Lokomotiva Zagreb in group B**
- **are the only team in the group phase that won the EHF Champions League in the past – in 1996, in a final against Hypo Niederösterreich from Austria**
- **made only a few changes to the squad, as Josipa Mamic, Katarina Pandza and Tara Delekovčan are the only new arrivals to the team for 2023/24**

Podravka recorded six straight defeats in the second-tier competition last season. Under new coach Ivica Obrvan, who is leading a women’s team for the first time, they certainly want to do better. Obrvan was also appointed as head coach of the Croatia national team after the departure of Nenad Sostaric, and with a range of internationals in Podravka’s squad, he gets a good insight in the national team.

“Our team is young and full of potential but needs time to grow,” Obrvan said. “The players are working hard and are getting better in every game. I believe that we will be at an optimal level in January. I hope we achieve all the expectations of our club, and we hope to make a step further in the competition.”

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2  
Group phase (1): 2022/23

### **Other**

### **EHF Champions League**

Winners (1): 1995/96  
Runners-up (1): 1994/95  
Semi-finals 1997/98  
Quarter-finals: 1996/97  
Play-offs (1): 2020/21

### **EHF Cup:**

Runners-up (2): 2000/01, 2005/06

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

Runners-up (1): 2004/05  
Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

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

**Croatian cup:** 25 titles (1993-2004, 2006, 2008-13, 2015-17, 2019, 2022, 2023)





## IVICA OBRVAN

Coach

- former Croatian international, who joined Podravka in the summer of 2023 and took over the national team a few months later for his first coaching job in women's handball
- previously coached clubs including Metković, Medvescak, Velenje, Chambéry, and Zagreb; also led the national teams of North Macedonia and Bosnia Herzegovina
- won several European cups with Zagreb in the pre-EHF era
- won bronze with Croatia at EHF EURO 1994

Trophies: EHF Cup 2000 (as player-coach)  
EURO: B 1994 (as player)

## ARRIVALS

Josipa Mamić (Braila/ROU)  
Katarina Pandža (Metzingen/GER)  
Tara Djelekovčan (Podravka youth)

## DEPARTURES

Iryna Stelmakh (retired)  
Ana Turk (Bjelovar/CRO)

# 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	Zadavec	CRO	Right Wing	02/09/1997	Cakovec, CRO	168	
4	Katja	Vukovic	CRO	Left Wing	13/09/2006	Zagreb, CRO	171	
5	Katarina	Pandza	AUT	Left Back	17/04/2002	Vienna, AUT	180	
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29/05/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	179	
7	Ema	Guskic	CRO	Left Back	28/11/2001	Osijek, CRO	180	
10	Lea	Franušić	CRO	Right Back	07/09/2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	182	
11	Ivona	Mrden	CRO	Centre Back	29/12/1998	Zagreb, CRO	175	
12	Nika	Galinec	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/08/2005	Koprivnica, CRO	180	
13	Tara	Đelekovcan	CRO	Left Back	25/05/2006	Koprivnica, CRO	182	
<b>C</b>	14	Larissa	Kalaus	CRO	Centre Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	173
	15	Dora	Kalaus Žulj	CRO	Right Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	173
	18	Sara	Šenvald	CRO	Line Player	14/03/1996	Koprivnica, CRO	185
	25	Hannah	Vuljak	CRO	Right Back	18/08/2002	Koprivnica, CRO	182
	44	Tina	Barišić	CRO	Left Back	30/10/2000	Knin, CRO	185
	50	Andrea	Šimara	CRO	Left Wing	13/07/1997	Zagreb, CRO	171
	64	Ana	Pandza	AUT	Centre Back	24/12/2003	Vienna, AUT	173
	96	Josipa	Mamic	CRO	Right Wing	07/01/1996	Zagreb, CRO	165
	98	Lucija	Bešen	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/03/1998	Zagreb, CRO	182



## LUCIJA BEŠEN

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### Goalkeeper

- Croatian international, who joined Podravka from Lokomotiva in 2022
- was best goalkeeper of Croatian league in 2022/23, with 156 saves (43%)
- has a University of Applied Health Science degree in nursing
- sisters Gabrijela (goalkeeper at DVSC), Mihaela (left wing in Dugo Selo), and Monika (retired due to injury) also are or were handball players

EURO: B 2020



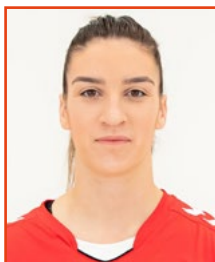
## ANDREA ŠIMARA

@andrea\_simara

### Left wing

- part of Croatian national team in both indoor and beach handball
- also played tennis as a child before choosing handball at age 11
- played 10 years in Tresnjevka before joining Lokomotiva; was among a group of four players that moved from the Zagreb-based club to Podravka in 2022
- holds master's degree from Faculty of Agriculture

EURO: B 2020



## TINA BARIŠIĆ

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### 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
- team's best scorer in EL 2023/34 qualification with 12 goals
- before joining Podravka, she spent five years in Ivanic-Grad and two in Umag
- part of Croatia's youth and junior national teams; made her senior team debut in 2022



## SARA ŠENVALD

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### Line playerRight wing

- Croatian international, who started her career in Podravka's handball academy and returned to the club after five years in the summer of 2021
- in the meantime, played for Lokomotiva and one season for Neckarsulm in Germany
- won EHF Challenge Cup in 2017 with Lokomotiva, netting 17 times that season
- EHF EURO 2022 was her first major event with the national team

Trophies: Challenge Cup 2017

# GROUP B PREVIEW

## EXPERIENCE AND YOUTH COLLIDE IN GROUP B



Four sides which have already featured in the groups of European competitions in the past years – including the EHF European League Women – will clash with the sole aim of progressing to the quarter-finals. There is no clear favourite in group B, but last year's EHF Finals alumni Thüringer HC will be aiming to create a path to return to the business end of the second-tier European competition.



The German side has kept the core of the team intact, with plenty of experience coming from centre back Sonja Frey, while coach Herbert Müller will try to produce some magic again, as he is the longest-tenured coach in the competition, having been on THC's bench for the past 14 years. On the other hand, the German side will have a lofty challenge this year too, albeit the composition of the group brings some memories from the past season, when THC also met a Romanian side and a French team on their way to the EHF Finals, where they ended up on the fourth place.

HC Dunarea Braila, an ambitious side, are led by an experienced coach, Jan Leslie. Braila are also making their comeback to the group phase of the EHF European League Women after a two-year hiatus, but will play their home matches in Buzau, 100 kilometres away from their home court. With an experienced squad, led by backs Kristina Liscevic, Mireya Gonzalez and Jelena Zivkovic, Braila will be aiming to progress to the quarter-finals.



After a 60:47 aggregate win in the final qualification round against Czech side DHK Banik Most, Chambrey Touraine are back in the group phase of the EHF European League after a one-year hiatus, and have an interesting mix of experience, with backs Laura van der Heijden and Jovana Stojkovic in the squad, and youth exuberance, as plenty of young French players are trying to make their mark.



Last, but not least, Lokomotiva Zagreb will make their comeback to the EHF European League Women, after featuring last season in the EHF Champions League Women, where they drew one match and lost 13 in the group phase. The Croatian side will try to use that experience, albeit featuring a very young team, the youngest between the 16 sides in the second-tier European competition, to try and spring some surprises here and there. Lokomotiva also underwent a coaching change. After Nenad Sostaric moved to RK Zagreb, his former assistant, Vedran Krkac, took over the reins and has started leading the team, trying to use the path created by the former coach.

*Adrian Costeiu*

## I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

### PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP B

#### Thüringer HC vs HC Dunarea Braila

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Thüringer HC vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Thüringer HC vs Chambray Touraine Handball 2-0-0 (58:52) 4:0

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08.10.2022	Chambray Touraine Handball vs Thüringer HC, EHF European League – Qualification Round 2	28:31 (15:15)
16.10.2022	Thüringer HC vs Chambray Touraine Handball, EHF European League – Qualification Round 2	27:24 (15:12)

#### HC Dunarea Braila vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### HC Dunarea Braila vs Chambray Touraine Handball

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### HC Lokomotiva Zagreb vs Chambray Touraine Handball

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No previous encounters in European competitions

## GROUP B



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

**Salza Halle**  
Hannoversche Strasse 1  
99947 Bad Langensalza  
Germany  
Capacity: 1,000

## THÜRINGER HC



For the third time in the past four seasons, Thüringer HC made the cut for the group phase of the EHF European League Women, as the German side is one of the most consistent teams in the second-tier European competition in the past years. In the 2020/21 season, THC did not make it from the group phase, while one year later, they were eliminated in qualification by a narrow one-goal loss against Molde Elite.

However, last season, Thüringer had one of their best-ever seasons in European competitions, reaching the EHF Finals Women, where they

- are one of the most experienced teams in the competition, with players like Sonja Frey, Lydia Jakubisova and Kerstin Kündig
- have played 16 EL matches so far, winning six, drawing two and losing eight
- are led by Herbert Müller, the longest-tenured coach in the group phase this season who has spent the last 13 years on the bench for the German side
- had Austrian centre back Sonja Frey as their top scorer in the past two EL seasons, with 70 goals combined
- have nine nationalities from two continents represented in their roster for the 2023/24 season

finished fourth, conceding losses against Ikast Handbold – the eventual winners – and BV Borussia 09 Dortmund in the third place match.

More of the same is expected from the German side, as they rely on consistency. Head coach Herbert Müller, who has been appointed in 2010, will be leading the team once again in this season. With experienced players like Sonja Frey, Lydia Jakubisova and Kerstin Kündig in the roster, THC will be aiming once again for some excellent performances, but their start of the season in the German Bundesliga has been a mixed bag of results.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4  
Semi-finals (1): 2022/23  
Group phase (1): 2020/21  
Qualification (1): 2021/22

### Other

### 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 (1): 2019/20

### Cup Winners' Cup:

Semi-finals (1): 2012/13

### Challenge Cup

Runners-up (1): 2008/09

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

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





## HERBERT MÜLLER

Coach

- Romanian-German head coach of THC; 2023/24 is his 14th season in this role, always assisted by his brother, Helfried
- has also been working as head coach of the Austrian women's national team since 2004
- born in Timisoara, he played for the local side in the 1970s; then joined Augsburg after his move to Germany in 1980
- coached Nürnberg to three Bundesliga titles – including the club's first-ever CL qualification – and the Challenge Cup in 2004, then won seven more German titles with THC
- formerly worked as a mathematics teacher

Trophies: Challenge Cup 2004 (as coach)

## ARRIVALS

Kathrin Pichlmeier (Oldenburg/GER)  
Dinah Eckerle (Esbjerg/DEN)  
Kerstin Kündig (Bietigheim/GER)  
Ida Gullberg (Höör/SWE)

## DEPARTURES

Laura Kuske (Buxtehude/GER)  
Dominika Zachova (Most/CZE)  
Irma Elisabet Schjött (Ikast/DEN)  
Nikoline Skals Lundgren (Saint-Amand/FRA)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Lilly	Janßen	GER	Goalkeeper	20/01/2007	Erfurt, GER	170
5	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Left Wing	22/04/1993	Vienna, 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
10	Sara Saetre	Rønningen	NOR	Line Player	03/11/1996	Levanger, NOR	180
11	Vilma	Matthijs Holmberg	SWE	Line Player	25/02/1999	Tyresö, SWE	173
12	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	174
13	Kathrin	Pichlmeier	GER	Left Back	13/05/1996	Hannover, GER	181
14	Anika	Niederwieser	ITA	Centre Back	28/02/1992	Brixen, ITA	185
16	Nicole	Roth	GER	Goalkeeper	08/05/1995	Nürnberg, GER	183
18	Johanna	Stockschläder	GER	Left Wing	11/02/1995	Siegen, GER	171
21	Annika	Lott	GER	Left Back	07/12/1999	Henstedt-Ulzburg, GER	180
24	Ida	Gullberg	SWE	Left Wing	25/09/1998	Anderslöv, SWE	179
25	Kim	Ott	GER	Left Back	17/02/2006	Erfurt, GER	185
27	Kerstin	Kündig	SUI	Centre Back	02/07/1993	Hittnau, SUI	177
28	Lydia	Jakubisova	SVK	Right Wing	14/10/1981	Bojnice, SVK	168
29	Johanna	Reichert	AUT	Left Back	31/12/2001	Korneuburg, AUT	178
43	Jennifer	Rode	GER	Right Back	03/08/1995	Berlin, GER	177
<b>C</b> 57	Josefine	Huber	AUT	Line Player	19/02/1996	Vienna, AUT	180



## DINAH ECKERLE

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### Goalkeeper

- German international, who returned to THC from Team Esbjerg in summer of 2023, a few months after giving birth to daughter Ida
- first played for THC in 2011-18, making her CL debut for the club at age 17
- joined German league rivals Bietigheim in 2018, later also played for Siófok and Metz
- was third-best goalkeeper regarding number of saves at 2019 WCh in Japan



## JOHANNA STOCKSCHLÄDER

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### Left wing

- German international, who arrived at THC after one year with Neckarsulm
- previously played four seasons (2017-21) for BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, made her CL debut with the club in 2020 and helped them win the German league title in 2021
- made her national team debut only at age 26 in 2021; became Germany's biggest surprise at EHF EURO 2022, scoring 25 goals in six matches



## ANNIKA LOTT

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### Left back

- German international, who arrived at THC in summer of 2022 from Buxtehude
- will join CL side Brest Bretagne Handball in France in summer of 2024
- top scorer of EL 2022/23 with 68 goals; key player in THC's run to the EHF Finals 2023 as she netted 87 times in total that EL season (including qualification)
- tall shooter, who went through all German youth and junior national teams before her debut in the senior team in November 2020



## SONJA FREY

### Centre back

- Austrian international, returned to THC in 2022 after earlier stint in 2012-16; played in France (Dijon, Paris) and Denmark (Esbjerg, Ikast) in the meantime
- combines her handball career with a job as physiotherapist
- played for Austria at 2009 WCh in China at age 16; already as a core player for the team, also coached by her THC club coach Herbert Müller
- classical playmaker, but also strong in one-against-one and a good finisher

GROUP B



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Kit colours

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

Dark

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Player short: blue  
GK shirt: white



Playing hall

**Romeo Iamandi**  
Str. Mesteacanului Nr. 1  
Buzau  
Romania  
Capacity: 2,230

# H.C. DUNAREA BRAILA



For the first time in the past three seasons, HC Dunarea Braila are part of the group phase of the EHF European League Women, with newfound ambition, as the Romanian team aims high this season.

