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I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

In almost three decades of EHF Champions League history there has hardly ever been as much excitement as for the upcoming 28th edition, and not only because all handball fans eagerly await new match action after the previous season was stopped by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Europe's premium competitions open their new chapter after the EHF has teamed up with Infront and DAZN for the next decade and the EHF Champions League will get a fresh look across several layers.

New brand, new playing system and new trophy

Already before the group phase the new attractive brand identity has been rolled out, the competition will be played in a new playing system and also the playing times have been fixed with weekends reserved for the DELO EHF Champions League and Wednesdays and Thursdays for the EHF Champions League Men. On every match day an appointment to view has been confirmed with all matches starting either at 16:00 or 18:00 (CET/CEST) on Saturdays and 14:00 or 16:00 on Sundays.

Both competitions open as usual with a group phase, though this time only two groups of eight teams are starting the long and exciting road to the EHF FINAL4.

The group phase will be followed by the play-offs and the quarter-finals, to find the four teams that will battle for the prestigious title in Budapest.

16 elite teams on the starting grid

The number of participating teams has remained at 16 and ten countries from almost all the corners of the continent are represented.

Most of the teams have a rich history in the European top-flight and besides the record holders with the biggest number of participations, like HC Podravka Vegeta (27) and RK Krim Mercator (26), also the most decorated team can be found among the participants with Györi Audi ETO KC (5 titles). In total, there will be five former EHF Champions League winners on the starting grid when the race for the newly designed trophy commences on 12 September.

I WE PLAY HANDBALL: A NEW BRAND IDENTITY

We play handball. It is what we do, and it is the sport we have had in hearts ever since the European Handball Federation was born back in 1991. In the 29 years that have followed we have kept pace with an ever-evolving society that shapes the way we work and see ourselves. One thing we have not changed, however, is our commitment to staying true to the origins of handball. This spirit of an active, social community is a core part of the handball DNA even today. Since the European Handball Federation was founded, we have served each national federation, each club, thousands of players and millions of fans with respect, honesty and transparency.

A fresh approach to logo design

At the heart of the new approach is an updated and fresh representation of how the origins and successes of European handball are communicated, expressed and promoted. Therefore, subtle alterations have been made in the visual presentation of the EHF and its associated competitions with a newly developed design, created to offer consistent communication of the new handball umbrella brand across all European competitions. The shape of a handball itself is referenced throughout the entire EHF brand system. On a national team level, the circular shape of the ball is used to empower all national team competition logos.



By emphasising an individual tile on the ball – represented by the pentagon and the lines which form the stitching – the form becomes a strong abstract symbol for the club competitions, including the pentagon which is visible in the distorted version of the logo. The new EHF Champions League logo is the best example with a rejuvenated golden star forming the basis of the refreshed emblem of European handball's elite competitions.

New claims, same aims

We do play handball. We always have and always will – but the European Handball Federation does more than that. The new era is an opportunity for the EHF, EHF Marketing, players, fans and officials to not only celebrate what has been achieved so far, but to strengthen core values and beliefs from which the EHF has been built on and make handball an even greater success story. While the new brand identity heralds the start of a new era, our goals remain the same as they have always been: to encourage the public to pick up a ball and join their local club; to promote the highest profile matches on television and across our digital ecosystem; and to motivate fans to experience the spine-tingling atmosphere of a live match inside Europe's biggest handball arenas.

We are all part of the game, so if you are ready, we will let the new era begin...

I BRAND SOUND

As part of a holistic brand experience strategy, sound is an essential brand asset. Together with the sound agency WESOUND, EHF and EHF Marketing developed an acoustic identity for their brands, reflecting and representing the core of handball.

A modern brand sound approach is part of the vision of positioning handball as the most attractive indoor sport and it supports the goal of attracting a younger audience. Through the coherent and consistent use of unique and recognisable sound elements together with the consistent graphical picture conveyed, an improved connection of the competitions and their followers will be achieved. Much like the visual brand identity, the brand sound identity will acoustically connect the various leagues and tournaments which fit under the EHF umbrella.

For the EHF Brand Sound, the authors got to the core of "The Sound of Handball" and created a handball sound DNA as the recurring element across all audio-visual applications. The jump shot was identified as the most iconic and defining handball movement. Through video analysis and motion tracking, the jump shot was extracted into a rhythmic design pattern.

There are numerous application opportunities of the brand sound, which will be developed over time. First implementations of the new EHF Brand Sound will be heard in the EHF Champions League. The premium character of this tournament was translated into a modern sound design through a new EHF Champions League sound logo and anthem. Both will come to life in the arena and will consistently complement all audio-visual communications.



I NEW DESIGN FOR THE WINNERS' TROPHY

The new ultimate prize for Europe's elite handball clubs has been revealed on the fringes of the start of 2020/21 season. One design has emerged from 27 submissions across 12 European nations to become the new EHF Champions League trophy.

With a new era of European handball on the horizon, EHF Marketing launched a public tender with the goal of finding the best possible new trophy design for the EHF Champions League. During this process, a total of 27 designs were received from companies and artists in 12 countries, making it a truly European competition. The new trophies have been created in accordance with the new brand guidelines. The winning agency was Sustain Awards by Oiko Design Office, a Spanish agency based in Barcelona, specialising in the design and production of environmentally responsible trophies.

The core idea of the trophy was to represent a goal as the main objective of the sport, to reflect the dynamic movement of a ball hitting the target and to transmit handball as a team sport by forming the net in the shape of a shield. The net itself symbolises the needed connection within a team - all for one and one for all.

For the first time, the design is the same for both men's and women's competitions and every element from the font to the logo fits the new competition identity. The materials of which the trophies consist of are aluminium cast (30% recycled aluminium) for the body and base, and recycled balls used for the sculptural ball which hits the net. A golden bath covers the trophies, making sure they are in line with the new brand image, giving them the premium touch that all trophies need. The sustainability of the materials has been a key element in the choice of the winning design. The trophies are each 80 cm high, 57 cm wide and weigh 10 kg.



I HOME OF HANDBALL

1 July saw the launch of the newly designed Home of Handball website. The European Handball Federation and EHF Marketing in cooperation with Kraftwerk, the number one digital agency in Austria, are excited to introduce a new home and single hub for all fans, friends and the entire family of handball.

The old website was calling for an overhaul and needed rejuvenation, both visually and functionally. In a first step, the decision has been taken to merge the many different web assets onto one and from 1 July, the websites of the EHF Champions League, EHFTV, EHF FINAL4 and EHF Marketing as well as EHF national team competitions are all to be found under one single EHF roof with: eurohandball.com.

One of the main goals was to best represent the EHF's personality, culture and spirit, thus the new corporate identity. A newly-developed brand strategy will be reflected on every page, providing a modern, professional and comprehensive look and feel. Every competition is presented in its very own premium colour pallet, easily distinguishable and featuring elegant new logos.

Another one of the key objectives was a 'mobile first' strategy to accommodate mobile users. A team of designers and developers kept this focus throughout the process, ensuring the site will function on all devices.

A key element in functionality is the so-called "Home of Handball-button" on the new website. It is located at the bottom centre of the page ensuring quick navigation to key features such as 'Competitions', 'TV', 'Teams', 'Tickets', 'Home' and 'More'.

Furthermore, to ensure a real-time information stream of ongoing or upcoming handball matches EHF, EHF and Kraftwerk have developed a Live Ticker located at the very top of the page which allows the handball community to stay on the ball at all times. The Live Ticker provides live match results and follows the user on their entire journey through the new Home of Handball.



I NEW SOCIAL MEDIA SET-UP

To reflect the new digital set-up with the Home of Handball website, the EHF's social media channel structure has been adapted accordingly.

Overall, there are three pillars to the EHF's social media presence:

- **Top competitions keep their own channels**
- **'Home of Handball' approach on website is mirrored**
- **'Activities' as the EHF's educational and corporate hub**

The EHF Champions League as the premium club competition will continue to be represented on its own social media channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

In addition, there are the newly created Home of Handball channels, which showcase the best content from all EHF competitions, including the EHF Champions League. Handball fans worldwide can keep up to date with everything happening in European handball, from club and national team competitions to beach handball, all on one channel.

This also includes the video-sharing social network Tiktok, which is mostly used by a younger audience. For the first time, the EHF Champions League will be featured on TikTok through the Home of Handball channel.



I RELAUNCH OF EHFTV

Complementing the launch of the new Home of Handball, EHFTV, the OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, has been relaunched. The new Brand identity applied to Home of Handball has been followed to create a new look for EHFTV, an OTT service powered by DAZN Group.

EHFTV has established itself over the past decade as a meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sport market. The general approach of EHFTV remains, offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. This registration gives the handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season – and all of that for free.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal. As the new EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action is accessible any time and from anywhere. Once the fans enter in the re-launched EHFTV, they find an adapted filter menu, an improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise the favourite competition and/or club directly on their registration account. These new features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the new and state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF Champions League, whenever it is played.”

Join EHFTV and get ready for a new handball era.



I SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS!

For the new era of European handball and together with digital partner DAZN, a campaign for both EHF Champions League competitions under the claim SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! was created.

The basis of the campaign are the values of handball and the characteristics of the EHF Champions League. Handball is thrilling and fast-paced, but also authentic and fair. The premium competition EHF Champions League showcases exactly this as the most dynamic and most attractive indoor team sport championship in Europe.

The strategic approach to reach a younger audience was important as well. Gen Z trend towards constant entertainment like Netflix series. Handball has this entertainment to offer – could the EHF Champions League therefore be the best TV show out there?

SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! was born. The EHF Champions League is presented in the spirit of a streaming series by showing that handball has as much to offer as the entire film and television landscape: action, drama, emotions!

We show that handball is meant for the big screen. The EHF Champions League is what everyone wants and needs to see.



I MOTW SHOWCASES THE BEST OF THE BEST

The thrill of live top club handball is back and with it also the MOTW series. So what better time to re-introduce the three faces of the EHF Champions League for the 2020/21 season who will help bring the action even closer to fans watching around the world.

Following a positive example from the EHF Champions League Men the Match of the Week (MOTW) project was introduced also into the women's European top flight in the previous season.



FACES OF #ehfcl BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the campaign in the EHF Champions League Men and the DELO EHF Champions League, our Faces of #ehfcl will give fans a unique blend of behind-the-scenes content and interviews with the people that matter the most: the players, staff and fans.

One of the three Faces of #ehfcl is legendary former line player Anja Althaus (in the middle of the picture). The three-time EHF Champions League winner is no stranger to DELO EHF Champions League coverage, having joined the team as an ambassador in the 2018/19 season. For 2019/20, the retired German international became a Face of #ehfcl, using her knowledge and insights in the game to give fans a sneak peek around the iconic handball courts of Europe.

While Anja will continue to be the main Face in the women's European top flight also in the upcoming season, Hannah Jackson and Markus Floth go on to lead the line during this season's EHF Champions League Men, working closely with on-site EHF mobile reporters to give fans the most comprehensive coverage of top-flight handball, with interviews and behind-the-scenes insights. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions there will not be any on-site coverage at the start of the season, but fans will get special insights nevertheless.

So, make sure you pay our social media channels a visit to ensure you get the most of the content – and to get to know your Faces of #ehfcl

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 ehf.champions.league
 @ehfcl



I TV STATIONS TO BROADCAST MATCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD

A total of 17 TV Broadcasters will broadcast live or delayed all the matches of the competition to more than 25 territories.

EHFTV will stream worldwide (geo-restrictions could apply) all matches of the DELO EHF Champions League. EHFTV will also show additional content of the competition between the rounds.

TV BROADCASTERS FOR THE DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2020/21 *

ALB	Arenasport	MKD	Arenasport
AUT	DAZN	MNE	Arenasport, RTCG
BIH	Arenasport	NED	Ziggo
CRO	Arenasport	NOR	NENT Group
CZE	SportTV	ROU	Digi Sport, Telekom Sports, Look Sports
DEN	TV3 Sports	RUS	Match TV
ESP	DAZN	SLO	Arenasport
FIN	NENT Group	SRB	Arenasport
GEO	Silknet	SUI	DAZN
GER	DAZN	SVK	Sport TV
HUN	Sport TV	SWE	NENT Group
KOS	Arenasport		
			Worldwide – EHFTV (Geo-restrictions could apply)

* as of 11 September 2020

I PARTNERS AND SUPPLIERS



- Title partner of the DELO EHF Champions League
- Signed by EHF, since DELO EHF FINAL4 2019 until and including DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21 and the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021
- Their aim is to strengthen and promote women's handball as well as expose and promote the Delo Group internationally and on the European market



- Official insurance supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Cooperation prolonged until and including the 2022/23 season
- Present in: AUT, BIH, CRO, CZE, HUN, MKD, MNE, POL, ROU, SRB, SVK, UKR



- Official Ball Supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Recently signed a four-year contract extension until 2023/24
- Dedicated ball designs for EHF Champions League and EHF European League as of the 2021/22 season, so that men and women of the same competition play with the same design



- Official apparel supplier for EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- New contract from 2020/21 until and including the 2023/24 season
- EHF/M webshop to be launched in autumn 2020 with special products designed according to the competition designs, merchandising at the EHF FINAL4s and EHF European League Finals



- Official flooring supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Cooperation extended until and including the 2025/26 season
- The distinctive "lagoon blue" court first introduced to the men's competition at the start of the 2006/07 season and extended to the women's competition from 2011/12



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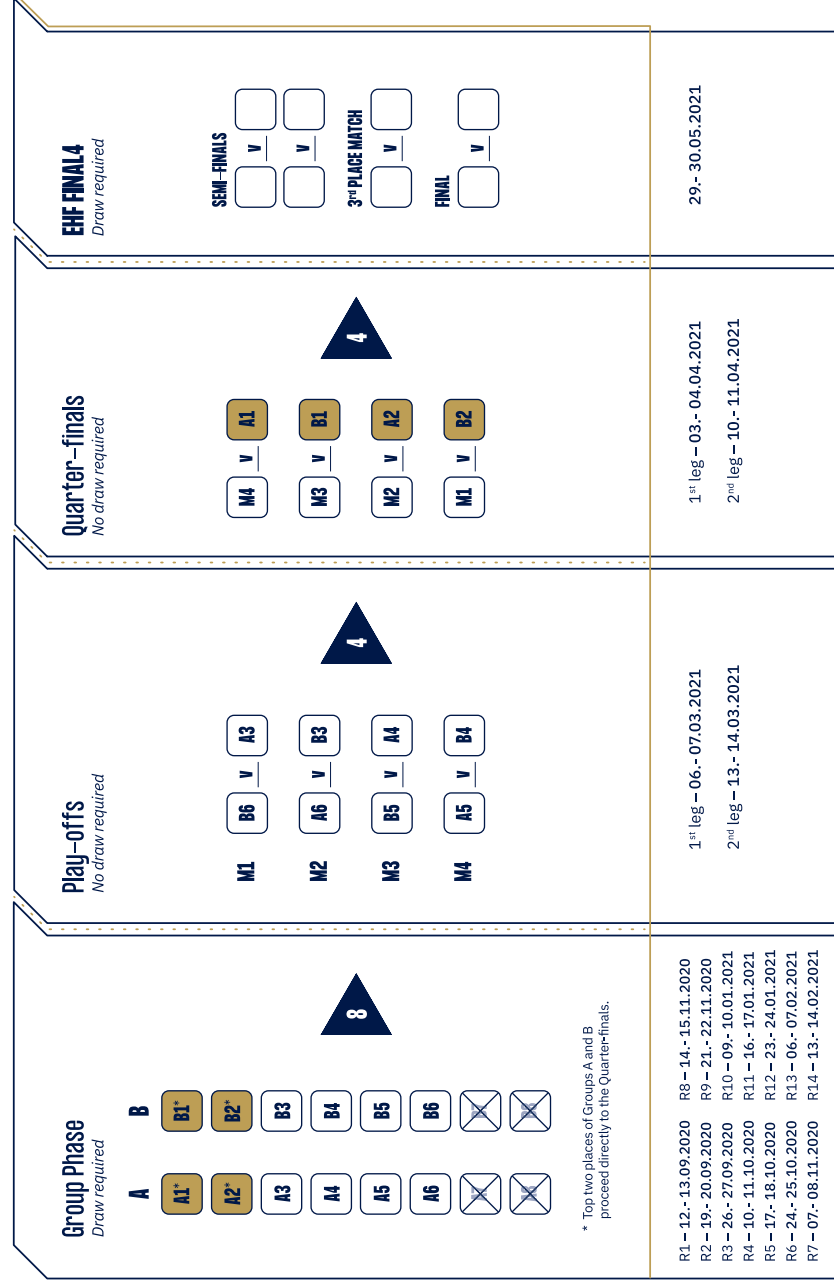
DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEASON 2020/21

- Group A teams
- Group B teams



DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



132 GAMES, 2 FIVE-TIME WINNERS, 1 TROPHY

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON

New season, new format: The DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21 will start with 16 teams in two groups and will include no main round but play-offs ahead of the quarter-finals.

Here are some important numbers and stats ahead of the start of the season:

0 teams competing in the 2020/21 season have played at all six EHF FINAL4 events so far. Győr have taken part five times.

1

team have won the EHF FINAL4 (at least) two years in a row: Győr won the title in 2017, 2018 and again in 2019.

1 newly designed and sustainable trophy, showing the moment the ball hits the net, is the award the 16 teams are playing for.

1 more draw is needed ahead of the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021 - for the semi-finals. The pairings for both the play-offs and the quarter-finals will be determined by the final standings in the group phase.

1 new stage of the competition will be implemented: the play-offs, including the eight teams that finish between third and sixth in the two groups.

1 player who won the CL four times has retired before the 2020/21 season: Montenegro's Katarina Bulatovic, who won the trophy with Slagelse, Buducnost (twice) and Győr.

2 group winners and 2 runners-ups will skip the play-offs and advance from the group phase directly to the quarter-finals

2

teams will make their CL debut in 2020/21: Russian runners-up CSKA from Moscow and German top-ranked side Borussia Dortmund.

2 teams from each group - those who finish seventh and eighth - will see their European journeys come to an end after the group phase.

2 players competing in the CL 2020/21 have won the title five times (and always with the same club): Győr's Eduarda Amorim and Anita Görbicz. Former Győr and current Vipers players Katrine Lunde and Nora Mørk have won four titles each.

4 - which means all - teams of the DELO EHF FINAL4 2019 are part of the group phase in 2020/21 again: Győr, Rostov, Vipers and Metz.

4 times Ambros Martin steered Győr to the CL title before leading Rostov to the final in 2019 - which they lost to Győr. Martin left Rostov in July 2020.

4 fixed throw-off times make it easier for fans to follow the CL: matches will be played on Saturday or Sunday and start at either 18:45 or 20:45 CET/CEST.

5 CL titles is the record, held by Győr.

5 former CL top scorers are part of the group phase in 2020/21: Heidi Løke (Vipers/99 goals in 2011 for Larvik), Anita Görbicz (Győr/87 goals in 2014 and 133 in 2012), Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti/110 goals in 2018, 102 goals in 2015 for Buducnost), Isabelle Gulldén (Brest/108 goals for Bucuresti in 2016) and Linn Sulland (Vipers/89 goals in 2019).

5 teams competing in the CL 2020/21 have won the title before - and 11 times in total: Podravka (1996), Krim (2001, 2003), Buducnost (2012, 2015), Győr (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019) and Bucuresti (2016).

6 former or current IHF World Players of the Year are part of the group phase: Anita Görbicz, Cristina Neagu, Heidi Løke, Andrea Lekic, Eduarda Amorim and Stine Oftedal.

6 nations are each represented by two teams in the 2020/21 group phase: Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Romania, and Russia.

6 of the 16 teams in the group phase have played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Győr, Rostov, Vipers, Metz, Bucuresti and Buducnost.

8 matches - four home-and-way ties - will be played in both the play-offs and the quarter-finals.

10 nations, which is three less than last season, are represented by the 16 teams in the group phase in 2020/21: Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, Russia, Slovenia. Last year Czech Republic, Poland and Sweden also had teams participating.

11 nations are represented by all CL winners so far: Denmark, Hungary (6 titles each), Austria (4), Montenegro, Slovenia (2), Croatia, North

Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Russia, and Spain (1 all).

13 of the 16 teams also took part in the CL last season. New in 2020/21 are CSKA, Dortmund and Odense, replacing Most, Lublin and Sävehof.

14 times in the past 14 seasons Győr have reached at least the quarter-finals of the CL; 12 times they also reached the semi-finals.

14 rounds will be played in the group phase, more than ever before in the women's edition of the CL.

16 or 18 matches the four teams going to the DELO EHF FINAL4 in May 2021 will have played, depending on whether they skip the play-offs.

19 players competing in the 2020/21 season have won the CL more than once in their career.

27 times, including the 2020/21 season, Croatian record champions Podravka Vegeta have taken part in the CL. Slovenia's Krim (26) and Montenegro's Buducnost (25) follow Podravka.

112 group matches will be played between 12 September 2020 and 14 February 2021.

132 matches in total, 24 more than under the previous format, will have been played in the 2020/21 season when the CL winners are crowned at the DELO EHF FINAL4 in Budapest in May 2021.

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FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	25
Buducnost	25
BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	24
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FACTS AND FIGURES – MAX AND MIN

YOUNGEST



18.07.2004

Kristine-Marie Heide

Team Esbjerg



Kristine-Marie Heide	DEN	Team Esbjerg	18.07.2004
Giulia Fabbo	ITA	Metz Handball	26.10.2003
Nadja Kadovic	MNE	Buducnost	28.08.2003
Eszter Ogonovszky	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	14.07.2003
Viktoria Kipen	RUS	CSKA	14.05.2003
Stine Lund	DEN	Team Esbjerg	08.05.2003
Bruna Zrnich	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	01.04.2003
Anastasija Marsenic	MNE	Buducnost	24.02.2003
Borbala Ballai	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	22.01.2003
Milena Vujisic	MNE	Buducnost	24.12.2002
Stella Kate Muir	GBR	Team Esbjerg	29.11.2002
Anastasia Mochalova	RUS	CSKA	15.11.2002
Sara Rus	ROU	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	29.09.2002
Sarah Boukhit	FRA	Metz Handball	27.08.2002
Zsuzsanna Nemeth	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	10.08.2002
Eve Barlet	FRA	Metz Handball	17.07.2002
Katarina Dzaferovic	MNE	Buducnost	14.07.2002
Eszter Lengyel	SVK	Györi Audi ETO KC	11.07.2002
Brigitta Dora Cseko	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	01.07.2002
Melanie Halter	FRA	Metz Handball	17.06.2002

OLDEST



29.11.1978

Sandra Pouchart

Brest Bretagne Handball



Sandra Pouchart	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	29.11.1978
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Katrine Lunde	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	30.03.1980
Heidi Løke	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	12.12.1982
Anita Görbicz	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	13.05.1983
June Andenaes	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	09.06.1983
Kamilla Larsen	DEN	Odense Håndbold	02.09.1983
Ann Grete Norgaard	DEN	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	15.09.1983
Linn Jorum Sulland	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	15.07.1984
Anna Sedoykina	RUS	CSKA	01.08.1984
Mayssa Pessoa	BRA	Rostov-Don	11.09.1984
Anna Loeper	GER	SG BBM Bietigheim	18.11.1984
Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	SG BBM Bietigheim	17.01.1985
Galina Gabisova	RUS	Rostov-Don	17.06.1985
Marit Malm Frajford	NOR	Team Esbjerg	25.11.1985
Viktoria Borschchenko	UKR	Rostov-Don	05.01.1986
Angelica Wallén	SWE	Odense Håndbold	11.04.1986
Carolina Morais	ANG	Vipers Kristiansand	13.04.1986
Rikke Poulsen	DEN	Team Esbjerg	20.04.1986
Valentina Salamakha	AZE	SG BBM Bietigheim	23.04.1986

SHORTEST



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Ayaka Ikehara

Odense Håndbold



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Magdalena Probst	GER	SG BBM Bietigheim	161
Margarita Škaric	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	162
Anna Vyakhireva	RUS	Rostov-Don	162
Ann Grete Norgaard	DEN	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	163
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Carolina Morais	ANG	Vipers Kristiansand	164
Borbala Ballai	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	165
Meissa Maurice	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Geanina Finaru	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	165
Melvine Deba	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Ana Kojic	SRB	RK Krim Mercator	165
Tina Abdulla	NOR	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	165
Viktória Lukács	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	165
Malin Larsen Aune	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	165
Kelly Vollebregt	NED	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	165
Pauline Coatanea	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Vilde Jonassen	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	165
Trine Jensen	DEN	SG BBM Bietigheim	165

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Camila Micijevic

Metz Handball



Camila Micijevic	CRO	Metz Handball	194
Kristine Breistøl	NOR	Team Esbjerg	193
Mette Tranborg	DEN	Team Esbjerg	192
Crina Pintea	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	191
Emma Jacques	FRA	Metz Handball	190
Luisa Schulze	GER	SG BBM Bietigheim	190
Sara Rus	ROU	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	189
Gabriela Perianu	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	189
Laura Cerovak	SLO	RK Krim Mercator	188
Melanie Halter	FRA	Metz Handball	187
Astride N'Gouan	FRA	Metz Handball	187
Andrijana Popovic	MNE	Buducnost	186
Klervi Le Scanf	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	186
Hana Gjerek	SLO	RK Krim Mercator	186
Emam Ramusovic	MNE	Buducnost	186
Ivana Kapitanovic	CRO	Metz Handball	186
Kelly Duffer	NED	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	186
Ana Gros	SLO	Brest Bretagne Handball	186
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	NOR 36			GBR 2	
	RUS 32			POL 2	
	DEN 27			ANG 1	
	HUN 27			AUT 1	
	CRD 20			AZE 1	
	GER 20			BIH 1	
	MNE 16			CZE 1	
	NED 16			GRE 1	
	ROU 16			JPN 1	
	SLO 15			MKD 1	
	SRB 9			MLI 1	
	BRA 6			SUI 1	
	ESP 6			SVK 1	
	SWE 6				

CLUBS



GROUP A PREVIEW

DRAMA AHEAD IN REVAMPED FORMAT

The revamped DELO EHF Champions League's group phase throws off with 16 teams split into two groups of eight, and the adrenaline, passion and grit are sure to reach even higher levels than before.

With two teams progressing directly to the quarter-finals, while four others are to earn play-off berths, every point will count, as powerhouses clashes occur more often.

This is the case in group A, where Metz Handball, Rostov-Don, Vipers Kristiansand, Team Esbjerg and CSM Bucuresti look primed to contest the first two places in the group.

Four of the eight teams here progressed to the quarter-finals last season, such is the strength and balance of a group that has no clear favourites. However, there are teams with a certain pedigree that eye a DELO EHF FINAL4 berth and will certainly fight for it.

Based on their form last season, Metz and Rostov can be considered the top teams in the group.

TURBULENT SUMMER IN METZ AND ROSTOV

The French outfit farewelled a number of players, including playmaker Grace Zaadi, who left for Rostov, and goalkeeper Laura Glauser, who signed for Győr. Yet the ushering in of young talent like back Tjasa Stanko, who excelled for Krim and Podravka in the previous seasons of the premium European competition, shows the ambition of the French powerhouse.

