



Women's EHF Cup 2019/20
Group Phase
Media Guide



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Welcome words

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the fourth season of the Women's EHF Cup in the new format. Before the 2016/17 season the Cup Winners's Cup has merged with the Women's EHF Cup into one competition - the new Women's EHF Cup. Just like in the men's version of the EHF Cup, the new competition also included the group phase preceded by qualification rounds and followed by quarter-finals. The semi-finals and the final are played in a home and away games format.

Starting the new season, the competition sees several clubs returning to the group phase with one or two seasons' experience, with five national champions and also the defending champions, Siófok KC Hungary. The impressive line-up of 16 teams in the group phase boasts no fewer than 18 European Cup trophies between them.

In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the final two games and the participating teams.

Additional information can be found on the revamped website europeancup.eurohandball.com.

Media portal

All media representatives are invited to register for the EHF media portal on <http://members.ehf.eu>. The European Handball Federation's media portal is a one-stop-shop for media representatives offering all the EHF's media news such as press releases, event flash quotes directly after matches, press conference highlights, draw reactions and downloads of all relevant information including, but not limited to, media guides and event logos. Furthermore photographs that are free for editorial use will be available for download.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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2019/2020 WOMEN'S EHF CUP



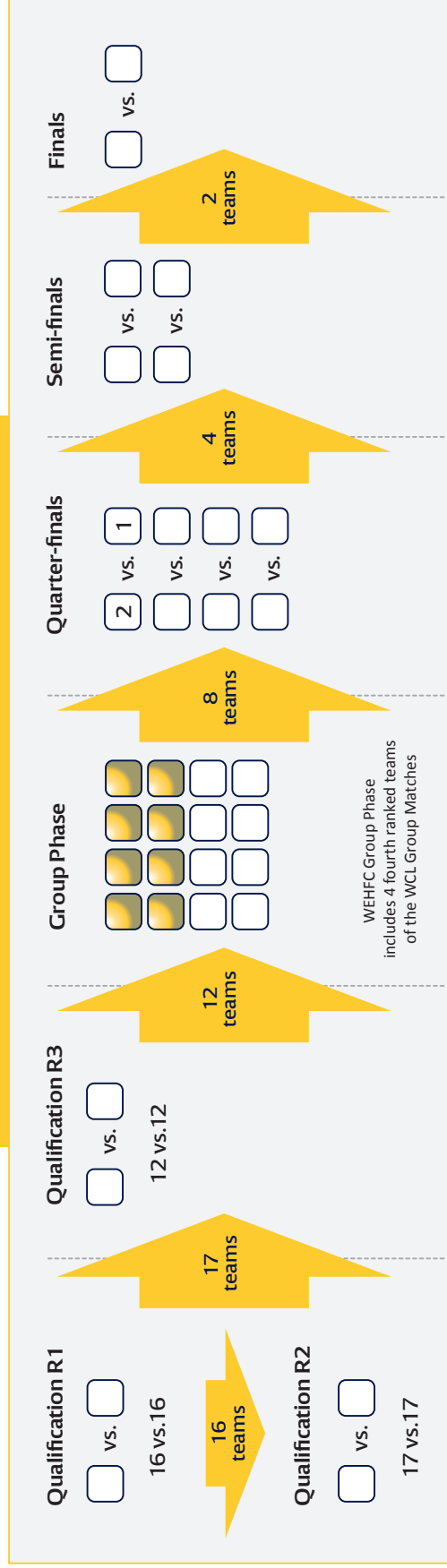
WOMEN'S EHF CUP		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Matches	Quarter finals	Semi finals	Finals
		32 teams	34 teams	24 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
		07/08.09.2019 first leg	12/13.10.2019 first leg	09/10.11.2019 first leg	R1: 04/05.01.2020 R2: 11/12.01.2020 R3: 18/19.01.2020 R4: 25/26.01.2020 R5: 01/02.02.2020 R6: 08/09.02.2020	29.2/1.3.20 first leg	04/05.04.20 first leg	02/03.05.20 first leg
NATION		14/15.09.2019 second leg	19/20.10.2019 second leg	16/17.11.2019 second leg		07/08.03.20 second leg	11/12.04.20 second leg	09/10.05.20 second leg
DRAWS:		16.07.2019	16.07.2019	22.10.2019	21.11.2019	11.02.2020	11.02.2020	14.04.2020
1	Def. Champion			Siofok KC Hungary	12 Winners of Qualification Round 3 and four 4th placed teams of the ChL group matches	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Matches	4 Winners of Quarterfinals	2 Winners of Semifinals
2	DEN			Nyköbing Falster HB				
3	HUN			ERD HC				
4	2nd CL QT			2nd CL QT				
5	ROU			CS Gloria 2018				
6	RUS			Lada				
7	3rd CL QT			3rd CL QT				
8	GER		Thüringer HC	17 Winners of Qualification Round 2				
9	FRA		OGC Nice Cote D'Azur HB					
10	NOR		Storhamar HB Elite					
11	4th CL QT		4th CL QT					
12	DEN		Odense Handball					
13	HUN		Vaci NKSE					
14	ROU		Magura Cisnadie					
15	RUS		Kuban					
16	GER		TUSSIES Metzingen					
17	NOR		Tertnes Bergen					
18	DEN		Herning-Ikast Handbold					
19	HUN		DVSC Schaeffler					
20	ROU		ASC Corona 2010 Brasov					
21	RUS		Zvezda Zvenigorod					
22	GER		Buxtehuder SV					
23	FRA		Nantes Atlantique HB					
24	NOR		Fredrikstad Ballklubb					
25	DEN		Kobenhavn Handbold					
26	ROU	SCM Craiova	16 Winners of Qualification Round 1					
27	RUS	Astrakhanochka						
28	GER	TSV Bayer 04-Werkselfen						
29	FRA	ESBF Besancon						
30	NOR	Byasen Handball Elite						
31	CZE	DHC Slavia Praha						
32	BLR	HC Gomel						
33	ESP	Super Amara Bera Bera						
34	POL	Metraco Zaglebie Lubin						
35	SUI	LC Brühl Handball						
36	TUR	Muratpasa BSK						
37	SWE	Skuru IK						
38	AUT	WAT Atzgersdorf						
39	SVK	IUVENTA Michalovce						
40	AZE	Azeryol HC						
41	NED	H.V. Quintus						
42	UKR	Galytchanka Lviv						
43	KOS	KHF Istogu						
44	ISR	Maccabi Arazim Ramat gan						
45	CYP	A.C. Latsia Nicosia						
46	LUX	Handball Käerjeng						
47	ITA	Jomi Salerno						
48	POR	Colegio de Gaia Toyota						
49	GRE	A.C. PAOK						
50	MKD	WHC Metalurg						
51	ISL	Valur						
52	FIN	HIFK						
53	SUI	Spono Eagles						
54	AUT	Hypo Niederösterreich						
55	MKD	WHC Kumanovo						
56	SUI	LK Zug						
57	SWE	H65 Höörs HK						

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EHF CUP

Women's EHF Cup 2019/20 playing system



Season 2019/20 playing dates

Qualification Round 1 first leg - 07/08.09.2019 second leg - 14/15.09.2019	Qualification Round 2 first leg - 12/13.10.2019 second leg - 19/20.10.2019	Qualification Round 3 first leg 09/10.11.2019 second leg 16/17.11.2019	Group Phase R1 04/05.01.2020 R2 11/12.01.2020 R3 18/19.01.2020 R4 25/26.01.2020 R5 01/02.02.2020 R6 08/09.02.2020	Quarter-finals first leg 29.2/1.3.2020 second leg 07/08.03.2020	Semi-finals first leg 04/05.04.2020 second leg 11/12.04.2020	Finals first leg 02/03.05.2020 second leg 09/10.05.2020
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Important regulations

Scoring of the matches and ranking

General

All matches of the Women's EHF Cup shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 10 minutes. The EHF reserves the right to extend the half-time break in special circumstances to 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) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the Group Phase if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group

After completion of the Group Phase if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

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

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

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

If one of the participating clubs is the organiser of the EHF Cup Finals the ranking of the 2nd ranked teams of the Group Phase is as follows:

- a) number of points in matches against all teams of the group;
- b) goal difference in those matches as mentioned in a);
- c) greater number of plus goals in those matches as mentioned in a);

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

[Find all the Women's EHF Cup regulations on eurohandball.com](http://eurohandball.com)



Group A head-to-heads & preview

Previous European Cup matches between group A teams

DHK Banik Most vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 1-0-0 (35:33) 2:0

08.09.2019 DHK Banik Most vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK, DELO EHF Champions League – Qualification Group Q 35:33 (20:13)

No other teams from group A have met before in a European Cup competition.

Tough battle expected in group A

There is hardly a clear favourite in group 1, as all four teams have a chance to progress to the quarter-final. So it will probably be a tough competition, and it is hard to predict which two sides will go through.

DHK Banik Most have already reached their main goal for the season, as the Czech team played in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League group matches for the first time in history. They even had a chance to progress to the main round, but failed to do so and had to continue in the Women's EHF Cup. Although Most do not proclaim big goals in that competition and rather see it as a pleasant bonus, they want to look respectable and will definitely fight for a quarter-final spot.

Contrary to Banik, Kastamonu do not hide their ambitions. The Turkish champions have made remarkable progress in the recent years – they reached the Women's Challenge Cup final in 2016 and the Women's EHF Cup semi-final two years later. Kastamonu's goal is to play in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League in the next seasons, but before that, they are eager to make the next step and win the EHF Cup, or at least to play in the final. Having strengthened their squad with a number of experienced players, the Turkish team will try their best to succeed in the group phase.

Seven-time German champions Thüringer HC are quite an experienced team, as they played in the main round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League in each of the previous six seasons. However, this year the team coached by Herbert Müller did not qualify for Europe's premier club competition. As a compensation, they are determined to go far in the EHF Cup, and they certainly have a chance. In the qualification rounds, Thüringer HC have already shown their level by eliminating such strong rivals as Byasen and Astrakhanochka, and now the German side hope to continue their good run.

Despite missing the last European season, DVSC Schaeffler boast a lot of experience in the continental club competitions, as they have won the EHF Cup twice. And in the strong Hungarian league, the team from Debrecen now successfully compete with the Champions League teams Győr and FTC, so they definitely have a potential to progress from group A.

Sergey Nikolaev

GROUP A



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange/black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: black/orange
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

DHK Banik Most (CZE)

DHK Banik Most added a new chapter to the club's history this season by winning the qualification tournament and reaching the group matches of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League for the first time. The Czech champions battled well in a tough group, but had to settle for last place in group D, so they will continue their European adventure in the EHF Cup group phase.

By playing the group matches in the Champions League, the Czech team has already reached the club's main goal for the season. But the games in the EHF Cup are seen as a nice bonus, and Most hope to make their fans happy.

"We would like to play a respectable role in the EHF Cup. We don't want to be taken as outsiders, we want to be equal rivals with the rest of the teams in the competition," team manager Rudolf Jung said.

One of the team's key players is Dominika Zachova. The 23-year-old right wing has been playing for Most since 2014. In the group matches of the Champions League, she was by far the best scorer of Most with 35 goals.

In group A, Most will face pretty tough rivals, and they are perfectly aware of that. "In terms of the teams' quality, the EHF Cup group phase is almost at the same level as the Champions League," captain Lucia Mikulcik said. One of the opponents is Kastamonu, who Most beat in the Champions League qualifying in September (35:33).

Road to the Group Phase

4th ranked from the EHF Champions League group matches

GROUP D

@ RK Krim Mercator	W29:31 (14:13)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC	L21:46 (13:23)
vs IK Sävehof	D25:25 (17:13)
@ IK Sävehof	L24:19 (12:8)
vs RK Krim Mercator	L26:31 (12:14)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC	L35:29 (22:18)

EHF Champions League, qualification tournament

Semi-final: vs Rocasa Gran Canaria W21:28 (11:11)
Final: Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W35:33 (20:13)

Newcomers

Marie Poláková
Eva Bezpalcova (Salud Tenerife)

Left the club:

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Past achievements

EHF Champions League:
Group matches (1): 2019/20

EHF Cup:
Group phase (1): 2017/18
Last 16 (1): 2013/14

Challenge Cup:
Winners (1): 2012/3
Quarter-finals (1): 2011/12

Czech league: 7 titles (2013-19)
Czech cup: 5 titles (2014-18)

DHK Banik Most (CZE)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
55	Petra	Manáková	CZE	Right Back	08.02.1989	Roznov pod Radhostem, CZE	174
22	Lucia	Mikulcik	SVK	Left Wing	22.06.1988	Trnava, SVK	164
8	Michaela	Borovska	CZE	Line Player	04.02.1990	Pisek, CZE	176
16	Eva	Bezpalcová	CZE	Goalkeeper	29.04.1990	Ceske Budejovice, CZE	187
31	Dominika	Müllnerová	CZE	Goalkeeper	26.03.1992	Usti nad Labem, CZE	170
27	Alica	Kostelna	SVK	Left Back	25.04.1995	Zilina, SVK	183
88	Dominika	Zachova	CZE	Right Wing	04.06.1996	Plzen, CZE	175
15	Jana	Sustkova	CZE	Left Back	10.01.1998	Kyjov, CZE	177
33	Tereza	Eksteinová	CZE	Right Back	11.03.1999	Plzen, CZE	168
48	Sara	Kovarova	CZE	Right Back	09.02.1999	Pisek, CZE	175
81	Katarina	Kostelna	SVK	Centre Back	21.10.1998	Trencin, SVK	170
13	Linda	Jungová	CZE	Right Back	12.11.1998	Most, CZE	169
9	Adéla	Stríšková	CZE	Left Wing	14.12.2000	Most, CZE	160
7	Veronika	Dvorakova	CZE	Centre Back	07.12.2000	Cheb, CZE	169
96	Veronika	Mikulášková	CZE	Centre Back	16.10.2000	Olomouc, CZE	172
18	Veronika	Šíповá	CZE	Left Back	21.03.2000	Litvínov, CZE	174
21	Adela	Srpova	CZE	Goalkeeper	11.07.2002	Usti nad Labem, CZE	168
74	Marie	Polakova	CZE	Right Back	29.07.2002	Havlickuv Brod, CZE	175



DHK Banik Most (CZE)

Coach and key players profiles



Jiri Tancos coach

- started playing handball in Most, also played in Italy, France and Croatia
- spent 10 years in Germany as coach
- returned to Most, as a coach, after 28 years
- also had offer from Dukla Praha's men's team but chose Most for family reasons
- guided Most through the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 qualification



Lucia Mikulcik left wing

- captain and one of the key players of the team; also captained the Slovakian national team
- daughter of former professional football player; played tennis before starting with handball age 10
- her former club, Duslo Sala, is one of the two most successful clubs in Slovakia
- returned from maternity leave in 2018



Jana Sustkova left back

- joined Most in 2018 from Veseli on Moravou
- arrived in Most as one of the best five scorers in the Czech-Slovak Interleague
- plays as a winger for the Czech national
- one of five Most players who study Physical education and sports at the university



Dominika Zachova right wing

- was Most's best scorer in the CL group matches this season, with 35 goals
- started playing handball in Plzen, is meanwhile one of the most experienced players at Most
- won domestic league and cup titles, played for national team at EHF EURO and WCh events
- was voted one of the four best young right wings in Europe in 2018

GROUP A



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

Dark

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

Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)

In the recent years, Kastamonu have made a remarkable progress, which is reflected in their European results. In the 2015/16 season, the Turkish team reached the Challenge Cup final, and two years later, they made it to the EHF Cup semi-final. Now the team coached by Hakan Gunal want to take the next step and go into the group phase with optimism. The Turkish team do not hide their ambitions. Their ultimate goal is to play in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, but now they are in the Women's EHF Cup and they hope to go far. Speaking about the team's objective, club manager Ahmet Cevher said: "For the last six seasons we kept progressing and we played the EHF Cup semi-finals. Now our aim is to win a trophy in Europe and to play only in the Champions League for the next seasons."