Indeed, Braila built a strong side in the past seasons, with nine nationalities from three different continents represented in the squad. They also underwent a coaching change in September, when experienced Danish coach Jan Leslie took over from Costica Buceschi.

- have nine nationalities – Romanian, Angolan, Brazilian, Russian, Belarussian, Serbian, Croatian, Spanish, and German – represented in their roster
- will play in the EL group phase for the second time, after making the quarter-finals in 2020/21
- will play their home matches in the EL at Buzau, 100 kilometres away from Braila
- had their best performance in European competitions when they reached the semi-final of the Challenge Cup in the 2007/08 season
- have been close to winning domestic titles several times, finishing second (2017) and third (2009, 2014) in Romanian league; reached cup semi-final in 2023

Leslie oversaw both double-headers in qualification, when Braila delivered a 60:43 aggregate win over Valur, to set up a heavyweight clash against BV Borussia 09 Dortmund in the next phase. The Romanian side impressed with a 25:24 win on the German side’s court, before the second leg to confirmed them sealing a group matches berth, with the 27:22 win setting them up for a 52:46 aggregate win.

Braila have plenty of experience in their roster, with the bronze medallist from the EHF EURO 2020, Croatia captain Katarina Jezic, leading the defence. Moreover, centre back Kristina Liscevic and right back Mireya Gonzalez Alvarez will return to the groups of a European competition after a few seasons’ absence.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2  
Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

### Other

### EHF Cup

Last 16 (2): 2010/11, 2014/15

### Challenge Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

### Cup Winners' Cup

Round 4 (1): 2009/10

Romanian league: –

Romanian cup: –





## JAN LESLIE

### Coach

- experienced Danish coach, who arrived at Braila in September 2023 for his third stint outside Denmark
- previously worked abroad with two Russian clubs: Rostov-Don (2014-17) and CSKA Moscow (2019-21)
- former player, who started coaching career at Team Esbjerg in 2002
- led Randers to the EHF Cup title in 2010 and to the club's first Danish league title two years later
- has also coached various men's teams in Denmark

Trophies: EHF Cup 2010 (as coach)

## ARRIVALS

Mariam Mohamed (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)  
Kira Trusova (CSKA/RUS)  
Paula Teodorescu (Zalau/ROU)  
Katarina Jezic (Vipers/NOR)  
Andreea Popa (Baia Mare/ROU)  
Corina Lupei (Ramnicu Valcea/ROU)

## DEPARTURES

Marija Shteriova (unknown)  
Mayssa Pessoa (unknown)  
Jovana Sazdovska (Slatina/ROU)  
Josipa Mamic (Podravka/CRO)

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1	Elena	Serban	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/10/1994	Bucharest, ROU	182
<b>C</b> 2	Aneta	Udristioiu	ROU	Right Wing	22/06/1989	Dr. Severin, ROU	166
5	Alexandra Ramona	Severin	ROU	Left Back	30/03/1998	Cluj, ROU	177
7	Catalina Georgiana	Pisica	ROU	Right Wing	16/01/1991	Ploiesti, ROU	175
9	Jelena	Zivkovic	SRB	Right Back	06/07/1991	Zrenjanin, SCG	184
10	Jessica	Quintino Ribeiro	BRA	Right Wing	17/04/1991	Sao Paulo, BRA	172
11	Karoline Helena	De Souza	BRA	Left Back	24/04/1990	Paranagua, BRA	181
12	Paula Vasilica	Teodorescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	26/03/1984	Focsani	176
13	Nicoleta Filofteia	Balog	ROU	Line Player	17/11/1994	Valcea, ROU	176
17	Katarina	Jezic	CRO	Line Player	19/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	173
19	Maria	Kanaval	BLR	Left Back	19/03/1997	Rahachow, BLR	187
20	Larissa Fais	Munhoz Araujo	BRA	Left Wing	01/07/1992	Curitiba, BRA	167
24	Meike	Schmelzer	GER	Line Player	19/07/1993	Wiesbaden, GER	179
29	Francielle	Gomes da Rocha	BRA	Centre Back	10/06/1992	Alemanara, BRA	166
35	Liliana	Da Silva Venancio	ANG	Line Player	19/09/1995	Luanda, ANG	191
44	Kira	Trusova	RUS	Goalkeeper	28/06/1994	Togliatti, RUS	182
70	Andreea-Cristina	Popa	ROU	Centre Back	03/06/2000	Bucuresti, ROU	177
71	Kristina	Liscevic	SRB	Centre Back	20/10/1989	Sombor, SRB	174
74	Ana Maria	Cristea	ROU	Goalkeeper	12/10/2004	Brasov, ROU	185
77	Mariam Nadia	Mohamed	ROU	Left Wing	27/08/2004	Bucharest, ROU	171
89	Corina Elena Romina	Lupei	ROU	Left Wing	12/07/2002	Targu Mures, ROU	175
99	Mireya	Gonzalez Alvarez	ESP	Right Back	18/07/1991	Leon, ESP	178



## KRISTINA LISCEVIC

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### Centre back

- former Serbian international, who joined Braila in 2022 from Ramnicu Valcea
- lost EHF Cup final twice – with Metz in 2013 and with Team Esbjerg in 2019
- part of team that won WCh silver in 2013, before retiring from international handball after EHF EURO 2022
- always wears jersey No. 71, a nod to a friend of hers who used to wear No. 17

WCh: S 2013



## KATARINA JEZIC

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### Line player

- Croatian international, signed for Braila in summer of 2023 after winning EHF Champions League with Vipers Kristiansand
- won EHF Cup with Siófok in 2018/19, beating Team Esbjerg in the final
- a true globetrotter, she previously played in five different countries and played in the CL with Baia Mare, Lokomotiva Zagreb, and Buducnost

Trophies: CL 2023; EHF Cup 2019  
EURO: B 2020



## MIREYA GONZALEZ ALVAREZ

 @mireyagonzalez9


### Right back

- Spanish international, who has been playing in Romania since 2019 – first three seasons for Ramnicu Valcea, since 2022 for Braila
- also played in France and Hungary, winning CL in 2018 when on loan at Győr
- also won Challenge Cup (with Mios Biganos) and EHF Cup (with Siófok)
- an avid photographer, Gonzalez has taken part in some photography contests

Trophies: CL 2018; EHF Cup 2019; Challenge Cup 2015  
EURO: S 2019



## JELENA ZIVKOVIC

 @zilezr

### Right back

- in her third stint in Romania, after playing for Craiova and Baia Mare in the past
- also played in Serbia, Hungary, Montenegro, and Croatia, after changing teams eight times since 2010
- won Cup Winners' Cup with FTC in the 2011/12 season
- Serbia team captain in recent years, was also part of the 2013 WCh silver medal-winning team

Trophies: CWC 2011  
WCh: S 2013

GROUP B



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**Kit colours**

**Light**

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

**Dark**

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



**Playing hall**

**Sutinska Vrela**  
Posusedski trg 14B  
10090 Zagreb  
Croatia  
Capacity: 2,000

# HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB



The Croatian side are returning to the second-tier European club competition, after they featured last season in the EHF Champions League Women group phase.

Changes have happened since then, with coach Nenad Sostaric moving over to the men's team of HC Zagreb, while Lokomotiva have been taken over by young coach Vedran Krkac. Once again, Lokomotiva are relying on young and talented players, with none of the players in their roster being aged 30 years or older.

- replaced coach Nenad Sostaric, who left after seven years in charge, with Vedran Krkac
- won the Croatian domestic title in the past two seasons
- failed to make it out of the group phase in the CL 2022/23 and the EL 2021/22
- are the youngest side in the competition, with an average age of 20.5 years
- lost all their matches in the group two seasons ago, as they are on a 20-game winless run in the groups of European competitions

In fact, they are the youngest team in the EHF European League this season, with an average age of 20.5 years, as that lack of experience might prove crucial at times in such a well-balanced group.

Reaching the group phase this season was a matter of a clear 53:43 aggregate win for Vedran Krkac's side, with Lokomotiva delivering an excellent performance against Swiss side LC Brühl Handball in the last qualification round to clinch a place between the top 16 teams.

Team captain Tena Japundza says Lokomotiva are “motivated to prove our worth, and show what we have been working on. Now that we have secured the group phase, we have got to show we belong there.”

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2  
Group phase (1): 2021/22

### **Other**

### **EHF Champions League**

Group phase (2): 2014/15, 2022/23

### **EHF European Cup**

Runners-up (1): 2020/21

### **Challenge Cup**

Winners (1): 2016/17  
Semi-finals (2): 2011/12, 2017/18

### **Cup Winners' Cup**

Runners-up (2): 1995/96, 1997/98

**Croatian league:** 5 titles (1992, 2004, 2014, 2022, 2023)

**Croatian cup:** 6 titles (1992, 2005, 2007, 2014, 2018, 2021)





## VEDRAN KRKAC

### Coach

- took over from Nenad Sostaric in October 2023, after the long-standing Lokomotiva coach moved to the men's team of HC Zagreb
- was Sostaric's assistant at Lokomotiva for the past two seasons
- at 36, he is one of the most talented Croatian coaches from the new wave
- also leads Croatia women's youth national team

## ARRIVALS

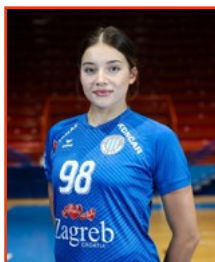
Kristina Prkacin (Buzau/ROU)  
Mariia Gladun (Berlin/GER)  
Nikoleta Trunkova (Kisvárda/HUN)  
Beyza Karaçam (Kristianstad/SWE)

## DEPARTURES

Klara Birtić (Bietigheim/GER)  
Tena Petika (Nice/FRA)  
Stela Posavec (Lublin/POL)  
Lena Ivancok (Neckarsulm/GER)  
Marija Kaludjerovic (Mioveni/ROU)  
Lana Jarak (unknown)

## I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Lara	Pudic	CRO	Goalkeeper	08/03/2006	Zagreb, CRO	172
2	Katja	Maric	CRO	Left Wing	10/07/2005	Zagreb, CRO	161
3	Lara	Buric	CRO	Right Wing	13/08/2003	Zagreb, CRO	170
4	Mia	Tupek	CRO	Centre Back	13/06/2000	Zagreb, CRO	172
5	Ana	Malec	CRO	Centre Back	25/07/2000	Zagreb, CRO	175
7	Veronika	Babara	CRO	Line Player	21/06/2006	Zadar, CRO	174
9	Terezija	Curic	CRO	Left Back	18/10/1999	Koprivnica, CRO	175
12	Ema	Novosel	CRO	Goalkeeper	18/11/2004	Zagreb, CRO	180
13	Kristina	Dramac	AUT	Right Back	09/01/2002	Kirchdorf, AUT	179
<b>C</b> 17	Tena	Japundža	CRO	Right Wing	28/10/1998	Pula, CRO	173
19	Ines	Lisjak	CRO	Line Player	15/11/1994	Zagreb, CRO	174
20	Beyza	Karaçam	TUR	Right Back	15/12/2000	Samsun, TUR	176
22	Mariia	Gladun	UKR	Goalkeeper	22/09/1996	Vinnysia, UKR	184
23	Nikoleta	Trúnková	SVK	Line Player	23/09/1998	Banovce nad Bebravou, SVK	186
24	Lara	Stanic	BIH	Right Back	23/03/2006	Gradiška, BIH	165
25	Maja	Bilandžic	CRO	Right Back	09/02/2002	Sinj, CRO	176
31	Andrea	Sedloska	MKD	Left Back	06/03/2003	Prilep, MKD	183
33	Margarita	Škaric	CRO	Left Wing	02/03/2002	Split, CRO	165
34	Lara	Fureš	CRO	Line Player	11/10/2002	Zagreb, CRO	178
43	Andelina	Boucek	CRO	Left Back	28/10/2006	Zagreb, CRO	189
44	Iva	Zrilic	CRO	Centre Back	13/10/2004	Rijeka, CRO	169
55	Antea	Cicak	CRO	Right Back	13/08/2007	Zagreb, CRO	172
81	Nika	Kraljevic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/03/2006	Zagreb, CRO	184
88	Kristina	Prkacin	CRO	Left Back	21/10/1997	Dubrovnik, CRO	183
91	Lucija	Renic	CRO	Right Wing	17/04/2006	Zagreb, CRO	162
96	Ivana	Fratnik	CRO	Centre Back	26/10/2006	Sisak, CRO	180
98	Mela	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	12/11/2003	Bar, MNE	170