Rostov, on the other hand, had a turbulent summer. When Ambros Martin decided to leave the Russian team, it came as a huge surprise, but Rostov bounced back and replaced him with another experienced coach: Per Johansson.

Nine players left – including back Lois Abbingh, goalkeeper Anna Sedoykina and right wing Marina Sudakova – but Rostov made shrewd signings in playmaker Zaadi from Metz and right wing Katarina Krpez Slezak from Erd.



A perennial contender, CSM Bucuresti had a surprisingly uneventful summer. Extending Cristina Neagu's contract was a coup, as was recruiting experienced talent like left wing Siraba Dembele and backs Alexandrina Barbosa Cabral and Barbara Lazovic. The Romanian side also kept their coach, Adrian Vasile, as they look to learn the lessons after making many changes in a short period of time.

INJURY WOES IN ESBJERG

Moving on to Denmark, Team Esbjerg are on the back of their most successful season in the DELO EHF Champions League, yet their back line is poised to suffer, as Line Jørgensen is pregnant and Dutch stalwart Estavana Polman suffered a season-ending injury in August. They kept most of the team intact, but coach Jesper Jensen had to change his approach to attack due to the roster problems.

Nora Mørk looks to be back on track after a slew of injuries. She signed for Vipers Kristiansand and will face her former team CSM Bucuresti. The Norwegian champions hope to bounce back from an uneventful last season, when they finished second last in the main round. Not losing any key player is a plus, but Ole Gustav Gjekstad's challenge will be to mix the youth with the experience of the likes of Katrine Lunde, Nora Mørk and Heidi Loke.

CHANGE OF APPROACH IN FTC

It was a busy summer for FTC Rail-Cargo Hungaria, who changed their approach from ushering in new Hungarian talent to relying on foreign players. German trio Emily Bök, Julia Behnke and Alicia Stolle will certainly reinforce a much-maligned defence, while Dutch right wing Angela Malestein brings some serious experience into the mix. FTC's core is still young and prone to mistakes, yet it will be interesting how the new experiment will develop in the Hungarian capital.

Moving on to RK Krim Mercator, the Slovenian side lost experienced players like Tamara Mavsar, Polona Baric and Alja Varagic. Young guns like Matea Pletikovic or Oceane Sercien will have to fill big shoes, as Uros Bregar must do wonders with a young and inexperienced side.

For the third season in a row, SG BBM Bietigheim eye progress from the group phase, but with a new coach: Markus Gaugisch has replaced Martin Albretsen. There was also an exodus – six key players left this summer however, Danish duo Stine Jørgensen and Trine Ostergaard look set to make an impact. Bietigheim appear to be a wild card in this group and could easily turn the tables, especially on the home court.



I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP A TEAMS

Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don 7-1-1 (223:190) 15:3

13.02.2005	Handball Metz Metropole vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Last 16	28:22 (14:9)
20.02.2005	Rostov-Don vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Cup – Last 16	19:19 (10:10)
11.02.2006	Rostov-Don vs HB Metz Moselle Lorraine, EHF Cup – Last 16	19:20 (8:11)
18.02.2006	HB Metz Moselle Lorraine vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Last 16	24:16 (10:8)
26.01.2019	Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:25 (17:14)
23.02.2019	Rostov-Don vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	18:26 (12:13)
11.05.2019	Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League - DELO Women's EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	25:27 (8:15)
25.01.2020	Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:20 (11:11)
22.02.2020	Rostov-Don vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:29 (11:11)

Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand 3-1-1 (149:130) 7:3

08.10.2017	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:22 (14:12)
10.11.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:25 (11:12)
12.05.2019	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League - DELO Women's EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	30:31 (16:15)
20.10.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	38:38 (17:21)
03.11.2019	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:17 (12:10)

Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg 0-1-1 (60:61) 1:3

09.02.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:31 (15:15)
08.03.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:29 (14:19)

Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti 4-0-2 (157:160) 8:4

06.04.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:21 (19:13)
15.04.2018	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:20 (14:9)
05.04.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:31 (11:14)
13.04.2019	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	23:22 (11:9)
02.02.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:27 (16:14)
01.03.2020	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:26 (14:13)

Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 4-2-8 (340:372) 10:18

11.11.1995	ASPTT Metz vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	21:25 (11:11)
19.11.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	31:18 (18:7)
15.11.1997	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (18:13)
11.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:11)
31.10.1999	ASPTT Metz vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:19 (11:12)
20.02.2000	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:24 (12:13)
10.04.2011	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:31 (12:17)
17.04.2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:29 (14:13)
28.01.2017	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:28 (14:13)
25.02.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:23 (15:10)
04.02.2018	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:25 (13:10)
03.03.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:27 (13:9)
13.10.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:34 (16:20)
16.11.2019	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:24 (10:14)

Metz Handball vs SG BBM Bietigheim 2-0-0 (57:47) 4:0

14.10.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:30 (12:17)
19.11.2017	Metz Handball vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:21 (12:10)

Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator 3-0-9 (309:349) 6:18

04.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:26 (14:10)
01.02.1998	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:25 (12:11)
11.01.2003	Krim ETA N. Roberts vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Champions League – Group D	34:22 (18:9)
09.02.2003	Handball Metz Metropole vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:31 (12:17)
09.11.2008	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:19)
03.01.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	29:33 (12:18)
24.10.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:37 (12:22)
09.01.2010	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:31 (20:14)
18.02.2012	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:21 (8:13)
10.03.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:24 (14:9)
20.10.2013	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	21:20 (12:7)
02.11.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:21 (13:11)

Rostov-Don vs Vipers Kristiansand 2-0-0 (65:55) 4:0

01.02.2020	Rostov-Don vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	33:26 (19:15)
29.02.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:32 (16:15)

Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg 3-0-1 (120:113) 6:2

02.02.2013	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	29:28 (13:14)
03.02.2013	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	28:31 (10:19)
19.10.2019	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	31:26 (16:11)
02.11.2019	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	34:26 (16:13)

Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti 2-2-5 (217:223) 6:12

31.03.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:25 (11:12)
09.04.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (11:16)
16.10.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:21 (12:10)
11.11.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group C	20:22 (11:10)
11.02.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (11:12)
10.03.2018	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:24 (9:12)
13.05.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League - Women's EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	31:30 (19:14)
11.10.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	23:23 (13:14)
16.11.2019	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	23:22 (14:7)

Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 8-1-1 (287:260) 17:3

05.02.2012	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	23:22 (13:8)
11.02.2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	32:23 (15:11)
09.01.2016	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:21 (13:11)
13.02.2016	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:29 (15:13)
07.04.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:31 (15:16)
14.04.2018	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:22 (20:12)
07.04.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:29 (13:14)
13.04.2019	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:22 (15:9)
08.02.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:35 (14:19)
07.03.2020	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:26 (17:9)

Rostov-Don vs SG BBM Bietigheim 4-0-0 (110:90) 8:0

21.01.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Group C	20:23 (11:13)
28.01.2017	Rostov-Don vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Cup – Group C	34:24 (19:11)
07.05.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Final	25:28 (16:14)
13.05.2017	Rostov-Don vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Cup – Final	25:21 (12:12)

Rostov-Don vs RK Krim Mercator 4-0-0 (135:104) 8:0

24.10.2015	Rostov-Don vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group A	35:25 (16:12)
20.11.2015	RK Krim Mercator vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:36 (14:18)
03.02.2018	Rostov-Don vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:22 (13:10)
03.03.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	26:35 (12:21)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg 0-0-2 (61:70) 0:4

25.01.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:35 (15:16)
23.02.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	35:30 (15:16)

Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-3 (103:108) 2:6

20.10.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:29 (14:14)
04.11.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:16)
08.02.2020	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:25 (12:11)
07.03.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:22 (12:11)

Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 3-0-1 (126:105) 6:2

14.10.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:26 (17:14)
17.11.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:27 (18:14)
05.10.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:22 (16:11)
09.11.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:34 (15:19)

Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim 1-1-2 (109:107) 3:5

22.10.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:29 (8:16)
01.11.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:24 (16:13)
06.10.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:27 (14:15)
11.11.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:34 (12:16)

Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator 3-0-1 (103:102) 6:2

20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:27 (15:15)
27.02.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:20 (14:8)
26.01.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:25 (8:10)
23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (14:14)

Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-3 (92:103) 2:6

12.02.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:25 (17:13)
12.03.2017	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:25 (7:12)
06.10.2019	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	22:24 (8:13)
10.11.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	21:25 (12:13)

Team Esbjerg vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 1-0-1 (54:53) 2:2

02.02.2020	Team Esbjerg vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:27 (13:13)
01.03.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	26:25 (13:15)

Team Esbjerg vs SG BBM Bietigheim 2-0-0 (60:54) 4:0

19.01.2019	Team Esbjerg vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Cup – Group A	28:27 (15:11)
27.01.2019	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Cup – Group A	27:32 (13:16)

Team Esbjerg vs RK Krim Mercator 1-0-1 (57:52) 2:2

15.10.2016	Team Esbjerg vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:25 (17:11)
12.11.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – group D	27:22 (13:13)

CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 5-0-1 (177:167) 10:2

07.04.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:25 (17:15)
15.04.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:27 (15:14)
05.10.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:31 (18:13)
11.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	28:34 (10:17)
25.01.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	33:23 (19:10)
21.02.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:24 (16:13)

CSM Bucuresti vs SG BBM Bietigheim 1-0-1 (60:54) 2:2

14.10.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:28 (16:12)
18.11.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:24 (14:13)

CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator 5-0-1 (169:144) 10:2

04.02.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	21:24 (9:14)
03.03.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:26 (14:12)
07.10.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:18 (15:7)
11.11.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:33 (16:17)
02.07.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	32:26 (16:11)
02.03.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:22 (12:11)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim 3-0-1 (115:104) 6:2

10.02.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:22 (14:8)
11.03.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:23 (16:11)
21.10.2018	SG BBM Bietigheim vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:28 (14:13)
04.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	33:30 (17:13)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator 4-0-5 (230:244) 8:10

17.11.1996	Ferencvaros Budap. vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:24 (13:15)
11.01.1997	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Ferencvaros Budap., EHF Champions League – Group D	22:20 (12:11)
08.11.1997	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:24 (16:13)
25.01.1998	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:25 (13:12)
28.10.2006	FTC Budapest vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana, ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final	25:34 (11:19)
17.02.2013	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:26 (14:15)
03.03.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:25 (15:12)
09.02.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:25 (10:10)
10.03.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (16:11)

SG BBM Bietigheim vs RK Krim Mercator

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

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Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
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Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
GK shirt: purple



Playing hall

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57000 Metz
France
Capacity: 4,500

METZ HANDBALL

After reaching the DELO EHF FINAL4 in 2019, Metz Handball were in a good position to feature among the four best teams on the continent again last season.

Despite changing many players this summer, the quality is still there. Will the results follow?

Main facts

- Metz have qualified for the EHF Champions League for the 22nd time, making them the leaders among all French teams that have taken part in the competition
- last season, the French side qualified for the quarter-finals, after losing only two games in their whole Champions League campaign
- after playing the DELO EHF FINAL4 in 2019, Metz now aim to reach the event every year
- four major players left Metz this summer, including captain Grace Zaadi (Rostov), EHF EURO 2018 winner Laura Glauser (Győr) and right wing Laura Flippes (Paris)
- Champions League 2019/20 All-star Team best coach Emmanuel Mayonnade has brought Dutch national player Debbie Bont and Champions League 2017/18 best young player Tjasa Stanko to the club

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 22
Semi-final (1): 2018/19
Quarter-final (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20
Main Round (2): 2011/12, 2014/15
Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 1995/96
Last 32 (1): 1993/94
Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14
Qualification (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08

Other

EHF Cup: final 2012/13; quarter-final 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08
Cup Winners' Cup: final 2012/13; Semi-final 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

French league: 23 titles
French cup: 8 titles



7 MATCHES
Longest winning run

42 GOALS
Most goals

76 GOALS
Most goals both teams


I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:18 (17:10) v Astrakhanochka RUS (h), 11.02.2017
Biggest defeat	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019) 7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019) 7 matches (06.10.2019 – 25.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
Longest losing run	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997)
Longest run without win	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
Most goals	42 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
Most goals opponent	38 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019
Most goals both teams	76 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019
Fewest goals	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996
Fewest goals opponent	17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996 17 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 26:17W (h), 03.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	0	2	4	108:137	-29	2:10	4th Gr. C	
1997/98 ASPTT Metz HB FRA	6	1	1	4	135:166	-31	3:9	4th Gr. B	
1999/00 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	3	0	3	130:121	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
2002/03 Handball Metz Metropole FRA	6	1	0	5	142:176	-34	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2008/09 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8	3rd Gr. D	
2009/10 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	1	3	163:174	-11	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
2011/12 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	298:322	-24	7:17	4th MR Gr. 2	
2013/14 Metz Handball FRA	6	3	0	3	149:144	+5	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2014/15 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	305:318	-13	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2	
2016/17 Metz Handball FRA	14	8	0	6	376:338	+38	16:12	Quarter-final	
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	Quarter-final	
2018/19 Metz Handball FRA	16	11	1	4	470:389	+81	23:9	Fourth Place	
2019/20 Metz Handball FRAU	12	7	3	2	361:321	+40	17:7	Quarter-final*	
Total:	122	54	10	58	3182:3148	+34	118:126		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.


Emmanuel Mayonnade
 @mayonnade_manu

Coach

- Only the second ever French coach to reach the DELO's EHF FINAL4 in 2019
- elected best coach in the All-Star Team last season
- started coaching at 23 in Mios, a club he only left ten years later when it suffered bankruptcy
- took the reins of the Dutch national team in March 2019, winning the world title a couple of months later

WCh: G 2019
Newcomers

Tjasa Stanko (HC Podravka Koprivnica)
 Debbie Bont (Kobenhavn Handball)
 Melvine Deba (Paris 92)
 Hatadou Sako (OGC Nice)
 Camila Micijevic (DKKA)
 Maud-Eva Copy (Bourg-de-Péage DHB)

Left the club

Laura Glauser (Györi Audi ETO KC)
 Xenia Smits (SG BBM Bietigheim)
 Grace Zaadi (Rostov-Don)
 Marion Maubon (Nantes Atlantique Handball)
 Martine Smeets (CSM Bucarest)
 Laura Flippes (Paris 92)
 Jurswailly Luciano retired

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right Back	29.11.2001	Metz, FRA	190
5	Daphné	Gautschi	SUI	Centre Back	09.07.2000	Muri, SUI	171
6	Eve	Barlet	FRA	Left Wing	17.07.2002	FRA	170
C 9	Astride	N'Gouan	FRA	Line Player	09.07.1991	Saint Denis, FRA	187
10	Meline	Nocandy	FRA	Centre Back	25.02.1998	Saint-Claude, FRA	172
11	Manon	Houette	FRA	Left Wing	02.07.1992	Le Mans, FRA	171
11	Giulia	Fabbo	ITA	Left Wing	26.10.2003	Salerno, ITA	174
12	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17.09.1994	Split, CRO	186
14	Debbie	Bont	NED	Right Wing	09.12.1990	Edam-Volendam, NED	174
15	Tjaša	Stanko	SLO	Centre Back	05.11.1997	Maribor, SLO	173
15	Anne Emmanuelle	Augustine	FRA	Line Player	10.07.2001	Fort de France, FRA	180
16	Melanie	Halter	FRA	Goalkeeper	17.06.2002	FRA	187
17	Camila	Micijevic	CRO	Left Back	08.09.1994	Heidenheim, GER	194
17	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left Back	16.07.1997	Les Abymes, FRA	178
19	Louise Katharina	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17.10.1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
20	Meissa	Maurice	FRA	Centre Back	25.02.2002	Nimes, FRA	165
21	Laura	Kanor	FRA	Left Wing	16.07.1997	Les Abymes, FRA	175
25	Helene	Sajka	FRA	Right Back	13.09.1997	Nancy, FRA	185
27	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line Player	27.08.2002	Mont Saint Martin	182
28	Léa	Ballureau	FRA	Centre Back	08.08.2001	Metz, FRA	166
29	Maud-Eva	Copy	FRA	Left Wing	06.11.1992	Brest, FRA	174
44	Sitha Laureen	Dembele	FRA	Left Wing	10.03.2001	Paris, FRA	182
47	Audrey	Dembele	FRA	Left Back	10.03.2001	Paris, FRA	183
70	Julie	Le Blevéc	FRA	Right Wing	27.06.2000	Neuilly sur Seine, FRA	169
77	Olga	Perederiy	UKR	Line Player	12.04.1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	175
84	Melvine	Deba	FRA	Right Wing	08.01.1998	Paris, FRA	165
99	Hatadou	Sako	FRA	Goalkeeper	21.10.1995	Tournan en Brie, FRA	172



Ivana Kapitanovic

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Goalkeeper

- joined Metz in 2018 after playing all her professional career with Podravka
- aged 25, she was elected “Croatian handball of the year” in 2019
- did a great job replacing an injured Laura Glauser for most of last season, delivering key performances in the Champions League
- will share the position this season with newcomer Hadatou Sako



Manon Houette

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Left wing

- suffered an ACL injury in January 2020 and will resume handball again in September
- returned to France in the summer of 2017 after a season with Thüringer HC
- before her stint in Germany, she had only played for Fleury Loiret Handball
- key player for Metz in the CL, scoring 57 (2017/18) and 44 (2018/19) goals
- elected best left wing in the Bundesliga in 2016/17

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



Orlane Kanor

@orlane_kanor

Left back

- at 21, going into her fourth CL season
- her twin sister, Laura also plays with Metz, but on the left wing position
- arrived in France from Guadeloupe in 2015, together with sister Laura and Méline Nocandy, another Metz youngster
- her physical strength and jumps make her a key asset for Metz and France

EURO: G 2018; WCh: G 2017



Meline Nocandy

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Centre back

- aged 22, she's the latest talent to come out of Metz' junior team
- born on the same island (Guadeloupe) as the Kanor sisters, who are her best friends outside of the arena
- enjoyed her first national team games at 21, before taking part in the World Championship 2019, her first major international event
- her speed and one versus one abilities make her one of Metz' biggest offensive threats



Astride N'Gouan

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Line player

- young French line player, arrived in Metz in 2018 to replace Laurisa Landré
- given a more prominent role in the team after the departure of Beatrice Edwige
- was captain and a key defensive player with her former side, Brest
- also has CL experience with Issy Paris Hand, from the 2012/13 season

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



Louise Burgaard

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Right back

- made debut in Danish league at age 17 with KIF Vejen; in Danish national team at 19
- also played for Holstebro, Viborg and Herning-Ikast (formerly known as Midtjylland)
- played CL with all her three Danish clubs and won Cup Winners' Cup with Viborg
- one of several Danish players to have moved to France in the summer of 2019

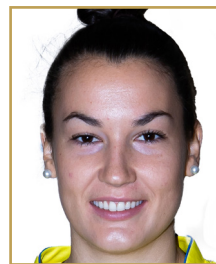
EC trophies: CWC 2014



Melvine Deba

Right wing

- one of the most talented young players in France, she joined Metz in the summer of 2020 after playing for Paris all of her career
- also studies political science, a topic in which she's already earned high-level degrees
- “School is a way for me not to stop handball” she says, stating how important it is for her to carry on her studies
- has yet to make her debut in the senior national team, but she won the U19 EHF EURO with France in 2017



Tjasa Stanko

@tjasastanko

Centre back

- talented Slovenian back, who won three domestic titles and cups with Krim Mercator before she moved to Podravka in 2019 and then to Metz in the summer of 2020
- scored over 50 goals in her last three European campaigns; was voted Champions League 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

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Kit colours

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Palace of Sport Rostov Don
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Russia
Capacity: 3,500

ROSTOV-DON

In Russia, Rostov-Don win title after title, but they still dream of success on the highest level and will do their best to reach that goal in the new DELO EHF Champions League season.

Main facts

- won their fourth straight Russian champion title last season – the sixth in club history
- reached the quarter-finals of the EHF Champions League 2019/20 before the competition was interrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Anna Vyakhireva was voted the best right back of the continental top flight in 2019/20
- after two seasons at Rostov's helm, Ambros Martin stepped down over the summer
- Rostov announced their new coach at the end of August: Per Johansson, also current coach of the Montenegro women's team
- Rostov welcome newcomers Grace Zaadi, Katarina Krpez Slezak, Anna Lagerquist and Victoria Kalinina to the squad for 2020/21

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 9
Runners-up (1): 2018/19
Semi-finals (1): 2017/18
Quarter-finals (2): 2015/16, 2019/20
Group Matches (1): 2016/17
Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2016/17; Runners-up 2014/15; Quarter-finals 2009/10
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 2012/13, 2013/14; Quarter-finals 2010/11

Russian league: 8 titles (1990, 1991, 1994, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
Russian cup: 11 titles



9 MATCHES
Longest winning run

38 GOALS
Most goals

67 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	38:21 (21:12) v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA (h), 20.02.2016
Biggest defeat	18:26 (12:13) v Metz Handball FRA (h), 23.02.2019
Longest winning run	9 matches (17.10.2015 – 06.02.2016)
Longest unbeaten run	12 matches (17.10.2015 – 28.02.2016)
Longest losing run	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
Longest run without win	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
Most goals	38 v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA 38:21W (h), 20.02.2016
Most goals opponent	32 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 32:25L (a), 19.11.2016
Most goals both teams	67 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 31:36W (a), 20.11.2015
Fewest goals	18 v Metz Handball FRA 18:26L (h), 23.02.2019
Fewest goals opponent	19 v Odense HC DEN 25:19W (h), 09.03.2019
Fewest goals both teams	42 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 20:22W (a), 30.10.2015 42 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:22L (h), 11.11.2016

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 Rostov-Don RUS	14	11	1	2	405:348	+57	23:5	Quarter-final	
2016/17 Rostov-Don RUS	6	1	0	5	142:151	-9	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2017/18 Rostov-Don RUS	16	11	1	4	433:386	+47	23:9	Fourth Place	
2018/19 Rostov-Don RUS	16	12	1	3	436:386	+50	25:7	Runner-up	
2019/20 Rostov-Don RUS	12	8	1	3	340:307	+33	17:7	Quarter-final*	
Total:	64	43	4	17	1756:1578	+178	90:38		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Galina	Gabisova	RUS	Goalkeeper	17.06.1985	Rostov-Don, RUS	180
C 6	Iuliia	Managarova	RUS	Right Wing	27.09.1988	Dnepropetrovsk, UKR	170
8	Anna	Sen	RUS	Left Back	03.12.1990	Krasnodar, RUS	185
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right Back	13.03.1995	Volgograd, RUS	162
14	Anna	Lagerquist	SWE	Line Player	16.10.1993	Lund, SWE	174
17	Vladlena	Bobrovnikova	RUS	Left Back	24.10.1987	Krasnodar, RUS	183
19	Ksenia	Makeeva	RUS	Line Player	19.09.1990	Ufa, RUS	182
22	Alexandra	Smirnova	RUS	Left Wing	26.10.2001	Moscow, RUS	175
25	Yaroslava	Frolova	RUS	Centre Back	18.05.1997	Volgograd, RUS	178
28	Viktoriia	Kalinina	RUS	Goalkeeper	08.12.1988	Maykop, RUS	183
33	Katarina	Krpez-Slezák	SRB	Right Wing	02.05.1988	Sombor, SRB	169
44	Valeria	Sobkalo	RUS	Right Wing	08.06.2001	Ust-Labinsk, RUS	173
51	Milana	Tazhenova	RUS	Centre Back	06.03.1999	Astrakhan, RUS	175
63	Kristina	Kozhokar	RUS	Left Wing	28.02.1994	Togliatti, RUS	174
77	Grace	Zaadi Deuna	FRA	Back	07.07.1993	Courcouronnes, FRA	171
84	Mayssa De Oliveira Pessoa		BRA	Goalkeeper	11.09.1984	Joao Pessoa, BRA	177
88	Polina	Kuznetsova	RUS	Left Wing	10.06.1987	Shopokov, KGZ	170
99	Viktoriia	Borschenko	UKR	Left Wing	05.01.1986	Herson, UKR	170



Per Johansson
Coach

- won the silver medal with Sweden's women's national team at the EHF EURO 2010
- had three stints for CSM Bucuresti, two as a head coach (2017 and 2018) and one as an assistant (2020)
- also coaches the women's national team of Montenegro since 2017
- loves rock music and is a West Ham United fan, but he is also an equestrian aficionado

EURO: S 2010

Newcomers

Grace Zaadi (Metz Handball)
Katarina Krpez Slezak (Erd)
Anna Lagerquist (Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub)
Viktoriia Kalinina (Kuban)

Left the club

Ana Paula Rodrigues Belo (Chambray)
Lois Abbingh (Odense)
Marina Sudakova (CSKA Moscow)
Anna Sedoykina (CSKA Moscow)
Irina Nikitina (Astrakhanochka)
Valeriia Maslova (Buducnost)
Julia Behnke (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
Regina Kalinichenko (retired)
Maya Petrova (retired)



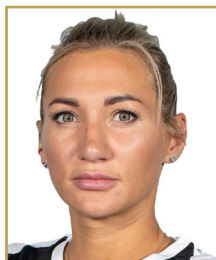
Mayssa Pessoa

@mayssa84pessoa

Goalkeeper

- the Brazilian moved to Rostov from HC Vardar in 2017
- in 2012-14 had another spell in Russia, at Dinamo Volgograd
- her father is university professor and former athlete who competed in handball as well as many other sports
- has shirt number 84 because her birth year is 1984
- nicknamed Taffarel after the famous Brazilian football goalkeeper

EC trophies: CL: 2016
WCh: G 2013



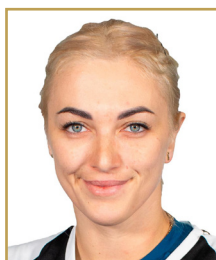
Polina Kuznetsova

@polinakuznetsova8

Left wing

- elder sister of Rostov teammate Anna Vyakhireva, returned to Russia in 2018 after one season at Vardar
- also played for Rostov early in her career, in 2003/04
- had spells at five more Russian clubs (Akva, Lada, Zvezda, Astrakhanochka, Kuban) and won five domestic titles
- been playing for Russian national team for more than a decade

EC trophies: CL 2008, EHF Cup 2007
OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2006, 2018; WCh: G 2005, 2007, B 2019



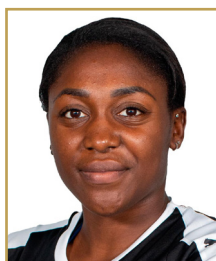
Anna Sen

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Left back

- played for Rostov since 2011 - with exception of 2014/15, when she was with Győr;
- previously had spells at Kuban and Zvezda Zvenigorod
- missed most of 2017/18 season due to maternity leave
- won the Junior WCh 2008 with Russia and became the tournament's top scorer

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, WCh: B 2019



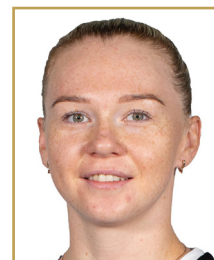
Grace Zaadi

@gracezaadi

Centre back

- in 2020, left her native France for the first time, signing with Rostov
- one of the products of the local handball school, she played for Metz throughout her previous career
- plays centre back but is also able to help on the left side
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits

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



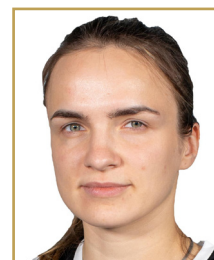
Kseniya Makeeva

@makesha1990

Line player

- 2020/21 will be her seventh season with Rostov-Don
- began career at Dinamo Volgograd, where she won six Russian championships
- has been playing for the Russian national team for more than a decade
- missed the golden 2016 Olympic tournament due to injury

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2017
WCh: B 2019



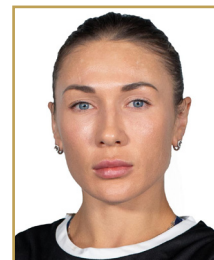
Anna Vyakhireva

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Right back

- joined Rostov from Astrakhanochka in 2016; won Russian league with both Astrakhanochka (2016) and Rostov (2017-20)
- plays alongside sister Polina Kuznetsova, who joined Rostov from Vardar before the 2018/19 season
- gold medallist and MVP of 2016 Olympics, also MVP of EHF EURO 2018
- five-time EHF Player of the Month, which is a record

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, WCh: B 2019



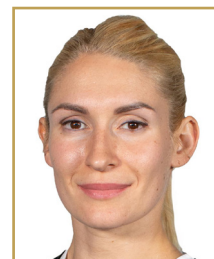
Iuliia Managarova

@imanagarova

Right wing

- moved to Rostov in 2013 and quickly became one of the fan favourites
- quiet and humble off the court, but a natural leader in the game with a powerful shot and great scoring abilities
- played for Ukraine but changed citizenship to Russian in 2017
- domestic champion in three different countries: in Ukraine with Smart Krivy Rog, in Romania with Oltschim, and in Russia with Rostov-Don

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017



Vladlena Bobrovnikova

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Left back

- one of Rostov's veterans is heading into her ninth season at the club
- born in Krasnodar and started her career at the local side Kuban
- also played for ZRK Klikinda (SRB), HC Sassari and HF Teramo (ITA)
- married to an Italian Federico, she gave birth to her daughter Aria in October 2018
- nicknamed the Queen of Instagram for her love of photos and social media

EC trophies: CL: 2009
OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016; EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2018; WCh: 2009, 2011, 2017, B 2019

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Capacity: 2,200

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND

With a fully fit squad, bolstered by a few solid signings and one potentially game-changing arrival, Vipers Kristiansand are in position to launch another serious attack on the DELO EHF Champions League crown.