After a successful 2017/18 season, Kastamonu failed to reach the Women's EHF Cup group phase the following season, losing to SCM Ramnicu Valcea in qualification round 2. However, they became Turkish champions in that season and strengthened their squad in summer. Important players such as Yana Uskova and Andrea Seric returned to the team, that coupled with signing a few other quality players means Kastamonu probably have bigger potential this season. The Russian right wing Yana Uskova played a big role during Kastamonu's remarkable campaign in the Women's EHF Cup in 2017/18. However, she left the team after that season after failing to agree a new contract. The 2005 and 2007 world champion had a lucrative offer from Metz, but she turned it down and preferred to take a break in her career. At the age of 33, retirement looked an option, yet Uskova returned to Kastamonu in the summer of 2019 and again became one of the team's key players.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: vs Vaci NKSE	W33:26 (16:11)
2nd leg: @ Vaci NKSE	L30:25 (15:9)
Aggregate score:	58:56

EHF Champions League, qualification tournament

Semi-final: vs ZORK Jagodina	W31:25 (15:6)
Final: vs DHK Banik Most	L35:33 (20:13)

Newcomers:

Beyza İrem Türkoğlu (Ankara Yenimahalle BSK), Yeliz Özel (Muratpasa Belediyesi SK), Joanna Waloszyk (Pogon Szczecin), Andrea Seric (CSM Craiova), Olha Vaschuk (Ardesen GSK), Renata Kayumova (HC Gomel), Amra Pandzic (RK Krim Mercator), Yana Uskova

Left the club:

Yulia Snopova (RK Krim Mercator), Lenche İlkova (Izmir BBSK), Ljubica Nenezic (CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud), Olga Laiuk

Past achievements

EHF Cup:
Semi-finalists (1): 2017/18

Challenge Cup:
Finalists (1): 2015/16

Turkish league: 2 titles (2017, 2019)
Turkish Supercup: 2 titles (2017, 2019)

Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
13	Serpil	Iskenderoglu	TUR	Centre Back	15.07.1982	Istanbul, TUR	167
7	Yeliz	Özel	TUR	Back	06.03.1980	Ankara, TUR	175
19	Yana	Uskova	RUS	Right Wing	28.09.1985	Maykop, RUS	167
6	Andrea	Seric	CRO	Line Player	03.08.1985	Split, CRO	184
99	Olha	Vashchuk	TUR	Right Wing	13.08.1987	Zaporozhye, TUR	179
21	Betül	Yilmaz	TUR	Left Back	31.10.1988	Gebze, TUR	178
16	Amra	Pandzic	SLO	Goalkeeper	20.09.1989	Ljubljana, SLO	177
1	Anca Mihaela	Rombescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	15.09.1985	Drobeta-Tumu Severin, ROU	172
9	Asli	Iskit	TUR	Left Back	07.12.1993	Urla, TUR	178
17	Fatmagül	Sakizcan	TUR	Left Wing	31.03.1992	Manisa, TUR	172
30	Renata	Kayumova	RUS	Goalkeeper	10.12.1991	Potsdam, RUS	185
89	Joanna	Woloszyk	POL	Left Back	19.01.1995	Sztum, POL	183
4	Yasemin	Güler	TUR	Right Wing	10.04.1994	Konak, TUR	174
10	Elif Sila	Aydin	TUR	Left Wing	11.04.1996	Ankara, TUR	170
27	Beyza Irem	Türkoglu	TUR	Right Wing	04.02.1997	Ankara, TUR	175
37	Ceren	Coskun	TUR	Line Player	23.02.1992	Amasya, TUR	171
29	Birgöl	Tuzsuz	TUR	Line Player	02.04.2002	Kastamonu, TUR	174



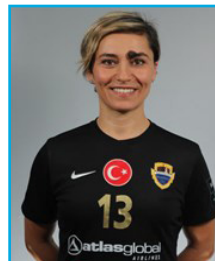
Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)

Coach and key players profiles



Hakan Gunal coach

- respected by Turkish handball community as a club and national team player in the 1980s and 1990s and as a coach
- previously led Amasya Taşova YİBO, a very young team, into the Challenge Cup
- has won five women's Super League titles
- led Kastamonu to EHF Cup semi-final in 2017/18



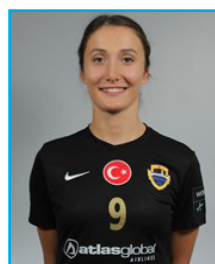
Serpil Iskenderoglu centre back

- 37-year-old captain, who has been playing for the team since 2015
- has been important part in the team's success in domestic league and European Cup
- played more than 300 games for the Turkish national team
- played two Challenge Cup finals with two different Turkish teams, in 2012 and 2016



Yana Uskova right wing

- 34-year-old Russian wing, who is in her third season with Kastamonu, her first foreign club
- in Russia, she played for AGU-ADYIF, Rostov-Don, Zvezda and Kuban, but never won the league title
- two-time world champion, part of WCh 2007 All-star Team



Asli Iskit left back

- born into a family of athletes, she started playing handball at the age of 11
- had spells at Izmir, Ardesen and Kasimpasa before moving to Sweden's Kristianstad in 2016
- after two years in Sweden, returned to her home country and signed with Kastamonu in 2018
- also member of the Turkish national team

OG: S 2008; WCh: G 2005, 2007

GROUP A



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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

Thüringer HC (GER)

Having survived tough challenges against Norwegian and Russian opponents in qualification, Thüringer HC have reached the group phase of the Women's EHF Cup for the first time. Facing Most, Debrecen and Kastamonu, hopes are high for the German club to make it to the quarter-finals.

While Portuguese Mariana Lopes (arriving from Union Halle-Neustadt) will have to gain more (international) experience, Marie Davidsen (Tertnes Bergen) and especially Mikaela Mässing (H65 Höör) know, how to play on this ground. Mässing played an incredible strong role in the Swedish team at the 2019 World Championship in Japan, funny enough her goals in the crucial 7/8 placement match eliminated her German teammates Bölk, Stolle, Großmann, Schmelzer and Giegerich from the Olympic Qualification tournament. Thanks to her powerful match play, Mässing fits perfectly to the strong THC back court axis. Goalkeeper Davidsen shares the position with Giegerich in a strong way.

The Czech international Iveta Koresova was the second highest scorer of the EHF Champions League 2017/18 season, only topped by Cristina Neagu. Last season, in the Bundesliga and Europe, she was THC's biggest weapon in attack. She was twice awarded the Bundesliga's most valuable player and her experience is crucial as she carries a young back court axis.

With six tough matches in the Bundesliga at the same time as the group phase, it will all be a matter of strength in depth for Thüringer HC in the EHF Cup. They have enough international experience, they have the will and they have a motivator in Herbert Müller as coach. That should suffice if they can recover in time and remain injury free between matches.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification Round 3

1st leg: @ Astrakhanochka	L28:25 (14:13)
2nd leg: vs Astrakhanochka	W30:25 (16:12)
Aggregate score:	55:53

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: vs Byåsen Håndball Elite	W29:25 (14:11)
2nd leg: @ Byåsen Håndball Elite	W24:29 (14:17)
Aggregate score:	58:49

Newcomers:

Marie Davidsen (Tertnes Bergen),
Mariana Lopes (Union Halle-Neustadt),
Mikaela Mässing (H65 Höör)

Left the club:

Saskia Lang (Union Halle-Neustadt),
Anne Hubinger (end of career)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Quarter-finals: 2014/15
Main Round: 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17,
2017/18, 2018/19
Group Matches: 2011/12, 2012/13

Other EC records:

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finalist 2012/13
Challenge Cup: Finalists: 2008/09

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

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

Thüringer HC (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
28	Lydia	Jakubisova	SVK	Right Wing	14.10.1981	Bojnice, SVK	168
1	Jana	Krause	GER	Goalkeeper	10.06.1987	München, GER	186
18	Iveta	Koresova	CZE	Centre Back	03.04.1989	Pisek, CZE	175
4	Beate	Scheffknecht	AUT	Left Back	27.02.1990	Innsbruck, AUT	182
22	Mia	Biltoft	DEN	Line Player	03.04.1992	Ringkøbing, DEN	175
6	Almudena	Rodriguez Rodriguez	ESP	Right Back	09.11.1993	Las Palmas, ESP	175
16	Ann-Cathrin	Giegerich	GER	Goalkeeper	04.01.1992	Erlenbach, GER	181
5	Alexandra	Mazzucco	GER	Right Wing	29.01.1993	Lauf a.d. Pegnitz, GER	175
7	Jovana	Sazdovska	MKD	Left Wing	27.06.1993	Skopje, MKD	177
21	Ina	Großmann	GER	Left Wing	21.08.1990	Holzgerlingen, GER	170
2	Mariana	Ferreira Lopes	POR	Centre Back	09.12.1994	Aveiro, POR	173
25	Mikaela	Mässing	SWE	Left Back	13.03.1994	Mölnådal, SWE	188
17	Alicia	Stolle	GER	Right Back	17.06.1996	Ahlen, GER	179
12	Marie	Skurtveit Davidsen	NOR	Goalkeeper	20.08.1993	Bergen, NOR	170
13	Meike	Schmelzer	GER	Line Player	19.07.1993	Wiesbaden, GER	178
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left Back	26.04.1998	Buxtehude, GER	184
57	Josefine	Huber	AUT	Line Player	19.02.1996	Wien, AUT	180
24	Klara	Schlegel	AUT	Right Back	07.05.2001	Eggenburg, AUT	182
8	Arwen	Rühl	GER	Left Back	20.06.2002	Hamburg, GER	179
1	Laura	Kuske	GER	Goalkeeper	19.11.2001	Regensburg, GER	180

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vorne von links: Mariana Lopes, Almudena Rodriguez Rodriguez, Marie Davidsen, Ann-Cathrin Giegerich, Alexandra Mazzucco, Lydia Jakubisova.
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Thüringer HC (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Herbert Müller coach

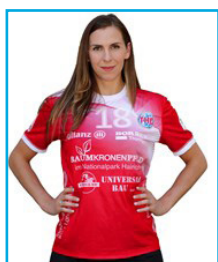
- born in Romania, previously worked with Augsburg and Nürnberg as well as Brasov (ROU)
- joined THC in 2010 and all these years he has been assisted by his brother, Helfried
- led Nürnberg to their first-ever CL qualification and won the Challenge Cup in 2004; has meanwhile won seven Bundesliga titles with THC
- former mathematics lecturer

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2004



Emily Bölk left back

- joined THC in 2018 from Buxtehuder SV, where she made Bundesliga debut at age 16
- visited the Viborg youth academy at age 14
- was MVP of U18 WCh 2014, and is part of senior national team since age 18
- mother Andrea was also a national team player
- became youngest player ever in German national women's team to pass 100-goal mark



Iveta Koresova left back

- played under maiden name Luzumova until she got married in the summer of 2019
- was second-best scorer of the CL in 2017/18, behind CSM's Cristina Neagu
- was top scorer of the Bundesliga in 2017/18 and and 'best player of the season' in 2018 and 2019
- has been Czech international since 2009



Alicia Stolle right back

- arrived from HSG Blomberg before the start of the 2018/19 season
- also played in the EHF Cup also with Blomberg, in 2017/18, and earlier in the Cup Winners' Cup
- started career at youth academy in Dortmund and made national team debut in 2016 at age 20
- has been part of all major tournaments with Germany since 2016 (EHF EURO and WCh)

GROUP A



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Goalkeeper shirt: black

DVSC Schaeffler (HUN)

After missing out two years ago, DVSC Schaeffler have finally made their way to the group phase of the Women's EHF Cup, a huge step for a squad filled mostly with young players. In Hungary's second-biggest city, building-up and developing youngsters is a well-known habit with many successful stories. With this efficient method, DVSC have advanced to the long-awaited group phase.

The average age in Debrecen is a little over 22. This means that many of their key players both in the starting line-up and on the bench are in their early twenties. Some of them are junior world champions and have already spent years in the top tournaments of Hungary facing clubs such as Győri Audi ETO KC, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and other tough sides. Still, international competition may be difficult for these future stars.

"Our main goal is to stabilise the club's position each year and be among the best 16 in the EHF Cup. As a two-time winners and one-time runners-up, we would like to be back among Europe's elite." Summarised club CEO Zsolt Ábrók. "On one hand it's an honour to play in EHF Cup and show our skills in Europe, and on the other hand, it puts us in focus in the region and in the country, which gives us the opportunity to present our city and our sponsors to Europe. This helps us to stabilise our financial possibilities," added Ábrók.

Anna Kovács won the EHF Cup back in 2016 with Dunaújváros. Her experience and scoring skills mean a lot to this young unit. She is not only the best scorer in the team but among the top scorers in the Hungarian league with 61 goals after 10 rounds. The right back is always able to create situations where she can finish the job.