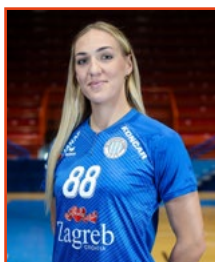


## MELA MEHMEDOVIC

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### Left wing

- Montenegrin wing, who, at age 20, is making her full debut in a European competition
- was with Montenegrin side Rudar when they played the Challenge Cup four seasons ago
- played for youth team of Buducnost, but had career halted when she tore knee ligaments at age 16
- her older sister Majda is a former Buducnost and Montenegro left wing



## KRISTINA PRKACIN

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### Left back

- Croatian international who is in her third stint at Lokomotiva, after previously playing for the club in 2016-21 and in 2022; returned in the summer of 2023
- has also played in Hungary, for Szombathelyi KKA, and in Romania, for Gloria Buzau
- featured at three EHF EURO editions with Croatia: in 2018, 2020 and 2022; part of the team that surprisingly won the bronze medal in 2020

EURO: B 2020



## KRISTINA DRAMAC

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### Right back

- talented Austrian international, who started career at her youth club WAT Atzgersdorf
- moved to Lokomotiva in 2022; scored 16 goals in their CL 2022/23 campaign
- mostly positioned at right back, but can play on the right wing as well
- was fifth-best scorer at 2022 Junior WCh; played in her first major event with Austria's senior national team the year before, at 2021 WCh in Spain



## TENA JAPUNĐA

### Right wing

- one of the longest-serving players in Lokomotiva's squad, having joined the club in 2017 after brief stints with Rovinj and Umag early in her career
- her mother is a handball coach, and she started playing at the age of seven
- was a prolific scorer for Croatia's junior and youth national teams
- then became a regular of the senior national team and part of the squad that won bronze at EHF EURO 2020

EURO: B 2020

## GROUP B



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### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: pink



### Playing hall

**La Fontaine Blanche**  
Rond Point Maréchal  
Leclerc  
37170 Chambray les Tours,  
France  
Capacity: 800

# CHAMBRAY TOURAINE HANDBALL



The French side is returning to the group phase of the EHF European League Women after a one-year hiatus, following a defeat in qualification to eventual EHF Finals participants THC last season. Chambray meet the same German team again, this time in group B.

In the 2021/22 season, Chambray Touraine HB were eliminated after the group phase, winning a single match, drawing another one and conceding four losses; an experience which surely acted as a wake-up call for the French side.

- will be in the group phase of a European competition for the second time
- saw centre back Nadia Mielke-Offendal score 11 goals in the qualification matches this season
- have players from six different countries – France, Sweden, Congo, Serbia, the Netherlands, and Denmark
- ranked fifth in the French league at the start of the EL group phase, with seven wins and four defeats
- have won one of their previous six matches in an EL group phase

Now, they have a perfect mix of youth and experience, with a strong core built around left wing Manon Houette, centre back Nadia Mielke-Offendal, right back Laura van der Heijden, and left back Jovana Stoiljkovic, complemented by some talented young players.

Chambray made it to the group with a stellar performance in the final qualification round, downing recent EHF Champions League participants DHK Banik Most 60:47 on aggregate.

In a well-balanced group, Chambray will be hoping to deliver some good performances, as they have never made it as far as the knockout phase of any European competition.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3

Group phase (1): 2021/22

Qualification (1): 2022/23

### Other

French league: –

French cup: –





## MATHIEU LANFRANCHI

### Coach

- former line player, who has been coaching since 2018
- joined Chambray as head coach in 2022, after two seasons as assistant at Nantes, which won the inaugural edition of the EHF European League at that time (2021)
- started senior career at Port Normande but spent most of his playing years with Cesson-Rennes
- made All-star Team of French league in 2015/16
- took first steps on his coaching path during his last season as a player at Cesson-Rennes

## ARRIVALS

Laurie Puleri (Plan de Cuques/FRA)  
Yaëlle Morvan (Le Havre/FRA)

## DEPARTURES

Ida Lagerbon (SønderjyskE/DEN)  
Rikke Granlund (Sola/NOR)  
Kimberley Bouchard (unknown)  
Nina Brkljacic (retired)  
Karichma Ekoh (Erice/ITA)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Agathe	Quiniou	FRA	Goalkeeper	31/10/2000	Brest, FRA	178
2	Laugane	Pina	CGO	Left Wing	02/06/2002	St. Denis, FRA	178
6	Clara	Monti Danielsson	SWE	Line Player	30/01/1992	Uppåkra, SWE	176
9	Eliça	Naas	FRA	Right Wing	09/04/2006	FRA	168
10	Lucie	Modenel	FRA	Back	05/02/2002	Montélimar, FRA	170
11	Laura	Van der Heijden	NED	Right Back	27/06/1990	Amersfoort, NED	173
13	Manon	Houette	FRA	Left Wing	02/07/1992	Le Mans, FRA	168
14	Laurie	Puleri	FRA	Left Back	31/08/1996	Marseille, FRA	177
15	Yaëlle	Morvan	FRA	Right Back	03/07/1997	FRA	181
19	Aminata	Sow	FRA	Line Player	19/08/1994	FRA	187
27	Nadia	Mielke-Offendal	DEN	Centre Back	22/10/1994	Copenhagen, DEN	174
28	Sarah	Vukovac	FRA	Goalkeeper	15/05/1999	Mont-Saint-Martin, FRA	175
<b>C</b> 33	Jovana	Stoiljkovic	SRB	Left Back	30/09/1988	Belgrade, SRB	182
66	Clemence	Nkindanda	FRA	Line Player	20/06/2004	Le Coudray, FRA	188
70	Emma	Perche	FRA	Goalkeeper	03/02/2003	Bernay, FRA	175
77	Flavie	Le Doux	FRA	Right Wing	04/07/2002	St. Nazaire, FRA	164
84	Melvine	Deba	FRA	Right Wing	08/01/1998	Paris, FRA	166
88	Alblavie	Mwadi Kabamba	CGO	Back	14/05/2002	Strasbourg, FRA	168
89	Léonie	Ebara	FRA	Left Wing	28/04/2005	FRA	165
99	Eden	Atila	FRA	Back	28/01/2003	Amilly, FRA	171



## MANON HOUETTE

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### Left wing

- French international, who arrived at Chambray from Bourg-de-Péage in 2022
- previously played CL with Metz, the club she joined for four years in 2017
- made CL 2018/19 All-star Team, then missed 2020/21 campaign after tearing an ACL
- spent one season of her career abroad – with German side THC, who are Chambray's opponents in the EL 2023/24 group phase

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



## NADIA MIELKE-OFFENDAL

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### Centre back

- former Danish international, who spent most of her career at Odense before moving abroad to France and joining Paris 92 in 2020
- after two years in the French capital, she arrived at Chambray in 2022
- last played for Danish national team at EHF EURO 2018; previously won gold at 2012 Youth WCh and bronze at W19 EHF EURO 2013



## LAURA VAN DER HEIJDEN

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### Right back

- Dutch record international, who arrived at Chambray from Dortmund in 2022
- Chambray is the 10th club in her career, spanning five different countries
- made her debut in Netherlands national team in 2007, has been an instrumental part of the series of Dutch successes at major events between 2015-19
- has racked up more than 800 goals in over 260 appearance for the Dutch team

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



## MELVINE DEBA

 @melvinedb

### Right wing

- considered one of France's most promising talents
- joined Metz in summer of 2020 from Paris 92 and played CL for two seasons until joining Chambray in 2022
- has become one of Chambray's most consistent scorers since
- part of team that won W19 EHF EURO 2017; now awaiting national team debut

# GROUP C PREVIEW



## FORMER CHAMPIONS TO CHALLENGE IN BALANCED GROUP

One of the hardest groups to predict in this season's EHF European League contains the inaugural winners of the competition in 2021, Neptunes Nantes, and three teams that are more than capable of navigating their way into the quarter-finals as well: CS Gloria 2018, MKS FunFloor Lublin, and HSG Bensheim/Auerbach. Only two of them will actually advance...



Neptunes Nantes, winners of the first edition in 2021, came up just short of another EHF Finals appearance last season, when they went down in the quarter-finals against BV Borussia 09 Dortmund in one of the biggest upsets of the year: Having won the first leg by nine goals (28:19) at home, they lost the return in Germany by 10 (32:22). Nantes are eager to have another go this season, but even with players like Carin Stromberg and Jessica Ryde, they first must make sure to advance from the group phase.

Romanian side Gloria have built themselves a team able to perform in what is only the club's second ever European campaign. Last time around, in 2020, the club from Bistrita reached the EHF Cup quarter-finals, and a similar performance seems within reach this time.



Lublin have a much bigger European record, with two trophies on the shelf. But this season is only their first since 2020/21 in which they managed to qualify for the EHF European League group phase. With a new coach and a couple of Polish top-level players returning to the club, Lublin will surely be a tough opponent for the other teams in the group.

Bensheim/Auerbach might be newcomers in European competitions, but that could also be what makes them dangerous as the unknown team. Also, a look at their squad reveals the potential strength of Bensheim/Auerbach, with experienced players and new bright talents. While some might regard it as a surprise if they were to make the quarter-finals, it arguably wouldn't really be one.

*Kevin Domas*



## GROUP C HEAD-TO-HEADS

### PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP C

#### CS Gloria 2018 BN vs Neptunes Nantes

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### CS Gloria 2018 BN vs MKS FunFloor Lublin 1-1-0 (48:42) 3:1

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05.01.2020	MKS Lublin SA vs CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud, EHF Cup – Group C	22:22 (10:12)
02.02.2020	CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud vs MKS Lublin SA, EHF Cup – Group C	26:20 (17:9)

#### CS Gloria 2018 BN vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Neptunes Nantes vs MKS FunFloor Lublin 2-0-0 (56:47) 4:0

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23.01.2021	MKS Perla Lublin vs Nantes Atlantique Handball, EHF European League – Group B	26:31 (12:15)
07.02.2021	Nantes Atlantique Handball vs MKS Perla Lublin, EHF European League – Group B	25:21 (11:12)

#### Neptunes Nantes vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### MKS FunFloor Lublin vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach

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No previous encounters in European competitions

## GROUP C



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

## Teraplast Arena

Str. Aerodromului No. 33  
Bistrita City  
Romania  
Capacity: 3,007

## CS GLORIA 2018 BN



Four seasons after a first European experience that led them to the quarter-finals of the EHF Cup, CS Gloria 2018 BN are back – and back with ambitions: “We want to reach the EHF Finals,” says manager Cosma Vasile Eugen.

Gloria have signed a couple of experienced players, such as EHF EURO 2018 winner Gnonsiane Niombla and recent EHF EURO bronze medallist Nina Bulatovic, joining a roster that includes Romanian talents like Yuliya Dumanska, Nicoleta Dinca, and Bianca Bazaluiu.

- **have not played in a European club competition since their international debut in 2019/20**
- **reached the quarter-final of the EHF Cup in their only previous European season, losing to Danish side Ikast Håndbold – the current European League champions**
- **finished third in the Romanian league and reached the semi-finals of the domestic cup last season**
- **added several notable signings to their squad for the 2023/24 season, including French EHF EURO 2018 champion Gnonsiane Niombla and Nina Bulatovic**

Even though Gloria are rediscovering European handball, the Romanian side expects to be as successful as Rapid Bucuresti and CSM Bucuresti are in the EHF Champions League. But immediate success is not the only thing on the cards. “Playing the EHF European League is really important for our club, especially because our handball team is a role model for our young teams,” adds manager Cosma Vasile Eugen.

Competition in group C looks fierce, with three opponents that also have the potential to advance to the quarter-finals. Gloria captain Cristina Laslo is awaiting one group match in particular: “Back in 2020/21, I was playing for CS Minaur Baia Mare and we lost the EHF European League final against Neptunes de Nantes, so I’m really looking forward to the game against them.”