Main facts

- having lost just one match all season, Kristiansand were declared winners of last season's Norwegian league, their third consecutive title
- in CL 2019/20 season they could not emulate the form which brought them to Budapest in 2019, losing all six main round matches
- signed superstar Nora Mørk after she left CSM Bucuresti due to an illness in the family; Mørk and coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad previously worked together at Larvik
- goalkeeper Katrine Lunde returns from a knee injury, forming trio between the posts with Andrea Pedersen and Swedish newcomer Evelina Eriksson

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4
Semi-final (1): 2018/19
Main round (1): 2019/20
Group matches (1): 2017/18

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2015/16
EHF Cup: Final: 2017/18; Semi-final: 2003/04;
Last 16: 2004/05

Norwegian league: 3 titles (2018, 2019, 2020)
Norwegian cup: 3 titles (2017, 2018, 2019)



5 MATCHES
Longest winning run

38 GOALS
Most goals

76 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	29:19 (15:11) v Buducnost MNE (h), 14.10.2017
Biggest defeat	22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 11.05.2019 26:17 (12:10) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.11.2019
Longest winning run	5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019)
Longest losing run	6 matches (25.01.2020 – 07.03.2020)
Longest run without win	7 matches (22.10.2017 – 20.10.2018)
Most goals	38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Most goals opponent	38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Most goals both teams	76 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Fewest goals	17 v Metz Handball FRA 26:17L (a), 03.11.2019
Fewest goals opponent	18 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019
Fewest goals both teams	43 v Buducnost MNE 19:24W (a), 07.04.2019 43 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019 43 v Metz Handball FRA 26:17L (a), 03.11.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	6	1	0	5	144:154	-10	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2018/19 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	16	10	1	5	451:416	+35	21:11	Third Place	
2019/20 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	12	3	1	8	339:356	-17	7:17	5th MR Gr. 1	
Total:	34	14	2	18	934:926	+8	30:38		



Ole Gustav Gjekstad

Coach

- joined Vipers in 2018 and led the team to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in his first season in charge
- worked at Larvik until 2015, after an earlier stint with that club between 1999 and 2005
- replaced Kenneth Gabrielsen, who led Vipers in their maiden CL season in 2017/18
- as a player, scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team

Newcomers

Nora Mørk (CSM Bucuresti)
 Jeanett Kristiansen (Herning Ikast)
 Evelina Eriksson (Skuru IK)
 Jana Knedlikova (Györi Audi ETO KC)
 Karine Emilie Dahlum (IK Våg)

Left the club

Yurou Yang (China)
 Josefine Intelhus (Tertnes)
 Kristine Thomassen (Randesund)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Andrea Austmo	Pedersen	NOR	Goalkeeper	19.04.1994	Trondheim, NOR	180	
2	Karoline	Olsen	NOR	Left Wing	16.06.1998	Kristiansand, NOR	171	
3	Emilie Hegh	Arntzen	NOR	Left Back	01.01.1994	Skien, NOR	183	
4	Tonje	Refsnes	NOR	Centre Back	13.11.1994	Kristiansand, NOR	170	
6	Malin	Larsen Aune	NOR	Right Wing	04.03.1995	Ranheim, NOR	165	
7	Carolina Miranda	Morais	ANG	Right Wing	13.04.1986	Luanda, ANG	164	
8	Karine Emilie	Dahlum	NOR	Right Back	16.12.1999	Kristiansand, NOR	175	
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right Back	05.04.1991	Oslo, NOR	167	
10	Vilde Kaurin	Jonassen	NOR	Left Wing	01.09.1992	Kristiansand, NOR	165	
11	Silje Katrine	Waade	NOR	Right Back	20.03.1994	Stjørdal, NOR	183	
12	Evelina	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20.08.1996	Østerhanninge, SWE	185	
15	Linn Jorum	Sulland	NOR	Right Back	15.07.1984	Oslo, NOR	178	
C 16	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30.03.1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181	
18	Kristine Hartveit	Thomassen	NOR	Left Back	06.02.2001	Kristiansand, NOR	178	
19	June	Andenaes	NOR	Line Player	09.06.1983	Gloppen, NOR	176	
20	Jeanett	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	24.12.1992	Stavanger, NOR	179	
21	Ragnhild Valle	Dahl	NOR	Left Back	02.01.1998	Molde, NOR	178	
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Centre Back	20.09.1990	Trondheim, NOR	179	
24	Hanna Maria	Yttereng	NOR	Line Player	20.02.1991	Trondheim, NOR	184	
25	Henny Ella	Reistad	NOR	Centre Back	09.02.1999	Oslo, NOR	180	
27	Sunniva	Naes Andersen	NOR	Left Wing	12.11.1996	Skien, NOR	175	
37	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22.06.1989	Prague, CZE	168	
55	Heidi	Løke	NOR	Line Player	12.12.1982	Tonsberg, NOR	177	



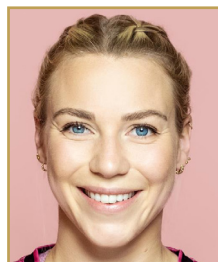
Katrine Lunde

@katrinelundenor

Goalkeeper

- back in action in the 2020/21 season after an ACL tear at the EHF FINAL4 in 2019 kept her sidelined for a year
- Lunde's return is a huge boost for Vipers, who struggled with conceding too many goals last season
- still considered a top-class keeper at the age of 40, with a storied career behind her including spells with Viborg, Győr and Rostov-Don
- the 2019 CL All-star goalkeeper played for her hometown club Vipers until 2004, alongside twin sister Kristine, before they moved together to Aalborg, then Viborg until 2010

EC trophies: CL 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, EHF Cup 2017
EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, S 2002, 2012; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016;
WCh: G 2011, S 2007, 2017, B 2009



Vilde Jonassen

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Left wing

- a Kristiansand girl born and raised, has been with Vipers since the age of 19
- longest-serving player in the squad, having been with the team when they languished in the mid-to-lower part of the Norwegian league
- at 27, she has developed into the club's first choice on the left wing
- enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2019/20, scoring 33 goals in Europe and ending the season with her first national team training camp



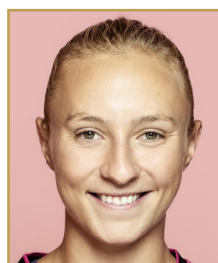
Emilie Hegh Arntzen

@emiliehegh

Left back

- joined Vipers from league rivals Byasen ahead of the 2017/18 season
- contributed 52 goals to Vipers' CL success in 2018/19
- daughter of former Norwegian international Hanne Hegh and former assistant coach of Norway's female national team, Ketil Arntzen
- started playing handball at age eight and started her senior career in Gjerpen, the club she reached the Norwegian top flight with

OG: B 2016; EURO: G 2014, 2016; WCh: S 2017



Henny Reistad

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Centre back

- in her second season with Vipers after joining from Stabæk IF in 2018
- became first-choice playmaker in her first season with the club, despite being just 19
- also played a key role for Norway at EHF EURO 2018
- at young age, has made step from promising talent to established playmaker



Heidi Løke

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Line player

- joined Vipers from league runners-up Storhamar Elite in the summer of 2019
- would join Larvik but that move was cancelled due to financial issues at that club
- Vipers said they had been trying to sign Løke since 2013
- one of the all-time greats of women's handball, still producing the goods at age 36

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017
OG: G 2012, B 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2015, B 2011; EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, S 2012



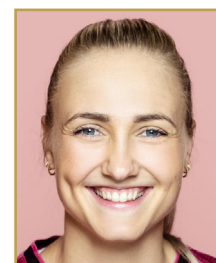
Nora Mørk

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Right back

- the 29-year-old's move to Vipers was the most spectacular news of the summer
- arguably the best right back in the world, with three All-star Team awards in the CL among many individual accolades
- with over 100 caps for Norway, she has won medals at every major championship, only lacking a gold in the Olympics
- hampered by terrible luck with injuries throughout her career, with surgeries hitting the double digits, Mørk hoping to put a frustrating time behind her and start fresh

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019
EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016; OG: B 2016; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Silje Waade

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Right back

- in her second season with Vipers after joining from Byasen Handball Elite in 2018
- had international breakthrough at EHF EURO 2016, when Norway won the title
- focused on athletics until the age of 17
- a movable and flexible back with a varied shot

EURO: G 2016



Malin Aune

@malinaune

Right wing

- in her third season with Vipers after joining from Oppsal IF in the summer of 2017
- played important part in Vipers' CL success in 2018/19 with 47 goals
- only 1.65 m tall, but her speed, technical skills and willpower compensate
- came back stronger than before from an injury in mid-season 2018/19

EURO: G 2016

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GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

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Capacity: 2,949

TEAM ESBJERG

Having taken the DELO EHF Champions League by storm last season, a repeat performance will be no mean feat for Team Esbjerg.

With high-profile absences for the foreseeable future, heralded coach Jesper Jensen will need to restructure his team's style of play if they are to make another serious push for Budapest.

Main facts

- were the surprise package of last season, having finished second in their main round group
- won their third national title and second in succession last season
- coach Jesper Jensen's achievements were also recognised as he took over Danish women's national team earlier this year
- lost two key players over the summer with Estavana Polman suffering an ACL injury in pre-season and while Line Jørgensen's pregnancy is decidedly better news, she is also out of action
- Esbjerg's major summer signing was talented right back Mette Tranborg, a youth World Championship winner, who joined from Odense

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4
Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20
Main Round (1): 2016/17
Qualification (1): 2015/16

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up: 2013/14, 2018/19; Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2012/13

Danish league: 3 titles (2016, 2019, 2020)

Danish cup: 1 title (2018)



4 MATCHES
Longest winning run

38 GOALS
Most goals

66 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:22 (20:9) v MKS Perla Lublin POL (h), 17.11.2019
Biggest defeat	38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017
Longest winning run	4 matches (10.11.2019 – 02.02.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (10.11.2019 – 23.02.2020)
Longest losing run	3 matches (30.10.2016 – 12.11.2016)
	3 matches (29.01.2017 – 12.02.2017)
	3 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2019)
Longest run without win	3 matches (30.10.2016 – 12.11.2016)
	3 matches (29.01.2017 – 12.02.2017)
	3 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2019)
Most goals	35 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:25W (h), 15.10.2016
	35 v MKS Perla Lublin POL 35:22W (h), 17.11.2019
	35 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 31:35W (a), 25.01.2020
	35 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:30W (h), 23.02.2020
Most goals opponent	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
Most goals both teams	66 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 31:35W (a), 25.01.2020
Fewest goals	20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017
Fewest goals opponent	18 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:18W (h), 20.11.2016
Fewest goals both teams	43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2016/17 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	4	0	8	305:333	-28	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2	
2019/20 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	8	1	3	352:323	+29	17:7	Quarter-final*	
Total:	24	12	1	11	657:656	+1	25:23		



Jesper Jensen
Coach

- former assistant coach who became the team's head coach in 2017
- previously worked at KIF Vejle (women) and Aalborg Handball (men)
- as a centre back he played 120 games and scored 238 goals for Denmark
- his sister, Trine Nielsen, played as a right back for Denmark and works as an analyst for Viasat Denmark
- appointed as head coach of Denmark national team in 2020

EURO: G 2008, B 2006, WCh: B 2007 (as player)

Newcomers

Mette Tranborg (Odense Håndbold)
Kaja Kamp (TTH Holstebro)
Stella Muir (youth team)

Left the club

Clara Monti Danielsson (BV Borussia 09 Dortmund)
Rut Jónsdóttir (KA Handball)
Lene Østergaard (Randers HK)
Pernille Johannsen (SønderjyskE)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Rikke Vestergaard	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.04.1986	Holstebro, DEN	177
2	Stella Kate	Muir	GBR	Centre Back	29.11.2002	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	171
3	Kaja Kamp	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	29.04.1994	Rebild, DEN	172
5	Helena Selina	Sall	DEN	Left Wing	19.03.2002	Aarhus, DEN	168
11	Kristine-Marie	Heide	DEN	Right Wing	18.07.2004	Esbjerg, DEN	172
12	Rikke Marie	Granlund	NOR	Goalkeeper	14.11.1989	Oslo, NOR	172
13	Marit Malm	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25.11.1985	Tromsø, NOR	182
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23.08.1993	Oslo, NOR	193
14	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right Back	01.01.1996	Aarhus, DEN	192
16	Stine	Lund	DEN	Goalkeeper	08.05.2003	Esbjerg, DEN	179
19	Line Anna	Ryborg Myers	DEN	Right Back	31.12.1989	Hvidovre, DEN	183
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	25.02.1994	Narvik, NOR	168
23	Elma	Halicevic	DEN	Left Wing	18.06.2000	Esbjerg, DEN	168
24	Sanna	Solberg	NOR	Left Wing	16.06.1990	Bærum, NOR	178
29	Annette	Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	24.09.1991	Frederica, DEN	176
33	Signe	Jepsen	DEN	Centre Back	25.04.2001	Esbjerg, DEN	172
34	Caroline	Thisgaard	DEN	Line Player	12.02.2002	Esbjerg, DEN	176
42	Jane	Harkes	GBR	Goalkeeper	10.01.1989	Esbjerg, DEN	174
48	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Centre Back	22.04.1993	Wien, AUT	169
51	Vilde	Ingstad	NOR	Line Player	18.12.1994	Oslo, NOR	178
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left Back	05.08.1992	Arnhem, NED	173

* Esbjerg do not assign captaincy in their team.



Rikke Poulsen

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Goalkeeper

- joined from league rivals Viborg HK in the summer of 2019
- replaced Denmark international Sandra Toft, who left for Brest
- previously played for TTH Holstebro, KIF Vejen and SK Aarhus
- experienced goalkeeper with good eye for the game and for the various shooters

WCh: B 2013



Sanna Solberg-Isaksen

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Left wing

- joined in the summer of 2017 from Norwegian side Larvik HK
- regular in the Norwegian national team, like twin sister Silje Solberg, who plays as a goalkeeper for Győr
- tall and efficient wing player with a large variety of shots

OG: B 2016; WCh: G 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2014, 2016



Kristine Breistøl

@kristinebrei

Left back

- usually the second choice left back behind Estavana Polman, but will take on a much larger role after Polman's ACL injury
- included in a Norwegian squad at a major championship for the first time at the World Championship 2019
- best known as a long-range shooter, well-capable of firing in goals from 10 or 11 m
- despite her on-court characteristics, Breistøl says if she could be any animal, she would be a cheetah, one of the fastest in the animal kingdom



Sonja Frey

Centre back

- Austrian international who joined from Paris 92 in the summer of 2019
- replaces Serbian playmaker Kristina Liscevic, who moved to SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- previously played CL with German side Thüringer HC in 2016/17
- experienced and versatile playmaker who can also be dangerous herself



Marit Malm Frafjord

@maritmalm

Line player

- retired after 2017/18 season but started playing again at Esbjerg in December 2018
- initially signed for six months, but ultimately agreed to stay for longer
- played for another Danish clubs before, for Viborg HK from 2010 to 2014
- highly experienced and complete player, but mainly used in defence by Esbjerg

WCh: B 2009, G 2011, S 2017; EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, S 2012; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016



Vilde Ingstad

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Line player

- joined from Norwegian league club Oppsal IF in the summer of 2016
- a big and physical strong line player who is also very good in the defence.
- Norwegian international, who was voted best league player in Denmark in 2018/19

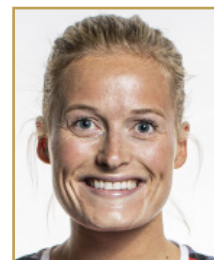


Mette Tranborg

@mettetranborg

Right back

- one of Esbjerg's biggest summer transfers, joining from fellow league contenders Odense
- played a big part in helping Odense reach the quarter-finals in her debut CL season, in 2018/19, with 44 goals before missing out through injury
- despite an ACL injury in 2019, the 24-year-old has already racked up over 50 appearances for the Danish national team
- with Line Myers (Jorgensen) out on maternity leave, Tranborg slots right in as the first choice at right back for the Danish champions



Marit Røsberg Jacobsen

@maritrij

Right wing

- Norwegian international, arrived from Byasen in the summer of 2018
- Team Esbjerg is her first club outside Norway
- studying for a bachelor's degree in sports besides her handball career
- fast and reliable wing with an effective variety of shots

WCh: S 2017

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 Player shirt: white
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 GK shirt: blue/black



Playing hall

Erd Arena
 Velencei út 39-41
 2030 Erd
 Hungary
 Capacity: 2,200

FTC-RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA

2019/20 was a season to forget for FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria. Still pursuing their dream of qualifying for their 'home' DELO EHF FINAL4, the Hungarian side finished bottom of group 1 in the main round.

In the new season, FTC are hopeful to enjoy a better campaign.

Main facts

- entering their 21st CL season after request for upgrade from EHF European League was granted
- coming off disappointing 2019/20 season, finishing main round in last place of group 1
- Noemi Hafra was chosen best young player of CL for second straight year in 2019/20
- Dutch world champion line player Danick Snelder has left after four seasons, joining league rivals Siófok
- head coach Gabor Elek is teaming up with Győr colleague Gabor Danyi as joined head coaches of Hungarian national women's team

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 21
 Runners-up (1): 2001/02
 Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01
 Quarter-finals (7): 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
 Main Round (2): 2012/13, 2019/20
 Group Matches/Champions League (6): 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14
 Qualification (2): 2009/10, 2014/15

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2005/06; Semi-finals 2004/05
Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2010/11, 2011/12; Semi-finals: 2006/07, 2014/15

Hungarian league: 12 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015)
Hungarian cup: 13 titles



8 MATCHES
 Longest unbeaten run

42 GOALS
 Most goals

36 GOALS
 Fewest goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997
Biggest defeat	40:23 (22:10) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 09.04.2016
Longest winning run	5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012) 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015)
Longest losing run	4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007) 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013) 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017) 4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018) 4 matches (07.04.2019 – 13.10.2019)
Longest run without win	5 matches (04.01.1998 – 31.10.1999) 5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)
Most goals	42 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016
Most goals both teams	70 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 34:36L (h), 10.02.2007
Fewest goals	70 v Larvik NOR 37:33W (h), 14.10.2017 17 v Volgograd AKVA RUS 22:17L (a), 03.03.2001
Fewest goals opponent	16 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997 16 v TUS Walle Bremen GER 27:16W (h), 25.01.1997 16 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 28:16W (h), 18.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	36 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 18:18D (h), 31.03.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	1	2	135:129	+6	7:5	3rd Gr. B	
1995/96 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	2	1	145:137	+8	8:4	2nd Gr. B	
1996/97 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	10	6	1	3	264:208	+56	13:7	Semi-final	
1997/98 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	6	1	1	4	147:159	-12	3:9	3rd Gr. B	
1999/00 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	4	0	4	204:201	+3	8:8	Quarter-final	
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10	Semi-final	
2001/02 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	12	6	2	4	348:341	+7	14:10	Runner-up	
2002/03 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	6	0	2	252:228	+24	12:4	Quarter-final	
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6	Quarter-final	
2006/07 FTC Budapest HUN	6	2	0	4	177:188	-11	4:8	3rd Gr. D	
2007/08 Budapest Bank-FTC HUN	6	1	0	5	165:192	-27	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2012/13 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	8	0	4	346:336	+10	16:8	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2013/14 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	6	3	0	3	162:161	+1	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2015/16 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	378:383	-5	16:12	Quarter-final	
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10	Quarter-final	
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12	Quarter-final	
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12	Quarter-final	
2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	4	1	7	334:348	-14	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1	
Total:	172	87	14	71	4745:4630	+115	188:156		



Gábor Elek
Coach

- son of legendary coach Gyula Elek, who led FTC for almost three decades, now works in arena named after his father
- leads Ferencváros since 2008 but won first domestic title only in 2015 as the team regularly finishes runner-up to Győr
- won back-to-back Cup Winners' Cups in 2011 and 2012
- respected member of the Ferencváros family, apart from his father his mother also played for the club

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012

Newcomers

Alicia Stolle (Thüringer HC)
Angela Malestein (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Anett Kisfaludy (Érd)
Anett Kovács (Békéscsaba)
Borbála Ballai (FTC youth)
Emily Bölk (Thüringer HC)
Julia Behnke (Rostov-Don)
Kinga Janurik (Érd).

Left the club

Danick Snelder (Siófok KC)
Djurdjina Malovic (Lublin)
Dóra Hornyák (DVSC Schaeffler)
Emilie Christensen (Molde HK)
Kinga Debreczeni-Klivinyi (DKKA)
Kíra Bánfai (DVSC Schaeffler, on loan)
Luca Háfra (Alba Fehérvár)
Rea Mészáros (Vác)
Viktória Lukács (Győri Audi ETO)
Zsófi Szemeray (Mosonmagyaróvár)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Gréta	Hadfi	HUN	Goalkeeper	28.09.2001	Salgótarján, HUN	174
2	Noémi	Pásztor	HUN	Line Player	02.04.1999	Szombathely, HUN	180
4	Borbála	Ballai	HUN	Centre Back	22.01.2003	Budapest, HUN	165
6	Nadine	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	19.11.1993	München, GER	173
8	Zita	Szucsanszki	HUN	Centre Back	22.05.1987	Budapest, HUN	172
10	Klára	Szekeres	HUN	Back	01.12.1987	Békéscsaba, HUN	186
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06.11.1991	Budapest, HUN	176
14	Anett	Kisfaludy	HUN	Line Player	31.08.1990	Kapuvár, HUN	183
16	Blanka	Bíró	HUN	Goalkeeper	22.09.1994	Vác, HUN	185
17	Alicia	Stolle	GER	Right Back	17.06.1996	Ahlen, GER	179
18	Anett	Kovacs	HUN	Right Wing	12.11.1994	Mezőtúr, HUN	168
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left Back	26.04.1998	Buxtehude, GER	184
21	Gréta	Márton	HUN	Left Wing	03.10.1999	Mohács, HUN	173
26	Antje Angela	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31.01.1993	Spankenburg, NED	174
33	Nikolett	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	13.07.2001	Budapest, HUN	175
42	Katrin Gitta	Klujber	HUN	Right Back	21.04.1999	Dunaújváros, HUN	170
45	Noémi	Háfra	HUN	Left Back	05.10.1998	Cegléd, HUN	180
C 91	Anikó	Kovacsics	HUN	Centre Back	29.08.1991	Nagyatád, HUN	170
93	Julia	Behnke	GER	Line Player	28.03.1993	Mannheim, GER	180



Blanka Biro

@biroblanka

Goalkeeper

- born and raised in Vác, where she played for eight years
- played internationally in the EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup, and was first called up for the national team at age 18 - for the home EHF EURO 2014
- the 1.86-m tall goalkeeper is a regular choice for the national team
- won silver with Hungary at the Women's 19 EURO in 2013



Nadine Schatzl

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Left wing

- joined FTC in 2015 after three seasons with Erd
- had her first CL experience as an 18-year-old with Győr in 2010/11, and she reached the CL Final with that club the following season
- born in Munich, Germany, but started playing handball in Mohács at the age of 10
- member of Hungarian national team, and was CL All-star Team nominee in 2016/17



Noemi Hafra

@hafranoni

Left back

- FTC talent who enjoyed breakthrough in 2018/19, also in Hungarian national team
- scored 80 CL goals in 2018/19 before FTC went out in the quarter-final
- joined FTC in 2014, spent the 2016/17 season on loan at MTK
- won Junior WCh 2018 with teammate Gréta Márton
- All-star left back of the EHF EURO 2018 and All-star young player of the CL 2018/19 and 2019/20



Aniko Kovacsics

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Centre back

- made her CL debut at 16 and is already in her 14th CL season - her fifth with FTC
- joined in 2016 from arch rivals Győr, after not getting enough playing time
- also able to play left wing, and was deployed in that position by Hungary during EHF EURO 2014
- awarded best young CL player in 2012/13

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014
EURO: B 2012



Julia Behnke

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Line player

- replaced Dutch World Champion Dannick Snelder at FTC in summer 2020 and formed a German trio with her national teammates Alicia Stolle and Emily Bólk at FTC
- best German scorer at the 2019 World Championship
- was the first German ever player to join a Russian club (Rostov) in 2019
- born in the same city as German men's national team captain Uwe Gensheimer, Mannheim



Katrin Klujber

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Right back

- debuted in Hungarian league at age 16; won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016
- joined Ferencvaros in January 2019, and was named EHF Player of the Month in February and in November
- part of the Hungarian team that won the Junior WCh in Hungary in 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



Angela Malestein

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Right wing

- arrived in Budapest in the summer of 2020 from SG BBM Bietigheim
- All-star Team member of W19 EHF EURO 2011, first played in Dutch team at age 16
- played for VOC Amsterdam and Dalfsen before moving to German side Blomberg at age 19 in 2012
- played her first major tournament at the EHF EURO 2010

WCh: G 2017, B 2019



Zita Szucsanski

Centre back

- player of Ferencváros since 2005
- returned from her maternity leave not much before the CL stopped due to Covid-19
- her partner, FTC's head coach Elek is the father of their newborn
- won EHF Cup in 2006 with Ferencváros

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2006, Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Sala Polivalenta Ioan
Kunst Ghermanescu
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CSM BUCURESTI

CSM Bucuresti detonated one of the biggest bombshells in the history of the DELO EHF Champions League when they took the title in 2016. However, they were not able to build upon that success, as their coaching carousel, mounting injuries and ineffective transfers did not help consistency.