"I think this is one of the most evenly-balanced groups. Each team can win against the other. There are no big differences between the lines, so I guess all matches will be within one and three goals," says Kovács. Although the expectation from the management is to advance from group A, it will not be an easy task as DHK Banik Most, Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK and Thüringer HC await the Hungarian side.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: vs ZORK Jagodina	W37:26 (17:13)
2nd leg: @ ZORK Jagodina	W26:36 (12:20)
Aggregate score:	73:52

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: vs TSV Bayer 04 – Werkselfen	W35:27 (16:15)
2nd leg vs TSV Bayer 04 – Werkselfen	W31:34 (16:15)
Aggregate score:	69:58

Newcomers:

Karsten Elke (BM Bera Bera), Szabina Karnik (MTK Budapest), Petra Vámos (NEKA), Mirtill Petrus (youth team), Luca Poczetnyik (youth team)

Left the club:

Anna Punko (unknown), Lotte Griegel (Nantes Atlantique Handball), Madalina Zamfirescu (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 1994/95, 1995/96
Finalists (1): 1993/94

Hungarian league: 1955, 1987

Hungarian cup: 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991

DVSC Schaeffler (HUN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
20	Anita	Bulath	HUN	Left Back	20.09.1983	Dunaujvaros, HUN	180
90	Viktória	Oguntoye	HUN	Goalkeeper	24.12.1990	Sturovo, SVK	184
77	Szabina	Karnik	HUN	Right Back	22.06.1990	Debrecen, HUN	177
16	Agnes	Triffa	HUN	Goalkeeper	18.01.1987	Gyula, HUN	177
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Left Back	30.04.1994	Podgorica, MNE	183
33	Anna	Kovács	HUN	Right Back	24.10.1991	Békéscsaba, HUN	173
17	Eva	Vantara-Kelemen	HUN	Left Wing	27.12.1987	Szeghalom, HUN	167
6	Nóra	Varsányi	HUN	Right Wing	03.10.1991	Debrecen, HUN	168
13	Petra	Tovizi	HUN	Line Player	15.03.1999	Nyíregyháza, HUN	174
22	Elke Josseline	Karsten	ARG	Left Back	15.05.1995	Corrientes, ARG	177
61	Dora	Szabo	HUN	Goalkeeper	27.04.2000	Debrecen, HUN	173
47	Panna	Szabó	HUN	Left Wing	16.06.1998	Debrecen, HUN	168
38	Petra	Vamos	HUN	Centre Back	14.09.2000	Ózd, HUN	175
72	Rebeka	Arany	HUN	Right Wing	03.10.2000	Budapest, HUN	170
49	Panna	Borgyos	HUN	Centre Back	07.11.2000	Mátészalka, HUN	172
8	Luca Laura	Poczetynik	HUN	Centre Back	07.12.2000	Oldenburg, GER	178
62	Greta	Sapi	HUN	Line Player	17.02.2002	Debrecen, HUN	178
18	Réka	Bordás	HUN	Line Player	26.08.1997	Karcag, HUN	180
71	Mirtill	Petrus	HUN	Left Wing	14.11.2001	Debrecen, HUN	168
14	Panna	Vamosi	HUN	Centre Back	24.03.2001	Debrecen, HUN	172



DVSC Schaeffler (HUN)

Coach and key players profiles



Vilmos Köstner coach

- experienced coach who started his career on the bench back in 1978
- led DVSC to EHF Cup titles in 1995 and 1996, both times winning the two-leg final on the away-goal rule (vs Baekkelagets and Larvik)
- has retired several times but always returned to the sport he loves



Anna Kovács right back

- joined DVSC in 2018 after three seasons with another Hungarian side, Dunaújváros
- won the EHF Cup in 2016 with her former club and contributed 54 goals to that success
- previously played for ÉRD, another Hungarian side in the EHF Cup group phase this season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 1994, 1995

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



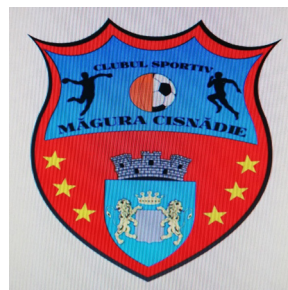
Éva Vantara-Kelemen left wing

- team captain, who joined DVSC in 2013, only the second club in her 15-year-long career
- is in her third EHF Cup season with DVSC
- previously played in Békéscsaba, also in the EHF Cup as well as the Cup Winners' Cup
- one of the leading goal scorers for 'Loki' - DVSC's nickname



Petra Tóvizi line player

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



Group B head-to-heads & preview

Previous European Cup matches between group B teams

No teams from group B have met before in a European Cup competition.

The title holder, two familiar clubs and a sophomore

Siófok showed their talent in the previous season when they won the Women's EHF Cup, however this quartet seems to be the toughest among the four. Podravka want to show Europe their talent and experience again. The Croatian champions reached the EHF Cup quarter-final last season, after taking part in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League group phase like this season. To improve coach Zlatko Saracevic picked Krim Mercator's two best scorers in the competition last season to join his team: Slovenian left back Tjasa Stanko was elected best young player of the Champions League 2017/18 and scored 58 goals over six games last season, and Lamprini Tsakalou is one of Greece's best players. Also, Elena Gjeorgjievaska, a former Champions League winner with Vardar, will add some experience to nurture hopes of getting back to winning ways.

For Siófok, it is new season, new challenges. The club had to wait for at least another to enter the Champions Although this competition's title holder, Siófok KC did not get a free card to fight in DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, they have all the chances to write history and become only the second club in the history of the Women's EHF Cup to win back-to-back titles. They will need to stay focused and hungry for success, which might be their biggest challenge.

Magura Cisnădie made their debut in the Women's EHF Cup group phase last season - but came up well short. Losing all six games was a lesson learnt the hard way. But this season, Cisnădie are back after taking down Rocasa Gran Canaria, the Spanish champions and last season's Challenge Cup winners, in a nail biting two-leg qualifying tie that ended 46:46, with the Romanian side progressing on the away-goal rule. Cisnădie's opponents might look stronger on paper again, they can build on the surprise factor and on their home court advantage as the small but raucous arena could make an impact.

After reaching the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League main round last season, København Handball are back in the Women's EHF Cup this season. The goal is to advance from the group phase. With two world champions in their team, right wing Debbie Bont and centre back Larissa Nüsser, alongside a string of other outstanding players, the Danish club has all the assets to make their dreams come true. However, as the season progresses, the demanding domestic league might become an issue.

Béla Müller

GROUP B



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: red, white
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: turquoise-blue

Dark

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

HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)

HC Podravka Vegeta proved once again why the small town of Koprivnica is called the home of women's handball in Croatia. Although they were eliminated from the DELO WOMEN'S Champions League after the group matches, Podravka treated their fans with exciting home games.

The matches in Europe's top fight might help the team of head coach Zlatko Saracevic when they want to go as far as possible in the Women's EHF Cup. Podravka had interesting opponents in the group matches of the Champions League gaining a lot of experience against Metz Handball, Vipers Kristiansand and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria. Now, with boosted confidence, they will face Magura Cismadie, Kobenhavn Handball and last year's champions Siófok KC Hungary. "Our group is not easy, but it could be harder. We will give our best and try to go as far as we can," says team captain Dragica Dzono. The first match on 5 January is at home against Romanian side Magura Cismadie: "We are playing in front of our fans, we can't disappoint them. It's important to win that first match because it will give us confidence for the following matches," says Dzono.

The team roster hasn't changed much. The mid-season arrival of former Croatian international Aneta Benko will help Ana Turk on the right wing. Nikolina Zadavec is out injured for the rest of the season while Maria Andrea Inanasi and Ana Debelic are recovering from injuries. Young Tjasa Stanko came to Koprivnica at the start of the 2019/20 season as a replacement for Alena Ikhneva. The Slovenian player started her career at RK Zagorje and gained international experience with Krim Mercator. In 2018 she was voted for best young player of the Champions League. Mainly a left back, Stanko can play in all back-court positions. For Podravka, she netted 27 times in the Champions League group matches, and starred at the IHF World Championship 2019 in Japan, scoring 62 times for Slovenia.

Road to the group phase

4th ranked from the EHF Champions League group matches

GROUP A

@ Metz Handball	L40:26 (24:13)
vs Vipers Kristiansand	W25:24 (14:12)
@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	L37:31 (17:17)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	L26:27 (15:14)
vs Metz Handball	L25:32 (15:15)
@ Vipers Kristiansand	L34:28 (20:13)

Newcomers:

Aneta Benko (mid-season; no club),
Lamprini Tsakalou (Krim Mercator), Tjasa Stanko (Krim Mercator), Dijana Mugosa (Iuventa Michalovce), Elena Gjeorgjievaska (SCM Craiova), Maria Andreea Inanasi (SCM Craiova)

Left the club:

Natalia Chigirinova (CSKA Moscow), Alena Ikhneva (unknown), Karyna Yezhykava (HC Astrakhanochka), Maria Holesova (Mosonmagyaróvári Kézilabda Club SE), Tena Petika (Kisvárdai KC)

Past achievements

Champions League:

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

Champions Trophy: Winners: 1995/96

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up: 2004/05,
Semi-finals: 2007/08

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

Croatian league: 25 titles
Croatian cup: 23 titles

HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
9	Dragica	Dzono	CRO	Line Player	24.05.1987	Mostar, BIH	185
18	Elena	Gjorgjijevska	MKD	Right Back	27.03.1990	Struga, MKD	178
3	Ana	Turk	CRO	Right Wing	29.06.1989	Jakarta, IDN	169
22	Lamprini	Tsakalou	GRE	Left Back	07.08.1993	Arta, GRE	173
20	Maria Andreea	Ianasi	ROU	Centre Back	02.12.1992	Tirgu Carbunesti, ROU	170
12	Jovana	Risovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07.10.1993	Beograd, SRB	171
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09.01.1994	Rijeka, CRO	182
10	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Right Back	23.11.1994	Pozega, CRO	173
13	Dijana	Mugosa	MNE	Left Wing	22.10.1995	Podgorica, MNE	169
15	Tjasa	Stanko	SLO	Left Back	05.11.1997	Maribor, SLO	173
2	Nikolina	Zadavec	CRO	Right Wing	02.09.1997	Cakovec, CRO	168
5	Korina	Karlovcan	CRO	Left Wing	18.10.1998	Zagreb, CRO	168
16	Magdalena	Ecimovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	24.07.1998	Split, CRO	181
14	Lea	Franusic	CRO	Right Back	07.09.2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	181
8	Selena	Milosevic	CRO	Left Back	09.06.1989	Pula, CRO	176
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29.05.2000	Koprivnica, CRO	178
7	Lucija	Jandrasic	CRO	Centre Back	01.11.2000	Koprivnica, CRO	169
17	Josipa	Josipovic	CRO	Right Wing	19.03.2002	Vinkovci, CRO	166
30	Nika	Galinec	CRO	Goalkeeper	23.08.2005	Koprivnica, CRO	180
1	Ana	Crnjak	CRO	Goalkeeper	21.03.2004	Rijeka, CRO	180
11	Patricia	First	CRO	Left Back	04.03.2002	Koprivnica, CRO	176



HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)

Coach and key players profiles



Zlatko Saracevic coach

- Croatian handball legend, who won Olympic gold with the national team in 1996 and was top scorer of the CL twice (1999 and 2000)
- came to Podravka from Zagreb in 2018, taking over from Snjezana Petika
- worked as assistant coach to Lino Cervar with the Croatian national men's team at EHF EURO 2018

OG: B 1988, G 1996, EURO: B 1994, WCh: G 1986, S 1995



Jovana Risovic goalkeeper

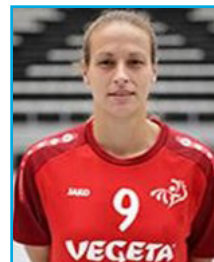
- Serbian international, joined from DVSC
- replaced Croatia national team player Ivana Kapitanovic at the end of the 2017/18 season
- started handball career at age eight – first on the wing, later as goalkeeper
- part of the Serbian team that finished runners-up at the WCh in 2013

WCh: S 2013



Tjasa Stanko left back

- talented Slovenian back, who won three domestic titles and cups with Krim Mercator
- scored 55 and 57 goals for Krim in last two CL seasons; was voted best young player in 2017/18
- playing mainly at left back, but is also effective at centre and right back
- scored 12 goals as Slovenia beat eventual champions Netherlands 32:26 at the WCh 2019



Dragica Dzono line player

- one of the most experienced players in the squad, mentor for many young teammates
- is very important in defence because of her height and skills
- Croatian national team player, who joined Podravka from league rivals Zelina six years ago

GROUP B



Playing hall

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Goalkeeper shirt: grey

Dark

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Player short: grey
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Newcomers:

Nerea Pena, Melinda Szikora (both FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria), Zsuzsanna Tomori (Györi Audi ETO KC), Gnonsiane Niombla (Metz Handball), Júlia Hársfalvi (TUSSIES Metzingen)

Left the club:

Mireya Gonzalez, Asma Elghaoui (SCM Ramnicu Valcea), Denisa Dedu, Gabriela Perianu (both CSM Bucuresti), Estelle Nze Minko (Györi Audi ETO KC)

Siófok KC (HUN)

Having assembled one of the strongest squads for a side not participating in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, Siófok KC Hungary are eager to repeat last season's historic triumph in the Women's EHF Cup. While Siófok have been unable to break Györi Audi ETO KC's rule in Hungary, they have systematically built a team over several seasons that is able to compete at the upper echelons of European handball.

Despite finishing third in the Hungarian league in 2018/19, Siófok hoped that they could compete in the Women's EHF Champions League this season, but their request for a place in the Champions League was unsuccessful as FTC-Cargo Hungaria became Hungary's second representative.

Although the team is ready for the next level, the title holders are hungry to repeat last season's glorious run to the title. Siófok have signed many players in previous seasons, but this off-season seemed calmer at the shore of Lake Balaton. Nerea Pena, Zsuzsanna Tomori and Gnonsiane Niombla were among the additions to Siófok's roster.

As they are all experienced leaders with the knowledge of how to win, hopes are high that the team can find the right chemistry to go all the way again. Siófok started slowly in the domestic league this season, losing two games and drawing one, but their defence is still among the best – if not the best – in Hungary. Siófok's defence was at its most resilient in the final in 2018/19, conceding just 42 goals in two legs against Team Esbjerg, and it can again make the difference in 2019/20.

