



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23
QUARTER-FINALS

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

We welcome all media representatives to crunch time in the EHF Champions League Women!

The quarter-finals are the last stop on the road to Budapest. Across eight matches, the participants of the EHF FINAL4 2023 will be determined. Four teams qualified directly for this stage: defending champions Vipers Kristiansand, Metz Handball, CSM Bucuresti, and record champions Györi Audi ETO KC. Those teams will now face a side which has come through the play-offs – some more easily than others.

Vipers begin their bid for a third straight title by travelling to Bucharest to face CS Rapid Bucuresti. The Norwegian side have had another great season, winning 11 games, drawing one and losing two in the group phase to top group A. But they will remember one of their defeats in the group was in Bucharest, against CSM Bucuresti, and they must return to the same Polivalenta Arena. Rapid have had a dream debut in the competition, challenging for a direct quarter-final spot before overcoming Krim Mercator Ljubljana by a single goal over the two play-off games. Their confidence is high and they will be buoyed by their loyal fans in the first leg.

Metz have won the most games this season, coming out of group B with one defeat and one draw. The French champions reached Budapest for the second time last year and are eager to do so again. They now play FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, who are back in the quarter-finals for the first time since 2019 after beating WHC Buducnost BEMAX in the play-offs. It has been more than 20 years since FTC reached the semi-finals – but Metz could be a barrier to further progress.

CSM Bucuresti are in their fifth straight quarter-finals and eyeing a return to Budapest for the first time since 2018. The 2016 champions must overcome Team Esbjerg to do so, in what could become the closest quarter-final matchup. Esbjerg narrowly missed out on direct qualification for this stage after a one-goal loss to Györ in round 14, but overcame Brest Bretagne Handball in the play-offs. They got to Budapest last year and will really want to repeat the feat.

Finally, Györ have not shown quite the same dominance this season as in previous years, with three group phase losses, but the five-time winners know what it requires to make it to the EHF FINAL4. In 18 appearances in the Champions League, they have only failed to reach the semi-finals four times – including 2019/20, when Covid forced the cancellation of the competition at the quarter-final stage. Standing in their way are Odense Håndbold, third in group A with eight wins and six losses, and playing their second quarter-finals after 2019.

We pride ourselves at the EHF and EHF Marketing on the positive and cooperative relationship with our colleagues from the media. Should you require any additional information or assistance for your coverage of the quarter-finals, do not hesitate to get in contact with us at the EHF Office in Vienna. We are glad to help with any requests you might have.

So, the stage is set and the Budapest tickets are ready to be punched: time to make some Handmade History!

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EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

SEASON 2022/23



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2022/23 SEASON

Playing experience and clubs



<p>Group Phase Draw required</p> <p>A A1' A2' A3 A4 A5 A6 X X</p> <p>B B1' B2' B3 B4 B5 B6 X X</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>Play-offs No draw required</p> <p>B1 B6 B3 B2 B5 B4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Quarter-finals No draw required</p> <p>M4 A1 M3 B1 M2 A2 M1 B2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>EHF FINAL Draw required</p> <p>SEM-FINALS: [] [] [] []</p> <p>3rd PLACE MATCH: [] []</p> <p>FINAL: [] []</p>	<p>3-4 June 2023</p>
<p>* Top two places of Groups A and B proceed directly to the Quarter-Finals.</p> <p>B1: 11-13/9/22 B2: 15-17/9/22 B3: 24-26/9/22 B4: 3-5/10/22 B5: 15-16/10/22 B6: 22-23/10/22 B1': 11-13/12/22 B2': 15-16/12/22 B3': 24-25/12/22 B4': 3-4/1/23 B5': 11-12/1/23 B6': 18-19/1/23</p>	<p>1st leg – 13-19 March 2023 2nd leg – 26-26 March 2023</p>	<p>1st leg – 29-30 April 2023 2nd leg – 6-7 May 2023</p>		

ONE DEBUTANT, THREE FORMER WINNERS, FIVE COUNTRIES

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE QUARTER-FINALS

Eight quarter-final matches in April and May will decide the four teams which make it to the EHF FINAL4 Women in Budapest on 3 and 4 June. Here are the most important facts and figures after the completion of the play-offs, in which two former EHF Champions League Women winners were eliminated.