However, CSM made only a few changes in the side that progressed to the quarter-final phase last season, focusing on experience and improving key aspects. Will it be enough?

Main facts:

- the Romanian powerhouse will take part in the premium European competition for the sixth season in a row
- CSM have made it to the quarter-final phase of the competition every season they took part in
- after changing 11 coaches in the past five years, CSM have settled on Romanian mastermind Adrian Vasile, who served as an assistant coach between 2014 and 2019
- the squad is comprised of eight different nationalities: Romanian, Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian, Montenegrin, French, Spanish, Dutch
- the Romanian side still rely on experienced players, ushering in the likes of Siraba Dembele and Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa this season

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 6
Winners (1): 2015/16
Semi-final (2): 2016/17, 2017/18
Quarter-finals (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Romanian league: 4 titles (2015-18)
Romanian cup: 4 titles (2016-19)



9 MATCHES
Longest winning run

42 GOALS
Most goals

72 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:19 (16:10) v MKS Perla Lublin POL (h), 19.10.2019
Biggest defeat	33:23 (19:10) v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN (a), 25.01.2020
Longest winning run	5 matches (31.03.2016 – 16.10.2016) 5 matches (04.11.2017 – 04.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (04.11.2017 – 11.02.2018)
Longest losing run	3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016) 3 matches (10.11.2019 – 25.01.2020)
Longest run without win	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	39 v NFH – Nykøbing Falster HK DEN 39:26W (h), 04.11.2017
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
Most goals both teams	71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
Fewest goals	20 v Metz Handball FRA 27:20L (a), 15.04.2018 20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 20:26L (a), 12.05.2018
Fewest goals opponent	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:28W (a), 23.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	42 v Rostov-Don RUS 20:22W (a), 11.11.2016

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387	+29	21:11	Winner	
2016/17 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	427:407	+20	21:11	Third Place	
2017/18 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	455:395	+60	21:11	Third Place	
2018/19 CSM Bucuresti ROU	14	6	1	7	400:390	+10	13:15	Quarter-final	
2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU	12	7	1	4	314:288	+26	15:9	Quarter-final*	
Total:	74	43	5	26	2012:1867	+145	91:57		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Raluca	Sandulache	ROU	Goalkeeper	04.10.2001	Onesti, ROU	173
7	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15.03.1990	Belgrade, SRB	182
C 8	Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26.08.1988	Bucuresti, ROU	180
11	Gabriela	Perianu	ROU	Left Back	20.06.1994	Braila, ROU	189
15	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	05.05.1991	Podgorica, MNE	176
16	Denisa Stefania	Dedu	ROU	Goalkeeper	27.09.1994	Brasov, ROU	182
17	Elizabeth	Omoregie	SLO	Centre Back	29.12.1996	Athens, GRE	175
20	Carmen	Martin	ESP	Right Wing	29.05.1988	Almeria, ESP	169
23	Geanina Diana	Finaru	ROU	Left Wing	23.04.2001	Bucuresti, ROU	165
24	Martine	Smeets	NED	Left Wing	05.05.1990	Almelo, NED	172
25	Barbara	Lazovic	SLO	Right Back	04.01.1988	Brezice, SLO	183
27	Denisa Andreea	Valcan	ROU	Centre Back	19.09.2000	Tulcea, ROU	174
28	Siraba Demebele	Pavlovic	FRA	Left Wing	28.06.1986	Dreux, FRA	171
35	Stefania Oana	Jipa	ROU	Line Player	01.03.2000	Onesti, ROU	176
77	Crina Elena	Pintea	ROU	Line Player	03.04.1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	191
86	Alexandrina	Cabral Barbosa	ESP	Left Back	05.05.1986	Lisbon, POR	174
87	Jelena	Grubisic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20.01.1987	Zagreb, CRO	181
89	Laura	Moisa	ROU	Right Wing	21.08.1989	Bacau, ROU	172
97	Bianca Maria	Bazaliu	ROU	Left Back	30.07.1997	Slatina, ROU	183



Adrian Vasile
Coach

- former right wing for Steaua Bucuresti between 2001 and 2011, won the Challenge Cup in 2006
- after ending his playing career, he became the strength and conditioning coach at Steaua, moving on to CSM in 2014, when he also became an assistant coach for Mette Klit
- has been at CSM since 2014, witnessing 11 coaching changes for the Romanian powerhouse, winning the EHF Champions League in 2016 with Kim Rasmussen
- clicking with Per Johansson, during the Swede's time in CSM, Vasile also took up the role of assistant coach in the Montenegrin women's national team

EC trophies: CL 2016 (as assistant coach)

Newcomers

Siraba Demebele (Toulon Saint-Cyr Var Handball)
Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa (Nantes Atlantiqu Handball)
Martine Smeets (Metz Handball)
Barbara Lazovic (Buducnost)

Left the club

Andrea Lekic (Buducnost)
Itana Grbic (Buducnost)
Nora Mørk (Vipers Kristiansand)
Mădălina Ion (U Cluj)
Bianca Marin (CS Măgura Cislădie)
Linnea Torstensson (retired)
Iulia Curea (retired)



Denisa Dedu

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Goalkeeper

- returned to Romania after two seasons at Siófok and winning the EHF Cup in 2019
- first called up for the Romanian national team when she was only 16 years old
- her role models in handball are national team colleagues Luminita Hutupan and Paula Ungureanu, whom she is replacing at CSM

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



Siraba Dembele

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Left wing

- playing abroad for the fourth time, after stints with Randers, Vardar and Rostov, but she never won the European premium competition
- before her lay-off, she was the captain of the French national team, the winners of the EHF EURO 2018
- mother of twins – Elian and Matej – born in November 2019
- married with a former Montenegrin football goalkeeper, Igor Pavlovic, whom she met when they both were playing for Vardar

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
EURO: G 2018, B 2006, 2016; WCh: B 2017, S 2009, 2011; OG: S 2016



Cristina Neagu

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Left back

- four-time IHF Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost but returned to hometown club CSM in 2017
- considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, netted 684 goals in 11 seasons

EC trophies: CL 2015
B 2010; WCh: B 2015



Alexandrina Barbosa

@shandybarbosa86

Centre back

- born in Portugal, she got Spanish citizenship in 2012 and represented Spain ever since
- in her third stint in the Romanian league, after playing for Rulmentul Brasov (2008-2010) and Oltchim (2012-2013)
- fluent Romanian speaker, she has been a fan favourite in every team she played for
- played for ten clubs in six different leagues – Portugal, Spain, Romania, Germany, France and Russia – in her career

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016
WCh: S 2019



Dragana Cvijic

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Line player

- starts her third season for CSM Bucuresti, a team she signed for in 2018, after relishing to play once again with Cristina Neagu
- Serbian renowned for her defensive skills and is a pillar of CSM's defence
- All-Star line player in the 2017/18 CL season
- used to play with number 72 since her days at Krim in 2009, but changed to 7 this season, after Andrea Lekic left CSM

EC trophies: CL2012, 2015
WCh: S 2013

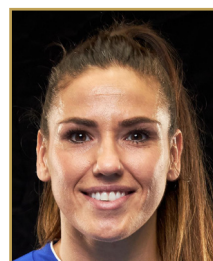


Barbara Lazovic

@barbaralazovic

Right back

- Slovenian national team player who returned to CSM in summer of 2020 after one season with Buducnost
- 2019/20 season was her personal best with 48 goals scored for Buducnost
- earlier played for Krim (until 2014) and four seasons for Vardar, twice finishing second in CL, also had a one-year stint with Zajecar in the past
- married to Montenegrin national team player Vuk Lazovic



Carmen Martin

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Right wing

- Spanish player, now returning to the club she won the CL with in 2016
- All-star right wing of CL 2016/17, when she scored 65 times, and at EHF EURO 2014
- previously played CL with Krim Mercator (SLO) and Itxako (ESP)
- studied for a degree in tourism, speaks fluent English and French

EC trophies: CL 2016
EURO: S 2008, S 2014; WCh: B 2011; OG: B 2012



Crina Pintea

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Line player

- arrived from Győr after winning the CL with the Hungarian side in 2019
- line player of the CL All-star Team in 2018/19
- her younger sister, Andreea, also wants to become a professional handball player
- has an Eiffel tower tattoo as playing for Issy Paris changed her life

EC trophies: CL: 2019
WCh: B 2015

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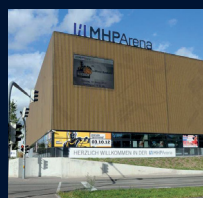
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 MHP Arena Ludwigsburg
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 Germany
 Capacity: 4,185

SG BBM BIETIGHEIM

Two world champions and the coach left, while three Scandinavian stars, a German ‘home-comer’ and a new coach arrived. With a newly built team, SG BBM Bietigheim hope for their first ever EHF Champions League quarter-final participation.

Main facts:

- the two-time German champions (2016/17 and 2018/19) finished second in the previous Bundesliga season and were awarded an upgrade to be part of the DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21
- new coach Markus Gaugisch succeeded Dane Martin Albertsen, who is now the director of the Swiss women’s youth handball academy and remains the Switzerland women’s national team coach
- for Gaugisch, Bietigheim is the first top women’s team, after coaching the men’s Bundesliga teams Neuhausen and Balingen
- it is the fourth straight Champions League participation for Bietigheim, but they only proceeded to the main round in the 2017/18 season. In 2019/20, Bietigheim collected just two points in the group phase

Past achievements

EHF Champions League
 Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4
 Main Round (1): 2017/18
 Group Matches (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

Other
 EHF Cup: runners-up 2016/17, group phase 2018/19, 2019/20

German league: 2 titles (2017, 2019)



8 MATCHES
 Longest losing run

32 GOALS
 Most goals

67 GOALS
 Most goals both teams

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	27:21 (12:10) v Buducnost MNE (h), 12.11.2017
Biggest defeat	21:34 (13:17) v Thüringer HC GER (h), 25.02.2018
Longest winning run	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017)
	3 matches (11.03.2018 – 14.10.2018)
Longest losing run	8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)
Longest run without win	8 matches (21.10.2018 – 02.11.2019)
Most goals	32 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 32:35L (h), 19.10.2019
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 26:38L (h), 04.02.2018
Most goals both teams	67 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 32:35L (h), 19.10.2019
Fewest goals	21 v Metz Handball FRA 27:21L (a), 19.11.2017
	21 v Thüringer HC GER 21:34L (h), 25.02.2018
Fewest goals opponent	21 v Buducnost MNE 27:21W (h), 12.11.2017
Fewest goals both teams	48 v Buducnost MNE 27:21W (h), 12.11.2017
	48 v Metz Handball FRA 27:21L (a), 19.11.2017

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	12	4	0	8	296:342	-46	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2	
2018/19 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	6	1	1	4	162:182	-20	3:9	4th Gr. D	
2019/20 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	6	1	0	5	171:197	-26	2:10	4th Gr. C	
Total:	24	6	1	17	629:721	-92	13:35		



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Emily Stang	Sando	NOR	Goalkeeper	08.03.1989	Tønsberg, NOR	180
3	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Wing	22.07.1999	Tübingen, GER	170
5	Antje	Lauenroth	GER	Line Player	03.10.1988	Hablensleben, GER	170
7	Magdalena	Probst	GER	Left Wing	24.01.2001	Mühlacker, GER	161
10	Anna	Loerper	GER	Centre Back	18.11.1984	Kempen, GER	165
13	Luisa	Schulze	GER	Line Player	14.09.1990	Altenburg, GER	190
14	Karolina	Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	Left Back	17.01.1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178
C 15	Kim	Naidzinavicius	GER	Centre Back	06.04.1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
19	Leonie	Patorra	GER	Centre Back	26.07.2001	Esslingen, GER	174
20	Nele	Reimer	GER	Left Back	09.09.1996	Rostock, GER	180
22	Xenia	Smits	GER	Left Back	22.04.1994	Wilrijk, BEL	182
23	Valentyna	Salamakha	AZE	Goalkeeper	23.04.1986	Kirovograd, UKR	176
25	Trine	Østergaard	DEN	Right Wing	17.10.1991	Skanderborg, DEN	165
27	Julia	Maidhof	GER	Right Back	13.03.1998	Aschaffenburg, GER	172
28	Stine	Jørgensen	DEN	Left Back	03.09.1990	Brønderslev, DEN	180
34	Kim	Braun	GER	Left Wing	06.02.1997	Eupen, BEL	175



Markus Gaugisch
Coach

- Bietigheim is his first coaching job in women's handball
- biggest success as a player was winning German youth championship in 1993
- played for Pfullingen in Bundesliga later
- started his coaching career at Neuhausen, steering the club to the Bundesliga, then coached men's Bundesliga club Balingen until 2015
- after a five-year break returned to the bench now
- parallel to his coaching job he is sports and German teacher

Newcomers

Xenia Smits (Metz Handball)
 Stine Jørgensen (Odense Håndbold)
 Trine Østergaard (Odense Håndbold)
 Emily Sando (Buducnost)
 Nele Reimer (Neckarsulmer Sport-Union)
 Julia Maidhof (HSG Bensheim-Auerbach)

Left the club

Dinah Eckerle (Siofok)
 Laura van der Heijden (Siófok)
 Angela Malestein (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
 Maren Aardahl (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)
 Daphne Gautschi (Metz Handball)
 Fie Woller (Bourg-de-Péage Drôme Handball)
 Maura Visser (retired)



Emily Sando

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Goalkeeper

- replaced German international Dinah Eckerle (now Siofok) in Bietigheim's goal in 2020
- arrives from Buducnost, had started her career at former Norwegian champions Larvik
- gained more CL experience at Danish sides Esbjerg (2013-2017), Odense (2017/18) and Kobenhavn (2018/19), before leaving for Montenegro
- part of the Norwegian national team which won the EURO 2014

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2008
EURO: G 2014



Antje Lauenroth

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Left wing

- besides being a handball pro, she is police officer
- part of the German U20 team, which became World champion in 2008
- had her first international match for the German women's team at the age of 29 in 2017, but since then did not miss any match
- started playing as a line player, then became left wing - but still can play on both positions



Xenia Smits

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Left back

- born in Belgium, raised in Germany, having the German citizenship since 2014, right before she played the U20 World Championship
- in 2015 the tall left back transferred to French record champions Metz including playing the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in 2019
- was a defence specialist, but is now is a key in attack, both for Bietigheim and the German national team
- has played in three leagues so far: German with Blomberg-Lippe and now Bietigheim, French with Metz, and Belgian with HC Rhino

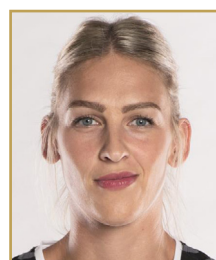


Kim Naidzinavicius

@kimjulia15

Centre back

- team captain of Bietigheim and the German national team
- hit hard by injuries in the previous seasons, was out for nine months after tearing ACL
- arrived at Bietigheim for 2016/17 season after four years at Bayer Leverkusen
- ended 2016/17 as the third-best scorer of the German Bundesliga
- first played for German national team at age 21, was youngest member of team that won gold at under-20 WCh 2008



Luisa Schulze

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Line player

- signed by Bietigheim for 2016/17, having played for HC Leipzig since age 16
- at 190 cm, tallest player of the squad at both club and national team
- went through all YAC national teams and is a regular in senior team again since Henk Groener is the coach
- best defence player of W19 EHF EURO 2009



Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc

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Left back

- after more than 10 years with Leipzig, arrived at Bietigheim for 2017/18 season
- team captain of Polish national team, who was nominated for IHF World Player award few years ago
- has a degree in clinical psychology
- started practicing again in 2019 only three months after giving birth to her son Jakub
- will mostly play on the right back position, but can be used on all back court positions



Trine Østergaard

@toestergaard

Right wing

- started playing handball and football parallel, then chose handball as her sport
- started her professional career at Ikast/FC Midtjylland in 2009 at the age of 18
- three times Danish champion with FCM and won two EC trophies
- transferred to Odense in 2017 and continued playing CL there until 2020
- successor of Dutch World Champion Angela Malestein (FTC) in Bietigheim now

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011, Cup Winners' Cup 2015
WCh: B 2013



Stine Jørgensen

@stinejorg

Left back

- started at FC Midtjylland, then played at Odense, before she joined Bietigheim
- had her first CL appearance in 2012, playing for Aalborg
- from 2013 at FCM, winning the Danish league once, the cup twice and the Cup Winners' Cup once
- second best scorer of the EHF EURO 2016
- bronze medallist at the U18 World Championship in 2008

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2015
WCh: B 2013

GROUP A



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Kit colours

Light
 Player shirt: pink
 Player short: black
 GK shirt: green
Dark
 Player shirt: blue
 Player short: black
 GK shirt: black



Playing hall

Arena Stožice
 Vojkova cesta 100
 1000 Ljubljana
 Slovenia
 Capacity: 6,000

RK KRIM MERCATOR

RK Krim Mercator are a well-known name in the EHF Champions League, with a rich history in the competition.

The 2001 and 2003 champions have missed that level of success in recent years, with numerous changes, but have still reached the main round in each of the past four seasons.

Main facts:

- entering 26th straight Champions League season after winning their 25th domestic title in Slovenia
- the two-time champions (2000/01, 2002/03) finished fifth in main round group 2 in 2019/20
- head coach Uros Bregar is starting his fifth season in charge at the club, after joining in 2016 at age 36
- three of Krim's top-scoring players in the Champions League 2019/20 season have left: Alja Varagic (62 goals), Nina Zulic (54) and Polona Baric (33)
- the squad is reinforced with six newcomers

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 26
 Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03
 Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06
 Semi-final (1): 2012/13
 Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07
 Main Round (10): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20
 Last 16 (1): 1995/96
 Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 2002/03, 2003/04
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 2015/16

Slovenian league: 25 titles (1995 – 2015, 2017-2020)

Slovenian cup: 26 titles



6 MATCHES
 Longest winning run

41 GOALS
 Most goals

76 GOALS
 Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997
Biggest defeat	39:20 (19:8) v Buducnost MNE (a), 15.03.2015
Longest winning run	6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003)
	6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)
Longest losing run	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Longest run without win	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Most goals	41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007
Most goals opponent	47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Most goals both teams	76 v 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011
	76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Fewest goals	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
Fewest goals opponent	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19		8:8	Quarter-final
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8		8:8	Quarter-final
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11		13:11	Runner-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7		5:7	3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32		15:9	Winner
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3		6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55		20:4	Winner
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35		14:10	Runner-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37		14:2	Quarter-final
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27		16:8	Runner-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14		10:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5		5:7	3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3		12:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30		15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8		12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22		10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0		16:12	Semi-final
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5		11:13	4th MR Gr. 2
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374	-69		4:20	6th MR Gr. 1
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208	-48		0:12	4th Gr. A
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345	-51		8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335	-34		9:15	6th MR Gr. 1
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328	-31		8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	1	8	310:348	-38		7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
Total:	250	116	14	120	6686:6718	-32		246:254	



Uros Bregar
Coach

- took over as head coach of Krim at age 36
- started his coaching career as a 20-year-old, later mentored by Marta Bon, whom he succeeded at the helm of Krim in 2015
- was assistant coach to Indira Kastratovic at Vardar in 2013 before taking over at Hungarian side Vac
- also the current Slovenian women's national team coach
- expert in youth coaching, having worked with all Slovenian women's youth categories in the past

Newcomers

Maja Svetik (ZRK Ajdovscina)
Samara Da Silva Viera (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)
Oceane Sercien-Ugolin (Paris 92)
Jovana Risovic (Podravka Vegeta)
Matea Pletikotic (Buducnost)
Branka Konatar (Buducnost)
Anna Dobric (RK Zelene Doline)

Left the club

Polona Baric (retirement)
Tamara Mavsar (retirement)
Alja Varagic (maternity leave)
Nina Zulic (Kastamonu)
Iza Bon Brzin (Celje)
Tjasa Polajnar Vesligaj
Marianka Rebicova
Yuliia Snopova
Antonia Mamić
Nives Klobucar (FSV Mainz 05)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Samara	Da Silva Vieira	BRA	Left Back	07.10.1991	Natal/RN, BRA	183
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line Player	18.01.1995	Ljubljana, SLO	173
6	Oceane	Sercien Ugolin	FRA	Right Back	15.12.1997	Cherbourg-Octeville, FRA	176
8	Ema	Abina	SLO	Left Wing	18.02.1999	Ljubljana, SLO	171
C 9	Nina	Zabjek	SLO	Centre Back	04.03.1998	Ljubljana, SLO	177
10	Matea	Pletikotic	CRO	Centre Back	24.04.1998	Sinj, CRO	168
11	Harma	van Kreij	NED	Left Back	11.11.1993	Venray, NED	173
12	Jovana	Risovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07.10.1993	Beograd, SRB	171
12	Hana	Gjerek	SLO	Goalkeeper	17.04.2000	Ljubljana, SLO	186
14	Laura	Cerovak	SLO	Left Back	06.09.2000	Ljubljana, SLO	188
15	Valentina	Klemencic	SLO	Line Player	05.02.2002	Kranj, SLO	185
16	Maja	Vojnovic	SLO	Goalkeeper	26.01.1998	Novo mesto, SLO	180
18	Branka	Konatar	MNE	Left Wing	02.11.1999	Podgorica, MNE	169
19	Natasa	Ljepoja	SLO	Line Player	28.01.1996	Celje, SLO	183
21	Anna	Dobric	CRO	Line Player	09.08.1998	Rijeka, CRO	180
22	Ana	Kojic	SRB	Right Wing	04.10.1997	Beograd, SRB	165
23	Hana	Vucko	SLO	Left Back	14.11.1998	Ljubljana, SLO	177
26	Tija	Gomilar Zickero	SLO	Right Wing	12.05.2000	Ljubljana, SLO	168
99	Maja	Svetik	SLO	Left Wing	09.03.1996	Sempeterpri Gorici, SLO	168



Jovana Risovic

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Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, joined from Podravka Vegeta
- started handball career at age eight – first on the wing, later as goalkeeper
- part of the Serbian team that finished runners-up at the WCh in 2013
- best goalkeeper at 2012 Junior World Championship
- also played for Nova Pazova, Kragujevac, Randers and Kecskemeti

WCh: S 2013



Branka Konatar

Left wing

- joined from Buducnost in 2020, before also played for Danilovgrad
- named one of the most perceptive young players in Montenegro with great defensive skills, efficient in attack too
- part of the Montenegro national team, finished second at the 2018 Mediterranean Games
- shares playing times Slovenian Maja Svetik who came from Ajdovscina



Samara Da Silva Vieira

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Left back

- Brazilian international, Krim will be her fourth European club
- coming to Ljubljana from Valcea, where she scored 25 goals in the CL 2019/20
- part of Brazil national team, winning gold at Pan American Games in 2019
- MVP of the Youth World Championship 2008

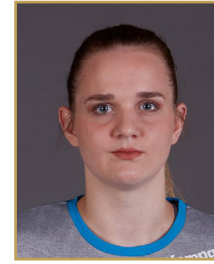


Matea Pletikotic

@mateapletikotic

Centre back

- born in Sinj, Croatia, received Montenegrin citizenship in 2020
- since 2015 member of Buducnost, now joining Krim Mercator
- made an immediate impact when debuting at age 17 in 2015/16 CL season
- heads into her sixth CL season



Valentina Klemencic

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Line player

- young and talented Slovenian line player
- season 2019/20 was her first in the CL at age 17
- named rookie of the round 4 in that season
- represented Slovenia at the 2019 World Championship

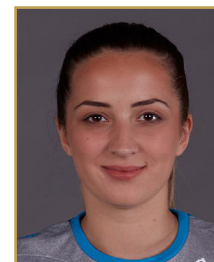


Oceane Sercien-Ugolin

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Right back

- French-born player, played in Issy Paris 92 from 2016 until 2020
- represented France at the 2019 World Championship
- young and talented, named one to watch in France
- will try to replace Yuliia Snopova who left the club and Alja Varagic (maternity leave)



Ana Kojic

@anakojc2

Right wing

- started playing handball at age of 10 in Radnicki, Serbia
- at the beginning played with both hands, later left handed
- came to Krim in 2019, replacing Sara Ristovska
- was a member of youth and junior Serbia national team
- played at the 2019 World Championship with Serbia



Harma van Kreijl

Centre back

- Dutch player with good defensive skills
- joined Krim in summer of 2019 from Borussia Dortmund to be able to play in CL
- gained experience and improved her game in Dortmund, after playing for several lower-ranked teams in Germany and Netherlands until 2017



GROUP B PREVIEW

ALL TEAMS CHALLENGE FAVOURITES GYÖR IN UNPREDICTABLE GROUP

Györi Audi ETO KC, the record five-time winners of the DELO EHF Champions League, are obvious favourites again when the competition heads into its 2020/21 season under a revamped format. However, there are enough teams in group B determined to make life difficult for the Hungarian heavyweights.



Györ are used to winning trophies, but were denied the chance to win a fourth straight EHF Champions League title when the remainder of the 2019/20 season was cancelled amid the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. It might give them even extra motivation in the new season, which they enter with a few changes.

GYÖR REMAIN THE TEAM TO BEAT BUT BREST LOOK CONFIDENT

Györ's squad is still full of quality and experience, but right back Katarina Bulatovic as well as goalkeepers Kari Grimsbø and Eva Kiss have ended their careers.

The newcomers include two other renowned goalies, Laura Glauser and Silje Solberg, but Bulatovic will not be easy to replace. However, Györ remain the team to beat as they are expected to dominate their group once more.



Main challenger might again be Brest Bretagne Handball, who looked very confident last season when they only dropped points against Györ in the main round. The French side has made huge progress in recent years and hopes to impress again in the new season.

Despite some changes, head coach Laurent Bezeau has a very strong squad at their disposal, including newcomers like Djurdjina Jaukovic from Buducnost.

BUDUCNOST GO INTO NEW SEASON FULL OF AMBITIONS

The Montenegrin team has lost not only Jaukovic, but also Barbara Lazovic, while goalkeeper Marina Rajcic is on maternity leave.

On the other hand, Buducnost signed stars like Alisson Pineau and Andrea Lekic, and they can still rely on their brilliant wings, Jovanka Radicevic and Majda Mehmedovic, allowing them to go into the new season full of ambitions and big goals.

SCM Ramnicu Valcea have stepped out of the shadow of CSM Bucuresti in the domestic league though they failed to replicate the similar achievements on European level.



The team has enough quality to reach their goals in Europe as well, though. While they have gained some more experience now, this could be the season where the Romanian side makes another step ahead.

Borussia Dortmund will play their debut season in the DELO EHF Champions League, and they certainly can not be underestimated.



Head coach Andre Fuhr heavily relies on Dutch players - there are eight of them in the roster, including five world champions. After leading the Bundesliga when the season was called off, Dortmund now hope to impress in Europe as well.