Nerea Pena joined Siófok from FTC after seven seasons for one reason: the free-scoring centre back wants success. "I come to Siófok to win trophies. This would mean a lot for us. It will be super difficult, but we will give everything," said the Spanish newcomer.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: @ Nantes Atlantique Handball W24:32 (12:16)

2nd leg: vs Nantes Atlantique Handball L29:34 (15:13)

Aggregate score: 61:58

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Winner (1): 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 2015/16

Round 3 (1) 2012/13

Cup Winners' Cup

Last 16 (1): 2014/15

Hungarian league: -
Hungarian cup:

Siófok KC (HUN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
32	Andrea	Kobetic	CRO	Left Back	13.11.1985	Zagreb, CRO	186
21	Csilla	Mazak-Nemeth	HUN	Right Back	21.01.1989	Budapest, HUN	178
23	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left Back	18.06.1987	Budapest, HUN	187
12	Silje Margaretha	Solberg	NOR		16.06.1990	Bærum, NOR	178
29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre Back	09.07.1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	172
25	Nerea	Pena Abaurrea	ESP	Centre Back	13.12.1989	Pamplona, ESP	175
8	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Wing	17.08.1991	Randers, DEN	169
12	Melinda	Szikora	HUN	Goalkeeper	19.11.1988	Kiskunhalas, HUN	175
13	Camille	Aoustin	FRA	Left Wing	13.02.1990	Cherbourg, FRA	170
17	Katarina	Jezic	CRO	Line Player	19.12.1992	Rijeka, CRO	173
23	Nelli	Such	HUN		12.05.1992	Bekescsaba, HUN	178
20	Joanna	Drabik	POL	Line Player	28.10.1993	Wloszczowa, POL	180
88	Andjela	Janjusevic	SRB	Right Back	18.06.1995	Beograd, SRB	178
18	Julia	Harsfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12.11.1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	168
	Kata	Poczik	HUN		14.09.2000		
77	Kincső	Csapo	HUN	Goalkeeper	11.12.2001	Dunaujváros, HUN	
44	Laura	Lapos	HUN	Left Back	12.02.2002	Siófok, HUN	176
55	Kira	Wald	HUN		02.05.2001	Siófok, HUN	161



Siófok KC (HUN)

Coach and key players profiles



Tor Odvar Moen coach

- Norwegian head coach, who joined Siófok from Larvik in the summer of 2018
- led the Hungarian side to the EHF Cup title in his first season in charge
- had previously won a string of titles in his many coaching years at Larvik, most notably the CL in the 2010/11 season

EC trophies: CL 2011, EHF Cup 2019



Silje Solberg goalkeeper

- joined Siófok in 2018, just like fellow Norwegian head coach Tor Odvar Moen
- EHF Cup in 2019 was her first European club title
- with Norway, she won the WCh in 2015 and the EHF EURO in 2014 and 2016
- twin sister Sanna plays as a left wing at CL side Team Esbjerg in Denmark

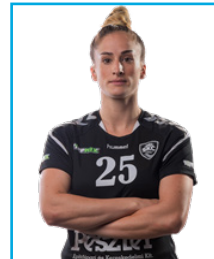
EURO: G 2014, 2016, S 2012; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Andrea Kobetic left back

- Croatian shooter, who contributed 75 goals to Siófok's success in the EHF Cup 2018/19
- scored 10 or more goals in an EHF Cup match four times in the 2018/19 season
- arrived at Siófok in 2018 from Vardar
- prolific scorer who had netted 102, 79, 98 and 92 times respectively for Vardar in four CL seasons

EC trophies: CL 2011, EHF Cup 2019

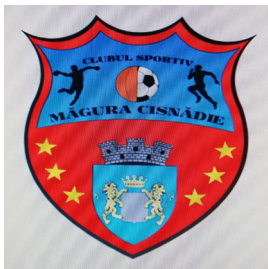


Nerea Pena centre back

- Spanish international, who joined Siófok in 2019 from Hungarian league rivals FTC
- spent seven years with FTC, having arrived from Spanish side Itxako in 2012
- injury-prone sharp shooter who has been out with knee injuries several times
- member of EHF EURO 2010 All-star Team. helped Spain win silver at WCh 2019

EURO: S 2014, WCh: B 2011, S 2019

GROUP B



Playing hall

Polivalent Hall Magura Cisanadie
Maguril Nr. 105,
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Capacity: 1,254

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: light green
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: gray

Dark

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

SC Magura Cisanadie (ROU)

Magura Cisanadie were not prepared to progress from last year's Women's EHF Cup group stage. Losing all six games was a lesson learnt the hard way. In their first ever European season, Magura reached the group phase but some players left, others were injured, as the team finished last in a group with eventual finalists Team Esbjerg, Storhamar Handball Elite and SG BBM Bietigheim, scoring only 115 goals and ending with the worst goal difference, -75, of all participants.

But this season, Cisanadie are back after taking down Rocasa Gran Canaria, the Spanish champions and last season's Challenge Cup winners, in a nail-biting double-header that ended 46:46 and saw the Romanian side progress on the away-goal rule. Cisanadie look more stable. The team has had a month's break before the start of the group phase, with Brazil's left back Jaqueline Anastacio the only player to have competed in the World Championship in Japan. Magura's veteran backbone of the team will be well rested and ready to roar, as they duly expect their first ever win in the group phase.

They say age is just a number, but Cisanadie's key cogs are Roxana Gatzel (39), Ada Moldovan (36) and Mihaela Ani-Senocico (38). Gatzel is one of few players to be active in the Women's EHF Champions League or the Women's EHF Cup in three different decades – being part of Oltchim's roster since 1997 – while both Moldovan and Ani-Senocico plied their trade at the highest level of Romanian handball for at least 20 years. Each one of them brings something special to the team.

Surely, Magura look better than last season, despite mid-season struggles in the Romanian domestic league. Having back-ups on each position surely helps, as well as the mix between seasoned veterans and young players who are aiming high.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: @ Rocasa Gran Canaria	L28:24 (11:10)
2nd leg: vs Rocasa Gran Canaria	W22:18 (11:7)
Aggregate score:	46:46

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: vs HC Galychanka Lviv	W31:23 (19:10)
2nd leg: @ HC Galychanka Lviv	L19:14 (8:8)
Aggregate score:	45:42

Newcomers:

Jaqueline Anastasio (Maccabi Srugo), Mihaela Ani-Senocico (Universitatea Cluj-Napoca), Valentina Panici (HC Zalau), Tamara Smbatian (Energa Koszalin), Dijana Ujkic (Buducnost), Ana-Maria Tanasie (SCM Craiova)

Left the club:

Deonise Fachinello (Bourg de Peage Drome Handball), Mariana Costa (CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud), Larissa Araujo (Universitatea Cluj-Napoca), Larissa Da Silva (unknown), Jasna Boljevici (Rapid Bucuresti)

Past achievements

EHF Cup:
Group Phase (1): 2018/19

Romanian league: -
Romanian cup: -

SC Magura Cisnadia (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
80	Roxana	Gatzel	ROU	Centre Back	28.05.1980	Craiova, ROU	172
85	Mirela Madalina	Pasca	ROU	Goalkeeper	26.09.1985	Tulcea, ROU	181
26	Mihaela	Ani Senocico	ROU	Centre Back	14.12.1981	Bistrita, ROU	174
10	Adriana Gabriela	Craciun	ROU	Line Player	29.01.1989	Slatina, ROU	180
14	Ada Emilia	Moldovan	ROU	Left Back	15.11.1983	Focsani, ROU	175
16	Elena Gabriela	Voicu	ROU	Goalkeeper	28.04.1990	Slobozia, ROU	178
18	Maria Cristina	Nan	ROU	Line Player	19.05.1990	Bucuresti, ROU	178
4	Andreea Madalina	Predoi	ROU	Right Wing	04.01.1992	Tirgu Jiu, ROU	170
24	Tamara	Sambatian	UKR	Centre Back	19.03.1995	Ivano-Frankivsk, UKR	177
33	Jaqueline	Anastacio	BRA	Left Back	09.11.1987	Varinha, BRA	174
9	Ana-Maria	Tanasie	ROU	Left Wing	06.04.1995	Hunedoara, ROU	172
19	Diana	Predoi	ROU	Left Wing	11.05.1995	Tirgu Jiu, ROU	172
23	Dijana	Ujkic	MNE	Right Wing	05.07.1996	Podgorica, MNE	172
25	Andrada Cynthia	Tomescu	ROU	Line Player	30.07.1991	Baia Mare, ROU	180
77	Maria Valentina	Panici	ROU	Right Back	07.06.1988	Petrosani, ROU	170
11	Andreea Mihaela	Stinga	ROU	Line Player	06.04.1998	Tirgoviste, ROU	187
89	Elena Cristina Sorina	Popovici	ROU	Goalkeeper	19.10.1989	Bucuresti, ROU	176
8	Denisa Garbiela	Iuga	ROU	Line Player	05.12.1999	Medias, ROU	173
7	Ioana Malina	Petrescu	ROU	Right Wing	15.07.2002	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	176
1	Andreea Mariana	Ilie	ROU	Goalkeeper	02.02.2000	Sibiu, ROU	173



SC Magura Cismadie (ROU)

Coach and key players profiles



Alexandru Weber coach

- has been coaching Magura since 2014, when the side was promoted to the first division in Romania
- coaching in only his second European season
- previously worked at second-league side Alba
- the 42-year old coach is considered one of the top young coaches in Romania



Ada Moldovan left back

- never left Romania during her playing career
- won bronze at the EHF EURO 2010 with the Romanian national team
- was top goal scorer of Romanian national league for three straight years: 2008, 2009 and 2010
- interrupted her career in 2011-12 to give birth to her son, Raul

EURO: B 2010



Roxana Gatzel centre back

- 39-year-old captain, who is one of the most experienced players in the squad
- previously played for six seasons at Oltchim Ramnicu Valcea, the club she reached the CL final with in 2010
- Gatzel was the Romanian league's top scorer four years ago
- creative and intelligent player, who has suffered from various knee injuries



Mihaela Ani Senocico centre back

- played for Universitatea Jolidon Cluj for 15 years, also had one-year stint in Denmark for Randers HK, between 2004 and 2005
- married to former player Ioan Ani; they have a daughter, Alessia, born in 2009
- well-known in Romania for dyig her hair in unusual hair colors, like blue, violet or red
- scored 109 goals in 66 games for the Romanian national team from 2001 to 2012

EURO: B 2010

GROUP B



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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

Kobenhavn Handball (DEN)

After reaching the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League main round last season, Kobenhavn Handball are back in the Women's EHF Cup this season. Drawn in group B alongside reigning title holders Siófok KC Hungary, HC Podravka Vegeta and Magura Cisnadie, Kobenhavn's first objective is to advance to the quarter-finals.

Having achieved their initial aim of qualifying for the group phase, Kobenhavn set a new goal of reaching the quarter-finals. However, as head coach Claus Mogensen realises, a tough group awaits the former Danish champions. "The defending champions Siófok are obviously a very strong opponent, and I see them as one of the favourites for the title again this season.

"Podravka fought well in a strong Champions League group, and I am sure they will benefit from that experience in the EHF Cup. "My knowledge of Cisnadie is not very big at the moment, but it will be when we meet them in the third round," said Mogensen, whose aim of achieving a quarter-final berth is not deterred by the strength of group B.

What will the absence of goalkeeper Johanna Bundsen and right back Anne Cecilie de la Cour, who are both on maternity leave, mean to the team?

Bundsen's absence puts a lot of strain on 20-year-old goalkeeper Amalie Milling. If Kobenhavn are to succeed in the competition, Milling will need to live up to her huge potential. With Swedish international Hanna Blomstrand and former Larvik player Maria Hjertner able to fill in for de la Cour, Kobenhavn are better resourced in the right back position.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: vs OGC Nice Cote d Azur Handball W32:23 (14:11)
2nd leg: @ OGC Nice Cote d Azur Handball W23:30 (13:14)
Aggregate score: 62:46

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: @ TUSSIES Metzingen L30:22 (14:11)
2nd leg: vs TUSSIES Metzingen W34:23 (19:11)
Aggregate score: 56:53

Newcomers:

Nyala Krullaars (Morrenhof Jansen Dalfsen), Olivia Mellegård (IK Sävehof), Maria Hjertner (Larvik), Aimee Von Pereira (Bayer 04 Leverkusen), Paulina Uscinowicz (Vistal Gdynia)

Left the club:

Jenny Alm (retired), Line Bjoernsen (retired), Kelly Dulfer (BV Borussia Dortmund), Annika Meyer (Aarhus United), Mai Kragballe (Randers HK), Emily Stang Sando (Buducnost)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:
Main round (1): 2018/19

EHF Cup:
Quarter-final (1): 2013/14
Group phase (1): 2017/18

Cup Winners' Cup:
Winner (1): 2008/09
Semi-final (1): 2003/04
Last 16 (1): 2010/11

Danish league: 1 title (2018)
Danish Cup: -

Kobenhavn Handball (DEN)

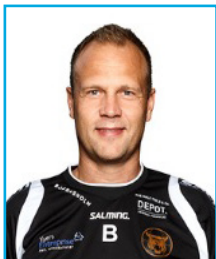
Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
19	Debbie	Bont	NED	Right Wing	09.12.1990	Edam-Volendam, NED	174
90	Mia Rej	Bidstrup	DEN	Centre Back	02.02.1990	Valby, DEN	169
3	Louise	Fons	DEN	Left Wing	18.02.1985	Kolding, DEN	167
1	Johanna	Bundsen	SWE	Goalkeeper	03.06.1991	Uddevalla, SWE	185
23	Marie	Wall	SWE	Left Wing	03.04.1992	Kungälv, SWE	177
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20.05.1992	Stockholm, SWE	180
20	Anne Cecilie Dornonville de la Cour		DEN	Right Back	08.12.1993	Aarhus, DEN	178
22	Hanna	Blomstrand	SWE	Right Back	25.08.1996	Falun, SWE	173
8	Olivia	Mellegård	SWE	Left Wing	17.06.1996	Göteborg, SWE	178
18	Maria Schmidt	Lykkegaard	DEN	Line Player	27.02.1996	Copenhagen, DEN	172
10	Maria	Hjertner	NOR	Right Back	03.07.1996	Oslo, NOR	178
16	Amalie	Milling	DEN	Goalkeeper	27.12.1999	Hørsholm, DEN	182
78	Paulina	Uscinowicz	POL	Left Back	16.10.1999	Gdansk, POL	183
9	Larissa	Nüsser	NED	Centre Back	08.02.2000	Born, NED	182
7	Nyala	Krullaars	NED	Left Back	25.09.2001	Zoetermeer, NED	176
34	Andrea Ulrikka Aagot Hansen		DEN	Left Wing	22.05.2000	Frederiksberg, DEN	178
49	Aimee	Von Pereira	GER	Left Back	16.02.2000	Hamburg, GER	183
35	Emilie Frese	Theil	DEN	Centre Back	25.07.2000	Greve, DEN	177
31	Matilde Dalbo	Kirkegaard	DEN	Left Wing	06.12.2000	København, DEN	171
38	Amalie Bjørneboe Tolderlund		DEN	Line Player	24.07.2000	Frederiksberg, DEN	168
39	Viola Viktoria	Tranberg	DEN	Line Player	11.08.2000	København, DEN	172
32	Naja Bruus	Christiansen	DEN	Line Player	22.08.2000	Halsnæs, DEN	174
12	Siri	Yde	DEN	Goalkeeper	18.03.1995	Copenhagen, DEN	179