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 1

### Other

### EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20

Romanian league: –

Romanian cup: –





## FLORENTIN PERA

Coach

- Romania women's national team coach since 2022, who additionally became head coach of Gloria in October 2023
- started coaching career at age 24 when he was still playing for CS UCM Resita; ended his playing career aged 26 in 2004
- coached nine different Romanian sides, including EHF Champions League participants SCM Ramnicu Valcea, before joining CSKA in Moscow in 2021 for his only club abroad
- his wife, Loredana, is a former handball player; the pair have two children together, a boy and a girl

## ARRIVALS

Natalia Nosek (Besancon/FRA)  
Seynabou Mbengue Rodriguez (Gran Canaria/ESP)  
Gnonsiane Niombla (Paris 92/FRA)  
Ida-Marie Dahl Moesgaard (Viborg/DEN)  
Nina Bulatovic (Buducnost/MNE)  
Asuka Fujita (Ramnicu Valcea/ROU)  
Rebeca Geamanu (Stiinta Bucuresti/ROU)

## DEPARTURES

Nina Zulic (Krim/SLO)  
Zeljka Nikolic (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)  
Nataliya Striukova (Slatina/ROU)  
Melinda Terec (retired)  
Jelena Trifunovic (retired)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Elena Nicoleta	Dinca	ROU	Left Wing	02/07/1988	Slatina, ROU	171
3	Paula	Posavec	CRO	Left Wing	26/08/1996	Cakovec, CRO	168
4	Ioana Laura	Pristavita	ROU	Centre Back	20/07/1989	Bistrita, ROU	175
5	Cristina	Marcu	ROU	Left Back	12/04/1995	Galati, ROU	177
7	Tamires Morena	De Araujo Frossard	BRA	Line Player	16/05/1994	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	182
8	Maria	Tanc	ROU	Centre Back	28/09/2000	Telciu, ROU	172
10	Florina Maria	Chintoan	ROU	Line Player	06/12/1985	Cluj Napoca, ROU	178
12	Alexandra Sorina	Perianu	ROU	Goalkeeper	17/04/2003	Braila, ROU	184
<b>C</b> 13	Cristina	Laslo	ROU	Centre Back	10/04/1996	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	178
14	Bianca Maria	Bazaliu	ROU	Left Back	30/07/1997	Slatina, ROU	182
20	Yuliya	Dumanska	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/08/1996	Gorodenka, UKR	177
23	Déborah	Kpodar	FRA	Left Back	03/06/1994	L'Isle-d'Epagnac, FRA	171
24	Diana	Bazaliu	ROU	Left Back	23/10/2005	Slatina, ROU	184
27	Asuka	Fujita	JPN	Right Wing	14/02/1996	Osaka, JPN	166
29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre Back	09/07/1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	173
30	Sonia Mariana	Seraficeanu	ROU	Right Wing	25/07/1997	Hunedoara, ROU	174
31	Ida-Marie	Moesgaard Dahl	DEN	Line Player	19/03/1998	Hvidovre, DEN	174
37	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	09/12/1996	Cetinje, MNE	170
39	Natalia	Nosek	POL	Right Back	20/04/1998	Krakow, POL	180
87	Renata Lais	Lais de Arruda	BRA	Goalkeeper	18/02/1999	Olinda, BRA	180
88	Maria Noemi	Mezei	ROU	Line Player	12/01/2004	Timisoara, ROU	176
98	Seynabou	Mbengue Rodríguez	ESP	Right Back	14/10/1998	Las Palmas, ESP	191
99	Rebeca	Geamanu	ROU	Line Player	12/07/2004	Popesti Leordeni, ROU	176



## YULIYA DUMANSKA

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### Goalkeeper

- Ukrainian-born Romanian international, returned to Romania to join Gloria in 2022 after two seasons with Podravka in Croatia
- started to play handball at age 11, moved to Romania three years later and played for Baia Mare, Craiova, and Ramnicu Valcea; won EHF Cup with Craiova in 2018
- won bronze with Romania at 2016 Junior WCh in Russia

Trophies: EHF Cup 2018



## NICOLETA DINCA

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### Left wing

- experienced wing, who has always played in Romania and arrived at Gloria in 2017
- gained first European experience with Rapid Bucuresti in Cup Winners' Cup 2005/06; played three seasons in Champions League with various clubs
- reached Challenge Cup final with Cluj Napoca in 2007
- made her national team debut for Romania in 2008



## GNONSIANE NIOMBLA

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### Centre back

- former French international, now playing for Senegal, who joined Gloria in 2023
- in her second stint in Romania, having previously played for CSM Bucuresti in 2016-18; also spent two seasons at Siófok KC in Hungary
- in France, she played for Fleury Loiret, Metz, and Paris 92
- won two major titles with France: the WCh in 2017 and their home EHF EURO in 2018

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



## NINA BULATOVIC

 @nbulatovic37

### Right wing

- Montenegrin international since 2021; spent most of her career with Buducnost before joining Gloria for the 2023/24 season
- played six EHF Champions League seasons with Buducnost, with 28 goals in the 2021/22 campaign her personal best tally
- also had stints with Kastamonu in Türkiye and Jagodina in Serbia

EURO: B 2022

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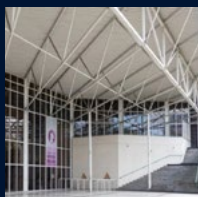
## Kit colours

## Light

Player shirt: light grey  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: pink (or black)

## Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: pink (or light grey)



## Playing hall

**Complex Sportif Mangin**  
2 Rue Louis Joxe  
44200 Nantes  
France  
Capacity: 2,400

## NEPTUNES NANTES



After winning the inaugural EHF Finals in 2021, Neptunes Nantes are ready to fight for the title again. While their campaign ended in the quarter-finals last season, the French side return again with a team that places them among the favourites of the competition.

Danish head coach Helle Thomsen, in charge since 2022, has gathered some of the finest talents from Scandinavia, with goalkeeper Jessica Ryde and back Helene Fauske joining the likes of Anna Lagerquist, Carin Strömberg and Mari Finstad Bergum.

- **lifted the trophy in the maiden season of the EHF European League, in 2020/21, beating Hungarian side Siófok KC 36:31 in the final in Baia Mare**
- **lost to BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 51:50 on aggregate in a memorable quarter-final last season, winning by nine goals at home but then losing by 10 goals away**
- **qualified for the 2023/24 group phase by eliminating Molde, a former club of head coach Helle Thomsen, in the last qualification round: 75:52 on aggregate**
- **main 2023 summer signings include Tarama Horacek (from Metz Handball), Jessica Ryde (Ikast Handbold), and Kelly Vollebregt (Odense Håndbold)**

But also the team's French core is strong, highlighted by the signing of Tamara Horacek, who played at the EHF FINAL4 with Metz Handball in the past. The international wants to help Nantes go as far as possible in the EHF European League: "My biggest motivation is to reach the EHF Finals with this great team. We are working for this every day."

The chemistry between the players is present, as the French club showed in the final qualification round, when they easily got past Molde Elite, beating the former club of coach Thomsen 75:52 on aggregate. But the competition in group C is fierce, with CS Gloria 2018 BN, MKS FunFloor Lublin, and ambitious newcomer HSG Bensheim/Auerbach. "The games against Gloria are the most exciting, because I think we will fight for the first spot against them. But I know that in order to reach the EHF Finals, we need to play good handball all the time," Horacek says.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4

Winners (1): 2020/21

Quarter-finals (1): 2022/23

Group phase (1): 2021/22

### Other

### EHF Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2016/17

French league: –

French cup: –





## HELLE THOMSEN

### Coach

- Danish coach, in charge of Nantes since February 2022 but will leave the club in the summer of 2024
- previously coached club teams Midtjylland in her native Denmark, CSM Bucuresti, Molde, and Kastamonu
- combined her club duties with leading the national teams of Sweden in 2014-15 and Netherlands in 2016-19
- led both nations to medals at major events
- spent her playing career with Danish sides Frederikshavn and Sindal, and with Drammen in Norway

Trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2015 (as coach)  
EURO: S 2016, B 2014, 2018; WCh B 2017 (as coach)

## ARRIVALS

Jessica Ryde (Herning/DEN)  
Marie-Hélène Sajka (Nykøbing/DEN)  
Kelly Vollebregt (Odense/DEN)  
Tamara Horacek (Metz/FRA)  
Helene Fauske (Brest/FRA)  
Emilie Bellec (Saint-Amand/FRA)

## DEPARTURES

Adrianna Placzek (Paris 92/FRA)  
Manon Loquay (Toulon/FRA)  
Raïssa Dapina (Nice/FRA)  
Nathalie Hagman (Ramnicu Valcea/ROU)  
Gordana Mitrovic (Nice/FRA)  
Lorine Perrot (Noisy-le-Grand/FRA)  
Barbara Moretto (Paris 92/FRA)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jessica	Ryde	SWE	Goalkeeper	18/05/1994	Östra Torn, SWE	185
2	Mélina	Michaud	FRA	Left Wing	25/01/2006	La Roche-sur-Yon, FRA	176
3	Lauryn	Cossou	FRA	Left Back	17/07/2002	Schoelcher, FRA	179
5	Laly	Hervé	FRA	Right Wing	10/04/2005	Pabu, FRA	171
6	Imen	Chagh	FRA	Left Back	17/01/2005	Paris, FRA	174
7	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Back	31/01/1997	Baerum, NOR	178
8	Carin	Strömberg	SWE	Centre Back	10/07/1993	Nacka, SWE	184
10	Laly	Coutte	FRA	Left Back	30/03/2005	Bondy, FRA	180
11	Onacia	Ondono	FRA	Line Player	14/04/1996	Alfortville, FRA	180
12	Floriane	Andre	FRA	Goalkeeper	30/05/2000	Saint-Chamon, FRA	180
13	Sarah	Hernandez	FRA	Centre Back	22/08/2003	La Ciotat, FRA	175
14	Mari	Finstad Bergum	NOR	Left Back	16/03/1998	Gjøvik, NOR	178
15	Marie Hélène	Sajka	FRA	Right Back	13/09/1997	Nancy, FRA	185
16	Iana	Richard	FRA	Left Back	14/10/2004	La Rochelle, FRA	182
17	Marine	Dupuis	FRA	Left Wing	18/04/1992	Pontarlier, FRA	167
18	Naémi	Ardouin	FRA	Left Wing	18/11/2002	St. Sebastien, FRA	177
19	Anna	Lagerquist	SWE	Line Player	16/10/1993	Allhelgona, SWE	175
20	Orlane	Ahanda	FRA	Right Back	20/11/1998	Nantes, FRA	176
<b>C</b> 22	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Back	05/11/1995	Pozeda, CRO	178
29	Léna	Grandveau	FRA	Centre Back	21/01/2003	Beaune, FRA	171
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01/01/1995	Delft, NED	165
32	Nolwen	Verton	FRA	Right Back	14/11/2004	Courconnes, FRA	182
42	Dyénaba	Sylla	FRA	Left Wing	04/04/1997	Noisy-le-Sec, FRA	175
77	Emilie	Bellec	FRA	Right Wing	07/05/1999	Libreville, FRA	169
97	Lola	Boiteux	FRA	Goalkeeper	09/06/2005	Besancon, FRA	183



## JESSICA RYDE

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### Goalkeeper

- Swedish international, who joined Nantes in 2023 after winning EL with Ikast
- started career at Lugå and Höör in Sweden before moving to Ikast in Denmark in 2017
- made 73 saves for Ikast in EL 2022/23 for a competition-leading percentage of over 41
- made national team debut for Sweden in 2018; played at Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Trophies: Challenge Cup 2014; EL 2023



## TAMARA HORACEK

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### Centre back

- Croatian-born French international, who arrived at Nantes from Metz in 2023
- also played for Paris 92 and for Siófok in Hungary; was Siófok's best scorer in EL 2020/21 season when they lost the final against Nantes
- scored five times for France in final against Norway (31:28) for gold at 2023 WCh
- daughter of former Croatia national team player Vesna Horacek

EURO: B 2016; OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2023, S 2021



## HELEN FAUSKE

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### Centre/left back

- former Norwegian international, who arrived in Nantes in 2023 after two seasons with French league rivals Brest
- previously played four seasons for Herning-Ikast, scoring 29 goals in her debut CL season 2017/18 and reaching the EHF Finals in 2021
- can play on both centre back and left back positions
- part of the Norwegian team that won silver at 2017 WCh in Germany

WCh: S 2017



## ANNA LAGERQUIST

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### Line player

- Swedish international, who arrived in Nantes in 2022 after two seasons at Rostov-Don
- started career at Lugå in 2009 and stayed with the Swedish club for eight seasons
- then moved to Denmark to join Nykøbing, and became a regular in the Swedish national team; voted Swedish Player of the Year twice, in 2019 and 2021
- competed for Sweden at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

## Globus Hall

ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 8  
20 611 Lublin  
Poland  
Capacity: 4,221

# MKS FUNFLOOR LUBLIN



In their fourth season in the EHF European League, MKS FunFloor Lublin are aiming for something they have not done before: reaching the quarter-finals. Two times, including last season against Siófok, their journey ended in the qualification phase, while once they did make it to the group phase, but no further. After easily beating Zork Jagodina in the last qualification round, Lublin are ready for a new adventure.

With Edyta Majdzinska, three times named best coach of the Polish league, on the bench, Lublin are set to meet three strong opponents.

- missed the group phase last season, losing to Siófok in the final qualification round: 58:50 on aggregate
- have two European cups in their trophy cabinet: the EHF Cup from 2001 and the Challenge Cup from 2018
- scored the most goals and won by the biggest margin of all teams playing in the last qualification round, as they eased past Zork Jagodina 80:44 on aggregate
- also shared a group with Nantes the only previous time they reached the group phase, in 2020/21
- appointed Edyta Majdzinska as new coach in the summer, as she took over from Piotr Dropek

“Our biggest motivation is the continuous development of the team. We want to show better handball from game to game,” team captain Daria Szykaruk says.