ODENSE BACK AFTER ONE-YEAR BREAK

Odense Håndbold, quarter-finalists in 2018/19, return to the competition after a one-year break, when they looked solid in the Women's EHF Cup.

The Danish side has gone through a lot of changes in summer, with many players leaving but with World Championship top scorer Lois Abbingh arriving as their most notable newcomer.

Similar to Odense, Podravka Vegeta were in the Women's EHF Cup 2019/20 semi-finals when the season was cancelled.



However, in the continental top flight, the Croatian side has been lacking remarkable results lately, but they are strong enough, especially on their home court, to be able to spring a few surprises in this group.

CSKA ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS UNDERDOGS

CSKA are another dark horse of group B. Founded only a year ago, the Moscow-based team is entering its first European season after finishing third in the Russian Super League.

Head coach Jan Leslie can rely on a number of Russian national team players as well as some experienced foreigners, turning CSKA into a potentially dangerous underdog in this unpredictable group.

Sergey Nikolaev



I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP B TEAMS

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC 6-1-9 (413:434) 13:19

10.01.2004	CS Oltchim Valcea vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Cup – Round 3	21:25 (9:14)
18.01.2004	Györi Graboplast ETO vs CS Oltchim Valcea, EHF Cup – Round 3	29:26 (17:9)
24.02.2008	Györi Audi ETO vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:27 (16:13)
15.03.2008	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:27 (17:13)
21.02.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:26 (16:14)
21.03.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:28 (15:13)
08.11.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	26:22 (13:13)
17.01.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Group C	26:22 (16:8)
11.04.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	25:25 (14:15)
18.04.2010	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	24:20 (11:10)
01.04.2012	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	35:31 (13:17)
07.04.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	31:23 (19:12)
06.04.2013	Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	22:24 (10:14)
11.04.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	24:25 (10:14)
08.02.2020	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:29 (6:10)
07.03.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	35:29 (20:15)

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Buducnost 5-0-7 (297:301) 10:14

1984/85	Chimistul Ramnicul Valcea vs RK Buducnost Titk. Titograd, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	26:25 (13:10)
1984/85	RK Buducnost Titk. Titograd vs Chimistul Ramnicul Valcea, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	27:21 (15:15)
09.11.2007	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:22 (15:11)
11.01.2008	Buducnost T-Mobile vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:32 (12:10)
08.02.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:22 (12:13)
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13.03.2011	'Buducnost' vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:21 (16:9)
19.02.2012	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:34 (13:18)
11.03.2012	Buducnost vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:25 (17:15)
19.10.2019	Buducnost vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	23:19 (13:10)
01.11.2019	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	20:21 (10:13)

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Brest Bretagne Handball 0-0-2 (47:63) 0:4

12.10.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	37:24 (22:9)
16.11.2019	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	23:26 (13:14)

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs CSKA

No previous encounters in European competitions

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs HC Podravka Vegeta 5-0-3 (213:196) 10:6

21.02.1993	HC Podravka Koprivnica vs CS Chimistul RM Vilcea, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	33:28 (19:14)
27.02.1993	CS Chimistul RM Vilcea vs HC Podravka Koprivnica, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:25 (16:12)
05.11.2000	Podravka Koprivnica vs Oltchim Valcea, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	18:19 (8:9)
11.11.2000	Oltchim Valcea vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	21:19 (11:7)
17.03.2007	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs CS Oltchim RM Valcea, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	32:27 (19:16)
24.03.2007	CS Oltchim RM Valcea vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	34:21 (21:8)
15.11.2008	HC Podravka Vegeta vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Group C	20:30 (14:13)
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Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost 14-4-3 (544:495) 32:10

13.05.2006	ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Györi ETO Kezilabda Club, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	25:25 (12:7)
20.05.2006	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	23:26 (10:14)
07.01.2007	ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:31 (12:16)
17.02.2007	Györi Audi ETO KC vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (13:9)
15.02.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (15:14)
28.02.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (9:14)
05.05.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Final	29:27 (13:12)
13.05.2012	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Final	27:25 (13:12)
02.02.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:17 (14:7)
10.03.2013	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:22 (12:13)
01.02.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:23 (9:13)
09.03.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (14:12)
04.05.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League MVM EHF FINAL4 – Final	21:27 (10:15)
09.01.2016	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:20 (13:11)
14.02.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	25:22 (12:12)
07.05.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:21 (8:11)
06.05.2017	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League TIPPPIX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:26 (9:12)
07.04.2018	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	20:26 (9:12)
14.04.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:28 (15:15)
01.02.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:24 (15:12)
01.03.2020	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:28 (17:12)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball 3-1-0 (108:95) 7:1

15.10.2017	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:26 (10:13)
18.11.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:17 (13:7)
26.01.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:27 (15:17)
23.02.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:29 (15:14)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs CSKA

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold 2-0-0 (62:49) 4:0

07.04.2019	Odense HC vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (13:18)
13.04.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:21 (18:10)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Podravka Vegeta 8-0-0 (259:196) 16:0

10.11.2007	Györi Audi ETO vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group A	34:29 (18:13)
13.01.2008	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Györi Audi ETO, EHF Champions League – Group A	33:40 (12:21)
17.10.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:25 (18:15)
07.11.2010	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:35 (10:19)
13.10.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:19 (11:7)
11.11.2012	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	22:29 (11:14)
14.10.2018	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:33 (15:17)
17.11.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group C	37:17 (17:9)

Buducnost vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball 1-1-2 (110:116) 3:5

10.02.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:27 (15:12)
10.03.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (13:13)
05.10.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – group C	32:35 (17:16)
10.11.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:28 (14:15)

Buducnost vs CSKA

No previous encounters in European competitions

Buducnost vs Odense Håndbold 2-0-0 (57:50) 4:0

06.10.2018	Buducnost vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:28 (17:12)
11.11.2018	Odense HC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group A	22:26 (14:13)

Buducnost vs HC Podravka Vegeta 3-0-1 (110:99) 6:2

02.10.2005	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	28:22 (13:10)
09.10.2005	ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	24:18 (10:8)
25.10.2014	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:32 (14:18)
23.11.2014	Buducnost vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:26 (15:13)

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Brest Bretagne Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs CSKA

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

Brest Bretagne Handball vs CSKA

No previous encounters in European competitions

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense Håndbold 0-0-2 (48:57) 0:4

26.01.2019	Odense HC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:24 (14:10)
24.02.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:29 (13:13)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSKA vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSKA vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

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

Dark
Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
GK shirt: green/black



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SCM RAMNICU VALCEA

For a team that celebrates unity and team spirit, Valcea did everything right this summer as they focused on building upon last season's achievements.

Sure, there were unexpected and painful defeats throughout the campaign, yet the Romanian side managed to progress to the quarter-finals, a feat they will try to emulate this season.

Main facts:

- the Romanian championship was stopped when Valcea were in the first place, tied on points with CSM Bucuresti, but with CSM having a game in hand
- it will be Valcea's 15th season in the top flight - only eight teams played more games in the competition
- players from nine different nationalities are in the roster: Romanian, Spanish, Serbia, Ukrainian, German, Montenegrin, Hungarian, Norwegian and Danish
- coach Florentin Pera enters his third season with the team and has already won plaudits for his time in charge
- this will be the fourth season in the history of the competition when two Romanian sides line up at the start of the group phase

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 15
Runners-up (1): 2009/10
Semi-finals (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13
Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20
Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2010/11
Group Matches (1): 2000/01
Champions League (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99
Last 32 (1): 1999/2000
Qualification Round 2 (1): 2002/03

Other:

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2006/07, Runners-up 2001/02
Champions Trophy: Winners 2006/07

Romanian league: 20 titles (1989, 1990, 1991, 1993-2000, 2002, 2007-13, 2019)
Romanian cup: 13 titles



9 MATCHES
Longest unbeaten run

39 GOALS
Most goals

15 GOALS
Fewest goals opponent

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

- Biggest win** 15:34 (6:14) v Buxtehuder SV GER (a), 20.10.2012
- Biggest defeat** 35:21 (19:9) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 30.03.1996
- Longest winning run** 7 matches (17.02.2001 – 11.01.2008)
- Longest unbeaten run** 9 matches (17.02.2001 – 15.02.2008)
- Longest losing run** 7 matches (21.01.1996 – 16.11.1996)
- Longest run without win** 9 matches (13.01.1996 – 04.01.1997)
- Most goals** 39 v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 39:29W (h), 17.02.2001
39 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27W (h), 07.03.2008
- Most goals opponent** 37 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 37:30L (a), 19.03.2011
37 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 37:24L (a), 12.10.2019
- Most goals both teams** 69 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:34L (a), 28.02.2009
- Fewest goals** 14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:14L (a), 29.01.1994
- Fewest goals opponent** 15 v Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34W (a), 20.10.2012
- Fewest goals both teams** 35 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:18L (h), 10.01.1998

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Chimistul Valcea ROU	6	2	0	4	138:147	-9	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Chimistul Ramnicu Valcea ROU	6	0	1	5	122:164	-42	1:11	4th Gr. B	
1996/97 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	6	1	2	3	127:133	-6	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
1997/98 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	3	0	3	138:124	+14	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
1998/99 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	2	0	4	154:157	-3	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
2000/01 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	3	0	3	159:150	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2007/08 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU	12	9	1	2	385:320	+65	19:5	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2008/09 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	7	1	6	405:376	+29	15:13	Semi-final	
2009/10 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	16	9	2	5	438:425	+13	20:12	Runner-up	
2010/11 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU	12	6	0	6	319:319	0	12:12	4th MR Gr. 1	
2011/12 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	9	1	4	392:371	+21	19:9	Semi-final	
2012/13 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	11	0	3	371:319	+52	22:6	Semi-final	
2019/20 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	12	4	1	7	307:310	-3	9:15	Quarter-final*	
Total:	130	66	9	55	3455:3315	+140	141:119		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Maren Nyland	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02.03.1994	Trondheim, NOR	180
5	Jelena	Trifunovic	SRB	Left Back	04.08.1991	Kraljevo, SRB	181
6	Asma	Elghaoui	HUN	Line Player	29.08.1991	Monastir, TUN	174
8	Elena Raluca	Dascalete	ROU	Right Back	08.01.1992	Horezu, ROU	184
12	Diana	Ciuca	ROU	Goalkeeper	01.06.2000	Craiova, ROU	181
13	Evgenija	Minevskaja	GER	Left Back	31.10.1992	Minsk, BLR	183
14	Zeljka	Nikolic	SRB	Right Wing	12.07.1991	Priboj, SRB	164
17	Marta	Lopez Herrero	ESP	Right Wing	04.02.1990	Malaga, ESP	165
21	Ann Grete	Norgaard	DEN	Left Wing	15.09.1983	Viborg, DEN	163
22	Elena Cristina	Florica	ROU	Left Wing	11.05.1992	Creteni, ROU	174
23	Iryna	Glibko	UKR	Left Back	18.02.1990	Odessa, UKR	169
27	Alicia	Fernandez	ESP	Centre Back	21.12.1992	Valdovino, ESP	172
30	Iuliana	Marin	ROU	Line Player	11.04.2000	Slobozia, ROU	179
C 43	Marta	Batinovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	20.04.1990	Metkovic, CRO	184
71	Kristina	Liscevic	SRB	Centre Back	20.10.1989	Sombor, SRB	173
77	Sara	Rus	ROU	Goalkeeper	29.09.2002	Petrosani, ROU	189
88	Roberta	Stamin	ROU	Right Wing	25.02.2001	Bechet, ROU	175
99	Mireya	Gonzalez	ESP	Right Back	18.07.1991	Leon, ESP	178

Florentin Pera

Coach

- former handball player started coaching in 2004, in his home city, Resita
- has always coached women teams, as his best European result was progressing to the Last 16 phase of the Women's EHF Cup with HCM Roman in 2016
- his first titles came as SCM Valcea's coach, the Romanian Super Cup and the Romanian League in 2018 and 2019
- married to Loredana, a former left back whom he coached while in Resita

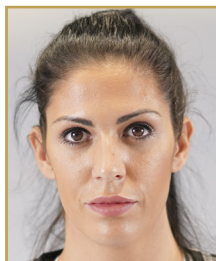


Newcomers

Zeljka Nikolic (SCM Craiova)
Maren Nyland Aardahl (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Evgenija Minevskaja (Brest Bretagne Handball)
Raluca Dascalete (Rapid Bucuresti)

Left the club

Yuliya Dumanska (Podravka Koprivnica)
Raluca Elena Bacaoanu (Gloria Bistrita)
Samara Da Silva Vieira (RK Krim Mercator)
Alexandra Badea (Rapid Bucuresti)
Madalina Zamfirescu (Dunarea Braila)



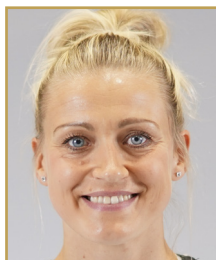
Marta Batinovic

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Goalkeeper

- new club captain, after fellow goalkeeper, Yuliya Dumanska, left for Podravka
- played professional handball for only three clubs: Podravka Vegeta, Buducnost and Valcea
- named best Croatian handball player in 2015
- played for Croatia between 2011 and 2018, switching to Montenegro since 2019

EC trophies: CL 2015



Ann Grete Norgaard

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Left wing

- after 19 consecutive seasons playing in Denmark, Nørgaard decided to try a change of scenery, signing with Valcea
- had three stints with Viborg, starting from 2000, winning the European top competition with the Danish side in 2006
- also a teacher, graduating from VIA College in the Danish town of Skive, specialising in Mathematics, History and Science
- named the best left wing in the Danish League in 2008, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017

EC trophies: CL 2006, EHF Cup 2004, 2013

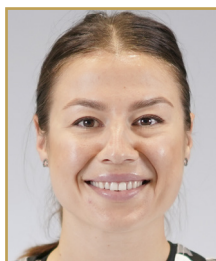


Evgenija Minevskaja

@sheniii

Left back

- comes from a handball family: her father, Andrej, won the gold medal at the Olympic Games 1992, while her mother, Svetlana, won two gold medals with USSR in 1986 and 1990
- born in Minsk, Belarus, Evgenija went with her family in Germany when she was only one year old
- took up tennis and taekwondo, but shortly focused on handball
- has five tattoos and likes to cook, her favourite dish is risotto
- top scorer in the German Bundesliga in 2014, when playing for Metzinger

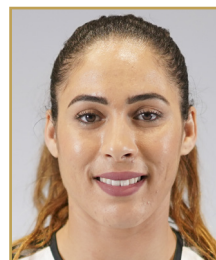


Iryna Glibko

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Centre back

- started playing handball in Ukraine, but moved to Romania when she was only 22, plying her trade in Galati, CSM Bucuresti, HCM Roman and then Valcea
- already considers Romania as her second home after seven years of playing there
- one of the most consistent goal scorers in the Romanian league in the past seasons, putting 1162 goals behind her opponents between 2012 and 2020
- the best goal scorer in the Romanian domestic league in 2013 and 2018



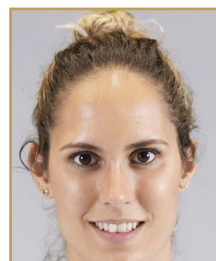
Asma Elghaoui

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Line player

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

EC trophies: CL 2017, EHF Cup 2019



Mireya Gonzalez

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Right back

- started handball in Spain, but also played in France and Hungary, winning the European top competition in 2018, when she was loaned to Győr
- avid photographer, Gonzalez also took part in some photography contests
- one of the few players that won all the European club competitions: won all three European Cup trophies within five years (Challenge Cup 2015 with Mios Biganos, CL 2018 with Győr and EHF Cup 2019 with Siófok)

EC trophies: CL 2018, EHF Cup 2019, Challenge Cup 2015
WCh: S 2019



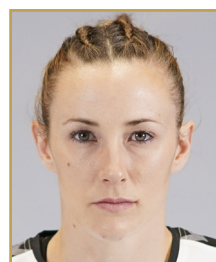
Marta Lopez

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Right wing

- took up handball when she was 10, after seeing her older brothers playing
- named best right wing in the French League in 2013 and 2014, when playing for Fleury; joined Valcea in 2017 after one season with Bera Bera
- entered her third season in the European top competition, after scoring 14 goals for Fleury in 2015/16 and 29 in the 2019/20 season for Valcea
- played more than 100 matches for the Spanish national team, but had a three-year hiatus, making her comeback in 2019

EURO: S 2014, OG: B 2012, WCh: S 2019



Kristina Liscevic

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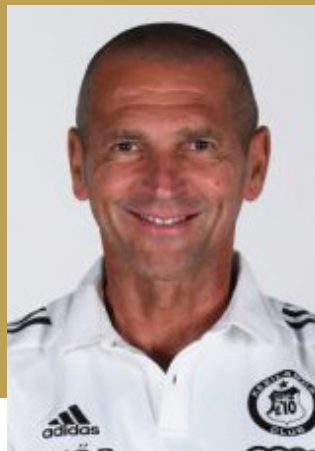
Centre back

- always play with number 71, a nod to a friend of hers, who played with number 17
- globetrotter, her career featuring stints in teams from Serbia, North Macedonia, France, Hungary, Russia, Denmark and, now, Romania
- Serbian playmaker featured in two Women's EHF Cup finals, losing both, one in 2013 with Metz and the second one in 2019 with Team Esbjerg
- her brother, Zlatko, is a football player



I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Laura	Glauer	FRA	Goalkeeper	20.08.1993	Besancon, FRA	178
2	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line Player	03.10.1988	Paris, FRA	182
3	Eszter	Lengyel	SVK	Left Wing	11.07.2002	Bratislava, SVK	169
4	Eszter	Ogonovszky	HUN	Left Back	14.07.2003	Komárom, HUN	178
5	Laura	Kürthi	HUN	Right Back	16.03.2002	Gyor, HUN	180
6	Krisztina	Toth	HUN	Centre Back	27.03.2002	Marosvásárhely, ROU	170
7	Kari	Brattset	NOR	Line Player	15.02.1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	183
8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	25.08.1994	Glostrup, DEN	177
11	Zsuzsanna	Nemeth	HUN	Goalkeeper	10.08.2002	Szombathely, HUN	172
12	Amandine	Leynaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	02.05.1986	Aubenas, FRA	178
C 13	Anita	Görbicz	HUN	Centre Back	13.05.1983	Veszprem, HUN	174
14	Brigitta Dora	Cseko	HUN	Left Wing	01.07.2002	Gyor, HUN	174
15	Stine Bredal	Oftedal	NOR	Centre Back	25.09.1991	Oslo, NOR	168
16	Silje	Solberg	NOR	Goalkeeper	16.06.1990	Bærum, NOR	178
18	Eduarda	Amorim Taleska	BRA	Left Back	23.09.1986	Blumenau, BRA	186
19	Diána	Világos	HUN	Line Player	01.03.2002	Gyor, HUN	169
21	Veronica	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	10.07.1990	Stavanger, NOR	175
22	Viktória	Lukács	HUN	Right Wing	31.10.1995	Budapest, HUN	165
23	Csenge Réka	Fodor	HUN	Left Wing	23.04.1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
24	Amanda	Kurtovic	NOR	Right Back	25.07.1991	Karlskrona, SWE	176
27	Estelle	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre Back	11.08.1991	St-Sébastien-sur-L., FRA	176
48	Dorottya	Faluvégi	HUN	Right Wing	31.03.1998	Budapest, HUN	170
57	Szidónia	Puhálák	HUN	Left Wing	05.07.1996	Szeged, HUN	177



Gábor Danyi

Coach

- became head coach in 2018 to replace Ambros Martin, who joined Rostov-Don
- born in Pécs, joined Györ in 2011 as an assistant coach, working with Csaba Konkoly, Karl Erik Böhn and Ambros Martin
- previously coached the women's and men's teams of Pécs in the Hungarian league
- assistant coach of the youth and junior national team of Hungary several times between 2001 and 2013

EC trophies: CL 2019

Newcomers

Laura Glauer (Metz)
Viktória Lukács (FTC)
Silje Solberg (Siófok)

Left the club

Kari Aalvik Grimsbø (retired)
Éva Kiss (retired)
Bernadett Bódi (Budaörs)
Katarina Bulatovic (retired)
Jana Knedlikova (Vipers Kristiansand)



Amandine Leynaud

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Goalkeeper

- joined Győr from Vardar in summer of 2018
- was one of the crucial players for Vardar in five seasons since 2013
- CL All-star Team nominee in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- before winning the CL with Győr in 2019, she had finished runners-up twice and placed third three times with Vardar

EC trophies: CL 2019
OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2009, S 2011; EURO: G 2018, B 2016



Csenge Fodor

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Left wing

- product of the Hungarian federation's talent hatchery in Balatonboglár
- part of the Hungarian team which won bronze at the W17 EHF EURO 2015 and gold at the Junior World Championship in 2018
- joined Győr in 2017, since then she won the CL twice
- nominated for the CL All-star Young player in 2019/20 after scoring 26 goals

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019



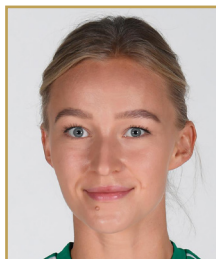
Eduarda Amorim Taleska

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Left back

- World Player of the Year in 2014; All-star left back at WCh 2013 and CL 2013/14, and All-star defender in CL 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19 and 2019/20
- first arrived in Europe from her native Brazil in 2006, joining Kometal Skopje
- moved to Győr in 2009, became one of the leaders in the defence

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019
WCh: G 2013; Pan-American Games: G 2003, 2007, 2011, 2019



Stine Oftedal

@stineoftedal

Centre back

- has won three EHF EUROs and two WChs since making her debut for Norway in 2010
- playing her third season for Győr, after spending four with Issy Paris Hand
- individual accolades include MVP of the World Championship 2017 and French league MVP in 2014, in addition to various other recognitions
- younger sister Hanna was also a right back, but retired in 2019, due to injuries

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019
EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017; OG: B 2016



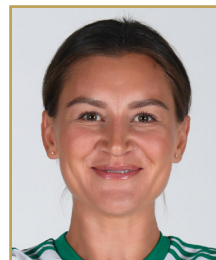
Kari Brattset

@kbrattset

Line player

- joined from Vipers in summer of 2018; previously played for other Norwegian clubs Sarpsborg IL, Fredrikstad and Glassverket
- part of Norwegian team that won silver at WCh 2017
- physically strong and efficient line player, also good in defence
- All-star line player, Best Player and 'Fan's Favourite' of Norwegian league in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2019
WCh: S 2017



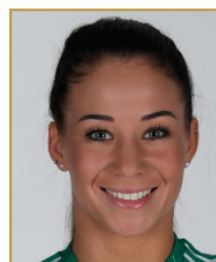
Amanda Kurtovic

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Right back

- joined Győr from CSM Bucuresti in summer of 2019
- Olympic, EHF EURO and WCh gold medallist, also won CL with Larvik in her teens
- brother William plays football in Norway's first division, for Sandefjord
- born in Sweden, but left for Norway aged six as her father had to move
- her father, Marinko, is a handball coach with Norwegian men's team OIF Arendal

EC trophies: CL 2011
OG: G 2012, B 2016; EURO: G 2016; WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017



Viktória Lukács

@lukacsviki

Right wing

- Budapest-born talented player, raised by local team Spartacus
- only 23, but already entering her eight European campaign
- joined in the summer of 2020 from arch rivals Ferencváros
- had a breakthrough season in 2016/17 as she scored her personal best of 42 goals



Anita Görbicz

@gorbe13

Right wing

- passed 800-goal milestone in the CL in 2016/17
- World Handball Player of Year in 2005, but won first CL title only eight years later
- top scorer in CL in 2011/12, voted best centre back at three WCh in a row (2003-07)
- missed most of 2014/15 due to maternity leave, returned strongly in 2016/17 and was leading player in Győr run to their third CL title in five years

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019
WCh: S 2003, B 2005; EHF EURO: B 2004, 2012

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white stripes
Player short: blue
GK shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
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Playing hall

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Capacity: 5,000

BUDUCNOST

A long-time contender led by experienced coach Dragan Adzic, Buducnost are heading into their 25th DELO EHF Champions League season. With a new mixture of experience and youth, Buducnost will try to reach the DELO EHF FINAL4 in European handball's elite club competition.