0 teams from the same country will duel in the quarter-finals

1 goal was the closest margin in the play-offs, when CS Rapid Bucuresti turned around their away defeat at Krim Mercator Ljubljana to win with an aggregate result of 54:53

1 team – Rapid – turned a defeat in the first leg into the ticket to the quarter-finals

1 quarter-final debutant is among the eight teams still in competition: also Rapid

1

play-off winner previously played at the EHF FINAL4:
Team Esbjerg, in 2022

1 play-off match ended in a draw – 30:30 at Odense Håndbold vs Storhamar Håndball Elite

1 play-off match ended with at least 60 goals scored – 30:30 between Odense and Storhamar

2 teams won both the home and away match in the play-offs: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (against WHC Buducnost BEMAX) and Esbjerg (against Brest Bretagne Handball)

2 participants of previous EHF FINAL4 editions were eliminated in the play-offs: 2015 winners Buducnost and 2021 finalists Brest

2 players can win their seventh EHF Champions League trophy this season: Katrine Lunde (Vipers Kristiansand) and Nora Mørk (Esbjerg)

3 countries each have two teams in the quarter-finals: Denmark, Hungary, and Romania; France and Norway both have one team

3

teams in the quarter-finals have won the trophy before: Györi Audi ETO KC (2014, 2017-19), CSM Bucuresti (2016), and Vipers (2021-22)

4 clubs from four different countries have won the nine EHF FINAL4 tournaments so far: Györ from Hungary (four times), Vipers from Norway (twice), Buducnost from Montenegro, and CSM from Romania

4 teams directly qualified for the quarter-finals: the group winners Vipers and Metz Handball and the runners-ups CSM and Györ

5 quarter-finalists from the 2021/22 season are back in the same stage this season: Vipers, CSM, Metz, Györ and Esbjerg; four of them advanced to the EHF FINAL4 2022; only CSM failed to do so

5 group matches and one play-off match were attended by 5,000 or more fans, either in Györ or in Bucharest

7 years lasted Györ's unbeaten streak in home matches in the EHF Champions League until the 28:24 defeat against Metz in September

7 group matches, but none in the play-offs, ended with a margin of 20 or more goals

8 of the 112 group matches and one of the eight play-off matches ended in a draw

8 goals was the biggest margin in a single play-off match, when Odense won 30:22 at Storhamar

9 times in 112 group matches and zero times in the play-offs, the teams scored 70 or more goals

9 goals was the biggest margin in the play-offs – FTC's aggregate result of 55:46 against Buducnost

11 nations are represented by the previous winners of the EHF Champions League Women: Denmark, Hungary (six titles each), Austria (four), Norway (three), Slovenia (two), Montenegro (two), North Macedonia, Spain, Croatia, Russia, and Romania (one title each)

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matches – eight quarter-finals and the four matches at the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest – are ahead until the winner of the 30th anniversary season is confirmed

13 different clubs were part of the eight EHF FINAL4 events: Győr (seven times); Vardar (five times); Buducnost (four); CSM, Vipers, Metz (three times each); Rostov (two); Midtjylland, Volgograd, Larvik, CSKA, Brest, Esbjerg (all once)

15 times in 112 group matches and not once in the play-offs, a team scored 40 or more goals in a single game

25 goals was the biggest margin since the start of the group phase, when Metz beat Lokomotiva 38:13

29 matches – three play-offs and 26 group matches – were attended by 3,000 or more fans

29 group matches but none in the play-offs ended with a margin of 10 or more goals

41 goals made FTC vs Brest (20:21) the match with the fewest goals scored so far; followed by 43 goals in Lokomotiva vs Győr (16:27) and Buducnost vs Lokomotiva (25:18)

46 times – three times in the play-offs and 43 times in the group phase – the away team won

46 times – once in the play-offs and 45 times in the group phase – the fans saw 60 or more goals