Kobenhavn Handball (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Claus Mogensen coach

- joined from Norwegian top club Byåsen in 2016
- was awarded Coach of the Year in Norway in 2015/16 and in Denmark in 2016/17
- coached several women's league teams in Denmark before his three-year-long trip to Norway and Byåsen
- a tactically clever and communicative coach, benefiting from his huge experience



Amalie Milling goalkeeper

- joined Kopenhagen in 2018 from HIK in the suburbs of Copenhagen
- got more responsibility since Johanna Bundsen has been out with pregnancy
- only 20 but has already developed a fine eye for the shooters, and impresses with fast reactions
- made her a Danish national team debut in 2018



Hanna Blomstrand right back

- joined in 2017 from Swedish side Lugi HF
- has a fine shot and is particularly good at breaking through the opponents' defence
- has become even more important to the team after Denmark international Anne Cecilie de la Cour went into maternity leave
- is a regular in the Swedish national team



Mia Rej Bidstrup centre back

- joined from Swedish side H65 Höör HK in 2014
- represented FCK Handbold in the Danish league before her Swedish adventure
- a fast and inventive playmaker with a fine eye for her teammates
- missed most of 2018/19 season with knee injury
- played for Denmark at WCh 2019, her first major championship at age 29



Group C head-to-heads & preview

Previous European Cup matches between group C teams

No teams from group C have met before in a European Cup competition.

A group open to any result

There are only two places per group that guarantee passage to the quarter-final of the Women's EHF Cup and the battle is very much on in a well-balanced group. With a strong line-up, there is something for everyone: there is a side that started the season in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, a Romanian team in its maiden European season, a Hungarian outfit which is back in the Women's EHF Cup group phase after a three-year hiatus and, of course, the favourites, Odense Handbold.

The Danish team is back in the Women's EHF Cup after they progressed to the Champions League quarter-final last season and they mean business. Odense still have not won a trophy in their history, but the experience they boast is impressive. Tess Wester was superb between the goalposts for Netherlands at the World Championship, securing the gold medal for the Dutch side, and Odense hope for her to be back in the same form. Adding playmaker Nycke Groot to the mix in the summer surely helps Odense, while Swedish right wing Nathalie Hagman, wing Trine Jensen or left back Stine Jørgensen add much-needed experience for Odense.

Another experienced team is Érd. The Hungarian side is back in the group stage after three years and boasts players from six different nationalities. Of course, the core is formed by Hungarian players like Gabriella Toth and Laura Szabo, but they will surely miss the goals from right wing Katarina Krpez-Slezak, the EHF EURO 2018 top scorer is out due to pregnancy.

MKS Lublin had a tough outing in the Champions League, losing all six games in the group, with a competition-worst goal difference of -64. However, Lublin still have the experience and the firepower to compete at this level, as backs Kinga Achruk and Marta Gega can disrupt a defence on a good day.

Gloria Bistrița are the surprise package in this year's competition. The Romanian side were eliminated by fellow Romanian side Corona Brașov in Qualification Round 3 but were reinstated after Brașov were provisionally suspended. Bistrița are also an experienced side, boasting players from five different countries, as they search to impress and surprise their opponents with a fast-paced attack and a old-school minded defence.

Adrian Costeiu

GROUP C



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: green
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow, red

Dark

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

MKS Lublin S.A. (POL)

MKS Lublin started the European season in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, yet they were unable to pick up a win in their six group matches. Now the Polish side continue the season in the Women's EHF Cup, and they hope to do a better job in January.

The Polish team played in the continental top flight after a four-year absence, and even if they did not claim any points, they got some valuable experience which should help them to improve. "Despite the defeats, our performances have given us a lot, because we gained more confidence," says head coach Robert Lis.

In the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, they had to compete with heavyweights such as Rostov-Don and CSM Bucuresti, so it was always going to be a big ask. But in the EHF Cup, the rivals are more of Lublin's calibre, so the Polish team will try to fight for the quarter-final spots. "We still have a bit of time to have a deeper analysis of our group opponents, however, we all know a very high level of the national leagues in Denmark, Romania and Hungary. We will face really strong players with big experience also in their national teams, but I guess that our recent experience from DELO Women's EHF Champions League will bring some good results," team captain Weronika Gawlik says. In Europe's premier club competition this season, Lublin scored only 123 goals in six matches, just 20.5 goals on average per game. If they want to be more competitive in the EHF Cup, they certainly have to be more efficient in attack.

Road to the group phase

4th ranked from the EHF Champions League group matches

GROUP B

@ Rostov-Don	L31:21 (21:11)
vs Team Esbjerg	L22:28 (15:12)
@ CSM Bucuresti	L35:19 (16:10)
vs CSM Bucuresti	L19:28 (10:17)
vs Rostov-Don	L20:30 (12:20)
@ Team Esbjerg	L35:22 (20:9)

Newcomers:

Valentina Blazevic, Karolina Kochaniak, Natalia Nosek (all from SPR Pogon Szczecin), Joanna Gadzina (EKS Start Elblag), Aleksandra Olek (SMS Plock), Dominika Wieckowska (Korona Handball Kielce)

Left the club:

Aleksandra Januchta (MTS Zory), Valiantsina Nestiaruk, Ewa Urtnowska (both pregnant), Agnieszka Kowalska (MKS Karkonosze Jelenia Gora)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Quarter-final (2): 1999/2000, 2001/02
Last 16 (1): 1995/96
Group Matches (6): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2019/20

Other EC records:

EHF Cup: Winners 2000/01
Quarter-finalists: 2007/08, 2009/10

Challenge Cup: Winners 2017/18

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finalists: 2014/15

Polish league: 21 titles (1995-2003, 2005-2010, 2013-2016, 2018, 2019)

Polish cup: 11 titles (1996-1998, 2000-2002, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2018)

MKS Lublin S.A. (POL)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
12	Weronika	Gawlik	POL	Goalkeeper	20.10.1986	Gliwice, POL	180
1	Monika	Nozka	POL	Goalkeeper	15.02.1982	Lublin, POL	175
89	Kinga	Achruk	POL	Centre Back	09.01.1989	Pulawy, POL	181
7	Mia Marie Tarp	Moldrup	DEN	Right Back	06.04.1991	Esbjerg, DEN	180
15	Malgorzata	Stasiak	POL	Right Back	05.11.1988	Skwierzyna, POL	177
10	Marta	Gega	POL	Left Back	16.04.1986	Bielawa, POL	184
55	Joanna	Gadzina	POL	Left Wing	01.09.1992	Nowy Sacz, POL	164
14	Patrycja	Krolikowska	POL	Right Wing	15.05.1992	Lodz, POL	160
13	Sylwia	Matuszczyk	POL	Line Player	11.06.1992	Zory, POL	172
16	Gabrijela	Besen	CRO	Goalkeeper	06.12.1994	Zagreb, CRO	179
47	Karolina	Kochaniak	POL	Back	05.07.1995	Szczecin, POL	175
6	Joanna	Szarawaga	POL	Line Player	02.04.1994	Debno, POL	185
4	Aneta	Labuda	POL	Right Wing	07.01.1995	Zary, POL	160
77	Valentina	Blazevic	CRO	Centre Back	14.02.1994	Split, CRO	170
24	Dagmara	Nocun	POL	Left Wing	02.01.1996	Kolno, POL	166
66	Aleksandra	Rosiak	POL	Left Back	07.07.1997	Lubin, POL	177
39	Natalia	Nosek	POL	Right Back	20.04.1998	Kraków, POL	179
8	Dominika	Wieckowska	POL	Left Back	08.04.1998	Kielce, POL	178
2	Aleksandra	Olek	POL	Line Player	31.10.2000	Lublin, POL	179



MKS Lublin S.A. (POL)

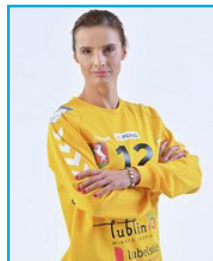
Coach and key players profiles



Robert Lis coach

- former line player who joined Lublin as a coach in 2017, his first women's team
- assisted Talant Dujshbaev as Poland men's coach at 2016 Rio Olympics
- played more than a decade in France, with spells at Dunkerque, Paris and Istres, and participated in all European Cups as a player
- grew up in Warsaw where he ended his playing career in 2012

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



Weronika Gawlik goalkeeper

- captain who joined the club in 2011; also key player for Polish national team
- previously played for GZKS Sosnica Gliwice in her native town
- recently graduated from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
- very active in marketing initiatives launched by the team management

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



Dagmara Nocun left wing

- was Lublin's second-best scorer in successful Challenge Cup 2017/18 season with 54 goals
- with Lublin since 2014, developed well in 2015/16 on loan at MKS Olimpia-Beskid
- very fast left wing and especially dangerous in fast-break situations
- known for her media skills, interviewing players for club channel MKS Lublin TV

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



Kinga Achruk centre back

- one of few Polish players with multiple European Cups: CL winner with Buducnost in 2014/15 and Challenge Cup winner with Lublin in 2017/18
- her mother also played for Lublin in the 1980s
- previously played for MKS rivals Zagłębie
- Lublin's best scorer in CL group matches in 2019/20 season, with 18 goals

EC trophies: CL 2015, Challenge Cup 2018

GROUP C



Playing hall

Erd Arena
Velencei ut 39-41
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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange/black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red, yellow

Dark

Player shirt: black/orange
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Érd (HUN)

The team in a little city right next to Hungarian capital Budapest hope to emerge from the shadows and display their true potential in this season's EHF Cup. Érd's young and talented squad already showed what they are capable of as they beat Siófok KC in the domestic league and engaging FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria in a tough battle, before losing. In the Women's EHF Cup, Erd qualified for the group phase thanks to a confident win against Russian side Kuban and this is just the beginning.

The club's management made it clear, it is time to bring home a trophy. Although the organisation currently is in its most successful period since being founded 45 years ago, they have never finished at the top. This could also help the players as their thirst for success is at a record high-level.

Edina Szabó, head coach of the side has not succeeded in leading ÉRD to a title yet, but it is clear her 15 years in the French national team's staff and having won the EHF Cup with Cornexi-Alcoa-HSB in 2005 will come in handy. Her experience may be worth its weight in gold. The goal is set, although the club's sporting director Marianne Rácz knows that they need to enjoy and value every little step. "Our team has qualified again to the EHF Cup group phase by beating Kuban. We are very proud of this achievement.

"The group we are in is very balanced. We will have to confirm our potential against very good teams, but this is what the EHF Cup is about. Our players are very motivated, we will do everything so we can advance to the next round and continue our European adventure."

The 23-year-old centre back Gabriella Tóth has already won Women's EHF Champions League in 2017, next to multiple Hungarian league and cup titles with Győri Audi ETO KC. However, she wanted to show her talent with another club and her courage paid off as she is currently the team's top scorer in the domestic championship with 56 goals after 10 rounds.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: vs Kuban	W39:32 (21:17)
2nd leg: @ Kuban	L30:25 (19:13)
Aggregate score:	64:62

Newcomers:

Rita Termány (MTK Budapest), Réka Bizikova (Motherson-Mosonmagyaróvár), Alexandra Do Nascimento (ALBA)

Left the club:

Coralie Lassource (Brest)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Cup:
Semi-finalists (1): 2014/15

Hungarian league: -
Hungarian cup: -

Érd (HUN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
1	Szvetlana	Gridnyeva	HUN	Goalkeeper	26.08.1973	Stavropolskiy, RUS	180
3	Alexandra Priscila Do Nascimento		BRA	Right Wing	16.09.1981	Sao Paulo, BRA	179
91	Réka	Bízik	SVK	Left Wing	21.12.1991	Nove Zamky, SVK	169
14	Anett	Kisfaludy	HUN	Line Player	31.08.1990	Kapuvár, HUN	183
9	Jelena	Lavko	SRB	Right Back	06.07.1991	Zrenjanin, SRB	182
33	Katarina	Krpez-Slezák	SRB	Right Wing	02.05.1988	Sombor, SRB	169
97	Julie	Foggéa	FRA	Goalkeeper	28.08.1990	Les Abymes, FRA	181
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06.11.1991	Budapest, HUN	176
93	Szonja	Gávai	HUN	Left Wing	19.08.1993	Budapest, HUN	170
96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23.09.1996	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	175
51	Marketa	Jerabkova	CZE	Left Back	08.02.1996	Plzen, CZE	174
43	Rita	Termány	HUN	Left Back	01.01.1995	Budapest, HUN	185
24	Jovana	Kovacevic	SRB	Left Back	09.04.1996	Belgrade, SRB	178
23	Nikoletta	Kiss	HUN	Right Back	23.07.1996	Budapest, HUN	184
8	Laura	Szabó	HUN	Line Player	19.11.1997	Budapest, HUN	185
53	Natalie	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	29.03.2000	Munchen, GER	176
46	Gabriella	Landi	HUN	Left Back	20.11.2001	Budapest, HUN	181
32	Réka	Király	HUN	Right Wing	21.09.2001	Budapest, HUN	169
6	Armilla	Simon	HUN	Line Player	27.04.2000	Szeged, HUN	176
12	Zsuzsanna	Doszpoth	HUN	Goalkeeper	12.06.2000	Mateszalka, HUN	176
41	Lilla	Csáki	HUN	Right Wing	06.09.2003	Jaszbereny, HUN	162
83	Dorottya Zsófia	Kiss	HUN	Line Player	11.07.2003	Budapest, HUN	182



ÉRD (HUN)

Coach and key players profiles



Edina Szabó coach

- became head coach of ÉRD in 2010 when they were still a second-division team
- was national team player when she married fellow handball player Attila Borsos at a young age and the pair moved to France
- started coaching career in France, where she was part of national women's team staff for 15 years
- won the EHF Cup in 2005 with Cornexi-Alcoa-HSB

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2005



Kinga Janurik goalkeeper

- experienced, 1.76-metre tall goalkeeper, who is the team captain of ÉRD
- joined ÉRD in 2010 and has been part of all of the club's European Cup campaigns since
- had impressive national team debut at EHF EURO 2016, as her 60% save rate helped Hungary beat Montenegro and advance to main round



Gabriella Tóth centre back

- Hungarian international, who joined ÉRD on loan from Győr ahead of the 2017/18 season
- won the CL in 2017 as well as numerous domestic titles with Győr
- previously played for Veszprém, reaching the Last 16 in the Cup Winners' Cup in 2013/14

EC trophies: CL 2017



Alexandra do Nascimento right wing

- arrived at ÉRD from Alba in summer of 2019
- has loads of European Cup experience, mainly with Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich
- in 2012 became the first player from Brazil to be named IHF World Player of the Year
- was top scorer of the WCh in 2011 and helped Brazil win the world title two years later

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2013
WCh: G 2013

GROUP C



Playing hall

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black

CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-N. (ROU)

An all-Romanian tie for a place in the Women's EHF Cup's group phase ended with Corona Brasov taking the spoils, only to be provisionally suspended from EHF competitions after players of the club were presumed to have participated in an intravenous laser therapy session.