Main facts

- going into their jubilee 25th CL season, after winning competition in 2012 and 2015
- Dragan Adzic starts his 11th season on club's bench, making him longest-serving head coach in CL having led the team since 2010
- Buducnost continue to be a mixture of young and experienced players
- newcomers underline club's ambitions as the likes of Allison Pineau, Andrea Lekic and Bárbara Arenhart are joining

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 25
Winners (2): 2011/12, 2014/15
Runners-up (1): 2013/14
Semi-finals (8): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2016/17
Quarter-final (5): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20
Main Round (1): 2012/13
Last 16 (1): 1995/96
Group Matches (6): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

Other

Cup Winners Cup: Winners 2005/06, 2009/10

Montenegrin league: 31 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019)
Montenegrin cup: 24 titles



9 MATCHES
Longest winning run

42 GOALS
Most goals

72 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015
Biggest defeat	36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997
Longest winning run	14 matches (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
Longest unbeaten run	22 matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Longest losing run	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Longest run without win	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Most goals	40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Most goals opponent	40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998
Most goals both teams	76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Fewest goals	16 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005 16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013
Fewest goals opponent	14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014
Fewest goals both teams	34 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	6	2	2	2	130:143	-13	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	1	4	292:305	-13	11:9	11:9	Semi-final
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17:3	17:3	Semi-final
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12:8	12:8	Semi-final
2000/01 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	13:7	Semi-final
2001/02 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12:8	12:8	Semi-final
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	1	0	5	141:165	-24	2:10	2:10	4th Gr. A
2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	3	0	3	150:154	-4	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. C
2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	0	0	6	141:174	-33	0:12	0:12	4th Gr. B
2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	1	1	4	153:189	-36	3:9	3:9	3rd Gr. D
2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	12	6	2	4	317:326	-9	14:10	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2
2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	2	1	3	138:155	-17	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. D
2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE	14	10	0	4	417:360	+57	20:8	20:8	Semi-final
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28:4	28:4	Winner
2012/13 Buducnost MNE	12	5	1	6	265:273	-8	11:13	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 1
2013/14 Buducnost MNE	14	8	3	3	349:298	+51	19:9	19:9	Runner-up
2014/15 Buducnost MNE	16	15	1	0	444:326	+118	31:1	31:1	Winner
2015/16 Buducnost MNE	16	11	1	4	433:359	+74	23:9	23:9	Fourth Place
2016/17 Buducnost MNE	16	11	0	5	444:391	+53	22:10	22:10	Fourth Place
2017/18 Buducnost MNE	14	5	0	9	344:368	-24	10:18	10:18	Quarter-final
2018/19 Buducnost MNE	14	6	1	7	330:345	-15	13:15	13:15	Quarter-final
2019/20 Buducnost MNE	12	7	0	5	335:317	+18	14:10	14:10	Quarter-final*
Total:	258	143	22	93	6846:6503	+343	308:208		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Dragan Adzic
Coach

- retired from playing due to injury in 1998
- spent 10 years as assistant coach at Budućnost before becoming head coach of both club and Montenegrin national team in 2010
- won CL in May 2012 and EHF EURO 2012 seven months later
- met his wife Timea when she came to the club as an interpreter for former coach Gyula Zsiga of Hungary

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EURO: G 2012

Newcomers

Andrea Lekic (CSM Bucuresti)
Valeriia Maslova (Rostov Don)
Allison Marie Pineau (Paris 92)
Barbara Elisabeth Arenhart (Vaci NKSE)
Itana Grbic (CSM Bucuresti)

Left the club

Barbara Lazovic (CSM Bucuresti)
Djurdjina Jaukovic (Brest Bretagne Handball)
Anastasija Babovic (Dunaujvarosi Kohasz KA)
Ivana Godec (Iuventa Michalovce)
Branka Konatar (RK Krim Mercator)
Matea Pletikosic (RK Krim Mercator)
Marina Rajcic retired
Emily Stang Sando (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Sanja Vujovic (no club)
Sanja Premovic (Iuventa Michalovce)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Radmila	Petrovic	MNE	Right Wing	19.04.1988	Niksic, MNE	174
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23.10.1986	Podgorica, MNE	169
9	Sara	Gugac	MNE	Centre Back	13.11.2002	Berane, MNE	166
10	Armelle	Attingré	FRA	Goalkeeper	15.01.1989	Kadjokro, CIV	179
11	Sara	Senic	MNE	Right Wing	11.11.2003	Podgorica, MNE	174
12	Barbara	Arenhart	BRA	Goalkeeper	04.10.1986	Novo Hamburgo, BRA	181
13	Andrijana	Popovic	MNE	Left Back	20.04.2002	Niksic, MNE	186
14	Katarina	Dzaferovic	MNE	Right Back	14.07.2002	Podgorica, MNE	182
15	Gordana	Marsenic	MNE	Centre Back	09.01.2003	Berane, MNE	176
23	Mina	Novovic	MNE	Left Back	03.05.2003	Podgorica, MNE	181
28	Anastasija	Marsenic	MNE	Right Wing	24.02.2003	Ballerup, DEN	173
33	Milena	Vujisic	MNE	Goalkeeper	24.12.2002	Podgorica, MNE	173
34	Tatjana	Brnovic	MNE	Line Player	09.11.1998	Cetinje, MNE	183
44	Jovana	Ilic	BIH	Left Back	19.07.2001	Bosanska Dubica, BIH	176
57	Allison	Pineau	FRA	Left Back	02.05.1989	Chartres, FRA	182
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28.11.1996	Charne, MNE	186
70	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre Back	06.09.1987	Beograd, SRB	178
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25.05.1990	Bar, MNE	170
83	Milica	Andjusic	MNE	Left Wing	22.10.2002	Podgorica, MNE	167
88	Nadja	Kadovic	MNE	Left Wing	28.08.2003	Podgorica, MNE	178
C 90	Milena	Raicevic	MNE	Centre Back	12.03.1990	Podgorica, MNE	178
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Left Wing	01.09.1996	Podgorica, MNE	170
97	Nikolina	Vukcevic	MNE	Line Player	28.07.2000	Podgorica, MNE	179
99	Anastasia	Krivokapic	MNE	Line Player	21.04.2002	Podgorica, MNE	179



Barbara Arenhart

Goalkeeper

- came to Buducnost from Vác (HUN) after having signed a two-year contract in 2020
- played for Sagunto, Byasen, Hypo Niederösterreich, Baia Mare and Nykøbing
- had her first appearance in the CL in 2009/10 season
- experienced goalkeeper and member of Brazilian national team
- named the best goalkeeper at the WCh 2013

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



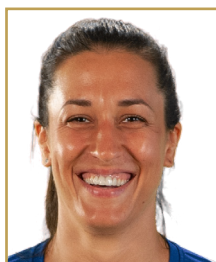
Majda Mehmedovic

@majdam77

Left wing

- started playing handball in Buducnost, joined CSM in 2016, and returned to Buducnost in summer of 2019
- scored personal best 49 goals in CL season 2014/15, when Buducnost won their second title
- also key player for national team, All-star left wing of EHF EURO 2018
- would like Kate Winslet to play her role if there would be a movie about her life

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012



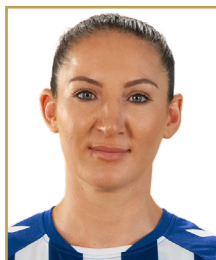
Andrea Lekic

@lekicandrea

Left back

- one of the top transfer names on the 2020 market, joining from CSM Bucuresti
- competed in karate and reached the blue belt before moving on to ball sports, including volleyball, basketball, football and tennis
- voted World Player of the Year in 2013, made All-star Team at EHF EURO 2012
- won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, finished runner-up once, and third three times
- also played for Vardar and Krim Mercator

EC trophies: CL 2013
WCh: S 2013



Milena Raicevic

@mraicevic90

Centre back

- sister Dragana also plays handball, brother Ivan is a professional football player
- won gold at EHF EURO 2012 and silver at 2012 London Olympics
- had most assists (29) and finished as joint top scorer (41 goals, alongside Anita Görbicz) at EHF EURO 2012
- voted Player of the Year in Montenegro twice, and Best Young Player in CL 2012

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012



Tatjana Brnovic

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Line player

- scored 34 goals in her CL debut in 2017/18, was named Rookie of the Main Round by EHFTV viewers
- impressed during two-year spell at Danilovgrad before coming to Buducnost in summer of 2017
- scored 26 goals in the 2019/20 CL season
- played her first senior game for Montenegro in 2017, before that member of youth and junior national team



Valeriia Maslova

Right back

- born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia where she started her career, made her debut in the CL in 2017/18
- heading into her fourth season in the European top flight
- talented youngster, who will try to earn coach Adzic's trust in the revamped team
- in May 2018 made a debut in Russia national team at age 17; was a member of youth and junior national team, winning gold at Junior World Championship in 2018



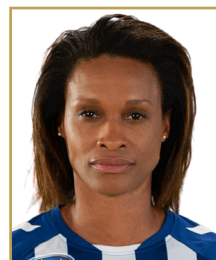
Jovanka Radicevic

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Right wing

- known for her energy and passion on the court, a leader by example for the whole team
- born and bred in Podgorica, started playing handball at age 12
- returned to Buducnost in 2019 after nine years, when she played for Győr, Vardar and CSM, winning the CL once and losing three finals
- the All-star right wing at EURO 2012, WCh 2015 and four times in the CL
- top scorer of the 2019/20 season with 97 goals

EC trophies: CL 2013
EURO: G 2012; OS: S 2012



Allison Pineau

@allisonpineau

Left back

- one of the biggest stars joining the club in the summer of 2020, coming from Paris 92
- in 14 years played for nine clubs, including Krim, Vardar, Metz and Baia Mare
- voted World Player of the Year in 2009, All-star MVP at WCh 2009 and 2011
- very versatile player made her debut at senior national team at age of 17

OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2009, S 2011; ECh: G 2018, B 2016

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BORUSSIA DORTMUND



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Kit colours

Light
 Player shirt: yellow
 Shorts: black
 Goalkeeper shirt: black

Dark
 Player shirt: black
 Player shorts: black
 Goalkeeper shirt: red



Playing hall
Helmut Körnig Halle
 Strobelallee 32
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 Germany
 Capacity: 4,065

Sport fans all over the globe know Borussia Dortmund from their famous men’s football team that won the UEFA Champions League in 1997.

But now their women’s handball team is ready for their first season on the sport’s biggest stage, the DELO EHF Champions League.

Main facts

- for first time in Borussia’s history, the club’s women’s handball team has qualified for the CL
- in the past Dortmund won the Challenge Cup (2003) and reached the final of the EHF Cup (1997)
- in their first season under head coach Andre Fuhr, Dortmund led the domestic league when play was stopped because of the Covid-19 pandemic in March
- however, Dortmund were not awarded the Bundesliga 2019/20 title - contrary to THW Kiel on the men’s side
- back-court player Kelly Dulfer, who won the world title with Netherlands in December 2019, was awarded MVP of the Bundesliga season
- Dulfer is one of eight Dutch players in the squad, which welcomed seven new arrivals from five different countries: Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Spain

Past achievements

EHF Champions League
 Participations (including 2020/21 season): 1

Other
 Challenge Cup: Winners 2002/03
 EHF Cup: Runners-up 1996/97, semi-finals 1999/2000
 Cup Winners’ Cup: semi-finals 1994/95, 1997/98

German league: - (runners-up 1999)
German cup: 1 title

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

No previous matches in the EHF Champions League

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
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No previous matches in the EHF Champions League



Andre Fuhr
Coach

- took over Dortmund at the start of the 2019/20 season and steered the team to the top of the table right in his first year
- replaced the Dutch Gino Smits in BVB
- coached at former EHF Cup finalist TuS Metzingen in the 2018/19 season
- was at the helm of Blomberg for more than a decade before he joined Metzingen
- also coaching the German U20 women's national team besides his job at BVB

Newcomers

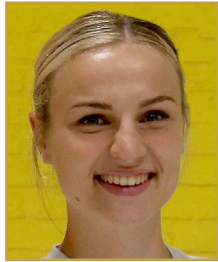
Tina Abdulla (Tertnes Bergen)
Delaila Amega (TuS Metzingen)
Jennifer Gutierrez Bermejo (CBM Elche)
Clara Monti Danielsson (Team Esbjerg)
Jennifer Rode (Bayer Leverkusen)
Tessa van Zijl (HSG Blomberg-Lippe)

Left the club

Asuka Fujita (CS Minaur Baia Mare)
Leonie Kockel (HSG Bensheim/Auerbach)
Malina Marie Michalczik (HSG Blomberg-Lippe)
Carolin Müller-Korn (Buxtehuder SV)
Bogna Sobiech
Saskia Weisheitel (JDA Dijon)
Aleksandra Zych (CS Magura Ciszadzie)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Rinka	Duijndam	NED	Goalkeeper	06.08.1997	Wateringen, NED	178
C 4	Alina	Grijseels	GER	Centre Back	12.04.1996	Wesel, GER	174
6	Clara Monti	Danielsson	SWE	Line Player	30.01.1992	Uppåkra, SWE	175
8	Tessa	van Zijl	NED	Right Back	05.04.1996	's-Gravenhage, NED	172
10	Inger	Smits	NED	Left Back	17.09.1994	Geleen, NED	179
11	Tina	Abdulla	NOR	Right Wing	20.09.1997	Skopje, MKD	165
14	Delaila	Amega	NED	Centre Back	21.09.1997	Heerhugowaard, NED	170
18	Johanna	Stockschläder	GER	Left Wing	11.02.1995	Siegen, GER	172
19	Jennifer	Gutiérrez	ESP	Left Wing	20.02.1995	Horgen, SUI	169
20	Merel	Freriks	NED	Line Player	06.01.1998	Hoofddorp, NED	175
21	Kelly	Dulfer	NED	Left Back	21.03.1994	Schiedam, NED	186
26	Isabell	Roch	GER	Goalkeeper	26.07.1990	Erlenbach/Main, GER	175
30	Yara	Ten Holte	NED	Goalkeeper	23.11.1999	Amsterdam, NED	175
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01.01.1995	Delft, NED	165
43	Jennifer	Rode	GER	Right Back	03.08.1995	Berlin, GER	177
66	Dana	Bleckmann	GER	Left Back	09.05.2001	Kempen, GER	179



Rinka Duijndam

@rinkaduijndam

Goalkeeper

- was part of the famous Dutch youth academy in Papendal, arrived in Germany at the age of 18
- first played for Bad Wildungen, in 2018 joined Dortmund
- number 2 in the Dutch goal behind Tess Wester
- made an enormous step ahead since coached by Clara Woltering

EURO: B 2018; WCh: G 2019



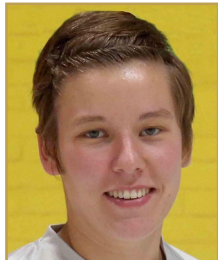
Jennifer Gutierrez Bermejo

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Left wing

- born in Switzerland, but has the Spanish citizenship
- played most of her previous career for the Spanish clubs Elche, Malaga and Mecalía
- awarded best left wing of Spanish league in 2017
- awarded MVP of the season 2019/20 in the Spanish league
- plays for the Spanish national team since 2017

WCh: S 2019



Alina Grijseels

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Left back

- plays her seventh season already for BVB after having transferred to Dortmund at the age of 18
- played for all German youth and junior national teams, highlighted by the silver medal at the U18 World Championship in 2014
- can play as centre back and left back
- had her debut in the German women's team in 2018



Kelly Dulfer

@kellydulfer

Centre back

- became Dutch champion and Cup winner right in her first season at Dalfsen in 2014/15
- transferred to German club VfL Oldenburg in 2015
- joined Danish side København Handball in 2017 and became Danish champion in 2018
- after two years, returned to Germany to join Dortmund in 2019
- awarded best Bundesliga player of the 2019/20 season

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



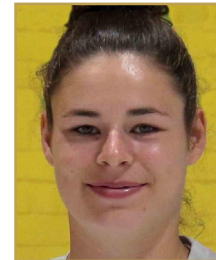
Merel Freriks

@merelfreriks

Line player

- started her professional career at E&O in the Netherlands
- joined a German club Bensheim at the age of 19 in 2017, then Dortmund in 2019
- part of all Dutch youth and junior teams
- made her debut in the Dutch senior team in 2017

EURO: B 2018, WCh: G 2019



Jennifer Rode

Right back

- the oldest of three sisters, who all play for German Bundesliga teams
- played her first Bundesliga match at the age of 17 for Frankfurt/Oder
- in 2013, joined Bensheim, one year later transferred to Leverkusen and after six years, arrived in Dortmund in 2020
- can play either as right wing or right back
- invited to the German women's national team in 2017 for the first time



Kelly Vollebregt

@kellyvollebregt

Right back

- awarded "talent of the year" in the Dutch league in 2013, then joined Bundesliga club Koblenz at the age of 18
- All-star team player of the W19 EHF EURO in 2013
- from 2015 until 2019 played for TuS Metzingen and made it to the EHF Cup final in 2016
- in her second season for BVB, part of the Dutch national team for last six years



Delaila Amega

@delailaamega

Centre back

- played for Westfriesland and Quintus in the Netherlands, before she made it to Germany at the age of 19
- was teammate of Kelly Vollebregt in Metzingen, where she played from 2016 until 2020 and was also coached by Andre Fuhr
- shares the centre back position with Alina Grijseels and Kelly Dulfer
- suffered a knee injury in the 2018/19 season, but was back for the national team right for the victorious World Championship 2019 in Japan

EURO: B 2018; WCh G 2019

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Playing hall
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 Capacity: 5,000

CSKA

Only one year after the club was founded, CSKA are already enjoying their first European season - at the highest level.

Despite lack of experience as a team, the young Russian club have a lot of quality in their squad, which allows them to set ambitious goals in their maiden DELO EHF Champions League campaign.

Main facts

- it will be the Russian club's debut season in a European club competition
- the Moscow-based club was founded just a year ago, in 2019
- finished third in their maiden Russian league campaign, behind Rostov-Don and Lada
- coached by Denmark's Jan Leslie, who also worked at Rostov in the past (2014-16)
- seven players left while six others, including 2016 Olympic champions Anna Sedoykina and Marina Sudakova, have joined CSKA in summer

Past achievements

EHF Champions League
 Participations (including 2020/21 season): 1

Other
Russian league: 3rd place (2020)



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No previous matches in the EHF Champions League



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Chana	Masson	BRA	Goalkeeper	18.12.1978	Capinzal, BRA	182
3	Polina	Gorshkova	RUS	Left Wing	22.11.1989	Togliatti, RUS	172
4	Iana	Zhilinskaite	RUS	Line Player	06.03.1989	Uray, RUS	185
7	Anastasia	Mochalova	RUS	Right Wing	15.11.2002	Moscow, RUS	166
8	Elena	Mikhaylichenko	RUS	Left Back	14.09.2001	Togliatti, RUS	177
9	Olga	Gorshenina	RUS	Right Back	09.11.1990	Togliatti, RUS	179
10	Viktoriiia	Kipen	RUS	Left Wing	14.05.2003	Togliatti, RUS	169
C 11	Darya	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre Back	09.08.1995	Togliatti, RUS	178
14	Polina	Vedekhina	RUS	Left Back	06.01.1994	Volgograd, RUS	176
15	Marina	Sudakova	RUS	Right Wing	17.02.1989	Volgograd, RUS	164
19	Yuliia	Markova	RUS	Right Wing	10.08.1996	Volgograd, RUS	170
21	Anna	Sedoykina	RUS	Goalkeeper	01.08.1984	Volgograd, RUS	184
23	Natalia	Chigirina	RUS	Centre Back	20.07.1993	Togliatti, RUS	171
27	Sabina	Jacobsen	SWE	Line Player	24.03.1989	Lund, SWE	181
29	Elena	Utkina	RUS	Goalkeeper	29.05.1990	Volgograd, RUS	180
31	Ekaterina	Bobina	RUS	Right Back	11.07.1996	Ufa, RUS	175
33	Ekaterina	Ilina	RUS	Centre Back	07.03.1991	Togliatti, RUS	175
36	Kathrine	Heindahl	DEN	Line Player	26.03.1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
39	Antonina	Skorobogatchenko	RUS	Right Back	14.02.1999	Volgograd, RUS	181
50	Eva	Demidovich	RUS	Right Wing	23.01.2001	Togliatti, RUS	174
67	Anastasiia	Illarionova	RUS	Line Player	28.03.1999	Istra, Moscow r. RUS	179
83	Elena	Rabazulkina	RUS	Left Wing	03.12.2001	Moscow, RUS	177
91	Sara	Ristovska	MKD	Right Wing	09.09.1996	Skopje, MKD	169

Jan Leslie Coach

- became first coach of CSKA after club's foundation in 2019
- in his previous spell in Russia, worked at Rostov-Don between 2014 and 2016
- after that, coached men's team Esbjerg between 2016 and 2018
- with Randers, won the Women's EHF Cup in 2010 and Danish league in 2012

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010

Newcomers

Anna Sedoykina (Rostov-Don)
Marina Sudakova (Rostov-Don)
Elena Mikhaylichenko (Handball Club Lada)
Eva Demidovich (Handball Club Lada)
Anastasia Illarionova (Zvezda Zvenigorod)
Kathrine Heindahl (Odense Handbold)

Left the club

Victoria Zhilinskayte (Kuban)
Anna Bogdasheva (BNTU-BelAZ Minsk Region)
Polina Kaplina (Zvezda Zvenigorod)
Lada Samoylenko (Zvezda Zvenigorod)
Kseniia Trukhina (Kuban Krasnodar)
Valentina Goncharova
Ekaterina Lubyanyaya



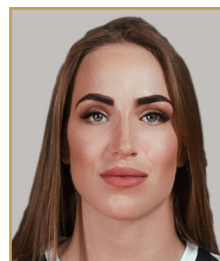
Chana Masson

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Goalkeeper

- the 41-year-old Brazilian veteran starts her second season at CSKA
- played for various clubs in Spain, Germany, Denmark and Norway in the past
- at Randers, worked four years with current CSKA coach Jan Leslie
- took part in four Olympic Games (2000, 2004, 2008, 2012)

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2000, 2010

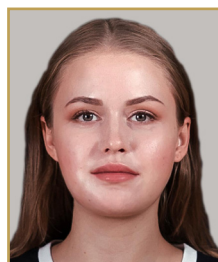


Yuliia Markova

@markovayulia96

Left wing

- born in Volgograd and started career at local club Dinamo
- became Russian champion in 2014 at the age of 18
- later became Dinamo's key player before moving to CSKA in 2019
- made her debut in Russian national team in 2017

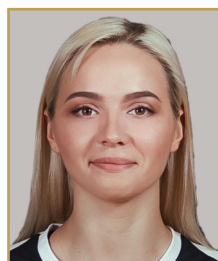


Elena Mikhaylichenko

Left back

- the 19-year-old is seen as rising star of Russian and European handball
- born in Toliatti and started her career at local side Lada
- after becoming one of Lada's leaders, moved to CSKA in summer of 2020
- became MVP of the Youth World Championship in 2018 and Women's 19 EHF EURO 2019
- in 2019, made her debut in Russia's senior national team

WCh: B 2019



Darya Dmitrieva

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Centre back

- captains not only CSKA but also Russia's national team
- moved to CSKA in 2019 from Lada but missed the entire 2019/20 season due to severe Achilles tendon injury
- born in Toliatti, but started her career at Dinamo Volgograd before moving home to Lada in 2015
- her father Evgenii was an ice hockey player; her husband Igor is a water polo player

OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2018



Kathrine Heindahl

@heindahl

Line player

- this is the first season in a foreign club for a 27-year-old Dane
- moved to CSKA from Odense where she had played since 2017, and earlier also in 2010/11
- worked with CSKA's coach Jan Leslie at Randers; also played for GOG and Holstebro
- since 2016, played for Danish national team in every EURO and WCh

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Antonina Skorobogatchenko

Right back

- talented left-hander joined CSKA from Kuban midway through 2019/20 season
- born in Volgograd and started her career at local side Dinamo
- player of Russia national team, she missed 2019 WCh due to knee injury
- All-star right back at YAC events in 2015 and 2016

EURO: S 2018



Sara Ristovska

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Right wing

- moved to CSKA in 2019 after one season at Krim
- before that, played for Metalurg and Vardar in her native North Macedonia
- played football as a kid and is still a fan of Inter Milan
- was among winners of North Macedonian "Woman of the Year" awards in 2019



Ekaterina Ilina

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Left back

- the 2016 Olympic champion heads into her second season at CSKA
- played for Kuban, Lada and Rostov-Don in the past
- in 2018, suspended her career because of health issues, but returned to handball in 2019
- playmaker, but also can perform as left back

OG: G 2016

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: pink
Player short: black
GK shirt: white

Dark

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



Playing hall

Arena Brest
140 Boulevard de
Plymouth
29200 Brest
France
Capacity: 4,077

BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL

With every new season, Brest improve in the DELO EHF Champions League. In their third campaign, last season, the French side managed to grab a quarter-final ticket, before the COVID-19 crisis put an abrupt end to the handball season.

Now, coach Laurent Bezeau and his players have their sights set on cementing a place among the top eight teams in Europe, but in a group featuring 2019 winners Győr as well as Buducnost and ambitious newcomers CSKA, that will not be an easy task.

Main facts

- this will be Brest's fourth participation in the top flight
- the club gradually improved its results, reaching the main round for the first time in 2018 before qualifying for the quarter-finals last season
- last season, Brest finished tied with Metz at the top of the French league, hence grabbing a ticket for the EHF Champions League
- next season's signings include Buducnost stalwart Djurdjina Jaukovic and Herning-Ikast left back Tonje Løseth
- coach Laurent Bezeau will start his eighth consecutive season on the bench of Brest

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4
Quarter-final (1): 2019/20
Main Round (1): 2018/19
Group Matches (1): 2017/18

Other

EHF Cup: quarter-finals 2016/17 and 2017/18

French league: 1 title (2012)

French cup: 2 titles (2016, 2018)



10 MATCHES
Longest unbeaten run

39 GOALS
Most goals

67 GOALS
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:24 (22:9) v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU (h), 12.10.2019
Biggest defeat	39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019
Longest winning run	6 matches (05.10.2019 – 16.11.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches (10.03.2019 – 09.02.2020)
Longest losing run	7 matches (07.10.2017 - 06.10.2018)
Longest run without win	8 matches (07.10.2017 - 13.10.2018)
	8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)
Most goals	39 v IK Sävehof SWE 27:39W (a), 21.10.2018
Most goals opponent	39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019
Most goals both teams	67 v Buducnost MNE 32:35W (a), 05.10.2019
	67 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 32:35W (a), 19.10.2019
Fewest goals	17 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:17L (a), 18.11.2017
Fewest goals opponent	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:29W (a), 08.03.2020
Fewest goals both teams	44 v Buducnost MNE 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	6	0	0	6	132:157	-25	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2018/19 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	2	3	7	326:350	-24	7:17	6th MR Gr. 1	
2019/20 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	10	1	1	382:315	+67	21:3	Quarter-final*	
Total:	30	12	4	14	840:822	+18	28:32		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Laurent Bezeau
Coach

- helped Brest turn into the first ever club to win the French cup while playing in the second league
- has been a long term Brest coach, arrived in 2009, he left in 2012 to coach the Tunisian national team, only to come back one season later
- ask a player or the president, they'll probably answer that Laurent Bezeau has been key in the club's success
- confesses he usually doesn't sleep the night before games, having too many questions in his head that he can't answer

Newcomers

Laurène Catani (Toulon Saint-Cyr)
Tonje Loseth (Herning-Ikast)
Djurdjina Jaukovic (Buducnost)
Amandine Lagattu (first professional contract)

Left the club

Laurie Fontaine-Carretero (Nantes)
Marta Mangué (Bourg-de-Péage)
Shenia Minevskaja (Ramnicu Valcea)
Gaëlle Le Hir (retired)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Agathe	Quiniou	FRA	Goalkeeper	31.10.2000	Brest, FRA	178
2	Constance	Mauny	FRA	Left Wing	17.12.1998	Chambrayles Tours, FRA	172
3	Alicia	Toublanc	FRA	Right Wing	03.05.1996	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	169
4	Amandine	Tissier	FRA	Centre Back	10.09.1993	Sable-Sur-Sarthe, FRA	179
6	Ana	Gros	SLO	Right Back	21.01.1991	Ljubljana, SLO	186
8	Monika	Kobylynska	POL	Right Back	09.04.1995	Zary, POL	177
9	Isabelle	Gulldén	SWE	Centre Back	29.06.1989	Sävedalen, SWE	178
9	Djurdjina	Jaukovic	MNE	Left Back	24.02.1997	Niksic, MNE	185
C 10	Coralie	Lassource	FRA	Left Wing	01.09.1992	Maisons-Laffitte, FRA	183
11	Amandine	Lagattu	FRA	Left Wing	10.02.1999	Brest, FRA	168
15	Kalidiatou	Niakate	FRA	Left Back	15.03.1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
16	Cleopatre	Darleux	FRA	Goalkeeper	01.07.1989	Mulhouse, FRA	176
19	Laurene	Catani	FRA	Centre Back	08.04.1991	Marseille, FRA	166
20	Sladjana	Pop-Lazic	SRB	Line Player	26.07.1988	Belgrade, SRB	178
22	Pauletta	Foppa	FRA	Line Player	22.12.2000	Amilly, FRA	179
25	Tonje	Løseth	NOR	Left Back	01.01.1991	Bergen, NOR	183
28	Namizata	Fofana	MLI	Right Wing	01.01.2000	Daloa, MLI	170
30	Klervi	Le Scanf	FRA	Left Back	29.11.2001	Brest, FRA	186
35	Petra	Marinovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	29.06.2001	Split, CRO	178
55	Pauline	Coatanea	FRA	Right Wing	06.07.1993	Saint-Renan, FRA	165
63	Eva	Jarrige	FRA	Right Back	17.02.2000	ClermontFerrand, FRA	182
78	Sandra	Pouchart	FRA	Goalkeeper	29.11.1978	Landivisiau, FRA	180
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18.10.1989	Gribskov, DEN	177



Sandra Toft

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Goalkeeper

- her 25th birthday on 18 October 2014 marked her debut in the CL, against Metz
- reached CL final in 2015 with Larvik
- joined Brest in summer of 2019 after two seasons with Team Esbjerg
- played EHF Cup final in 2019, losing to Hungarian side Siófok
- broke neck and back in car accident in 2009 but returned to the courts within six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Coralie Lassource

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Left wing

- started playing handball in Issy-Paris, a club her younger sister Deborah plays for
- returned to France after two seasons with Erd in Hungary
- known for her defensive abilities on the backcourt position
- once a regular fixture in the French team but not called up in recent years
- was set to play the 2016 Olympics but got injured just before the start



Djurdjina Jaukovic

Left back

- started with handball aged nine in her home town Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former president of Sutjeska
- joined Buducnost in 2013 aged 15, was on loan in Danilovgrad for two years, and will move to Brest in summer of 2020
- named best young player in Montenegro twice (2014, 2015)
- scored four goals on her CL debut against Sävehof in 2015/16
- top scorer (71) and MVP of W19 EHF EURO 2015, scored 31 goals in nine games at her first WCh, in 2015 in Denmark



Isabelle Gullden

@bellagullden

Centre back

- joined Brest in 2018, the fourth club in her career after Sävehof, Viborg and CSM
- her uncle, Christer, was an Olympic wrestler; her partner, Swedish goalkeeper Linus Persson, is Brest's goalkeepers' coach
- scored all 27 goals from as many penalty throws at EHF EURO 2014
- MVP and top scorer (58 goals) of EHF EURO 2014; top scorer of CL 2015/16 (108)
- gave birth to her son in July 2019, returned during group matches of 2019/20 season

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



Sladjana Pop-Lazic

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Line player

- Serbian international who joined Brest in 2017
- first arrived in France in 2012, played in Besançon for three seasons before joining Metz in 2015
- had CL debut in 2016/17 with Metz, scoring 39 goals in her first season
- netted a personal best 46 times for Brest in the CL 2018/19 season



Ana Gros

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Right back

- after playing for Győr, Krim, THC and Metz, joined Brest in summer of 2018
- reached CL final with Győr in 2012 and CL quarter-final with Metz twice
- scored personal best 84 goals for Krim in CL season 2016/17; scored 76 goals for Brest in 2017/18 despite elimination in main round
- CL All-star right back in 2017/18



Pauline Coatanea

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Right wing

- joined Brest from Nantes in summer of 2017, alongside Jovana Stoiljkovic
- born in Brest, moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown, where her family lives
- elected best right wing of the Junior WCh 2012, made senior national team debut in March 2017

EURO: G 2018



Cleopatre Darleux

@cleopatredarleux

Goalkeeper

- played for one season in Brest in 2011/2012, before moving to Viborg and Nice and eventually coming back to Brest in 2016
- part of the France team which won the gold medal at the 2017 WCh
- gave birth to her first daughter in November 2019
- the goal she scored against Norway in a friendly game with France in 2016 is probably the most-known action she has ever played

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014
WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011

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Kit colours

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GK shirt: red/green/blue

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
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Playing hall

Sydbank Arena
Israels Plads, 3
5200 Odense
Denmark
Capacity: 2,236

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

Ulrik Kirkely is back at the wheel in Odense, brought in among a raft of changes in the squad which he must help gel quickly if they are to make a splash in the DELO EHF Champions League.