47 goals were scored by SG BBM Bietigheim against DHK Baník Most (47:25) to level the all-time record in the competition, when Vardar beat Krim 47:29 in 2015

65 times – four times in the play-offs and 61 times in the group phase – the home team won

76 goals in the match Most vs Brest (30:46) was the highest number of goals in a single match so far this season

121 goals (including 14 in the play-offs) have been scored by EHF EURO 2022 MVP Henny Reistad (Esbjerg) as she leads the top scorers standings, ahead of Cristina Neagu (CSM/102) and Katrin Klujber (FTC/100); all three players are still part of the competition

424 goals were scored in the eight play-off matches, an average of 53 goals per match

1,069 goals – including 13 in the play-offs against Rapid – have been scored by Krim's Jovanka Radicevic in 19 EHF Champions League seasons; Radicevic overtook Anita Görbicz (1,016) as all-time top scorer on 4 December 2022

5,000 fans was the biggest crowd in the play-offs, when Rapid hosted Krim; the first leg in Ljubljana was attended by 4,800 fans

5,100 fans at the crucial final match in group B between Győr and Esbjerg is the highest attendance since the start of the group phase

7,212 goals have been scored in the 128 matches this EHF Champions League Women season, which makes for an average of 56.34 goals

Top 3 – biggest winning margin

+25: Metz vs Lokomotiva (38:13)
+24: FTC vs Most (43:19)
+24: Storhamar vs Lokomotiva (37:13)

Top 3 – most goals per match

76: Most vs Brest (30:46)
73: Most vs FTC (27:46)
73: Krim vs Most (42:31)

Top 3 – fewest goals per match

41: FTC vs Brest (20:21)
43: Lokomotiva vs Győr (16:27)
43: Buducnost vs Lokomotiva (25:18)

ROAD TO BUDAPEST

Time to write history



Play-offs

Quarter-finals

Play-offs



I RECORD-BREAKING HIGHLIGHT EVENT IN BUDAPEST

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

Introduced in 2013/14, 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 shows that this format is the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment, as it is not just four games in two days, but a true entertainment event.

Last season fits perfectly in that picture, as the EHF FINAL4 Women 2022 showcased four thrilling matches inside the newly built MVM Dome in Budapest. No fewer than 15,400

fans attended the final clash between Vipers Kristiansand and five-time trophy holders Györi Audi ETO KC (33:31), setting an all-time attendance record for women's club handball.

Budapest will remain the event's host when the season reaches its climax on 3/4 June 2023. The MVM Dome provides state-of-art facilities for the event and will again create a great stage for the highlight event of the EHF Champions League Women season.

Full information at: ehffinal4.eurohandball.com

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Media accreditation for the EHF FINAL4 Women 2023 is open **until 19 May 2023 at 23:59 CEST**. Media representatives can submit their request via EHF's dedicated online accreditation system at: accreditation.ehf.eu. Email requests will not be processed.

For full details on the accreditation procedure see the ['Media' section on eurohandball.com](http://eurohandball.com).





PAIRINGS

QUARTER-FINALS

I FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA (HUN) VS METZ HANDBALL (FRA)



First leg: Saturday, 29 April at 16:00 CEST, Erd (HUN)

Second leg: Sunday, 7 May at 14:00 CEST, Metz (FRA)



- the Hungarian side will make their 11th quarter-final appearance in their 23rd EHF Champions League Women season
- in the play-offs, FTC trumped Buducnost winning both legs by 55:46 on aggregate
- became the fourth club to reach 220 games played in the EHF Champions League Women
- Katrin Klujber is the third-best scorer of the competition with 100 goals and has the most assists for FTC: 50
- the right back has scored more than 50 goals in each CL season since her debut in 2018
- FTC have scored 462 goals in 16 matches, or 28.9 goals per game on average, making them the third-best attack in the competition
- they arrive at the quarter-finals on the back of their 14th Hungarian cup title, beating domestic rivals Győr 28:27 in the final
- Metz qualified directly to the quarter-finals as the group B winners with 25 points from 12 wins, one draw and one defeat
- the French side are on a nine-game winning streak – their last defeat was on 16 October 2022 against Team Esbjerg in round 5
- Metz had the second-best defence of all teams after the group phase, with 352 goals conceded or 25.1 goals per game on average
- Bruna de Paula, who is joining Győr next season, is Metz's top scorer with 77 goals
- it is head coach Emmanuel Mayonnade's eighth season with the club; he prolonged his contract for one more season last December, until the end of 2023/24
- in 2022/23, Metz have sealed the club's 25th French league title, while they have the cup final against Paris 92 coming up in June