Agony led to ecstasy for Bistrita, who took their place in group B and will now face off with MKS Lublin from Poland, ÉRD from Hungary and Odense Handbold from Denmark. Bistrita did not progress after the tense double-header with Brasov, losing out on away goals in the 49:49 draw in the qualification round 3. However, Brasov were provisionally suspended after players allegedly underwent an intravenous laser therapy session considered a prohibited method. "We would have liked to qualify against Brasov, but it is what it is now. We must understand that this is not only about Gloria Bistrita now, it is about Romania and a Romanian team that must play at the highest level," said Gloria's coach, Horatiu Pasca.

Gloria are in their maiden season in an European competition, but this does not mean they do not have ambitions. "I think Odense are the clear favourites to win the group, but the battle for the second place is wide open," says Pasca. "We have players who amount for 750 games together at their national teams, they also played at the top in European competitions, so why not dream at progressing to the next phase?" adds Bistrita's coach. In their first seasons in the Romanian league, Bistrita relied on Romanian players, but understood that they needed upgrades if they were to compete at the highest level, both in the domestic league and in Europe. Two Belarussian back court players, Dzyana Ilyina and Nataliia Vasileuskaya, were recruited this season, while Darly Zoqbi de Paula, the Spanish goalkeeper who helped her side won the silver medal in the World Championship in December, was also brought in this summer.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: vs CSM Corona Brasov	L25:27 (15:13)
2nd leg: @ CSM Corona Brasov	W22:24 (11:13)
Aggregate score:	49:49
additionally qualified following the suspension of Corona	

Newcomers:

Mariana Costa (SCM Craiova), Dzyana Ilyina (SCM Gloria Buzau), Stefania Lazar (CSM Slatina), Andra Moroianu (Universitatea Cluj Napoca), Ljubica Nenezic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK), Nataliia Vasileuskaya (SCM Ramnicu Valcea), Darly Zoqbi de Paula (Buducnost), Diana Samant (Marta Baia Mare)

Left the club:

Ana Maria Mazareanu (Minaur Baia Mare), Almudena Rodriguez (Thüringer HC), Paula Garcia (Rincon Malaga), Stefania Lazar (loaned to Rapid Bucuresti), Daniela Todor (Rapid Bucuresti), Lia Cristina Santamarean (retired)

Past achievements

EHF Cup

EHF Cup: First season

Romanian league: -

Romanian cup: -

CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
15	Valentina Neli	Ardean Elisei	ROU	Left Wing	05.06.1982	Focsani, ROU	170
12	Darly	Zoqbi De Paula	ESP	Goalkeeper	25.08.1982	Ponte Nova, BRA	180
3	Magdalena Elena	Paraschiv	ROU	Right Wing	11.08.1982	Buzau, ROU	168
2	Elena Nicoleta	Dinca	ROU	Left Wing	02.07.1988	Slatina, ROU	173
18	Daniela Elena	Todor	ROU	Centre Back	18.11.1988	Ramnicu Vilcea, ROU	176
17	Teodora Adriana	Bloj	ROU	Left Back	31.01.1986	Targu Mures, ROU	182
4	Ioana Laura	Pristavita	ROU	Centre Back	20.07.1989	Bistrita, ROU	178
24	Daniela Constantina	Ratiu	ROU	Line Player	14.09.1988	Slatina, ROU	173
28	Natallia	Vasileuskaya	BLR	Right Back	23.02.1991	Zelva, BLR	174
25	Andreea Lucretia	Tetean	ROU	Left Back	25.02.1989	Bistrita, ROU	178
67	Costela Stefania	Lazar	ROU	Right Back	15.04.1989	Slatina, ROU	175
94	Ana-Maria	Inculet	ROU	Goalkeeper	21.10.1994	Iasi, ROU	182
16	Ljubica	Nenezic	MNE	Goalkeeper	15.01.1997	Podgorica, MNE	180
21	Dziyana	Ilyina	BLR	Centre Back	04.01.1996	Gomel, BLR	174
88	Mariana	Costa	BRA	Right Wing	14.10.1992	Sao Paulo/SP, BRA	168
5	Silvia	Szabo	ROU	Centre Back	03.07.1996	Odorheiu Secuiesc, ROU	175
79	Andra Liviana	Moroianu	ROU	Right Wing	15.09.2000	Constanta, ROU	167
9	Diana Anamaria	Samant	ROU	Line Player	31.08.2001	Timisoara, ROU	167
96	Bianca Adina	Zegrean	ROU	Left Wing	23.08.1996	Bistrita, ROU	168
8	Maria	Tanc	ROU	Centre Back	28.09.2000	Nassaud, ROU	172



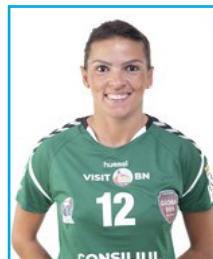
CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud (ROU)

Coach and key players profiles



Horatiu Pasca coach

- arrived at Bistrita in 2014, when the team was still in the second division
- first senior team was Universitatea Cluj, in 2013
- started coaching a junior team in 2007 and worked his way to the first league in 10 years
- was assistant to Romania national team coach Ambros Martin between 2017 and 2019



Darly Zoqbi de Paula goalkeeper

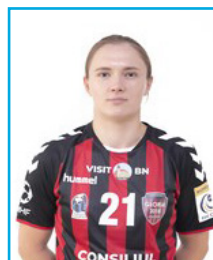
- Brazil-born goalkeeper with Spanish citizenship
- has been representing Spain since 2015; took part in 2008 Olympics for Brazil and in 2016 for Spain
- named best goalkeeper of French league in 2015 when playing for Fleury Loiret
- played in four different countries: Spain, France, Montenegro (Buducnost) and now Romania
- playing since age 13, moulding her craft after legendary Norwegian goalkeeper Cecilie Leganger

WCh: S 2017



Valentina Ardean Elisei left wing

- started career as left back
- had four serious injuries, including torn ligaments three times and a stress fracture in right foot
- one of the most decorated Romanian players, winning all EC competitions except for the CL, though she reached CL final with Oltschim in 2010
- scored 915 goals in 256 matches for Romania before retiring from the team in autumn of 2019



Dziyana Ilyina centre back

- 24-year-old Belarusian playmaker, who is in her third season with Bistrita
- started career at Gomel (BLR), later played for Astrakhanochka (RUS) and Vardar (MKD)
- was part of Vardar's squad that lost CL final to Győr in 2017
- has been playing for national team of Belarus since she was 17 years old

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018, Cup Winners' Cup 2007, Challenge Cup 2002
WC: S 2005, B 2015, EHF EURO: B 2010

GROUP C



Playing hall

Odense Idraetshal
Højstrupvej 5
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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red, green, blue

Dark

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

Odense Håndbold (DEN)

Having signed a bunch of star players in recent years, Odense Handbold have the ambition to win titles. So far, however, the Danish side have failed to finish on top of any podium - in Denmark and in Europe. Odense hope to land their maiden international title in the Women's EHF Cup this season.

It may be in the players' back of their mind that they failed to capitalise in recent years. However, there are so many internationally experienced players in the team that it should not become a real problem. With six Danish internationals, one Norwegian, one Dutch and one Swedish international in their squad, they have every chance of going all the way, but it will be interesting to see how the new head coach Karen Broedsgaard, who took over from the former national team coach Jan Pytlick just a couple of weeks before the group phase, will cope with the challenge.

When the versatile Dutch backcourt player Nycke Groot joined Odense from Győr Audi ETO KC, it was considered the greatest signing in women's handball in Denmark for many years. After injury problems at the start of the season, Groot has started to meet the high expectations. A Nycke Groot in her best form will be crucial to Odense's dreams of winning the EHF Cup.

After reaching the quarter-final of the EHF Champions League last season, it was a disappointment for Odense to miss out on Europe's top flight this season. However, they are eager to compensate by winning the EHF Cup, and considering their strong and deep squad, they have every right to dream of the title, although team captain Kamilla Larsen is cautious. "We look forward to the matches in group C, which I find to be very strong. I think the competition in all four groups is tough, and the road to the quarter-finals will not be easy," says Larsen, an experienced line player and three-time Champions League winner Slagelse DT.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: vs ESBF Besancon	W25:23 (10:14)
2nd leg: @ ESBF Besancon	W29:32 (13:16)
Aggregate score:	57:52

Newcomers:

Nycke Groot (Györi Audi ETO KC), Nathalie Hagman (CSM Bucuresti), Anne Mette Pedersen (Herning-Ikast Handbold)

Left the club:

Maja Jakobsen (Storhamar Handball Elite), Mathilde Schæfter (Nykøbing Falster Handbold Klub)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League:
Quarter-final (1): 2018/19

Women's EHF Cup:
Quarter-final (1): 2015/16

Women's Cup Winners' Cup:
Last 16 (1): 2013/14
Round 3 (1): 2014/15

Danish league: -
Danish cup: -

Odense Håndbold (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
18	Kamilla Birkedal	Larsen	DEN	Line Player	02.09.1983	Birkerød, DEN	183
17	Cornelia Nycke	Groot	NED	Centre Back	04.05.1988	Alkmaar, NED	175
4	Nathalie	Hagman	SWE	Right Back	19.07.1991	Farsta, SWE	167
33	Tess	Wester	NED	Goalkeeper	19.05.1993	Heehuggwaard, NED	178
25	Trine Østergaard	Jensen	DEN	Right Wing	17.10.1991	Skanderborg, DEN	165
36	Kathrine Brothmann	Heindahl	DEN	Line Player	26.03.1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
21	Anne Mette	Pedersen	DEN	Right Wing	25.10.1992	Galten, DEN	174
7	Susanne Astrup	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	13.07.1991	Allerød, DEN	180
28	Stine	Jørgensen	DEN	Left Back	03.09.1990	Brønderslev, DEN	180
6	Freja Cohrt	Kyndboel	DEN	Left Wing	20.01.1994	Odense, DEN	170
27	Nadia	Offendal	DEN	Centre Back	22.10.1994	Gentofte, DEN	172
8	Ingvild Kristiansen	Bakkerud	NOR	Left Back	09.07.1995	Kongsberg, NOR	184
16	Althea Rebecca	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01.09.1996	Aarhus, DEN	178
19	Sara Trier	Hald	DEN	Line Player	04.06.1996	Holstebro, DEN	175
3	Suzanne Ninna	Liessi Bækthøj	DEN	Left Wing	23.03.1996	Århus, DEN	165
14	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right Back	01.01.1996	Aarhus, DEN	193
10	Jessica	Da Silva Quintino	BRA	Right Wing	17.04.1991	San Paulo, BRA	172
32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Left Back	24.10.1997	Favrskov, DEN	173
9	Katja Nicoline	Johansen	DEN	Left Wing	30.04.2000	Munkebo, DEN	173



Odense Håndbold (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Karen Brødsgaard coach

- took over as head coach from Jan Pytlick in December 2019, day after Odense lost in Danish cup final to Herning-Ikast
- already worked at the club as assistant of Pytlick, and previously coached EH Aalborg
- former line player, who competed in the CL for Viborg, Larvik, Ikast and Aalborg, and won the EHF Cup two times with Viborg
- won Olympic gold with Denmark in 2000 and 2004 - both times with Pytlick as their coach

EC trophies: EHF Cup 1999, 2004
EURO: G 2002, S 1998, 2004; OG: G 2000, 2004



Nycke Groot centre back

- joined Odense in summer of 2019 after winning third straight CL title with Győr
- has become key player for Odense after suffering from injuries at start of season
- quit Dutch national team after EHF EURO 2018
- is fluent in Danish after playing seven seasons in total for Danish sides TTH and Midtjylland

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019; EHF Cup 2011; Cup Winners' Cup 2015
EURO: S 2016, B 2018; WCh: S 2015, B 2017



Nathalie Hagman right back

- joined in summer of 2019, replacing long-term injured Denmark international Mette Tranborg
- played in Denmark (TTH, Nykøbing) before representing CSM Bucuresti from 2017-2019
- became youngest ever debutant in Swedish national team in 2009
- hard-shooting right back, also strong on wing

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2016
EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Kathrine Heindahl lineplayer

- joined from league rivals Randers HK in 2017
- strong and effective line player, also strong in defence
- is a regular in the Danish national team since EHF EURO 2016 in Sweden
- runs an online shop selling textile products besides her handball career

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Group D head-to-heads & preview

Previous European Cup matches between group D teams

SG BBM Bietigheim vs Storhamar Handball Elite 1-0-1 (56:54) 2:2

05.01.2019 SG BBM Bietigheim vs Storhamar Handball Elite, EHF Cup – Group A

28:25 (15:12)

03.02.2019 Storhamar Handball Elite vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Cup – Group A

29:28 (12:16)

No other teams from group D have met before in a European Cup competition.

Teams with past successes clash in group D

Champions League finalist, EHF Cup winner, Women's Cup Winners' Cup winner, EHF Cup finalist... Those are just some of the past achievements of the teams in group D. And the group also includes a few world champions.