With Lois Abbingh reconnecting in the back court with Nycke Groot and Odense possessing one of the best goalkeeper pairs in the competition, Tess Wester and Althea Reinhardt, the Danish club certainly has the tools necessary to emulate the success of their debut season in 2018/19, when they reached the quarter-finals.

Main facts

- 2019 quarter-finalists return to CL after one-year absence, in which they reached semi-finals of incomplete EHF Cup
- enjoyed successful debut season in 2018/19, losing to eventual champions Győr in the quarter-finals
- massive overhaul this summer includes head coach position as Ulrik Kirkely returns after leaving in 2017 to coach Japan's women's national team
- eight new players join this summer, with Lois Abbingh's move from Rostov the biggest headline
- two-time CL All-star centre back Nycke Groot will return to the limelight in her second season with the club

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 2
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

Other

EHF Cup: semi-finals 2019/20, quarter-finals 2015/16
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2013/14

Danish league: - (runners-up 2018, 2020)



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MATCHES
Longest
winning run

33

GOALS
Most goals

67

GOALS
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	25:33 (13:16) v Larvik HK NOR (a), 19.10.2018
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	2 matches (19.10.2018 – 04.11.2018) 2 matches (24.02.2019 – 02.03.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (14.10.2018 – 04.11.2018)
Longest losing run	3 matches (09.03.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Longest run without win	3 matches (09.03.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	33 v Larvik HK NOR 25:33W (a), 19.10.2018
Most goals opponent	41 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Most goals both teams	67 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Fewest goals	19 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018 19 v Rostov-Don RUS 25:19L (a), 09.03.2019
Fewest goals opponent	19 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2018/19 Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22		12:16	Quarter-final
Total:	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22		12:16	



Ulrik Kirkely
Coach

 @ulrikkirkely

- returned for his second spell as Odense coach this summer, replacing Jan Pytlick
- his first stint with the club lasted from 2015-17, when he left to lead the Japan women's team to the Tokyo Olympics
- will double up as Japan's coach until the postponed Olympics take place
- the 48-year-old has also coached Bahrain and Saudi Arabia's men's teams and was Denmark women's assistant coach at major championships in 2012-14

Newcomers

Helena Elver (Aarhus United)
Malene Aambakk (Molde HK)
Lois Abbingh (Rostov-Don)
Rikke Iversen (Silkeborg-Voel KFUM)
Anne Cecilie La Cour (København Håndbold)
Ayaka Ikehara (Nykøbing F. Håndboldklub)
Angelica Wallén (Nykøbing F. Håndboldklub)
Katja Johansen (DHG Odense)

Left the club

Suzanne Bækthøj (DHG Odense)
Nathalie Hagman (Nantes Atlantique)
Susanne Madsen (Horsens Håndbold Elite)
Ingvild Bakkerud (Herning-Ikast Håndbold)
Mette Tranborg (Team Esbjerg)
Anne Mette Pedersen (retired)
Trine Østergaard (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Nadia Offendal (Paris 92)
Stine Jørgensen (SG BBM Bietigheim)
Kathrine Heindahl (CSKA)

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
4	Malene	Aambakk	NOR	Right Back	13.05.1993	Orsta, NOR	180
6	Freja Cohrt	Kyndboel	DEN	Left Wing	20.01.1994	Odense, DEN	170
7	Laura Grosen	Larsen	DEN	Left Back	29.11.2000	Svendborg, DEN	175
8	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Left Back	13.08.1992	Groningen, NED	178
9	Katja Nicoline	Johansen	DEN	Left Wing	30.04.2000	Munkebo, DEN	173
10	Jessica	Quintino	BRA	Right Wing	17.04.1991	Sao Paulo, BRA	172
11	Rikke	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	18.05.1993	Nykøbing Falster, DEN	178
16	Althea	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01.09.1996	Aarhus, DEN	180
17	Nycke	Groot	NED	Centre Back	04.05.1988	Alkmaar, NED	175
C 18	Kamilla	Larsen	DEN	Line Player	02.09.1983	Birkerød, DEN	183
19	Sara Trier	Hald	DEN	Line Player	04.06.1996	Holstebro, DEN	176
20	Anne Cecilie	La Cour	DEN	Right Back	08.12.1993	Aarhus, DEN	179
21	Ayaka	Ikehara	JPN	Right Wing	24.09.1990	Okinawa, JPN	158
30	Iben	Hansen	DEN	Goalkeeper	23.01.2000	Assens, DEN	183
32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Centre Back	24.10.1997	Favrskov, DEN	173
33	Tess	Wester	NED	Goalkeeper	19.05.1993	Heehuggwaard, NED	178
39	Angelica	Wallén	SWE	Back	11.04.1986	Skön, SWE	172
44	Alberte	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	15.09.2000	Aarup, DEN	183
68	Helena Elver	Hagesø	DEN	Centre Back	01.03.1998	København, DEN	168



Tess Wester

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Goalkeeper

- joined Odense from German side Bietigheim in the summer of 2018
- like many Dutch national team players started career at academy in Papendal
- played in Emmen and Amsterdam before joining German side Oldenburg at age 18
- scored 'goal of the season' in Germany in 2014/15, and joined Bietigheim that year
- awarded best goalkeeper of WCh 2015 in Denmark, where the Dutch won silver

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



Freja Cohrt

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Left wing

- joined from league rivals Silkeborg Voel in the summer of 2017
- was part of the Danish team that won the under 18 WCh 2013 in Montenegro
- a fast and technically skilled winger with a god variety of shots
- also played in the CL for Herning-Ikast and Randers but impressed in the 2018/19 season with Odense having scored 45 goals and earned an All-star Team nomination

EC trophies: CL 2015; EHF Cup 2005
OG: S 2008; EURO B 2010



Lois Abbingh

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Left back

- switched for the Danish side in the summer of 2020 after coming from Rostov
- first Dutch player in Russian handball, joined Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris; previously played for Emmen, Oldenburg (both NED) and Baia Mare (ROU)
- scored personal best 63 goals in the CL in her first season with Rostov
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- key player of national team, contributed a lot to recent Dutch successes and scored winning goal in WCh 2019 final against Spain

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



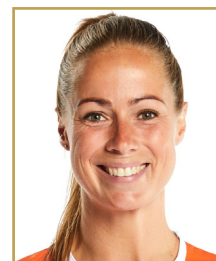
Nycke Groot

@grootcornelia

Centre back

- joined Odense in summer of 2019 afer winning three straight CL titles with Győr
- soon became key player for Odense after recovering from injuries at start of 2019/20 quit Dutch national team after EHF EURO 2018
- fluent in Danish after playing seven seasons for TTH and Midtjylland in the past
- All-star centre back CL 2015/16, 2016/17, EURO 2016, MVP EURO 2016, EHF FINAL4 2017

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



Kamilla Larsen

@kamillabirkedallarsen

Line player

- club captain and longest-serving player having joined the club in 2009
- was part of the legendary Slagelse team which won the CL in 04, 05 and 07
- the 37-year-old is one appearance short of 100 for Denmark and won bronze at the EHF EURO 2010 on home court
- married with the Greenlandic coach Jakob Larsen, which means they are often rivals as he coaches Nykobing-Falster

EC trophies: CL 2004, 2005, 2007, EHF Cup: 2003
EURO: B 2010



Mie Højlund

@miehjlund

Centre back

- joined from league rivals Randers HK in the summer of 2017
- selected but did not take part in the WCh 2015 (shoulder injury) and EHF EURO 2016 (school exams) but is now a regular national team player
- by many considered one of the greatest playmaker talents in Denmark
- fast, inventive and in possession of an excellent two-feet feint



Jéssica Quintino

@jequintino10

Right wing

- joined the club in 2016 following thee years in Poland
- has become a regular for the Danish club since then and this season will form a very international right wing duo with Japan's Ayaka Ikehara
- has won seven continental titles with Brazil and competed at the last two Olympic games
- the left-hander has a very deft touch, which sees her often fool goalkeepers and can help her find the net even with very little room to work with



Althea Reinhardt

@altheareinhardt

Goalkeeper

- set for her second season in the top flight after she helped Odense reach the quarter-finals in 2018 as a 22-year-old
- already collected over 50 appearances for Denmark and has consolidated her status in the squad behind Sandra Toft
- as well as her great range covering large areas of the goal, Reinhardt's solid reaction speed makes her incredibly tough to pass on a good day
- has a passion for horses and has ridden competitively in her spare time

GROUP B



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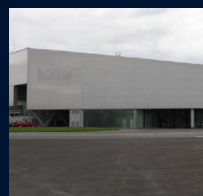
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Kit colours

Light
 Player shirt: red/white
 Player short: red
 Goalkeeper shirt: white/
 turquoise-blue
Dark
 Player shirt: blue
 Player short: blue/black
 Goalkeeper shirt: black



Playing hall
 Sport Hall Fran Galović
 Zeljka Selinger 3A
 48000 Koprivnica
 Croatia
 Capacity: 2,500

HC PODRAVKA VEGETA

HC Podravka Vegeta are a stronghold of women's handball in Croatia and the small town of Koprivnica has another chance to prove why it is called 'home of handball.'

With a somewhat changed roster, the team of Zlatko Saracevic aims for a place in the knockout stage of the DELO EHF Champions League.

Main facts

- going into CL group phase for third straight season, and 23rd time in club's history
- runners-up in 1995 and champions in 1996, Podravka have not reached the knockout stages for 22 years
- Croatian legend and former Zagreb coach Zlatko Saracevic heads into his third season as head coach
- Saracevic has to do without some leading players, including Tjasa Stanko (moved to Metz) and Aneta Benko (retired)
- pandemic situation prevented Podravka from winning their 26th domestic title in 2019/20

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 27
 Winners (1): 1995/96
 Runners-up (1): 1994/95
 Semi-finals (1): 1997/98
 Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97
 Main Round (3): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2008/09
 Group Matches/Champions League (15): 1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20
 Qualification (4): 2003/04, 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18

Other

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



6 MATCHES
 Longest winning run

41 GOALS
 Most goals

73 GOALS
 Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:20 (21:9) v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 19.02.2000
Biggest defeat	37:17 (17:9) v Györi Audi ETO HUN (a), 17.11.2018
Longest winning run	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
Longest losing run	12 matches (19.10.2013 – 25.10.2015)
Longest run without win	16 matches (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
Most goals	41 v Zvezda RUS 41:28W (h), 21.11.2010
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40W (h), 13.01.2008 40 v Metz Handball FRA 40:26L (a), 06.10.2019
Most goals both teams	73 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40W (h), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals	13 v HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996
Fewest goals opponent	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:14W (h), 29.04.1995
Fewest goals both teams	30 v HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	123:138	-15	4:8	4th Gr. A	
1994/95 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	4	2	2	183:167	+16	10:6	Runner-up	
1995/96 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	6	0	2	191:163	+28	12:4	Winner	
1996/97 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	5	1	2	208:187	+21	11:5	Quarter-final	
1997/98 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	10	7	0	3	254:220	+34	14:6	Semi-final	
1998/99 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	3	0	3	148:152	-4	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1999/00 Podravka Dolcela CRO	6	3	0	3	144:144	0	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2002/03 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	1	3	163:168	-5	5:7	3rd Gr. A	
2006/07 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	171:197	-26	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
2007/08 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	173:182	-9	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
2008/09 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	12	6	0	6	347:349	-2	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2009/10 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	172:192	-20	4:8	4th Gr. A	
2010/11 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	168:180	-12	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2011/12 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	2	3	146:161	-15	4:8	4th Gr. B	
2012/13 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	3	0	3	136:143	-7	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2013/14 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	128:178	-50	2:10	3rd Gr. D	
2014/15 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	0	6	152:191	-39	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2015/16 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	1	5	117:150	-33	1:11	4th Gr. B	
2018/19 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	1	4	142:181	-39	3:9	4th Gr. C	
2019/20 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	161:194	-33	2:10	4th Gr. A	
Total:	136	52	8	76	3427:3637	-210	112:160		



TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Antonia	Tucakovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	09.05.1992	Split, CRO	172
2	Nikolina	Zadravec	CRO	Right Wing	02.09.1997	Cakovec, CRO	167
3	Ana	Turk	CRO	Right Wing	29.06.1989	Jakarta, IDN	168
4	Aneja	Beganovic	SLO	Line Player	09.11.1997	Ljubljana, SLO	173
5	Korina	Karlovcan	CRO	Left Wing	18.10.1998	Zagreb, CRO	167
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29.05.2000	Koprivnica, CRO	179
7	Lucija	Jandrašić	CRO	Centre Back	01.11.2000	Koprivnica, CRO	169
8	Selena	Milošević	CRO	Left Back	09.06.1989	Pula, CRO	176
C 9	Dragica	Džono	CRO	Line Player	24.05.1987	Mostar, BIH	186
10	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Centre Back	23.11.1994	Pozega, CRO	172
11	Ivona	Mrden	CRO	Centre Back	29.12.1998	Zagreb, CRO	176
13	Dijana	Mugoša	MNE	Left Wing	22.10.1995	Podgorica, MNE	169
14	Lea	Franušić	CRO	Right Back	07.09.2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	182
15	Ana	Buljan	CRO	Centre Back	19.01.2002	Split, CRO	178
16	Magdalena	Ecimovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	24.07.1998	Split, CRO	182
17	Margarita	Škaric	CRO	Left Wing	02.03.2002	Split, CRO	162
18	Bruna	Zrnic	CRO	Right Wing	01.04.2003	Zagreb, CRO	168
20	Yuliya	Dumanska	ROU	Goalkeeper	15.08.1996	Gorodenka, UKR	177
22	Lamprini	Tsakalou	GRE	Left Back	07.08.1993	Arta, GRE	174
35	Azenaide	Carlos	ANG	Right Back	14.06.1990	Luanda, ANG	176



Zlatko Saracevic

Coach

- Croatian handball legend, who won Olympic gold in 1996
- came to Podravka from Zagreb in 2018, taking over from Snjezana Petika, for his first coaching job with a women's team
- assistant coach to Lino Cervar with the Croatian national team during EHF EURO 2018
- top scorer of CL twice (1998/99, 1999/2000), and also twice named best Croatian player (1999, 2002)

OG: B 1988, G 1996, EURO: B 1994, WCh: G 1986, S 1995 (as player)

Newcomers

Yuliya Dumanska (Ramnicu Valcea)
Margarita Škaric (Split 2010)
Ana Buljan (Split 2010)
Bruna Zrnic (RK Lokomotiva)

Left the club

Tjasa Stanko (Metz Handball)
Elena Gjorgijevska (Magura Cisnadie)
Maria Andreea Ianasi (Magura Cisnadie)
Jovana Risović (Krim Mercator)
Aneta Benko (retired)
Ana Debelić (Astrahanochka)

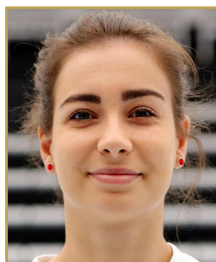


Yuliya Dumanska

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Goalkeeper

- born in Ukraine, started to play handball when she was 11, then moved to Romania three years later and became a Romanian citizen in 2016
- came to Podravka Vegeta from another CL competitor, Valcea, but had her first appearance in the CL back in 2014/15 season with Baia Mare
- won the bronze medal with the Romanian team at the IHF Junior WCh in 2016
- named the MVP of the Romanian domestic league in 2019
- her father was a football player, her mother a handball goalkeeper, while her sister is also a goalkeeper

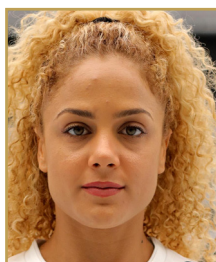


Korina Karlovcan

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Left wing

- also played tennis in her youth, started her handball career at the age of eight in Podravka Academy, scored first CL goal in the 2015/16 season
- was a member of Croatia's youth and junior national teams, gained invitation to senior national team
- scored the winning goal in the decisive CL 2018/19 qualification match against Craiova, bringing top-level handball back to Koprivnica
- at the end of 2019/20 had a shoulder injury, but will be ready for the new season



Lamprini Tsakalou

@labrina_22

Left back

- started her career in Greek club OF Nea Ionia
- in 2017 came to Krim Mercator where she gained CL experience
- important part of Podravka's attack, came to Koprivnica in 2019
- used to train athletics; long jump, 800m and 1000m were her disciplines before choosing handball
- versatile player, can play both center and right back
- comes from sports family, two brothers are football players and one plays handball

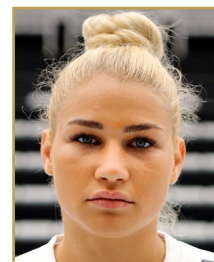


Dejana Milosavljevic

@dejana148

Centre back

- born in Rijeka, Croatia, started her career in Orijent Presoflex
- before joining Podravka also played for Zamet, Sesvete and Koka
- versatile player, can play all back positions
- member of Croatia national team



Aneja Beganovic

@anejabeganovic14

Line player

- born in Ljubljana, Slovenia, started her career in Vrhnika
- also played for Nantes and Krim Mercator
- heads into her sixth season in the CL, first four appearances were with Krim Mercator
- member of Slovenia national team



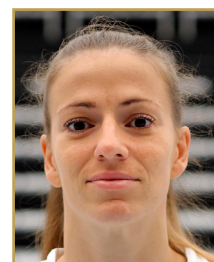
Azenaide Carlos

@aznaidecarlos21

Right back

- born in Luanda, Angola, joined Podravka Vegeta at mid-season 2020
- only international experience before Podravka was at Bera Bera
- played for Angolan club Petro Atletico
- member of Angola national team, having won African Championship three times

AfCh: G 2012, 2016, 2018



Ana Turk

@nikki2906

Right wing

- born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and joined club from league rivals Lokomotiva Zagreb
- started her career in Borovo, also played for Osijek and Sesvete before
- gained international experience in Hungary, playing for Szekesfeharvar and Vac
- member of Croatia national team
- extended her contract with Podravka until the end of 2020/21 season



Selena Milosevic

@milosevicselena

Right wing

- started playing handball at the age of seven in Rovinj
- her mother was a handball player as well
- Podravka is her fifth club in career, already playing there in 2015/16 and 2016/17 season and coming back after one season with Maccabi Rishon in 2018
- defensive specialist in Podravka, but can contribute in the attack too

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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

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

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

GROUP PHASE

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

During the matches of the group:

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

After completion of the group 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 of the two teams directly involved;
- 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 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;
- f) higher ranking in the group phase matches
- g) greater number of points in the group phase

* 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 team managers.

QUARTER-FINALS

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

- a) goal difference
- b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

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

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

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

- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

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

- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

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

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

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



HISTORY AND FUTURE

2019/20 SEASON RECAP

Like in the most of the sports in Europe the Covid-19 pandemy has interrupted also the national teams and club competitions under the EHF umbrella. The DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 has been stopped and the last 12 matches of the season (quarter-finals and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4) cancelled.

Facts & figures of the season

- 0** team won all of their main round matches.
- 1** match of the 2019/20 season ended with more than 70 goals (Vipers vs Metz 38:38).
- 11** from 12 points in Győr's six main round matches was the best record.
- 37** matches is Győr's current unbeaten streak in the competition.
- +58** goals of Brest was the best overall goal difference in the main round, ahead of Győr (+57).
- 97** goals scored by the season's top scorer Jovanka Radicevic (Buducnost).
- 250** goals conceded by CSM Bucuresti is the best defensive record in the main round
- 250** matches in the EHF Champions League was reached by Krim in their final main round match against Buducnost. The 29:23 win was the 126th victory.
- 311** goals scored by Brest gives them the best attacking record, ahead of Győr (309).
- 4,849** goals have been scored in total in the 2019/20 season - 206 in qualification, 2,671 in the group matches and 1,972 in the main round.
- 5,437** spectators attended Győr vs Buducnost, the highest main round attendance.
- 15,960** fans in total attended Győr's three main round matches. The three CSM main round matches were attended by 12,500 fans, putting them just ahead of Metz with 12,063 fans.

Over 50,000 fans cast their votes to decide the All-star team line-ups

Handball fans across the world have voted in their thousands to determine the EHF Champions League 2019/20 All-star teams. Last season's voting took place in unique circumstances with the Covid-19 pandemic leading to a number of matches being cancelled and EHF FINAL4s postponed. However, that did not deter over 50,000 fans voting for their favourite players in both men's and women's vote.

Nearly a million views for the live streaming of the press conferences

The live post-match press conferences, launched at the beginning of the 2019/20 season and streamed by clubs competing in this season's EHF Champions League competitions, have proven to be a huge hit with handball fans. Teams participating in both the VELUX EHF Champions League and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League have been broadcasting press conferences live across their own social media channels straight after their matches to give fans even more insight.

The interest in the post-match thoughts of the coaches and the players involved have been popular since the concept's introduction, with the number of combined views across both competitions already approaching one million mark after the group phase and main round respectively.