The focus since the arrival of the new coach and the start of the season has been on defence. “This is definitely our strong point and we spent a lot of time working on it. We want to be able to make quick fast breaks thanks to our defence and I think we are well prepared to play against the best teams,” adds the captain, who is aware that good handball is crucial for Lublin, who have won two European trophies in the past – most recently the Challenge Cup in 2018.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 4

Group phase (1): 2020/21

Qualification (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

### **Other**

### **EHF Champions League**

Quarter-finals (2): 1999/2000, 2001/02

### **EHF Cup**

Winners (1): 2000/01

Quarter-finals (2): 2007/08, 2009/10

### **Challenge Cup**

Winners (1): 2017/18

### **Cup Winners' Cup**

Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15

**Polish league:** 22 titles (1995-2003, 2005-10, 2013-16, 2018-20)


**Polish cup:** 11 titles (1996-98, 2000-02, 2006, 2007, 2010-12, 2018)





## EDYTA MAJDZINSKA

Coach

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- joined Lublin in 2023, after six seasons with Gminy Kobierzyce
- led Gminy Kobierzyce to the club's first-ever appearance in a European cup competition by winning the Polish cup in 2022
- named best coach of Poland's domestic league for three seasons in a row: in 2020, 2021 and 2022
- started coaching career at youth team of MTS Kwidzyn, then moved to Gdansk for her first top-division club
- has an excellent track record of developing young talents and making them ready for the top level

## ARRIVALS

Stela Posavec (Lokomotiva/CRO)  
Sara Kovarova (Krim/SLO)  
Aleksandra Tomczyk (Gminy Kobierzyce/POL)  
Karolina Wicik (Gminy Kobierzyce/POL)  
Aleksandra Olek (Gminy Kobierzyce/POL)  
Magda Balsam (Metzingen/GER)  
Karolina Osowska (AZS UMCS Lublin/POL)

## DEPARTURES

Andrijana Tatar (Mioveni/ROU)  
Marianna Rebicova (Michalovce/SVK)  
Edyta Byzdra (Jaroslaw/POL, on loan)  
Karolina Sarnecka (Piotrków/POL, on loan)  
Katarzyna Portasińska (Viborg/DEN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Oktawia	Plominska	POL	Left Wing	05/10/1998	Piotrków Trybunalski, POL	168
6	Joanna	Andruszak	POL	Line Player	02/04/1994	Debno, POL	185
8	Dominika	Wieckowska	POL	Line Player	08/04/1998	Kielce, POL	179
9	Aleksandra	Tomczyk	POL	Centre Back	19/10/1994	Lublin, POL	173
12	Weronika	Gawlik	POL	Goalkeeper	20/10/1986	Gliwice, POL	180
17	Magda	Wieckowska	POL	Left Back	29/03/2000	Kielce, POL	184
18	Stela	Posavec	CRO	Centre Back	26/08/1996	Cakovec, CRO	165
19	Michalina	Pastuszka	POL	Centre Back	27/08/2003	Lublin, POL	168
<b>C</b> 21	Daria	Szynkaruk	POL	Right Wing	19/05/1998	Poznan, POL	173
23	Julia	Pietras	POL	Left Wing	16/10/2000	Poniatowa, POL	165
26	Paulina	Wdowiak	POL	Goalkeeper	12/01/2000	Radziejów, POL	175
31	Magda	Balsam	POL	Right Wing	20/09/1996	Sztum, POL	172
48	Sara	Kovarova	CZE	Right Back	09/02/1999	Pisek, CZE	175
59	Karolina	Osowska	POL	Goalkeeper	06/08/2002	Tarnowskie góry, POL	175
66	Patrycja	Noga	POL	Line Player	13/04/1994	Gdansk, POL	177
77	Maria	Szczepaniak	POL	Line Player	04/10/2004	Warsaw, POL	174
79	Paulina	Masna	POL	Right Back	19/03/1992	Otwock, POL	175
82	Karolina	Wicik	POL	Left Back	30/08/1999	Pisz, POL	180
88	Romana	Rozsak	POL	Right Back	01/10/1994	Gostyn, POL	175
89	Kinga	Achruc	POL	Left Back	09/01/1989	Krasnik, POL	182



## WERONIKA GAWLIK

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### Goalkeeper

- highly experienced Polish international, who has been with Lublin since 2011
- first played in an international club competition more than two decades ago – with Sosnica Gliwice in the Cup Winners' Cup 2002/03
- has played more than 100 matches for the Polish national team
- played her first major event with Poland at EHF EURO 2010

Trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



## OKTAWIA PLOMINSKA

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### Left wing

- has always played for Polish clubs – Ruch Chorzow, Pogon Szczecin, Zory, Piotrcovia Piotrków – before moving to MKS Lublin in 2021
- played in the Challenge Cup final with Szczecin in 2019, scored 32 goals that season
- played first international game with Poland in March 2021 against Czechia; has been regular in national team since



## KINGA ACHRUK

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### Centre back

- legend of Polish handball, who has been part of the national team since 2006
- joined Lublin for the first time in 2008, and returned to the club in 2017 after four seasons with Buducnost – and winning the CL with the Montenegrin side in 2015
- her parents Malgorzata and Jacek both played handball professionally; Kinga started her career at the same club where her mother used to play: Jaroslaw
- missed EHF EURO 2020 due to pregnancy but was part of the coaching staff

Trophies: CL 2015; Challenge Cup 2018



## MAGDA BALSAM

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### Right wing

- Polish international, who returned to Poland and joined Lublin in 2023 after one season in Germany with Metzingen
- had previously been with Lublin in 2020/21, also played for other Polish clubs
- was second-best scorer of Polish league in 2019/20, with 132 goals in 20 games, while playing for Jaroslaw
- made her national team debut in 2017; 2021 WCh was her first major event

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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: red  
GK shirt: ocean blue



## Playing hall

**Untermainhalle**  
Dammsfeldstraße 11  
63820 Elsenfeld  
Germany  
Capacity: 2,518

# HSG BENSHEIM/ AUERBACH



The club might be a newcomer on the European scene, but some of HSG Bensheim/Auerbach's players are well-known across the continent. Kim Naidzinavicius and Amelie Berger played in the EHF Champions League in recent seasons, and Lucie-Marie Kretzschmar, starring in beach handball as well, has stepped out of the shadow of her father, Stefan.

“Everything that comes now is extra for us. We will enjoy our first season in the EHF European League and see what happens in the end,” says Michael Geil, managing director of Bensheim/Auerbach.

- are making their debut in a European club competition
- earned their place in the EHF European League after reaching the final of the German Cup last season
- advanced to the group phase by beating fellow German side Oldenburg twice in the last qualification round for a clear 55:44 aggregate win
- signed national team player Kim Naidzinavicius in the summer to further strengthen the squad
- are led by coach Heike Ahlgrimm, who arrived at the club in 2015 as youth coach and later helped the senior team get promoted to the first Bundesliga

Even as debutants, Bensheim/Auerbach seem to have the assets to play a role in the competition.

“We want to be able and represent and sell the club and the team beyond the national level. We will enjoy the privilege of playing the European League and try to keep it alive for as long as possible,” says team captain Lisa Friedberger.

The debut in the EHF European League is a reward for the strong rise of the club, which was only promoted to Germany's top division in 2017. With a core of talented young German players surrounded by experienced players still chasing European glory, Bensheim/Auerbach could well become one of the surprises of the season.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 1

### Other

German league: –

German cup: –

## HSG BENSHEIM / AUERBACH SAISON 2023 / 2024





## HEIKE AHLGRIMM

Coach

 @heike.ahlgrimm

- former German international, coached in Blomberg-Lippe and Leverkusen before arriving at Bensheim/Auerbach in 2015
- initially worked as youth coach and led the club's academy
- took over as head coach and guided Bensheim/Auerbach to the first division in Germany in 2016/17
- was a centre and right back, who played 90 matches for the German national team and competed at EHF EURO 2002 and the IHF World Championship the following year
- spent most of her playing career with Leverkusen, won the Challenge Cup with them in 2005

Trophies: Challenge Cup 2005 (as player)

## ARRIVALS

Kim Naidzinavicius (Bietigheim/GER)  
Mia Ziercke (Blomberg-Lippe/GER)  
Tabea Coors (Mainz/GER)

## DEPARTURES

Elisa Stuttfeld (Spono Eagles/SUI)  
Lotta Heider (Buxtehude/GER)  
Myrthe Schoenaker (retired)  
Neele Mara Orth (Mainz/GER)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Wing	22/07/1999	Tübingen, GER	170
5	Isabell	Hurst	GER	Line Player	17/10/1999	Bretten, GER	168
11	Sarah	Dekker	NED	Right Wing	08/03/2001	Koggenland, NED	165
12	Tabea	Coors	GER	Goalkeeper	16/09/2003	Darmstadt, GER	174
13	Alicia	Soffel	GER	Left Back	11/02/1999	Meisenheim, GER	176
15	Ndidi-Silvia	Agwunedu	GER	Left Wing	04/01/2000	Bielefeld, GER	173
16	Vanessa	Fehr	CGO	Goalkeeper	13/09/1997	Aachen, GER	170
<b>C</b> 17	Lisa	Friedberger	GER	Centre Back	23/02/1997	Heidelberg, GER	174
25	Kim	Naidzinavicius	GER	Centre Back	06/04/1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
26	Sarah	van Gulik	NED	Centre Back	19/02/1990	Zoetermeer, NED	176
33	Lucie-Marie	Kretzschmar	GER	Left Back	07/08/2000	Magdeburg, GER	179
34	Mia	Ziercke	GER	Left Wing	31/12/2003	Minden, GER	171
36	Helen	van Beurden	NED	Goalkeeper	09/01/1991	Breda, NED	184
45	Sophia Marie	Ewald	GER	Line Player	26/04/2005	Landshut, GER	183
58	Lilli Matilda	Holste	GER	Right Back	25/04/2001	Stolberg, GER	180
96	Dionne	Visser	NED	Line Player	29/10/1996	Vlaardingen, NED	168



## HELEN VAN BEURDEN

### Goalkeeper

- experienced Dutch goalkeeper, who arrived at Bensheim/Auerbach in 2018 after one season with Skara in Sweden
- previously played in Germany for three seasons – at Bad Wildungen and Mainz
- started senior career at Quintus; left Netherlands as a 24-year-old in 2014
- never played for Dutch national team amid fierce competition for goalkeeper position



## LUCIE-MARIE KRETZSCHMAR

 @lmk\_\_33

### Left back

- joined Bensheim/Auerbach in 2022 after stints at Magdeburg, Leipzig, Neckarsulm
- daughter of German handball icon Stefan Kretzschmar; her grandparents Waltraud and Peter were world and Olympic champions with the GDR in the 1970s
- captain of German national beach handball team, which has won two European titles, a World Championship, and The World Games since 2021



## KIM NAIDZINAVICIUS

 @kimjulia2015

### Centre back

- former German international, who returned to Bensheim/Auerbach in 2023 after seven years with league rivals Bietigheim
- previously played for Bensheim/Auerbach until 2011, then joined Leverkusen for five seasons before moving to Bietigheim
- won the EL 2021/22 and four Bundesliga titles with Bietigheim
- made national team debut shortly after her 21st birthday in 2012; retired in 2021

Trophies: EL 2022



## AMELIE BERGER

 @amelie\_berger\_

### Right wing

- German international, who arrived at Bensheim/Auerbach in the first half of the 2022/23 season after terminating her contract with Dortmund
- started her senior career at Leverkusen (2016-19), then joined Bietigheim (2019-21)
- made her national team debut in September 2018 and was included in the German squad for the EHF EURO in France two months later; has been a regular since
- alongside her career, she studied psychology at a distance learning university

# GROUP D PREVIEW

## STRONG TEAMS MAKE FOR AN UNPREDICTABLE GROUP



Group D promises to be one of the most exciting in Europe's second-tier club competition as it features ever-improving Mosonmagyaróvári KC, former EHF European Cup winners Costa del Sol Malaga, all-out attacking Sola HK, and debutants CSM Targu Jiu. With no clear favourite in sight and four attack-minded squads, goals will flow all over Europe, from Hungary to Spain, from Norway to Romania.



Mosonmagyaróvár missed out on a place in the quarter-finals last season, but the Hungarian club – playing their third consecutive season in the EHF European League group phase – look stronger than ever. In the domestic league, they have been fully keeping up with powerhouses Györi Audi ETO KC and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria in the first part of the season, and now are eager to carry their convincing form into Europe.

Malaga are one of two newcomers to the competition in group D. The Spanish side secured a place in the group phase after defeating Scandinavian duo Larvik HK and København Håndbold in the qualification rounds, which is a strong statement about their quality and determination to be among the best 16 teams in the competition. Their performances were epitomised by a passionate and super-attacking approach, especially in front of their home fans. Malaga enter the group phase on the back of their first-ever title in the Spanish League.



Quarter-finalists in the previous two seasons, Sola are eager to go at least another step further this season. Experienced veteran and team captain Camilla Herrem is still the heart of the squad, as the 37-year-old spearheaded the team's attack in the final qualification round against Super Amara Bera Bera, a tie the Norwegian club won by a single goal. Sola are the most experienced team in group D when it comes to playing in European competitions.