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball 9-2-5 (433:400) 20:12

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)
20.01.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	32:30 (18:15)
24.01.2021	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	30:29 (14:17)

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

@ vs Odense Håndbold W27:23 (12:12)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim L40:20 (18:9)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball L20:21 (9:12)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana W30:32 (15:15)
vs Vipers Kristiansand D26:26 (12:14)
@ DHK Baník Most W27:46 (11:26)
@ CSM Bucuresti L30:24 (10:11)
vs CSM Bucuresti L29:33 (11:17)
vs DHK Baník Most W43:19 (20:11)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L27:26 (15:15)
vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W37:26 (19:10)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball L24:21 (14:10)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W28:23 (10:12)
@ Odense Håndbold W25:28 (9:15)

PLAY-OFFS:

@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX W24:28 (13:15)
vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX W27:22 (14:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Katrin Klujber (HUN)	100
2 Emily Bölk (GER)	69
3 Angela Malestein (NED)	68
4 Andrea Lekic (SRB)	41
5 Gréta Márton (HUN)	33

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC–Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Baník Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 23

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

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

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: 13 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994-97, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015, 2021)

Hungarian cup: 14 titles (1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1993-97, 2001, 2003, 2017, 2022, 2023)



5 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

43 **GOALS**
Most goals

73 **GOALS**
Most 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	40:20 (18:9) vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER (a), 18.09.2022
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) 8 matches (13.03.2021 – 13.11.2021)
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	43 vs DHK Baník Most CZE 43:19W (h), 17.12.2022
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016 40 vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER 40:20L (a), 18.09.2022
Most goals both teams	73 vs DHK Baník Most CZE 43:19W (h), 17.12.2022
Fewest goals	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 HISTORY

	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-finals	
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10	Semi-finals	
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-finals	
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6	Quarter-finals	
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-finals	
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10	Quarter-finals	
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12	Quarter-finals	
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12	Quarter-finals	
2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	4	1	7	334:348	-14	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1	
2020/21 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	0	7	434:428	+6	18:14	Play-offs	
2021/22 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	3	4	430:427	+3	21:11	Play-offs	
2022/23 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	1	6	462:420	+42	19:13	Quarter-finals	
Total:	220	114	18	88	6071:5905	+166	246:194		



Gábor Elek
Coach

- in charge since 2007, Gábor Elek has led FTC to one Hungarian league title (2020/21) and to three domestic cup triumphs, including in the 2022/23 season
- son of legendary coach Gyula Elek, who led FTC for almost three decades and who had the FTC arena named after him
- won first domestic title in 2015 and repeated the success in 2021, as FTC are regularly finishing runners-up to Győr
- won back-to-back Cup Winners' Cups in 2011 and 2012
- also led Hungary's women's national team for a while but stepped down from that role after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- has a degree in chemical engineering

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012

Arrivals during the season:

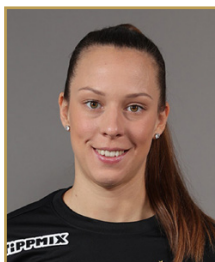
Anikó Cirjenics-Kovacsics (HUN)
Dorka Papp (HUN)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Kincso	Sass	HUN	Goalkeeper	11/08/2004	Budapest, HUN	178
3	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line Player	03/10/1988	Paris, FRA	182
C 8	Zita	Szucsánszki	HUN	Centre Back	22/05/1987	Budapest, HUN	172
9	Szofi	Imre	HUN	Goalkeeper	21/06/2004	Budapest, HUN	178
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06/11/1991	Budapest, HUN	178
14	Anett	Kisfaludy	HUN	Line Player	31/08/1990	Kapuvár, HUN	180
15	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	167
16	Blanka	Bíró	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/09/1994	Vác, HUN	186
17	Alicia	Stolle	GER	Right Back	17/06/1996	Ahlen, GER	182
18	Anett	Kovács	HUN	Right Wing	12/11/1994	Mezotúr, HUN	167
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left Back	26/04/1998	Buxtehude, GER	182
21	Gréta	Márton	HUN	Left Wing	03/10/1999	Mohács, HUN	173
23	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left Back	18/06/1987	Budapest, HUN	187
24	Dorka	Papp	HUN	Right wing	26/07/2006	Budapest	165
26	Angela	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31/01/1993	Spakenburg, NED	173
27	Anna	Kukely	HUN	Centre Back	27/05/2003	Békéscsaba, HUN	173
42	Katrin Gitta	Klujber	HUN	Right Back	21/04/1999	Budapest, HUN	169
50	Luca	Kármán	HUN	Left Back	18/07/2004	Budapest, HUN	190
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15/03/1990	Belgrade, SRB	183
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Left Back	06/09/1987	Belgrade, SRB	178
90	Szandra	Szölloosi-Zácsik	HUN	Left Back	22/03/1990	Budapest, HUN	187
91	Anikó	Cirjenics-Kovacsics	HUN	Centre back	29/08/1991	Nagyatád	170
94	Bodza	Buzsáki	HUN	Left Wing	25/03/2004	Budapest, HUN	171



Blanka Bíró

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 186-cm tall goalkeeper is a regular choice for the national team
- won silver with Hungary at the Women's 19 EURO in 2013

 @biroblanka



Gréta Márton

Left wing

- Hungarian international, who scored a personal best 51 goals in CL 2021/22 season
- 2022/23 marks her eighth straight CL season with FTC, after her debut in 2015/16
- was key member of the Hungarian team that won the 2019 Junior WCh; has been a regular in Hungarian national team since her debut in 2017
- one of the most active handball players on social media

 @gretamarton



Emily Bölk

Left back

- German international, who joined FTC in 2020 from Thüringer HC
- was FTC's second-best scorer in CL 2021/22 season, with 72 goals; has already netted 69 times coming into the 2022/23 quarter-finals
- visited Viborg youth academy at age 14, made Bundesliga debut with Buxtehuder SV at 16, and played two seasons for THC before moving to FTC
- mother Andrea was also a national team player in Germany

 @emily_boelk



Andrea Lekic

Centre back

- Serbian international, who arrived at FTC in the summer of 2022 from Krim
- previously also played CL with Buducnost, Vardar, CSM Bucuresti, and Győr
- won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, finished runners-up once, and third three times
- in 2013, she won WCh silver with Serbia and was named World Player of the Year

 @lekiandrea

EC trophies: CL 2013
WCh: S 2013



Annikó Cirjenics-Kovacsics

 @kovacsicsaniko_misy8

Centre Back

- Hungarian international, who joined FTC in 2016 after 10 seasons with rivals Győr
- made her CL debut at age 16; won the trophy twice with Győr and made the CL All-star Team both as centre back (2014/15) and as left wing (2015/16)
- finally returned to the courts in January 2023 after a break of 668 days following shoulder injury and maternity leave

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014
EURO: B 2012



Dragana Cvijic

 @cvijic_dragana

Line player

- two-time CL winner, who arrived at FTC after playing for Krim and CSKA in 2021/22
- had joined Buducnost in 2011 and won the CL in her first season with the club; lifted the CL trophy another time (2015) during her six-year stint in Podgorica
- also played CL for Vardar (2017/18) and CSM Bucuresti (2018-21)
- Serbian international, part of the team that won silver at their home WCh in 2013

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015
WCh: S 2013



Katrin Klujber

 @keti_klujber

Right back

- Hungarian international, scoring 100 times in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals
- has been a prolific scorer for FTC since her CL debut in 2018/19, netting 54, 84, 68, and 62 times respectively in her first four CL seasons
- debuted in Hungarian league at age 16; won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016
- part of the Hungarian team that won the Junior WCh in Hungary in 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