ALL-STAR TEAM 2019/20



ALL-STAR TEAMS OVERVIEW

S	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
GK	Clara Woltering (Buducnost)	Sandra Toft (Larvik)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Katrine Lunde (Vipers)	Amandine Leynaud (Győr)
LW	Majda Mehmedovic (Buducnost)	Siraba Dembele (Vardar)	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Camilla Herrem (Vardar)	Siraba Dembele (Rostov-Don)	Manon Houette (Metz)	Sanna Solberg (Esbjerg)
LB	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)	Anne Mette Hansen (Győr)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)
CB	Anita Görbicz (Győr)	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Veronica Kristiansen (Midtjylland)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)
LP	Ana Dokic (Vardar)	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Marit Malm Frajford (Larvik)	Dragana Cvijic (Vardar)	Crina Pintea (Győr)	Asma Elghaoui (Valcea)
RB	Katarina Bulatovic (Győr)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Ana Gros (Metz)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)
RW	Jovanka Radicevic (Vardar)	Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (Larvik)	Jovanka Radicevic (Vardar)	Carmen Martin (Bucuresti)	Iulija Managarova (Rostov-Don)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)
< 23	Fie Woller (Midtjylland)	Eliza Buceschi (Baia Mare)	Luca Szekerces (FTC)	Blanka Biro (FTC)	Tjasa Stanko (Krim)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)
DEF	Suzana Lazovic (Buducnost)	Dorina Korsos (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Zsuzsanna Tomori (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)
C	N/A	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)

TOP SCORERS 2019/20



97 goals

Jovanka Radicevic
Buducnost

Rank	Player's name	Name of the club	Goals
1	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	97
2	Kartin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	84
3	Ana Gros (SLO)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	78
4	Estavana Polman (NED)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	74
5	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	72
6	Alja Varagic (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	62
7	Sonja Frey (AUT)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	61
8	Stine Oftedal (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	58
9	Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	57
10	Iuliia Managarova (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	56
11	Grace Zaadi (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	54
	Nina Zulic (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	54
13	Viktória Lukács (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	53
14	Eduarda Amorim Taleska (BRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	50
	Asma Elghaoui (HUN)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea (ROU)	50
	Heidi Løke (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	50
17	Noémi Háfra (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	49
	Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	49
19	Ida Lagerbon (DEN)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	48
	Barbara Lazovic (SLO)	Buducnost (MNE)	48
21	Kristine Breistøl (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	46
22	Marit Røsberg Jacobsen (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	45
	Ann Grete Nørgaard (DEN)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea (ROU)	45

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
2020	no title awarded	
2019	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2018	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2017	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2016	CSM Bucuresti	ROU
2015	Buducnost	MNE
2014	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2013	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2012	Buducnost	MNE
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2003	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2002	Kometal Skopje	MKD
2001	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunaferr SE	HUN
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1997	Mar Valencia	ESP
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2020

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	216	161	15	40	6182:5294	+888	337:95	(17)	78,01%
2	WHC Buducnost MNE	258	143	22	93	6846:6503	+343	308:208	(25)	59,69%
3	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144*	(23)	63,64%
4	RK Krim Mercator SLO	250	116	14	120	6686:6718	-32	246:254	(25)	49,20%
5	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
6	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	172	87	14	71	4745:4630	+115	188:156	(19)	54,65%
7	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
8	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	130	66	9	55	3455:3315	+140	141:119	(13)	54,23%
9	Metz Handball FRA	122	54	10	58	3182:3148	+34	118:126	(14)	48,36%
10	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
11	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	136	52	8	76	3427:3637	-210	112:160	(21)	41,18%
12	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
13	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
14	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
15	CSM Bucuresti ROU	74	43	5	26	2012:1867	+145	91:57	(6)	61,49%
16	Rostov-Don RUS	64	43	4	17	1756:1578	+178	90:38	(6)	70,31%
17	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
18	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
19	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
20	Dunaferri NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
21	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
22	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
23	HC Leipzig GER	72	20	3	49	1792:2025	-233	43:101	(9)	29,86%
24	MKS Perla Lublin POL	70	18	5	47	1740:1969	-229	41:99	(11)	29,29%
25	Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP	34	17	5	12	879:839	+40	39:29	(3)	57,35%
29	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	34	14	2	18	934:926	+8	30:38	(4)	44,12%
30	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	30	12	4	14	840:822	+18	28:32	(4)	46,67%
31	Team Esbjerg DEN	24	12	1	11	657:656	+1	25:23	(3)	52,08%
39	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	24	6	1	17	629:721	-92	13:35	(4)	27,08%
40	Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22	12:16	(2)	42,86%
NR	Borussia Dortmund GER	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	CSKA RUS	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

teams in bold = participating in DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21

TR - total ranking

NP - number of participations incl. this season

% = winning percentage

* = Hypo Niederösterreich had one point deducted by official decision

I ALL-TIME STATS OF THE EHFCHAMPIONS LEAGUE

26

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

Biggest wins

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

23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016

22 Dunaferri SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999

26

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

Biggest home wins

22 Dunaferri SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999

21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011

21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015

25

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

Biggest away wins

23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016

19 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012

15

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

Biggest lead at half-time

15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007

15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011

14 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU vs 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27 (23:9), 07.03.2008

14 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012

47

WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015

Most goals

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

45 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016

82

HC Lada Togliatti RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007

Most goals both teams

76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Buducnost MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011

76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015

76 Vipers Kristiansand NOR vs Metz Handball FRA 38:38 (17:21), 20.10.2019

10

Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Viborg HK DEN 27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997

Fewest goals

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

12 Kometal Dj. P. Skopje MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 26:12 (12:6), 21.02.1998

12 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

12 Slagelse DT DEN vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 12:22 (7:12), 23.02.2008

30

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

Fewest goals both teams

31 Viborg HK DEN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16 (7:9), 04.01.1998

32 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994

32 Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

32* WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11), 16:16), 03.05.2014

* after regular time

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Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE 27:26 (10:18), 25.02.2007

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

-6 Montex Lublin POL @ Henzo Swift Roermond NED 22:23 (16:10), 26.01.1997

-7

RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Viborg HK DEN 28:28 (16:9), 29.10.2011

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

-6 Ferrobuss KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelagets SK NOR 26:26 (10:16), 21.01.2001
 -6 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN vs RK Krim Neutro SLO 21:21 (7:13), 28.01.2001
 -6 Larvik NOR @ Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP 19:19 (12:6), 25.02.2012
 -6 Thüringer HC GER @ CSM Bucuresti ROU 23:23 (14:8), 08.03.2019

Most goals in one half

24

Dunaferr SE HUN vs GAS Anagninisi Artas GRE – 2nd half 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999

24 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007
 24 RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS – 2nd half 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
 24 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS – 1st half 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
 24 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator – 1st half 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
 24 FTC-Rail Cargo HUN vs Fleury Loiret Handball FRA – 1st half 36:23 (24:12), 22.11.2015
 24 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 40:26 (24:13), 06.10.2019

Most goals in one half both teams

45

HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007

42 1. FC Nürnberg GER vs HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS – 1st half 31:39 (20:22), 23.02.2008
 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 38:34 (20:22), 15.11.2008
 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs 'Buducnost' MNE – 1st half 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011

Fewest goals in one half

3

Anagninisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO – 1st half 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

4 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
 4 Viborg HK DEN @ Oltchim Valcea ROU – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
 4 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
 4 FC Midtjylland DEN vs HC Vardar MKD – 2nd half 15:25 (11:12), 08.11.2015
 4 Glassverket NOR @ Thüringer HC GER – 1st half 24:16 (10:4), 16.10.2016

Fewest goals in one half both teams

11

Granicar Djurdjevac CRO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 17:19 (5:6), 25.01.1997

11 Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 2nd half 17:18 (11:13), 10.01.1998
 12 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
 12 Podravka Koprivnica CRO vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 17:14 (6:6), 29.04.1995
 12 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG vs Dunaferr SE HUN – 2nd half 16:18 (10:12), 06.02.2005
 13 Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
 13 Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

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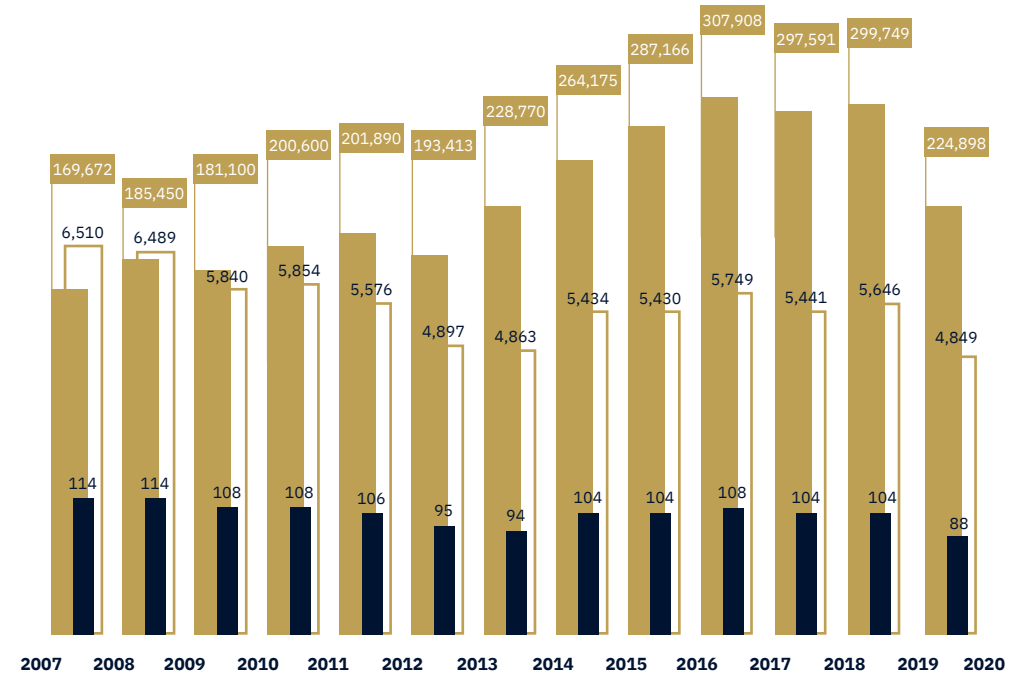
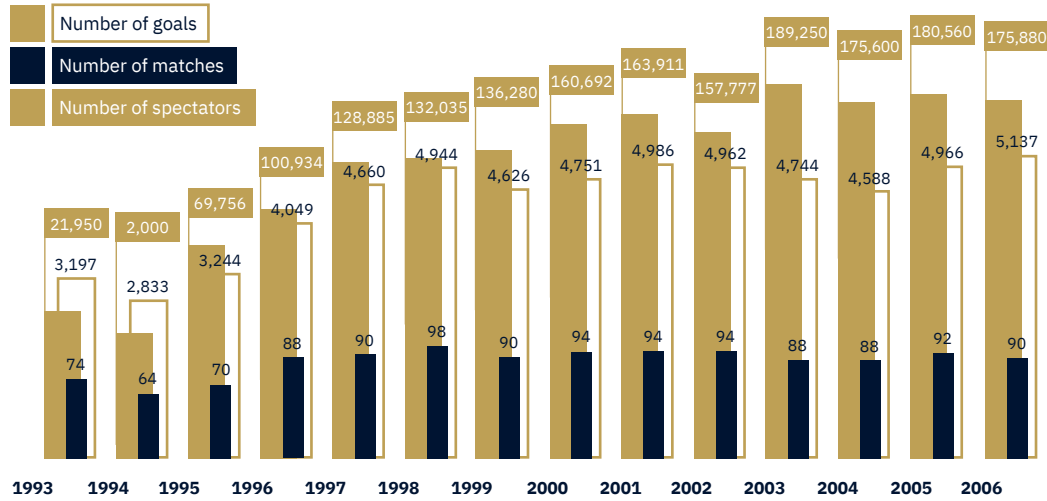
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DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TIMELINE

1993 – 2019



17/11/1991 EHF founded

25/09/1993 first match played: Mar Valencia vs Víkingur Reykjavík 26:16

1993 EHF takes over all the club and national team competitions including the former IHF European Champions Cup renaming it to the EHF Champions League

1993/1994 32 teams on the starting grid of the first season (2 elimination rounds, group phase with 8 teams and the final)

1996/1997 format changes – group phase with 16 teams (in 4 groups) followed by quarter-, semi- and final

1997 first official website launched

03/05/1997 Natalia Morskova scores 17 goals in the first final leg (and adds five more (in total 4x with Hypo, 2x with Slagelse). Only Bojana Popovic (3x Slagelse, 2x Viborg, 1x Buducnost) has won as many titles.

14/05/1994 Austra Fridrikas raises her first trophy, in the next 11 years she adds five more (in total 4x with Hypo, 2x with Slagelse). Only Bojana Popovic (3x Slagelse, 2x Viborg, 1x Buducnost) has won as many titles.

27/05/2000 Fridrikas scores 21 goals in the two final legs to lead Hypo past Kometal Skopje to their league record fourth title

17/05/2003 Luminta Dinu (Hutupan) becomes the first player (and still the only one) who won the trophy for three straight years

2005 EHF Marketing founded, the EHF's daughter company dealing with the marketing rights of the CL

2007/08 main round (of eight teams) replaces quarter-finals

01/11/2008 first match streamed live on ehfTV.com – Ikast Brande vs Zvezda Zvenigorod

2011/12 new corporate identity and new competition's logo

2013/14 Media rights deal signed with MP Silva

2013/14 18,000 fans take part in the first All-star team vote

2014/15 main round with 12 teams and quarter-finals added

03-04/05/2014 first WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 takes place at the Budapest Papp Laszlo Sportarena with over 10,000 fans celebrating the second title of Győr

2016/17 total TV audience of 167,5 millions spectators

2018 three-time CL winner Anja joins as a WOMEN'S EHF Champions League ambassador

2018 WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 broadcast in 60+ territories

25/02/2019 a contract with the title sponsor Delo Group was signed

10/05/2019 first WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 opening party

2020 season suspended after the main round due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no title awarded

01/07/2020 start of the 10-year deal with Infront & DAZN, new website Home of Handball

May 2017 300,000 likes on the official Facebook page

I HISTORY: 27 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

1993/94

Final: Hypo Niederösterreich vs Vasas Budapest 20:18 / 25:21 (45:39)

New name, new playing system, but well-known finalists – just as in the men's competition the Champions League replaced the Champions Cup from the 1993/94 season. 32 teams played two K.O. rounds for the eight places in the Champions League. The two finalists were the winners of the two groups of four. Hypo Niederösterreich became the first title holder showing a spotless performance with 12 victories from 12 matches.

1994/95

Hypo Niederösterreich vs Podravka Koprivnica 14:17 / 26:19 (40:36)

After 20 victories in 20 Champions League matches, Hypo Niederösterreich was beaten for the first time in the first leg of the final in Koprivnica. But the 14:17 in Croatia was followed by a clear 26:19 victory in the second leg and the cup remained in Austria.

1995/96

Podravka Koprivnica vs Hypo Niederösterreich 13:17 / 25:20 (38:37)

In the 1995/96 season Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich „only” finished second and that created tremendous joy for the Eastern Croatians. Under the leadership of the old and new top scorer, Snežana Petika, Podravka Koprivnica for the first time took the crown of the greatest club competition.

1996/97

Mar Valencia vs Viborg HK 35:26 / 23:24 (58:50)

In 1997 there was a whole new constellation

in the final. Mar Valencia, who had narrowly lost three times in the Champions League Group Phase, celebrated a Spanish fiesta. The team, which was based around the excellent Natalia Morskova, was the first Spanish team in the history of the competition to reach the final. The opponent was Viborg – the first Danish finalist since Copenhagen in 1966 (ed. IHF competition).

1997/98

Hypo Niederösterreich vs Mar El Osito L'Eliana 28:21 / 28:26 (56:47)

Mar El Osito L'Eliana had reached the final by scoring at least 31 goals per match. They failed to repeat this feat when they needed it most. Hypo Niederösterreich triumphed with two victories, earning their third Champions League title.

1998/99

Dunaferr SE vs Krim Electa Ljubljana 25:23 / 26:26 (51:49)

Two new faces appeared in the Champions League final in the 1998/99 season. In the semi-finals Dunaferr had beaten defending champion Hypo Niederösterreich while Ljubljana narrowly held the upper hand over Podgorica. In the final it was the Hungarian side that prevailed, winning their first Champions League title.

1999/00

Hypo Niederösterreich vs Kometal Skopje 32:23 / 20:22 (52:45)

The final of the 1999/00 is less likely to be remembered for Hypo's fourth title but more for the violent disruptions caused during the final by Macedonian fans. In the second leg objects had been thrown onto the court for almost the entire match, and the problems reached a climax when everyone fled into the changing rooms and Hypo manager Gunnar Prokop was attacked.

2000/01

Viborg HK A/S vs RK Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 22:22 / 19:25 (41:47)

After suffering defeat in the 1999 finals against Dunaferr, the time was finally ripe in 2001 for Krim, Slovenia's most dominating club whose focus had always been to win the Champions League. In the final Krim prevailed over Viborg thanks to win and a draw.

2001/02

FTC HERZ Budapest vs Kometal D. P. Skopje 27:25 / 22:26 (49:51)

On 19 May 2002, 45,000 fans people celebrated their heroines enthusiastically in the main square of the Macedonian capital – a great achievement had been made: Kometal Skopje wore the crown of Europe's top club competition for the first time. Two years before, the Macedonians had played in the finals against Hypo Niederösterreich but after rioting fans during the second leg in Skopje all Macedonian clubs were banned for one year from the European Cup, and no one had expected Macedonian handball to recover that fast from the shock.

2002/03

El Osito Valencia vs Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 30:27 / 28:36 (58:63)

For the third time in a row, the Champions League winner came from former Yugoslavia and for the second time after 2001 Krim Ljubljana was sitting on the European throne. Skopje had won the title in 2002. There was also another record: goalkeeper Luminita Dinu won the European title for the third time in a row.

2003/04

Slagelse DT vs Krim Ljubljana 25:24 / 36:32 (61:56)

In less than four years world class player and world class coach Anja Andersen had led Danish side Slagelse DT out of the second division and straight into their first Champions League season. And just one year after they had already celebrated the win of the EHF Cup, the team was

victorious once more – this time in Europe's most prestigious club handball competition. It was a fairy tale come true.

2004/05

Slagelse DT vs Kometal D.P. Skopje 27:23 / 27:20 (54:43)

For the second time in the history of the Champions League and after the double victory of Hypo Niederösterreich in 1994 and 1995, a team was able to defend its title. In all twelve Champions League matches, from the Group Phase to the final, coach Anja Andersen's team suffered only one defeat.

2005/06

Krim Ljubljana vs Viborg HK A/S 22:24 / 21:20 (43:44)

In the history of the CL that had not happened before. In both final matches of the 2005/06 season the away teams won. It seemed a mere formality for Viborg to lift the trophy following their 24:22 win in Slovenia, but Ljubljana fought back and had one hand on the cup when they led 20:17 in the 52nd minute before running out of steam.

2006/07

Slagelse DT vs Lada Togliatti 29:29 / 32:24 (61:53)

It was Slagelse's third go at gold and they did it convincingly. With elite performances both in the Champions League and the Danish league, where they did not lose one single point, Anja Andersen's women were the favourites for the title – so another success of the “dream team” was not a surprise. The season as they won 12 matches and drew twice with Buducnost in the main round. Győr's captain Anita Görbicz became the season's top scorer for the second time scoring 87 goals.

2007/08

Zvezda Zvenigorod vs Hypo Niederösterreich 25:24 / 31:29 (56:53)

After having beaten Hypo Niederösterreich at home 25:24, the Russian champions were also triumphant in Wiener Neustadt in a very tough second leg. For Hypo it was a big disappointment as everything had been prepared for party at the Arena Nova to celebrate their ninth title since 1989.

2008/09

Viborg HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 24:26 / 26:23 (50:49)

Viborg HK won the Champions League for the second time after having lost the first leg of the final 24:26 but winning the second leg 26:23 against Györ. Viborg's Grit Jurack contributed four goals in the second match and became the Champions League's top scorer with 113 goals in the 2008/09 season.

2009/10

Viborg HK vs Oltchim Rm. Vâlcea 28:21 / 32:31 (60:52)

Viborg HK defeated Oltchim Vâlcea to win the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League for the second consecutive time and the third time in the last five years. Also the Danish dominance continued. Since 2003/2004 all Champions League titles had gone to Danish teams, except for the 2007/2008 season when Russian team Zvezda Zvenigorod celebrated the victory.

2010/11

Larvik vs Itxako Reyno De Navarra 23:21 / 24:25 (47:46)

In a real nail-biting thriller right until the dying seconds, Itxako defeated Larvik by a single goal in the second leg of the final, but with the aggregate score, the Norwegians were the lucky winners of this clash and brought home the EHF Champions League trophy for the first time in the club's history.

2011/12

Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost 29:27 / 25:27 (54:54)

Buducnost won the tightest edition of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League by account of scoring the greater number of away goals (27 in Hungary) than Györi AUDI ETO KC (25 in Montenegro). It was only a small consolation for Györ's Anita Görbicz who picked up the top scorer for the 2011/12 season.

2012/13

Larvik HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:24 / 22:23 (43:47)

After losing the finals in 2009 and 2012 Györ finally ended their curse of seven European Cup finals without a trophy. The coronation of the new queens of European handball took place in jam-packed Veszprém Aréna after the second leg victory and carried on in the streets of the city of Györ. The Hungarian team were dominant throughout the whole season as they suffered only one defeat (in the semi-final at home vs Oltchim) in 16 matches.

2013/14

Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:27 (10:15)

For the first time in history just one final game decided about the new title holders as Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena hosted the excellent premiere edition of the MVM EHF FINAL4. Györ successfully defended the title after avenging their 2012 defeat by Buducnost in front of a sold-out crowd (10,000). Hungarian champions were the only undefeated team of

2014/15

Larvik vs Buducnost 22:26 (8:14)

After defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC had been hit by a series of injuries and maternity leaves it became as no major surprise as they were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Vardar. The Macedonian champions had to settle with the third place finish for the second straight time

though, after stumbling upon Buducnost once again in the semi-final. In the final showdown of the two previously unbeaten teams in Budapest the Montenegrin side cruised past Larvik to their second European crown. Andrea Penezic and Cristina Neagu shared the top scorer's title with each scoring 102 goals.

2015/16

CSM Bucuresti vs Györi Audi ETO KC 29:26 after penalty shootout (25:25, 13:12)

The Romanian newcomers were all but impressive before the final rounds of the main round and only a few people would expect they could stand a chance against another debutants Rostov-Don in the quarter-finals. However the team of Kim Rasmussen not only eliminated the previously unbeaten Russian team after two narrow wins but also ousted Vardar in the semi-final and completely stunned handball Europe by defeating Györi Audi ETO KC despite the fact the Hungarian favourites played with support of a sold-out crowd (12.000) of the Papp Laszlo Arena behind them. Unstoppable Isabelle Gullden netted in 15 goals in the final and Aurelia Bradeanu scored the deciding penalty in the shoot-out for CSM.

2016/17

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 31:30 after extra-time (26:26, 15:12)

The sold-out Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena witnessed a very similar and thrilling scenario like the year before as the final went to the extra-time. Vardar, who ousted the defending champions CSM Bucuresti in the semi-final, climbed back from a three-goal deficit, but mainly courtesy of a stellar performance of Anita Görbicz Györ were able to snatch a narrow victory and their third title in five years.

2017/18

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 27:26 after extra-time (20:20, 9:9)

Both rivals from the previous season continued to dominate the competition also in the new season and eventually met in the final again.

And yet again they pampered the sold-out crowd in the Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena with an extra-time thriller. In the end, Györ became the first team to successfully defend the EHF FINAL4 trophy after they were propelled to the title by their Brazilian star Eduarda Amorim. The left back first equalised for 20:20 and forced an extra-time and she was also instrumental in the final 10 minutes of the game.

2018/19

Rostov-Don vs Györi Audi ETO KC 24:25 (11:15)

Once again Ambros Martin and Györi Audi ETO KC made it all the way to the final match of the season but at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 the Spanish coach and the Hungarian team were facing each other as Martin steered his new team from Rostov-Don and his place in Györ was taken by his former assistant Gábor Danyi. Despite facing the capacity crowd in the Papp Laszlo Sportarena, Rostov climbed back from a four-goal deficit in the second half and were close to force an extra-time, however, Györ supported mainly by ever-inspirational Eduarda Amorim and the tournament's MVP Kari Grimsbo prevailed in the dramatic finish.

2019/20

No title awarded

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the CL has been paused after the main round and the remaining matches (quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4) cancelled.

I DELO EHF FINAL4 COUNTS DOWN TO ITS NEW EDITION

The DELO EHF FINAL4 is the culmination of the women European club handball season. The two-day event sees the best four teams in Europe playing to decide the ultimate winner of the DELO EHF Champions League.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the previous edition in 2020 had to be called off but the whole handball world hopes that the highlight event will return back in all its glamour on 29/30 May 2021. Introduced in the 2013/14 season and to be played until at least 2024 in Budapest, the decision to follow the format of the men's version of the competition and create a tournament for the final phase was seen as crucial for the growth of women's handball across Europe. The aim was to create a flagship event, one that could compete on the international sports market and make Europe's leading club competition even more attractive to fans, partners and sponsors.

The success of all previous editions of the EHF FINAL4 up to date showed that this format has been the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment; it

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FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE PAST EDITIONS

15 goals by Isabella Gullden in a single match, 57 overall strikes by Nycke Groot, five participations of Győr, three different winners in the last seven years and 1,254 goals scored so far – this is what you need to know from the previous six editions of the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest before the start of the 2020/21 season.

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in contrast to the EHF FINAL4 in Cologne where the number is still zero - Győr had defended the title in Budapest, and even made it a hat-trick (2017, 2018 and 2019).

1 club - again Győr - won the DELO EHF FINAL4 four times (2014, 2017, 2018, 2019).

1 player has won the EHF FINAL4 with two

is not just four games played over two days but a true entertainment event. To little surprise the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 2019 was the season's highlight in European handball as nearly 25,000 spectators in the Budapest Papp László Sportarena and millions of fans at home watched four unforgettable handball games, unique entertainment shows and how Győri Audi ETO KC were crowned the champions for the fifth time.

The success of the DELO EHF FINAL4 is also thanks to the commitment of a great number of volunteers who have been active on the weekend of the event.

Full information at: www.ehffinal4.com

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021 will start in March 2021.

different clubs: Katarina Bulatovic (2014 with Győr, 2015 with Buducnost) - she was also the first player in the EHF FINAL4 history to defend the title.

1 player - again Bulatovic - was part of the FINAL4 with three different clubs: Buducnost, Győr and Rostov.

1 time - in the 2017 edition - all four participants were the same as in the previous year: Győr, Vardar, Bucuresti and Buducnost.

1 match in the history of the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest - the 2016 final CSM Bucuresti vs Győr (29:26) - needed to be decided in penalty shootout after extra-time, with the happy end for the Romanian side.

2 countries were represented by two different clubs so far: Russia (Dinamo/2015 and Rostov/2018 and 2019) and Norway (Larvik/2015 and Vipers/2019)

2 more matches - the 2017 and 2018 finals Győr vs. Vardar - needed to be decided in extra-time, and the winners were Győr twice. **1** VELUX EHF FINAL4 final needed to be decided by a penalty shootout: The 2016 edition of Kielce vs Veszprém (39:38)

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EHF Champions League debutants made it to Budapest in their first ever CL seasons: Vardar (2014) and CSM Bucuresti (2016)

2 times - in 2017 and 2018 - the final was composed by the same teams: Győr vs Vardar.

3 players - Anita Görbicz, Eduarda Amorim and Bernadett Bodi were part of the Győr squad at all four EHF FINAL4 triumphs, Görbicz and Amorim are even five-times Champions League winners - and aim for their sixth trophy in the new season.

3 countries were represented by the six FINAL4 winners so far: Hungary (4), Montenegro and Romania.

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different clubs were part of the six EHF FINAL4 events: Vardar/5 times), Győr (5 times), Buducnost (4), Bucuresti (3), Rostov (2), Midtjylland, Volgograd, Larvik, Metz and Kristiansand (each once).

4 times goalkeepers were awarded Most Valuable Players of the FINAL4 - three of them played for the respective winners: Clara Woltering (Buducnost/2015), Jelena Grubisic (Bucuresti/2016) and Kari Grimmbö (Győr/2019), while Amandine Leynaud (Vardar) lost the final in 2018.

6 which means all - times, the Papp Laszlo Arena was the venue of the DELO Women's EHF FINAL4. The contract with the arena located in Budapest lasts until 2024.

8 different nations were part of the six EHF FINAL4 events in Budapest: Hungary, Russia, North Macedonia, Romania, Montenegro, Denmark, France and Norway.

10 goals was the biggest gap in any EHF FINAL4 match, when Buducnost beat Vardar in the 2015 semi-final 27:17 - ahead of the 2019 semi-final Győr vs Vipers (31:22).

15 goals by Isabelle Gullden (Bucuresti) are the high score of one player in a single match.

20 goals by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland) are the high score of an individual player at one FINAL4 tournament (2014), in 2018, Groot scored in total 16 goals for Győr.

41 goals was the lowest ever score in an EHF FINAL4 match, when Győr beat Buducnost 21:20 in the 2016 semi-final, followed by 42 goals of the 2014 semi of Buducnost vs Vardar (22:20) and 46 in the 2018 semi Vardar vs Rostov (25:19).

57 goals were scored by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland/Győr) to be all-time top scorer of the EHF FINAL4 events, the Dutch (now playing for Odense) is one goal ahead of Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti/56).

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61 goals were the high-score in a final so far, when Győr beat Vardar 31:30 after extra-time.

71 goals was the biggest score in a Women's EHF FINAL match, when Vardar beat Bucuresti in the 2017 semi-final 38:31.

224 was the highest overall number of goals in a Women's EHF FINAL4 so far - at the 2017 edition. Second ranked is the 2019 edition by 215 goals, ahead of 210 goals in 2014, 204 in 2018, 202 in 2016 and the low score of 199 in 2015.

1,254

goals have been scored so far at the EHF FINAL4s in Budapest

170,000+ fans visited the venue of all previous editions - the Budapest Papp Laszlo Sportarena.

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