Targu Jiu, on the contrary, have no experience at all: making their debut in any European club competition, the Romanian side is motivated to leave its mark this season. Targu Jiu have already demonstrated their skills in qualification, where defeated Önnareds HK twice. Additionally, Targu Jiu's squad is made up by experienced players like Ekaterina Dzhukeva as well as Laura Petruta Moldovan among others, and though their start to the domestic season in Romania has been disappointing, they are ready to leave a positive impression in their first-ever European season.

*Filip Mishov*

## I GROUP D HEAD-TO-HEADS

### PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP D

#### **Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs Costa del Sol Malaga**

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs CSM Targu Jiu**

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs Sola HK 0-0-2 (48:58) 0:4**

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04.02.2022	Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC vs Sola HK, EHF European League – Group A	26:31 (10:17)
06.02.2022	Sola HK vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC, EHF European League – Group A	27:22 (16:12)

#### **Costa del Sol Malaga vs CSM Targu Jiu**

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Costa del Sol Malaga vs Sola HK**

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No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **CSM Targu Jiu vs Sola HK**

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No previous encounters in European competitions

## GROUP D



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 [@mosonmagyarovarikcse](https://www.instagram.com/mosonmagyarovarikcse)

### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: dark blue  
Player short: dark blue  
GK shirt: light blue



### Playing hall

#### UFM Aréna

Gorkij utca 1.  
9200 Mosonmagyaróvár  
Hungary  
Capacity: 1,006

# MOTHERSON MOSONMAGYARÓVARI KC



Now in their third season in the EHF European League, Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC finally hope to take the next step after their previous campaigns both ended in the group phase. The collected experience can only help the squad reach their goals.

“Participation in the European League is the result of development and hard work, what we’ve done for years. We are very proud of our team for achieving this, added to the fact that we are still a young team,” says team manager István Szász-Fejér.

- were ahead of Győr and FTC on top of the Hungarian league going into the winter break; their best result is third place, in the 2020/21 season
- made a strong start to the season with just one loss across all competitions, and a first-ever win over Győr
- are appearing in their third-straight season in the EHF European League, and are eager to make it out of the group phase for the first time in 2024
- were seeded directly for the group phase
- will meet Sola again; the teams also shared a group in the EL 2021/22 season, when the Norwegian side won both duels, each by a five-goal margin

Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári were seeded directly for the group phase, but have already impressed this season in the Hungarian league by defeating record EHF Champions League winners Győri Audi ETO KC for the first time ever.

Team captain Eszter Tóth underlines the club’s ambitions: “We want to advance as far as possible, and want to be better day by day. We are excited about all the matches, but we really wait for the match against Sola. We met them two seasons ago, so we know each other well and wonder how they have developed since.”

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (including 2023/24): 3

Group phase (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

### Other

Hungarian league: –

Hungarian cup: –





## JÁNOS GYURKA

### Coach

- former Hungarian international, who took over as head coach in Mosonmagyaróvár in 2021
- team have made huge progression under his guidance and have become regular participants in Europe's second-tier club competition
- previously coached Hungary's junior national team
- played 297 matches for Hungarian national team; won silver at 1986 WCh and competed at Seoul 1988 Olympics, where Hungary reached the semi-finals but failed to win a medal

WCh: S 1986 (as player)

## ARRIVALS

Natalie Schatzl (Vác/HUN)  
Gréta Hadfi (Érd/HUN)  
Laura Udvardi (Kisvárdá/HUN)  
Szofi Horváth (NEKA/HUN)  
Emília Varga (NEKA/HUN)

## DEPARTURES

Fanni Csire (Vác/HUN)  
Réka Gutecz (Sárvár/HUN)  
Patricia Kovács (Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT)  
Petra Mihály (Vasas/HUN)  
Kitty Mistina (Budaörs/HUN)  
Kira Soltész (KVSE/HUN)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Gréta	Hadfi	HUN	Goalkeeper	28/09/2001	Salgótarján, HUN	174
<b>C</b> 2	Eszter	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	27/10/1992	Győr, HUN	180
3	Emília	Varga	HUN	Left Back	14/07/2004	Budapest, HUN	184
6	Anna	Albek	HUN	Right Back	02/12/2001	Zenta, HUN	189
7	Laura	Udvardi	HUN	Right Wing	17/07/1997	Dunaújváros, HUN	165
10	Kyra	Sztankovics	HUN	Right Wing	12/03/2004	Budapest, HUN	170
18	Fruzsina	Bardi	HUN	Line Player	18/09/1995	Kisvárd, HUN	170
20	Luca	Faragó	HUN	Line Player	11/10/2002	Körmend, HUN	174
22	Zsófia	Stranigg	HUN	Left Wing	02/11/2000	Budapest, HUN	170
28	Barbora	Lancz	SVK	Right Back	28/07/2002	Sala, SVK	171
29	Ines	Ivancok	AUT	Left Back	14/04/1998	Vienna, AUT	182
31	Zsófi	Szemerey	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/06/1994	Kazincbarcika	183
32	Noémi	Pásztor	HUN	Line Player	02/04/1999	Szombathely	180
33	Nikolett	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	13/07/2001	Budapest, HUN	175
42	Szofi Viktória	Horváth	HUN	Goalkeeper	14/06/2005	Mosonmagyaróvár, HUN	180
53	Natalie	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	29/03/2000	München, GER	172
96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23/09/1996	Berettyóújfal, HUN	176



## ZSÓFIA STRANIGG

 @straniggzsofi

### Left wing

- talented left wing, who arrived at Mosonmagyaróvár in the summer of 2020 after one season with Szent István; previously played for MTK Budapest
- was among Mosonmagyaróvár's best scorers in the EL 2022/23, with 20 goals
- part of Hungary's under-19 team that won the European title in 2019
- her older brother Ferenc is part of Mosonmagyaróvár's staff as fitness coach



## INES IVANCOK

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### Left back

- Austrian international, joined Mosonmagyaróvár in 2022 after five years in Germany
- arrived from Bensheim/Auerbach, who are also in the EL group phase this season, and previously played for Bietigheim, before they won the EL title in 2022
- made her debut for Austria in 2015; her younger sister Lena plays as goalkeeper for Neckarsulm in Germany and is also part of the Austrian national team

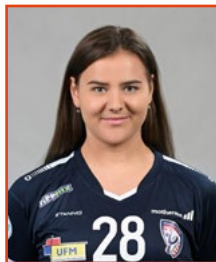


## ESZTER TÓTH

 @toth.2

### Centre back

- Győr-born Hungarian international, who came through the famous academy of the local club; made senior team debut for Győr in 2009/10
- played in the memorable CL final in 2012 with Győr, which they lost against Budućnost
- joined Motherston Mosonmagyaróvári KC from MTK Budapest in 2020
- one of the most experienced players and captain of the squad; was the team's second-best scorer in the EL 2022/23 season, with 39 goals



## BARBORA LANCZ

 @lanczbarbora

### Right back

- talented Slovakian international, who joined Mosonmagyaróvár from Győr in 2019
- team's best scorer in EL 2022/23 season, with 42 goals
- excelled for Slovakia's YAC national teams, netting 36 and 57 times, respectively, at W17 EHF EURO in 2017 and 2019, and 46 times at W19 EHF EURO 2021
- made her senior national team debut for Slovakia at age 17 in 2019

## GROUP D



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### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

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



### Playing hall

**Palacio de Deportes  
Martín Carpena**  
Calle Miguel de Mérida  
Nicolich, 2  
29004 Málaga, Spain  
Capacity: 4,975

# COSTA DEL SOL MALAGA



After winning the EHF European Cup in 2020/21 and making it to the final of the same competition again the following season, Costa del Sol Malaga are ready for the next level. They enter the group phase of the EHF European League for the first time, after falling at the qualification phase a year ago.

However, that European disappointment was followed by a great domestic season, as Malaga landed the Spanish league title for the first time in the club's history in 2023.

- reached their first EL group phase at the second attempt, after failing in qualification in 2022/23
- had to beat two internationally respected clubs in qualification this time: first Larvik (68:58 on aggregate), then København (54:49 on aggregate)
- arrive in the group phase as reigning champions of Spain, having landed their maiden title in 2022/23
- rank winning the EHF European Cup in the competition's inaugural 2020/21 season as their biggest international success to date
- reached the final of the same competition again the following year, but lost to Gran Canaria on away goals

“We are really proud of being part of the EHF European League. Only two Spanish teams qualified for this competition. Being able to compete here for the second year in a row shows our growth on and off the court as a club,” says Jesús ‘Susó’ Gallardo, head coach since 2019.

“Playing the group phase was a dream that seemed impossible just a few years ago. We cannot describe this feeling. We have fought a lot to get here and now we want to enjoy all about this beautiful experience. This club has no defined limits and we want much more.”

Malaga have passed the first tests of their European season, as the club overcame the challenging task of beating clubs like Larvik HK and København Håndbold in the qualification rounds.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 2  
Qualification (1): 2022/23

### Other

### EHF European Cup

Winners (1): 2020/21  
Runners-up (1): 2021/22

### Challenge Cup

Quarter-finals (2): 2017/18, 2018/19

**Spanish league:** 1 title (2023)

**Spanish cup:** 2 titles (2020, 2022)





## JESÚS GALLARDO

Coach

- was asked to join Malaga's staff in 2011 by then-head coach Diego Carrasco, and worked as a youth and assistant coach under Carrasco's supervision for eight years
- took over the head coach role after Carrasco's passing in 2019
- led the team to back-to-back EHF European Cup finals in 2021 and 2022, winning the first one for the club's maiden European trophy
- awarded best coach of the Spanish league in 2020/21
- in 2022/23, the coach nicknamed 'Suso' guided Malaga to their first ever domestic championship

Trophies: EC 2021 (as coach)

## ARRIVALS

Elisabet Cesáreo (Dijon/FRA)  
Patrícia Lima (Atlético Guardés/ESP)  
Estitxu Berasategi (Zuazo/ESP)  
Gabriela Bitolo (Granollers/ESP)  
Bárbara Vela (Malaga 2nd team/ESP)  
Bárbara Piñeira (Malaga 2nd team/ESP)  
Sofía Anorh (Malaga youth/ESP)

## DEPARTURES

María Pérez (Bolaños/ESP)  
Rocío Rojas (Gijón/ESP)  
Sol Azcune (Elda/ESP)  
Almudena Gutiérrez (Beti Onak/ESP)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Gabriela	Claussion Bitolo	BRA	Right Back	01/04/1999	Sao Paulo, BRA	180
4	Bárbara	Piñeira Calero	ESP	Back	21/04/2002	Málaga, ESP	174
5	Belén	Jiménez Martín	ESP	Right Wing	28/03/2006	Málaga, ESP	160
6	Estela	Doiro Rodríguez	ESP	Back	28/12/1990	A Guarda, ESP	165
7	Elisabet	Cesáreo Romero	ESP	Line Player	25/05/1999	San Joan Despi, ESP	176
9	Silvia	Arderius Martin	ESP	Centre Back	11/07/1990	Madrid, ESP	168
<b>C</b> 10	Soledad	López Jiménez	ESP	Left Wing	04/04/1992	Málaga, ESP	162
11	Sara	Bravo Baldomero	ESP	Right Wing	20/09/1993	Mislata, ESP	170
13	Elena	Cuadrado Sánchez	ESP	Back	15/04/1999	Palencia, ESP	171
15	Estitxu Berasategi Eizagirre		ESP	Left Back	07/08/1999	Usurbil, ESP	181
17	Rocío	Campigli	ARG	Line Player	06/08/1994	Buenos Aires, ARG	170
19	Patricia Andreia Da Silva Lima		POR	Centre Back	03/02/1995	Matosinhos, POR	178
20	Esperanza	López Jiménez	ESP	Back	04/04/1992	Málaga, ESP	157
22	Laura	Sánchez Cano	ESP	Left Wing	05/05/2002	Málaga, ESP	167
23	Bárbara	Vela Ríos	ESP	Line Player	05/02/1999	Málaga, ESP	169
27	Isabelle Dos Santos Medeiros		BRA	Right Wing	10/04/1994	Sao Paulo, BRA	165
29	Gabriela Pessoa Constantino		BRA	Right Back	01/07/1994	Sao Paulo, BRA	170
38	Mercedes Castellanos Soanez		ESP	Goalkeeper	21/07/1988	Ciudad Real, ESP	184
42	Sofía	Anorh	ESP	Goalkeeper	14/01/2006	Málaga, ESP	177
65	Elena	Torres Cabello	ESP	Left Wing	23/03/2006	Puente Genil, ESP	175
68	Virginia Fernandez Robles		ESP	Goalkeeper	06/03/1989	Málaga, ESP	171



## MERCEDES CASTELLANOS SOANEZ

 @merche1616

### Goalkeeper

- long-term Spanish international, who arrived at Malaga in 2020 from Bera Bera
- oldest and most experienced player in Malaga's squad
- starting her senior career in 2006, she has always played for Spanish clubs – with one exception, when she spent three seasons (2012-15) with Le Havre in France
- has played nearly 100 matches for the Spanish national team since her debut in 2008

Trophies: EC 2021

WCh: S 2019



## ESTELA DOIRO RODRÍGUEZ

 @esteladoiro

### Left back

- joined Malaga in 2019 from Atlético Guardés, where she was the team captain
- learned to play handball in the youth ranks of Atlético Guardés, and returned to that club in 2013 after starting her senior career at Porriño
- was named MVP of the final after helping Malaga win the Spanish cup title in her first season with the club; won the EHF European Cup title in her second season
- made his national team debut for Spain in 2011

Trophies: EC 2021



## SILVIA ARDERIUS MARTIN

 @silviaar9

### Centre back

- joined Malaga in 2020 from Bera Bera, together with Mercedes Castellanos
- was important for Malaga in the two qualification rounds of EL 2023/24, scoring 25 times in total to help her team beat Larvik and København
- has been regular for Spanish national team and scored more than 100 goals since her debut in 2014; part of team that won silver at 2019 WCh, also featured at 2023 WCh

Trophies: EC 2021

WCh: S 2019



## ELISABET CESÁREO ROMERO

 @ecesareo

### Line player

- Spanish international, who returned to Spain and joined Malaga in summer of 2023 after just one season abroad – in France with Dijon
- previously played for Aula Cultural and, until 2022, Bera Bera
- contributed 12 goals to Malaga's successful path through EL 2023/24 qualification
- first played for Spanish national team in 2018; won silver at 2019 WCh and competed at Tokyo 2020 Olympics

WCh: S 2019

## GROUP D



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow



## Playing hall

**Sala Sporturilor Targu-Jiu**  
Street n. 7 Constantin  
Brancusi  
Targu-Jiu  
Romania  
Capacity: 1,184

## CSM TARGU JIU



CSM Targu Jiu are getting the rewards for their rapid rise in women's handball. Founded only in 2017 and starting their activities in 2019, they won the domestic second division in 2021/22 to enter the top level in Romania. And now, they are in the group phase of the European League.