SG BBM Bietigheim had to put the disappointment of not making the cut for the main round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League behind them. To the German champions, success in the EHF Cup could make up for it. And with some freshly crowned world champions from Netherlands on board - right back Laura van der Heijden and right wing Angela Malestein - Bietigheim will show up with plenty of self-confidence.

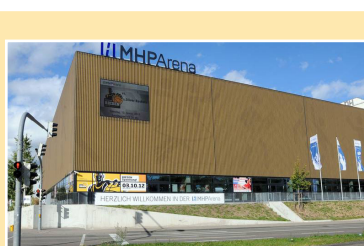
Winning the Women's EHF Cup twice before, in 2012 and 2014, are not the only European triumph for Lada. Besides reaching the final of the Champions League in 2006/07, the club from Togliatti also won the Cup Winners' Cup back in 2001. In their efforts to win the EHF Cup for the third time, Lada seem to stand with good chances. Coach Alexey Alekseev, who took over from legendary coach Evgeny Trefilov before the 2019/20 season, has three World Championship bronze medallists to work with: Anastasia Lagina, Olga Fomina and Elena Mikhaylichenko.

Herning-Ikast have also left their mark in European handball: the Danish side reached the EHF FINAL4 in 2014, won the EHF Cup as well as the Cup Winners' Cup twice. But the ambitious club does not want to stop there. Last season, the semi-final marked the end for Herning-Ikast, as another Danish team, Team Esbjerg, proved too strong.

This time, the team from Central Jutland may be looking for more, while their five Norwegian players will be looking particularly forward to the meetings with Storhamar Handball Elite. Last season's runners-up in Norway will be striving to at least repeat their achievement from last season, when they appeared in the quarter-final. The team guided by experienced coach Magnus Johansson is definitely a team to watch out for.

Peter Bruun

GROUP D



Playing hall

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Kit colours

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Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)

Like last season, SG BBM Bietigheim had to cope with an early elimination from the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, finishing fourth in the standings after the group matches. In contrast to the previous year, the German champions now hope to make it to the EHF Cup final, like they did in 2017, to present their outgoing coach Martin Albertsen with a fitting farewell present.

In the Champions League, the German champions had hardly any chance against Valcea, Brest and Buducnost, snatching only one victory from six matches. "We had to see that the gap was too big for us," said goalkeeper Dinah Eckerle, but their group in the EHF Cup is far from easy as well, with Herning-Ikast, Lada and Storhamar.

Also, the recent World Championship in Japan could affect Bietigheim. Four players - Dinah Eckerle, Kim Naidzinavicius, Luisa Schulze and Amelie Berger - were part of the German national team that was deeply disappointed after squandering an excellent chance to reach the semi-finals, or at least a berth for the Olympic qualification tournament. On the other hand, two Dutch Bietigheim players will be flying on the wings of success when they arrive back at their club: Laura van der Heijden and Angela Malestein won gold with Netherlands.

Albertsen's departure will be rather a motivation than a setback. The coach announced his future plans very early, so everybody could cope with the situation. The players are highly motivated to gift their coach with two domestic trophies and now hope for international success in the EHF Cup.

Road to the group phase

4th ranked from the EHF Champions League group matches

GROUP C

@ SCM Ramnicu Valcea	L34:27 (20:18)
vs Buducnost	L23:30 (12:14)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball	L32:35 (18:17)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball	L36:30 (18:15)
vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea	W31:28 (13:14)
@ Buducnost	L34:28 (18:14)

Newcomers:

Maren Nyland Aardahl (Byåsen HE), Amelie Berger (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen), Daphne Gautschi (Metz Handball), Leonie Patorra (own youth academy)

Left the club:

Daniela Gustin (Horsens HK)

Past achievements

Champions League:

Main Round (1): 2017/18

Group Matches (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

EHF Cup:

Finalists: 2016/17

Group Phase: 2018/19

German league: 2 titles (2017, 2019)

SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
3	Maura	Visser	NED	Centre Back	01.06.1985	s-Gravenhage, NED	178
14	Karolina	Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	Left Back	17.01.1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178
10	Anna	Loerper	GER	Centre Back	18.11.1984	Kempen, GER	165
23	Valentyina	Salamakha	AZE	Goalkeeper	23.04.1986	Kirowograd, UKR	176
5	Antje	Lauenroth	GER	Line Player	03.10.1988	Hablensleben, GER	170
11	Laura	Van der Heijden	NED	Right Back	27.06.1990	Amersfoort, NED	173
21	Fie	Woller	DEN	Left Wing	17.09.1992	Herning, DEN	171
26	Antje Angela	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31.01.1993	Spankenburg, NED	174
15	Kim	Naidzinavicius	GER	Centre Back	06.04.1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
13	Luisa	Schulze	GER	Line Player	14.09.1990	Altenburg, GER	190
12	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16.10.1995	Leonberg, GER	174
34	Kim	Braun	GER	Left Wing	06.02.1997	Eupen, BEL	175
6	Maren Nyland	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02.03.1994	Trondheim, NOR	180
17	Daphné	Gautschi	SUI	Left Back	09.07.2000	Muri, SUI	171
8	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Wing	22.07.1999	Tübingen, GER	170
16	Joelle Noemi	Arno	GER	Goalkeeper	12.02.2001	Spaichingen, GER	175
19	Leonie	Patorra	GER	Centre Back	26.07.2001	Esslingen, GER	174
4	Ann	Kynast	GER	Right Wing	06.06.2001	Ludwigsburg, GER	174



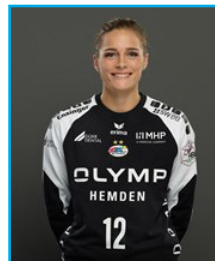
SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)

Coach and key players profiles



Martin Albertsen coach

- coached Viborg, Randers, Leipzig and Kobenhavn before joining Bietigheim in December 2014
- is in his last season with the club before becoming head of Swiss women's handball academy in 2020; will be replaced by Markus Gaugisch
- won EHF Cup with Viborg in 2003/04
- has been combining his tasks at Bietigheim with coaching the national Swiss team since 2017



Dinah Eckerle goalkeeper

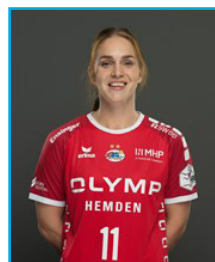
- arrived at Bietigheim in the summer of 2018 to replace Dutch goalkeeper Tess Wester
- previously played for German champions THC and competed in her first CL match at age 17
- No. 1 goalkeeper in German national team
- was third-best goalkeeper in terms of saved shots at WCh 2019 in Japan

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



Kim Naidzinavicius left back

- captain of Bietigheim and German national team
- suffered from severe injuries in recent seasons and had to miss WCh 2017 and EHF EURO 2018
- arrived from Leverkusen prior to 2016/17 and became third-best Bundesliga scorer that season
- first played for German national team at age 21, was youngest member of team that won gold at under-20 WCh 2008



Laura van der Heijden right back

- club's biggest signing in recent years, arriving from Hungarian CL side FTC in summer of 2018
- previously played for Esbjerg, Oldenburg and VOC
- scored crucial last goal vs Russia in semi-final of WCh 2019, and Netherlands went on to win gold
- has full set of WCh medals since triumph in Japan

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

GROUP D



Playing hall

IBF Arena
Stadion Allé 2b
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Capacity: 2,250

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: purple
Goalkeeper shirt: blue, red, yellow

Dark

Player shirt: purple
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue, red, yellow

Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)

After reaching the Women's EHF Cup semi-finals last season and the Women's EHF Champions League quarter-finals in 2016/17 and 2017/18, Herning-Ikast Handbold have some rather proud traditions in European handball. If we go back a bit further, a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 berth in 2014 makes their European history even prouder. This season, Herning-Ikast obviously hope to progress from the group phase once again, but they find themselves in a tough group.

A player like Louise Burgaard is not easily replaced, and her absence can be seen this season. However, the return of Norwegian international Stine Skogrand from maternity leave has meant that Herning-Ikast are still well equipped at right back. What can Mathias Madsen, who was promoted from assistant to head coach before this season, do with the team? The challenge of succeeding Kristian Kristensen as head coach is obvious. There is no doubt, however, that Mathias Madsen has learned a lot from his years as assistant to Kristensen. Furthermore, Madsen has previous head coach experience from his time at Silkeborg-Voel. His experience as a strong and uncompromising defender for several Danish league clubs before becoming a coach will also come in useful.

Storhamar Handball Elite, SG BBM Bietigheim and Handball Club Lada are Herning-Ikast's opponents in group D, and Mathias Madsen considers this group to be the strongest of all four groups. "I also expect it to be a close one, especially among Bietigheim, Lada and ourselves, whom I all expect to be better than Storhamar. "Our objective in the Women's EHF Cup, however, is to qualify for the quarter-finals," said the head coach.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: @ Nykøbing Falster Håndbold D23:23 (13:13)
2nd leg: vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold W31:26 (15:12)
Aggregate score: 54:49

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: vs HC Gomel W33:21 (15:11)
2nd leg: @ HC Gomel L25:21 (14:13)
Aggregate score: 54:46

Newcomers:

Julie Jensen (EH Aalborg), Vilde Johansen (Tertnes Bergen), Jeanett Kristiansen (Vipers Kristiansand), Naja Nissen (back from loan to Ringkøbing Håndbold)

Left the club:

Louise Burgaard (Metz Handball), Anne Mette Pedersen (Odense Håndbold), Mie Augustesen (retired), Trine Troelsen (retired)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:
EHF FINAL4 (1) 2013/14
Semi-final (1): 2002/03
Quarter-final (4): 1998/99, 2004/05, 2016/17, 2017/18

EHF Cup:
Winner (2): 2001/02, 2010/11
Final (1): 2006/07
Semi-final (3): 2007/08, 2012/13, 2018/19
Quarter-final (1): 2005/06
Group phase (1): 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup: Winner (2): 2003/04, 2014/15

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

Danish cup: eight titles (1990, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020)

Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
16	Sabine	Englert	GER	Goalkeeper	27.11.1981	Aschaffenburg, GER	183
11	Sarah	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	10.04.1990	Frederiksberg, DEN	177
7	Stine Ruscetta	Skogrand	NOR	Right Back	03.03.1993	Bergen, NOR	173
25	Tonje	Loeseth	NOR	Left Back	01.01.1991	Bergen, NOR	183
20	Jeanett Egebakken	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	24.12.1992	Stavanger, NOR	179
1	Jessica	Ryde	SWE	Goalkeeper	18.05.1994	Östra Torn, SWE	185
13	Julie Horslund	Gantzel Pedersen	DEN	Line Player	13.04.1994	Ikast-Brande, DEN	173
17	Mathilde	Bjerregaard	DEN	Line Player	09.08.1993	Horsens, DEN	185
5	Vilde Ingeborg	Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25.07.1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182
19	Annika	Jakobsen	DEN	Right Wing	25.02.1997	Horsens, DEN	169
8	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Centre Back	31.01.1997	Bærum, NOR	177
15	Emma Cecilie	Uhrskov Friis	DEN	Left Wing	31.10.1999	Herning, DEN	162
18	Henriette	Hansen	DEN	Right Back	20.07.1998	Varde, DEN	178
14	Emilie Bodholdt	Steffensen	DEN	Left Back	22.05.2001	Ikast-Brande, DEN	180
4	Michala Elsberg	Moller	DEN	Centre Back	16.02.2000	Aalborg, DEN	175
12	Louise Bak	Jensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	02.10.2001	Thisted, DEN	180
6	Cecilie Hojgaard	Brandt	DEN	Right Wing	16.11.2001	Viborg, DEN	169
10	Naja Nissen	Kristensen	DEN	Left Wing	10.08.1999	Ikast-Brande, DEN	177
2	Liv Sveinbjornsdottir	Poulsen	FAR	Right Wing	27.12.2001	Vestmanna, FAR	173
22	Olivia	Simonsen	DEN	Left Back	14.08.2000	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	185
21	Maja Edling	Lauritsen	DEN	Left Wing	21.05.2001	Ikast-Brande, DEN	174
28	Julie	Jensen	DEN	Right Back	25.02.1996	Aalborg, DEN	183
23	Mathilde Berg	Boesen	DEN	Centre Back	15.02.2001	Vejle, DEN	170
9	Sidsel Rygaard	Poulsen	DEN	Line Player	28.02.2000	Ikast-Brande, DEN	175



Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)

Coach and key players profiles



Mathias Madsen coach

- former assistant coach who took over from Kristian Kristensen in summer of 2019
- previously coached league rivals Silkeborg-Voel
- was a versatile backcourt player and effective defender in his playing days
- played CL for GOG and Bjerringbro-Silkeborg



Helene Fauske centre back

- joined from Norwegian side Stabæk IF in 2017
- flexible and creative playmaker with a fine eye for the game and a good shot
- scored 70 goals and was second on top scorers list of EHF Cup season 2018/19
- suffered brain concussion in autumn 2019 but fully recovered
- made national team debut in June 2017 and won WCh silver with Norway six months later

WCh: S 2017



Jeanett Kristiansen left back

- joined from Vipers in summer of 2019
- versatile backcourt player who can also play on the left wing
- brought valuable international experience from Norwegian national team and Norwegian clubs Glassverket and Vipers
- younger sister of Győr star Veronica Kristiansen, who previously also played for Herning-Ikast



Stine Skogrand right back

- joined from league rivals and neighbours Silkeborg-Voel KFUM in 2018
- back from maternity leave for 2019/20 season
- replacing Denmark international Louise Burgaard, who left for Metz after 2018/19 season
- married to Norwegian international Eivind Tangen

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

GROUP D



Playing hall

Lada Arena
Botanicheskaya Street 5
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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: white
Player short: gray
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Handball Club Lada (RUS)

Similar to last season, Russia has just one team in the Women's EHF Cup group phase. In 2018/19 it was Kuban, who went on to reach the quarter-final, and this time it is Handball Club Lada, who are determined to do even better. The Togliatti-based team won the EHF Cup in 2012 and 2014, and obviously they would like to emulate that result. However, Lada have gone through a lot of changes in the summer of 2019, when four important players left to the newly founded CSKA Moscow, and the head coach Alexander Khomutov was replaced by Alexey Alekseev. The renovated team has been playing quite well in the Russian league, but it remains to be seen how they will do in the EHF Cup. Despite many lucrative offers, Daria Dmitrieva had been loyal to her home town club for several years, but in the summer of 2019 she signed with CSKA Moscow. It is a huge loss for Lada, as Dmitrieva had been a true leader of the team, and she is hard to replace.