Team manager Robert Balaet is relishing the chance: "Entering the European League is a testament to our dedication and hard work. We've learned that dreaming big can lead to success, even when it feels audacious."

- are still a young club, which is now playing their first season in a European competition
- were promoted to the domestic first division in Romania only in 2022; reached cup final in 2022/23
- reached the EL group phase by beating Swedish side Önnereids twice in two days when Targu Jiu hosted a double-header in November: 29:27 and 26:23
- are relying on an experienced squad which hardly changed in the off-season and which contains just three non-Romanian players
- have been led by Liviu Andries since 2019

The squad's captain is the experienced goalkeeper, Ekaterina Dzhukeva, who also relishes the challenge of facing three strong opponents in group D and is proud of reaching the group phase.

"Our biggest motivation for the upcoming season stems from the realisation that we are now in a place we all dreamed of and worked to achieve," she says.

"Our collective drive is fueled not only by personal aspirations but also by the support of the people in our city. Their unconditional backing inspires us to give our all on the court, knowing that our efforts resonate beyond the game. This season, our shared dream and the support of our community propel us to strive for success and make our city proud."

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 1

### Other

Romanian league: –

Romanian cup: –





## LIVIU ANDRIES

Coach

- born in Targu Jiu, he joined the club as head coach in 2019, after two seasons with the men's team of CSM Fagaras
- led Targu Jiu to the first division in Romania in 2022, and to the domestic cup final in 2023
- started coaching career after retiring as a player in 2004, leading various men's and women's teams
- his playing career spanned 18 years
- earned promotion to the first division with Pandurii in 1996, and moved to Villepinte in France the following year; returned to Pandurii in 2001 for the last three seasons of his career

## ARRIVALS

Ana-Maria Andreea Mihart (Zalau/ROU)  
Aura Teodora Popescu (Slatina/ROU)  
Laura Moldovan (Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)  
Sabrina Giulia Lazea (Slatina/ROU)  
Ana Maria Lopataru (Galati/ROU)

## DEPARTURES


Simona Böhm (unknown)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
C 1	Ekaterina	Dzhukeva	BUL	Goalkeeper	08/05/1988	Dupnitsa, BUL	186
2	Bianca Stefania	Chirita	ROU	Line Player	16/11/2000	Slatina, ROU	168
6	Alexandra Maria	Fratilescu Gavrilă	ROU	Centre Back	16/06/1995	Bucharest, ROU	170
8	Angela	Puscas	ROU	Centre Back	23/01/1995	Targu Jiu, ROU	176
12	Andreea Bianca	Chetaru	ROU	Goalkeeper	05/12/2000	Calarasi, ROU	176
13	Aura Teodora	Popescu	ROU	Right Back	07/11/1998	Craiova, ROU	175
15	Ana-Maria Andreea	Mihart	ROU	Left Wing	11/11/1999	Ploiesti, ROU	175
16	Elena	Marica Bercu	ROU	Goalkeeper	09/04/2003	Rm. Valcea, ROU	173
17	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Wing	17/08/1991	Randers, DEN	169
22	Mirabela Gabriela	Cotet	ROU	Line Player	27/02/2001	Braila, ROU	176
23	Iryna	Zinatullina	UKR	Left Back	12/09/2000	Kiev, UKR	173
27	Andreea Eliza	Chiricuta	ROU	Left Wing	27/02/1994	Buzau, ROU	166
29	Laura Petruta	Moldovan	ROU	Right Back	29/06/1994	Slatina, ROU	179
30	Ana Maria	Lopataru	ROU	Left Wing	03/10/1999	Brasov, ROU	170
44	Sabrina Giulia	Lazea	ROU	Right Back	01/11/1997	Roma, ITA	181
64	Florenta Dorina	Ilie	ROU	Right Back	21/07/1996	Bucharest, ROU	171
92	Ana Catalina	Ciolan	ROU	Line Player	29/09/1992	Vaslui, ROU	180
99	Sabine Karina	Klimek	ROU	Centre Back	13/03/1991	Timisoara, ROU	173



## EKATERINA DZHUKEVA

 @dzhukeva

### Goalkeeper

- Bulgarian international, who is one of just three foreign players in the squad
- team captain and one of the most experienced forces for the EL debutants
- has played for clubs in several countries, including Iceland, Spain, Norway, Poland, and Hungary; gained EHF Champions League experience with Lublin
- was with Craiova in Romania for four seasons before joining Targi Jiu in 2022



## ANDREEA CHIRICUTA

 @chiricutandreea

### Left wing

- Romanian international, who joined Targu Jiu in December 2022 for the sixth club in her career – all in Romania
- was the team's top scorer with 11 goals in the two duels with Önnareds HK in the decisive round of EL 2023/24 qualification
- made her debut for the senior national team of Romania in 2016



## ANA CIOLAN

 @cioli

### Line player

- experienced line player, who arrived at Targu Jiu from Deva in 2022
- started senior career in 2011 and has always played for Romanian club teams; Targu Jiu is her sixth club
- contributed nine goals to Targu Jiu's wins over Önnared in EL 2023/24 qualification
- played for Romanian youth and junior national teams, but never made a breakthrough at senior level



## LAURA MOLDOVAN

 @la29laura

### Right back

- arrived at Targu Jiu from Rapid Bucuresti in the summer of 2023
- scored nine goals in total in her first two international games for Targu Jiu: the double-header against Önnared in the EL 2023/24 qualification
- grew up and started to play in Slatina, spent first four years of her senior career in Cluj before joining Dinamo Bucuresti in 2017
- was regular in youth and junior national teams; Romanian international since 2015

## GROUP D



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## Kit colours

## Light

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

## Dark

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



## Playing hall

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

## SOLA HK



Sola HK have come close to the EHF Finals Women in the last two seasons, but both times missed the last step and went out in the quarter-finals. So, their aim for 2023/24 is clear: not only advancing from the group phase again, but then also from the quarter-finals.

Speaking about ‘close’, Sola only just made it into the group phase this time. In the final qualification round, they beat Super Amara Bera Bera by seven goals at home (39:32), only to lose the return game in Spain by six (34:28), hence advancing by the smallest of aggregate margins; 67:66.

- are returning to the EHF European League group phase for the third straight season
- reached the quarter-finals but failed to make the EHF Finals on both previous occasions, losing to Baia Mare (2021/22) and THC (2022/23), respectively
- lost Norwegian cup final against Vipers in 2023
- rely on star player and team captain Camilla Herrem to guide their all-Norwegian squad, 60 per cent of which consists of young talents from the Rogaland region
- only just managed to advance to the 2023/24 group phase, beating Super Amara Bera Bera from Spain by a single goal over two duels in qualification

The core of Sola HK’s squad remains based around experienced captain and club icon Camilla Herrem, who is looking forward to get out of her comfort zone again and take a peek into the unknown to play against new sides: “My biggest motivation is playing against clubs that we usually don’t meet and play against, so it’s going to be fun preparing for the teams,” the Norwegian international says.

A special match for Herrem is the one against CSM Targu Jiu: “I am looking forward to playing in Romania again, because I know the spectators are making so much noise and I love that,” says Herrem, who spent one season of her illustrious career with Baia Mare in Romania. “I think it is an open group and we have to be on top every game if we want to have a chance to go to the quarter-finals.”

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

### **EHF European League**

Participations (incl. 2023/24): 3

Quarter-finals (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

### **Other**

### **Cup Winners' Cup**

Round 3 (1): 2005/06

**Norwegian league: –**


**Norwegian cup: –**





## STEFFEN STORMO STEGAVIK

Coach

 @steffenstegavik

- former Norwegian international, who has been in charge of Sola since 2020 for his first job as head coach
- led Sola to a third-place finish in the Norwegian league and to two domestic cup finals, but lost them both to Vipers
- was a right back who ended his career in 2020, having played for teams like Elverum, Kolstad, and most recently Nærbø
- married to team captain Camilla Herrem since 2013; both played for Romanian club Baia Mare in 2014/15
- played 42 times for the Norwegian national team
- Petter Ødegård Grønstad joined Stegavik's coaching staff as his first assistant in 2023

## ARRIVALS

Rikke Marie Granlund (Chambray/FRA)  
Hanna Ræstad (Volda/NOR)  
Ine Marie Terland (Storhamar/NOR)  
Johanna Fossum (Oppsal/NOR)

## DEPARTURES

Live Rushfeldt Deila (Esberg/DEN)  
Frøydis Wiik Seierstad (Kristianstad/SWE)  
Amalie Frøland (Kristianstad/SWE)  
Angunn Gudmestad (Aker/NOR)  
Guro Husebø (Follo/NOR)  
Rinka Duijndam (Győr/HUN)  
Lea Nilsen (SIF/NOR)  
Merlina Qorraj (unknown)  
Vilde Ueland (unknown)

# I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Ine	Skartveit Bergsvik	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2000	Stavanger, NOR	174
5	Malin	Holta	NOR	Back	09/06/1993	Stavanger, NOR	174
8	Martine	Wolff	NOR	Line Player	20/06/1996	Oslo, NOR	175
9	Kaja Horst	Haugsgeng	NOR	Line Player	23/09/2001	Stavanger, NOR	183
10	Lene Kristiansen Tveiten		NOR	Back	23/02/2001	Oslo, NOR	167
11	Hanna	Ræstad	NOR	Back	04/09/1997	Lørenskog, NOR	169
12	Rikke Marie	Granlund	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/11/1989	Oslo, NOR	172
14	Anne Malin Gjengedal Antonsen		NOR	Centre Back	21/03/2005	Stavanger, NOR	176
15	Maja	Magnussen	NOR	Wing	30/06/1997	Trondheim, NOR	164
16	Johanna	Fossum	NOR	Goalkeeper	25/01/2003	Stavanger, NOR	175
17	Kristiane	Knutsen	NOR	Centre Back	12/08/1998	Stavanger, NOR	160
19	Ine Marie	Terland	NOR	Wing	23/06/2003	Stavanger, NOR	159
22	Kristina	Novak	NOR	Back	29/08/2000	Stavanger, NOR	176
24	Martha	Barka	NOR	Back	13/06/1999	Stavanger, NOR	177
29	Thea	Kristensen	NOR	Wing	09/01/2005	Stavanger, NOR	175
36	Kaja	Myhre-Nielsen	NOR	Wing	11/05/2005	Stavanger, NOR	183
37	Viviann	Knutsen	NOR	Left Back	07/11/2005	Stavanger, NOR	170
49	Hege Holgersen Danielsen		NOR	Line Player	03/09/1990	Stavanger, NOR	173
<b>C</b> 77	Camilla	Herrem	NOR	Wing	08/10/1986	Stavanger, NOR	167



## CAMILLA HERREM

 @herremcamilla

### Left wing

- Norwegian legend, who returned to Sola – the club of her youth – after 11 years in 2017; previously played for Byåsen, Baia Mare, Holstebro, and Vardar
- sat out EL 2022/23 but is back after giving birth to her second child in March 2023
- was crucial with 15 goals in EL 2023/24 qualification win over Bera Bera
- has won all major titles with Norwegian national team

Trophies: CWC 2016  
 OG: G 2012, B 2016, 2020; EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021, S 2017, 2023, B 2009