Previous leaders may go elsewhere, but Lada continue to generate new talents. The 18-year-old left back Elena Mikhaylichenko, who was born and raised in Togliatti, is seen as one of the prodigies in the Russian handball. In 2019, she made her debut in the Russia's national team and won bronze in the World Championship, which has certainly gave her some important international experience. After captaining the Russian national team to the gold medal at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, the right back Irina Bliznova decided to retire from handball. She became a teacher of physical education at a college in Togliatti and enjoyed her job, but three years later decided to resume her playing career. In the summer, Bliznova signed with Lada, where she had played for many years in the past, and the 33-year-old even harbours hopes to return to the national team.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: @ HC Zvezda	W24:36 (14:16)
2nd leg: vs HC Zvezda	W34:28 (15:15)
Aggregate score:	70:52

Newcomers:

Anna Golubeva (BNTU-BelAZ), Natalia Reshetnikova (Universitet Izhevsk), Viktoriya Shamanouskaya (HC Gomel), Anastasiia Portyagina (Universitet Izhevsk), Itina Bliznova (came out of retirement)

Left the club:

Daria Dmitrieva (CSKA Moscow), Kristina Tarasova (Astrakhanochka), Maria Gafonova (Astrakhanochka), Elena Utkina (CSKA Moscow), Polina Vedekhina (CSKA Moscow), Polina Gorshkova (CSKA Moscow)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League records:

Final (1): 2006/07
Semi-final (1): 2007/08
Quarter-final (3): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06

Other European cup records:

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2002

EHF Cup: Winner: 2012, 2014

Russian league: 6 titles (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008)
Russian cup: 1 title (2006)

Handball Club Lada (RUS)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
6	Irina	Bliznova	RUS	Right Back	06.10.1986	Krasnodar, RUS	183
7	Julia	Kakmolja	RUS	Line Player	08.03.1986	Togliatti, RUS	174
2	Olga	Fomina	RUS	Right Wing	17.04.1989	Samarsk, RUS	176
18	Ekaterina	Gaiduk	RUS	Right Back	07.03.1989	Togliatti, RUS	183
77	Anastasia	Novoselova	RUS	Right Wing	11.04.1990	Togliatti, RUS	170
31	Daria	Dereven	RUS	Goalkeeper	02.03.1992	Togliatti, RUS	183
14	Veronika	Nikitina	RUS	Left Back	16.05.1992	Togliatti, RUS	175
22	Natalia	Reshetnikova	RUS	Left Wing	16.04.1991	Izhevsk, RUS	165
10	Viktoryia	Shamanouskaya	BLR	Line Player	08.08.1993	Minsk, BLR	172
75	Alena	Amelchenko	RUS	Line Player	07.07.1995	St.-Petersburg, RUS	182
93	Irina	Mikhaylyuta	RUS	Goalkeeper	16.06.1993	Krasnodar, RUS	186
23	Anna	Golubeva	RUS	Left Back	14.12.1993	Togliatti, RUS	181
1	Anastasia	Lagina	RUS	Goalkeeper	11.08.1995	Yaroslavl, RUS	178
21	Aleksandra	Sannikova	RUS	Right Wing	26.01.1993	Togliatti, RUS	166
28	Alena	Blokhina	RUS	Left Wing	09.09.1993	Togliatti, RUS	174
47	Valentina	Barynina	RUS	Left Wing	22.10.1996	Togliatti, RUS	171
24	Tatiana	Utkina	RUS	Line Player	16.08.2000	Togliatti, RUS	179
36	Anastasia	Portyagina	RUS	Back	09.04.1995	Togliatti, RUS	188
25	Olga	Sherbak	RUS	Back	14.03.1998	Sevastopol, RUS	177
9	Eva	Demidovich	RUS	Right Back	23.01.2001	Togliatti, RUS	174
35	Valeriia	Kirdiasheva	RUS	Centre Back	28.11.2000	Buzuluk, RUS	176
8	Elena	Mikhaylichenko	RUS	Left Back	14.09.2001	Togliatti, RUS	177
88	Elena	Smirnova	RUS	Left Back	27.05.2000	Pikalevo, RUS	172
5	Oksana	Ustimchuk	RUS	Right Wing	16.07.2001	Togliatti, RUS	162
45	Polina	Masalova	RUS	Right Back	09.01.2000	Togliatti, RUS	174



Handball Club Lada (RUS)

Coach and key players profiles



Alexey Alekseev coach

- replaced Alexander Khomutov as Lada's head coach in the summer of 2019
- prior to that, worked as coach at Luch Moscow for 15 years
- born in Moscow, spent most of his playing career at Kuntsevo; also had spells at CSKA Moscow, German and Qatari clubs
- also works as assistant coach to Ambros Martin in Russian national team



Olga Fomina right wing

- formerly known as Olga Chernovivanenko, started career at Lada (2006-14) and also played for Vardar (2014-16) and Rostov (2016-17)
- gave birth to her son, Miron, in 2018 and returned to Lada late in 2018/19 season
- played at six major tournaments with Russia's national team but won her first medal (bronze) at the WCh 2019 in Japan

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2012, 2014

WCh: B 2019



Elena Mikhaylichenko left back

- the 18-year-old is a rising star of Russian handball
- born in Togliatti, first played handball at age nine
- winner and MVP of Youth WCh 2018
- made debut in senior national team in 2019, was part of team that won bronze at WCh in Japan

WCh: B 2019



Irina Bliznova right back

- born in Krasnodar but spent entire career at Lada
- played 124 games for Russia in 2005-16
- briefly retired from handball after winning gold at 2016 Olympics, where she was team captain
- worked as physical education teacher but came out of retirement in 2019 to play for Lada again

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2012

OG: G 2016, S 2008; WCh: G 2005, 2007; EURO: S 2006

GROUP D



Playing hall

Boligpartner Arena
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Capacity: 1,626

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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

Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)

In only their fourth European season and third in the EHF Cup, Storhamar Handball Elite are trying to reach the quarter-final for a second straight season. The runners-up from the Norwegian league had their best European result so far last year. They return to the group phase with a few changes to the squad and a new coach on the bench.

This trio were obviously the three most prominent names among the nine players in total who left Storhamar before the season. While only six new players were added, Storhamar are doing well in the domestic league in Norway, where they are ranked second. Also, they have eliminated Metraco Zaglebie Lubin from Poland and fellow Norwegian side Tertnes Bergen from the EHF Cup in the last two qualification rounds.

What effect has the change of coach, with Karl Magnus Johansson replacing Arne Senstad, as late as 3 October? Johansson seems to have created stability in the team, and the Swede has certainly brought some experience with him, which comes in useful to Storhamar for the upcoming EHF Cup tasks. Storhamar have been drawn into a tough group, according to team captain Mia Svele. "Herning-Ikast have many Norwegian players we know well, and we know they have a lot of speed and physical strength," Svele said. "We know Bietigheim from our group matches last season. They have a good team, but they fit us well."

The only unknown factor in the group is Lada. Storhamar have not played against them before but they are aware of the strengths of the second-place team from the Russian league. After the off-season departures of experienced goalkeepers Chana Mason and Alma Hasanic, a lot of responsibility is now resting on the shoulders of Stine Lidén, who is back in the Storhamar goal. So far, the 31-year-old shot stopper has lived up to that task, but she will have to keep the momentum going in the group phase if Storhamar's dreams of reaching the knockout stage are to come true.

Road to the group phase

EHF Cup, qualification round 3

1st leg: @ Tertnes Bergen	L31:26 (15:14)
2nd leg: vs Tertnes Bergen	W39:13 (14:7)
Aggregate score:	65:44

EHF Cup, qualification round 2

1st leg: @ Metraco Zaglebie Lubin	W22:38 (11:22)
2nd leg: vs Metraco Zaglebie Lubin	W27:20 (12:11)
Aggregate score:	65:42

Newcomers:

Tonje Lerstad (Molde), Linn Andresen (Stabæk IF), Maja Jakobsen (Odense Handbold), Maria Keiserås Haugen (Melhus), Maren Sjaamo (Kongsvinger), Emilie Hovden (Fana)

Left the club:

Tina Engan (retired), Kristin Høybakken (retired), Malene Ambakk (Molde), Chana Masson (CSKA Moscow), Heidi Løke (Vipers Kristiansand), Anna Sofie Sandberg (Flisa), Alma Hasanic Grizovic (Larvik), Synne Fossheim (Flint Tønsberg), Simona Szarkova (DHK Banik Most)

Past achievements

EHF Cup:
Group phase (1): 2018/19
Round 3 (1): 2008/09

Cup Winners' Cup
Quarter-final (1): 2009/10

Norwegian league: -
Norwegian cup: -

Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height
3	Gabriella	Juhasz	HUN	Left Wing	19.03.1985	Kisvarda, HUN	170
8	Maja	Jakobsen	NOR	Right Back	28.03.1990	Gjøvik, NOR	172
7	Ellen Marie	Folkvord	NOR	Line Player	18.05.1990	Tonsberg, NOR	168
1	Stine	Lidèn	NOR	Goalkeeper	31.05.1988	Lorenskog, NOR	186
22	Betina	Riegelhuth	NOR	Left Back	17.06.1987	Oslo, NOR	178
21	Moa Amanda	Fredriksson	SWE	Back	17.12.1991	Gothenburg, SWE	173
10	Kristin	Venn	NOR	Left Wing	05.03.1994	Trondheim, NOR	168
11	Tonje	Enkerud	NOR	Back	21.08.1994	Elverum, NOR	176
5	Johanna Hacsonesy	Lombardo	FRA	Back	30.01.1993	Toulouse, FRA	170
12	Tonje	Haug Lerstad	NOR	Goalkeeper	09.10.1996	Trondheim, NOR	177
26	Emilie Margrethe	Hovden	NOR	Right Wing	05.04.1996	Bergen, NOR	160
33	Guro	Nestaker	NOR	Back	15.08.1998	Gjovik, NOR	180
25	Maren	Sjaamo	NOR	Back	09.01.2001	Hamar, NOR	176
14	Linn	Andresen	NOR	Back	16.06.1997	Bærum, NOR	173
20	Mia	Solberg Svele	NOR	Back	16.04.2001	Elverum, NOR	174
6	Elise	Skinnehaugen	NOR	Right Wing	03.06.1996	Hamar, NOR	168
9	Anna	Mortvedt	NOR	Wing	03.11.2000	Elverum, NOR	170
16	Lea	Løkke-Øwre	NOR	Goalkeeper	12.01.2001	Kristiansand, NOR	169
18	Madelen	Fjeld	NOR	Back	22.05.2001	Hamar, NOR	158
23	Maria	Keiserås Haugen	NOR	Line Player	27.09.1999	Melhus, NOR	180



Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)

Coach and key players profiles



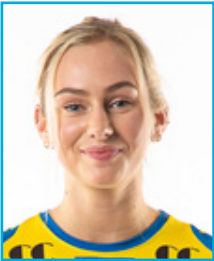
Karl Magnus Johansson coach

- replaced Arne Senstad in October 2019, having led CSM Bucuresti for part of 2018/19
- previously worked successfully with several Swedish top clubs, most notably IK Sävehof from 2012-16
- also worked was women's national team coach in Sweden from 2008-11
- is an experienced and tactically skilled coach



Stine Lidèn goalkeeper

- joined Storhamar in 2008 from Fejlhammer IL
- came out of retirement for 2018/19 season
- has important role since departure of both Chana Masson and Alma Hasanic
- 1.86-metre tall goalkeeper with a good reach
- played three internationals for Norway, in 2013



Mia Solberg Svele left back

- one of Norway's biggest talents
- only 18 years old, but with huge potential
- had to recover from a back injury lately
- daughter of former top player and current TV commentator, Bent Svele



Guto Nestaker centre back

- joined from league rivals Oppsal IF in 2018
- at 21, already a reliable playmaker
- gets more responsibility because of leadig player Betina Riegelhuth's injury break
- has recently extended her contract with Storhamar for another three years
- first called up for Norwegian national team for two test matches in September 2019

Last season's top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Kobetic Andrea (CRO)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	75
2	Fauske Helene Gigstad (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	70
3	Nze Minko Estelle (FRA)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	65
4	Polman Estavana (NED)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	61
5	Riegelhuth Betina (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	55
6	Liscevic Kristina (SRB)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	54
	Norgaard Osterballe Ann Grete (DEN)	Viborg HK (DEN)	54
8	Golub Diana (RUS)	Kuban (RUS)	50
9	Gonzalez Alvarez Mireya (ESP)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	48
10	Böhme Simone (DEN)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	45
11	Solberg Sanna Charlotte (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	44
12	Skorobogatchenko Antonina (RUS)	Kuban (RUS)	42
13	Haugsted Line (DEN)	Viborg HK (DEN)	41
14	Friis Emma Cecilie Uhrskov (DEN)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	40
	Ingstad Vilde Mortensen (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	40
16	Moldovan Ada Emilia (ROU)	Sports Club Magura Cisnădie (ROU)	39
17	Breistøl Kristine (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	38
18	Malestein Antje Angela (NED)	SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)	37
19	Housheer Dione (NED)	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold - NFH (DEN)	36
20	Aoustin Camille (FRA)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	35
	Chigirina Natalia (RUS)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	35
	Debelic Ana (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	35
	Minevskaja Ewgenija (GER)	TusSies Metzingen (GER)	35

Past winners

WOMEN'S



2019 Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)



2018 SCM Craiova (ROU)



Previous EHF Cup winners

2017	HC Rostov-Don	RUS
2016	Dunaujvárosi KKA	HUN
2015	Team Tvis Holstebro	DEN
2014	HC Lada Togliatti	RUS
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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	Debreceni VSC	HUN
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1994	Viborg HK	DEN

Previous Cup Winners' Cup winners

2016	Team Tvis Holstebro	DEN
2015	FC Midtjylland	DEN
2014	Viborg HK	DEN
2013	HYPO Niederösterreich	AUT
2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungária	HUN
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2010	Budućnost T-Mobile	MNE
2009	FCK Handbold 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'Elia Valencia	ESP
1999	Baekkelagets Oslo	NOR
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1997	Istochnik Rostov	RUS
1996	Giessen Lützellinden	GER
1995	Dunaferr SE	HUN
1994	Tus Walle Bremen	GER

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