## MARTINE WOLFF

 @martinewolff

### Line player

- experienced line player and former team captain, who joined Sola in 2019 from Norwegian league rivals Larvik
- played three seasons in the EHF Champions League – one with Glassverket, two with Larvik – and scored 33 goals in total
- gained first European experience in 2014, with Nordstrand in the Cup Winners' Cup



## KRISTINA NOVAK

 @kristinan0vak

### Right back

- Norwegian international, who arrived at Sola in 2018 from her youth club Ålgård
- seen as one of the most promising talents of a new Norwegian generation, made her national team debut in 2022 and was part of gold-winning team at EHF EURO that year
- one of Sola's best scorers in EL 2022/23 with 39 goals; helped her team beat Bera Bera in EL 2023/24 qualification with 13 goals in the two games
- her older brother, Kristian, is a professional football player

EURO: G 2022; WCh: S 2023



## MAJA MAGNUSSEN

 @majamagn

### Right wing

- has been one of Sola's main weapons in attack since joining the club in 2020
- prolific scorer for Sola in all EL seasons so far: 58 goals in 2021/22; 45 in 2022/23; 10 in decisive qualification tie against Bera Bera in 2023/24
- previously played four seasons in EHF Cup with her former club Byåsen
- not a regular in Norwegian national team but played in EHF EURO Cup 2022



# HISTORY

# PAST CHAMPIONS 1994–2023

## EHF European League Women

2023	Ikast Handbold (DEN)
2022	SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)
2021	Nantes Atlantique Handball (FRA)

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

2020	<i>no title awarded due to pandemic</i>
2019	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)
2018	SCM Craiova (ROU)
2017	Rostov-Don (RUS)

## Women's EHF Cup

2016	Dunaujvárosi KKA (HUN)
2015	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2014	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2013	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2012	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2011	FC Midtjylland Handball (DEN)
2010	Randers HK A/S (DEN)
2009	Itxako Navarra (ESP)
2008	Dinamo Volgograd (RUS)
2007	Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)
2006	FTC Budapest (HUN)
2005	Cornexi Alcoa (HUN)
2004	Viborg HK (DEN)
2003	Slagelse FH (DEN)
2002	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)
2001	MKS Montex Lublin (POL)
2000	El Ferrobús Mislata (ESP)
1999	Viborg HK (DEN)
1998	Dunaferr SE (HUN)
1997	Robit Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)
1996	Debrecéni VSC (HUN)
1995	Debrecéni VSC (HUN)
1994	Viborg HK (DEN)

## Women's Cup Winners' Cup

2016	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2015	FC Midtjylland (DEN)
2014	Viborg HK (DEN)
2013	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)
2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)
2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)
2010	Budućnost T-Mobile (MNE)
2009	FCK Håndbold A/S (DEN)
2008	Larvik HK (NOR)
2007	CS Oltchim Vâlcea (ROU)
2006	ZRK Budućnost MONET (SCG)
2005	Larvik HK (NOR)
2004	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)
2003	ESBF Besançon (FRA)
2002	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2001	Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)
2000	L'Eliana Valencia (ESP)
1999	Bækkelaget's Oslo (NOR)
1998	Bækkelaget's Oslo (NOR)
1997	Istochnik Rostov (RUS)
1996	Giessen Lützellinden (GER)
1995	Dunaferr SE (HUN)
1994	Tus Walle Bremen (GER)

# TOP SCORERS 2022/23\*

## 68 goals



**Annika Lott**  
Thüringer HC

	<b>Player</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Goals</b>
1	Annika Lott (GER)	Thüringer HC	68
2	Emma Halilcevic (DEN)	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	62
3	Iryna Glibko (UKR)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	60
4	Ingvild Bakkerud (NOR)	Ikast Handbold	57
5	Nathalie Hagman (SWE)	Neptunes Nantes	54
6	Mia Solberg Svele (NOR)	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold	48
7	Asma Elghaoui (TUN)	Sporting CP	47
8	Csenge Kuczora (HUN)	Praktiker-Vác	46
9	Dana Bleckmann (GER)	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	45
	Emma Friis (DEN)	Ikast Handbold	45
11	Nathalie Hendrikse (NED)	Thüringer HC	44
12	Live Rushveldt Deila (NOR)	Sola HK	43
13	Alina Grijseels (GER)	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	40
14	Léna Grandveau (FRA)	Neptunes Nantes	35
	Kristiane Knutsen (NOR)	Sola HK	35
	Nikoletta Papp (HUN)	Siófok KC	35
17	Barbora Lancz (SVK)	Motherson Magyarovari KC	33
18	Tamara Mavsar (SLO)	Siófok KC	32
19	Dejana Milosavljevic (CRO)	Siófok KC	31
20	Sara Berg (NOR)	Fana	30
	Sabrina Zazai (FRA)	ES Besancon Feminin	30

\* starting from the group phase; qualification not included

# ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2020–23

1	Ikast Handbold DEN	30	26	0	4	961:805	+156	52:8	(3)	86,67%
2	<b>Neptunes Nantes FRA</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>676:657</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>28:20</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>58,33%</b>
3	Siófok KC HUN	18	12	1	5	503:488	+15	25:11	(2)	69,44%
4	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	20	11	2	7	550:532	+18	24:16	(2)	60,00%
5	<b>Sola HK NOR</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>487:437</b>	<b>+50</b>	<b>22:10</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>68,75%</b>
6	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	10	10	0	0	312:230	+82	20:0	(1)	100,00%
7	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	16	8	2	6	483:489	-6	18:14	(2)	56,25%
8	Viborg HK DEN	10	7	2	1	304:272	+32	16:4	(1)	80,00%
9	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER	10	7	0	3	288:262	+26	14:6	(1)	70,00%
10	<b>Thüringer HC GER</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>392:407</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>14:18</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>43,75%</b>
11	<b>Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>298:276</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>12:8</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>60,00%</b>
12	Paris 92 FRA	12	6	0	6	247:257	-10	12:12	(2)	50,00%
13	ES Besancon Feminin FRA	14	6	0	8	397:410	-13	12:16	(2)	42,86%
14	<b>Motherson Mosonmag. KCHUN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>334:350</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>10:14</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>41,67%</b>
15	<b>Storhamar Handball Elite NOR</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>403:425</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>10:18</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>35,71%</b>
16	DVSC Schaeffler HUN	6	4	0	2	158:163	-5	8:4	(1)	66,67%
17	Astrakhanochka RUS	8	4	0	4	191:173	+18	8:8	(1)	50,00%
18	Handball Club Lada RUS	14	4	0	10	340:350	-10	8:20	(2)	28,57%
19	<b>HC Dunarea Braila ROU</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>219:225</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>7:9</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>43,75%</b>
20	Kuban RUS	6	2	2	2	130:120	+10	6:6	(1)	50,00%
21	HC Zvezda RUS	8	3	0	5	192:198	-6	6:10	(1)	37,50%
22	<b>Praktiker-Vác HUN</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>473:561</b>	<b>-88</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>16,67%</b>
23	<b>MKS FunFloor Lublin POL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>154:155</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>5:7</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>41,67%</b>
24	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	6	2	1	3	156:171	-15	5:7	(1)	41,67%
25	Magura Cisnădie ROU	6	2	0	4	137:162	-25	4:8	(1)	33,33%
26	<b>Chambray Touraine Handball FRA</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>163:176</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>3:9</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>25,00%</b>
29	<b>HC Podravka Vegeta CRO</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>150:181</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>0:12</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>0,00%</b>
31	<b>HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>139:174</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>0:12</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>0,00%</b>
NR	Costa del Sol Malaga ESP	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NR	HSG Bensheim/Auerbach GER	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NR	CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A
NR	CSM Targu Jiu ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A

- last updated after 2022/23 season (qualification matches *not* included for any season)

- (x) = number of seasons played (including 2023/24)

- x% = winning percentage

- **bold** = part of group phase in 2023/24 season

# ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–23

## TOP 10 BIGGEST WINS

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 Cismadie 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 Zagłębie Lubin POL	21:33 (8:19), 06.02.2022
12	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ Molde Elite NOR	29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
12	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	34:22 (14:10), 11.02.2023
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 GER @ Viborg HK DEN	20:31 (10:17), 15.05.2022
11	Ikast Handbold DEN @ Fana NOR	24:35 (15:15), 15.01.2023

## TOP 10 BIGGEST HALF-TIME LEADS

12	Sola HK NOR @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23), 13.02.2022
11	SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ MKS Zagłębie 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 Motheson Mosonmagyaróvári 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
9	Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	35:29 (23:14), 08.01.2023
9	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER @ Molde Elite NOR	24:32 (8:17), 11.02.2023
9	Ikast Handbold DEN vs Siófok KC HUN	31:21 (17:8), 25.03.2023

# ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–23

## 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
41	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ Molde Elite NOR	29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
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
40	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN	40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
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
70	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN	40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
70	Molde Elite NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA	29:41 (15:17), 14.02.2023
70	Sola HK NOR vs Thüringer HC GER	35:35 (19:17), 19.03.2023

# I ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–23

## TOP 10 FEW/EST 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
18	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ Siófok KC HUN	20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
19	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC HUN	19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
19	MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL @ SG BBM Bietigheim GER	29:19 (16:9), 22.01.2022
19	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER @ Neptunes de Nantes FRA	28:19 (14:7), 19.03.2023
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
20	Neptunes de Nantes FRA @ Ikast Handbold DEN	30:20 (15:10), 08.01.2023
20	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
20	Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA	20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
20	Siófok KC HUN vs Ikast Handbold FRA	20:30 (7:12), 18.03.2023

## TOP 10 FEW/EST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

38	Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA	20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
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 Zagłębie Lubin POL vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	23:23 (12:12), 13.02.2022
46	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
46	Paris 92 FRA vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	24:22 (10:10), 15.01.2023
46	DVSC Schaeffler HUN vs Sola HK NOR	25:21 (13:13), 04.02.2023
47	Neptunes de Nantes FRA vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER	28:19 (14:7), 19.03.2023

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## TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICITS OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO WIN A GAME

-4	Fana NOR vs Neptunes de Nantes FRA	30:28 (13:17), 21.01.2023
-4*	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN @ BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER	33:35 (17:13, 29:29, 32:32), 13.05.2023
-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
-3	Paris 92 FRA vs Praktiker-Vác HUN	26:24 (12:15), 04.02.2023
-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
-2	Sola HK NOR @ HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	23:31 (12:10), 12.02.2023
-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
-1	DVSC Schaeffler HUN vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	28:27 (10:11), 07.01.2023
-1	Sola HK NOR @ Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	26:28 (13:12), 14.01.2023
-1	Ikast Handbold DEN @ Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	24:31 (15:14), 14.05.2023

\* after penalty shootout

## TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICITS OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF 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	Siófok 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
-2	Thüringer HC GER @ Sola HK NOR	35:35 (19:17), 19.03.2023
-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
-1	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Thüringer HC GER	32:32 (16:17), 04.02.2023

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## TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF

24	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ Molde Elite NOR – 2nd half	29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
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
23	Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half	35:29 (23:14), 08.01.2023
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
21	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half	40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
21	Thüringer HC GER @ Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half	28:34 (13:21), 15.01.2023
21	Sola HK NOR @ HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half	23:31 (12:10), 12.02.2023
21	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU – 2nd half	38:29 (17:14), 26.03.2023

## 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
39	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half	40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
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
38	Molde Elite NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 2nd half	29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023

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## 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 Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN – 1st half	28:24 (15:7), 20.02.2022
7	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 1st half	20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
7	Siófok KC HUN v s Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half	20:30 (7:12), 18.03.2023
7	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER @ Neptunes de Nantes FRA – 1st half	28:19 (14:7), 19.03.2023
8	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU @ Astrakhanochka RUS – 1st half	33:27 (14:8), 24.01.2021
8	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári 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
8	Sola HK NOR @ DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 2nd half	25:21 (13:13), 04.02.2023
8	ES Besancon Feminin FRA @ BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER – 1st half	31:21 (16:8), 05.02.2023
8	Molde Elite NOR vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER – 1st half	24:32 (8:17), 11.02.2023
8	Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 2nd half	20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
8	Praktiker-Vác HUN @ Thüringer HC GER – 1st half	31:21 (16:8), 12.02.2023
8	Siófok KC HUN @ Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half	31:21 (17:8), 25.03.2023

## TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

17	Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 2nd half	20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
18	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN – 2nd half	19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
18	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 1st half	20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
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
19	Siófok KC HUN vs Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half	20:30 (7:12), 18.03.2023
20	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half	20:28 (7:13), 19.02.2022
20	Paris 92 FRA vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU – 1st half	24:22 (10:10), 15.01.2023
20	Sola HK NOR @ DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 2nd half	25:21 (13:13), 04.02.2023
20	Ikast Handbold DEN vs Fana NOR – 1st half	29:23 (11:9), 18.02.2023
20	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs Siófok KC HUN – 1st half	26:23 (10:10), 19.02.2023

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## LONGEST WINNING RUN

Ikast Handbold DEN	11 matches (15.05.2022 – 14.05.2023)
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)

## LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

Ikast Handbold DEN	11 matches (15.05.2022 – 14.05.2023)
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)
Molde Elite NOR	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 18.02.2023)
HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 19.02.2023)

## 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)
Molde Elite NOR	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 18.02.2023)
HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 19.02.2023)

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