Angela Malestein

 @angelamalestein

Right wing

- Dutch international, arrived in Budapest in summer of 2020 from Bietigheim
- leading goal scorer for FTC in CL 2021/22 season, with 81 goals
- first played in Dutch national team at age 16 and has been part of all the recent successes of the team, including winning the world title in 2019
- played for VOC and Dalfsen before moving to Germany at age 19 in 2012

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

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Les Arènes de Metz
5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire
57000 Metz
France
Capacity: 4,500

METZ HANDBALL



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

vs Storhamar Handball Elite W32:21 (21:9)

@ CS Rapid Bucuresti D32:32 (16:21)

@ Györi Audi ETO KC W24:28 (14:18)

@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX W28:36 (16:21)

@ Team Esbjerg L35:28 (18:12)

vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W38:13 (20:6)

vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W35:24 (18:14)

@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W23:28 (13:13)

@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W18:27 (6:13)

vs Team Esbjerg W26:24 (11:11)

vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX W29:23 (13:9)

vs Györi Audi ETO KC W29:28 (13:13)

vs CS Rapid Bucuresti W36:34 (20:17)

@ Storhamar Handball Elite W24:26 (16:11)

PLAY-OFFS:

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CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Bruna de Paula (BRA)	77
2 Chloé Valentini (FRA)	62
Kristina Jørgensen (DEN)	62
4 Sarah Bouktit (FRA)	52
5 Debbie Bont (NED)	35

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 24

Semi-finals (2): 2018/19, 2021/22

Quarter-finals (4): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20*, 2020/21

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

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Final 2012/13; Quarter-finals: 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08

Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2012/13; Semi-finals: 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

French league: 25 titles (1989, 1990, 1993-97, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004-09, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016-19, 2022, 2023)

French cup: 10 titles (1990, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022)



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	38:13 (20:6) v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO (h), 22.10.2022
Biggest defeat	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run	9 matches (since 22.10.2022)
Longest unbeaten run	9 matches (since 22.10.2022)
Longest losing run	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
Longest run without win	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997)
	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
Most goals	42 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
Most goals opponent	39 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 39:30L (a), 15.01.2022
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	13 v HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13W (h), 22.10.2022
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-finals	
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	Quarter-finals	
2018/19 Metz Handball FRA	16	11	1	4	470:389	+81	23:9	Fourth Place	
2019/20 Metz Handball FRA	12	7	3	2	361:321	+40	17:7	Quarter-finals*	
2020/21 Metz Handball FRA	18	12	1	5	459:414	+45	25:11	Quarter-finals	
2021/22 Metz Handball FRA	20	14	1	5	554:475	+79	29:11	Third Place	
2022/23 Metz Handball FRA	14	12	1	1	429:352	+77	25:3	Quarter-final	
Total:	174	92	13	69	4624:4389	+158	197:151		

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Emmanuel Mayonnade
Coach

 @mayonnade_manu

- in charge of Metz since the 2015/16 season
- became only the second French coach to reach the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest when Metz qualified in 2019
- elected best coach in the CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- started coaching at age 23 in Mios and stayed with the French club for 10 years
- took over the Dutch national team in March 2019 and won the world title that year, but left after the Tokyo Olympics in 2021

WCh: G 2019

Arrivals during the season:

Stelvia De Jesus Pascoal (ANG)
Luisa Schulze (GER)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Camille	Depuiset	FRA	Goalkeeper	19/10/1998	Dijon, FRA	178
2	Bruna Almeida	De Paula	BRA	Centre Back	26/09/1996	Campestre, BRA	170
5	Andela	Zagar	CRO	Right Back	22/07/2004	Zagreb, Croatia	194
6	Chloé	Valentini	FRA	Left Wing	19/04/1995	Besancon, FRA	165
7	Merle	Albers	GER	Line Player	19/04/2004	Dortmund, GER	184
8	Camila	Micijevic	CRO	Left Back	08/09/1994	Heidenheim, GER	194
9	Delia	Golvét	FRA	Right Wing	21/10/2005	La Trinité, FRA	146
10	Kristina	Jørgensen	DEN	Centre Back	17/01/1998	Viborg, DEN	185
11	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Left Back	05/11/1995	Pozega, CRO	178
14	Debbie	Bont	NED	Right Wing	09/12/1990	Edam, NED	175
19	Louise	Katharina Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17/10/1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
20	Laura	Fauvarque	FRA	Left Back	30/10/2003	Arpajon, FRA	183
21	Laura	Kanor	FRA	Left Wing	16/06/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	175
22	Giulia	Fabbo	ITA	Left Back	26/10/2003	Salerno, ITA	174
23	Zaliata	Mlamali	FRA	Left Wing	23/02/2003	Marseille, FRA	172
24	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right Back	29/11/2001	Metz, FRA	191
26	Stevia De Jesus	Pascoal	ANG	Right Back	20/10/2002	Iuanda, ANG	180
27	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line Player	27/08/2002	MontSaintMartin, FRA	183
28	Noémie	Barthelemy	FRA	Line Player	02/05/1992	Saint-Pol-rur-Mer, FRA	189
29	Lalie	Vernay	FRA	Right Back	29/07/2003	Venissieux, FRA	172
33	Luisa	Schulze	GER	Line Player	14/09/1990	Altenburg, GER	190
42	Emma	Tucella	FRA	Right Wing	08/01/2004	Mont-Saint-Martin, FRA	168
51	Lily	Balassi	HUN	Centre Back	24/05/2005	Budapest, HUN	183
61	Valeriia	Maslova	RUS	Right Back	23/01/2001	Rostov, RUS	188
70	Julie	Le Blevéc	FRA	Right Wing	27/06/2000	Neuilly-sur-Seine, FRA	165
71	Melanie	Halter	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/06/2002	Schitilgheim, FRA	187
99	Hatadou	Sako	FRA	Goalkeeper	21/10/1995	Tournan en Brie, FRA	172



Camille Depuiset

 @camille_dpst

Goalkeeper

- talented goalkeeper, who arrived at Metz in 2022 to play her first CL season
- before the quarter-finals, she ranked second on the list of goalkeepers who save the most penalties, stopping 11 of the 31 penalty shots (34.98 per cent)
- previously played for French clubs Toulon (2015-19) and Bourg-de-Péage (2019-22)
- part of the French team that won the W19 EHF EURO 2017 in Slovenia
- has been called up for the senior national team several times



Chloé Valentini

 @chloppette

Left wing

- after playing for eight seasons in Besançon, moved to Metz in the summer of 2021
- Metz's second-best scorer in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals, with 62 goals
- won medals with France in her first three events: EURO 2020, Olympics, WCh 2021
- part of the new talented French handball generation, alongside Laura Flippes, Méline Nocandy and Orlane Kanor

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020; WCh: S 2021



Kristina Jørgensen

 @kristina_jorgensen

Left/centre back

- joined Metz in the summer of 2022 from Viborg HK, the EHF Finals 2022 hosts
- impressed in her first season with Metz, scoring 62 goals coming into the quarter-finals
- made her debut in the Danish league as an 18 year old; was born in Horsens but started her senior career in Skanderborg
- a versatile back court player, who can play on the left or in the centre; names best left back in the Danish league in the last two seasons before she joined Metz

WCh: B 2021



Bruna De Paula

 @brunapaula96

Centre back

- Brazilian international, who arrived at Metz in the summer of 2021 from Nantes
- club's best scorer in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals, with 77 goals
- was chased by many top clubs in 2020 but signed with Nantes, helped them win the EHF European League 2020/21 while becoming MVP of the EHF Finals 2021
- has become a regular fixture in the Brazil national team at a young age

EC trophies: EL 2021



Sarah Bouktit

 @sarahbouktit

Line player

- started career at Metz and returned to the club in 2021 after one season with Fleury
- has scored 52 times for Metz in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals, making it already her personal best European season so far
- named in the All-star Team of the W17 EHF EURO 2019 as best line player; took part in the EHF Respect Your Talent programme that year
- made national team debut for France in two EHF EURO 2022 Qualifiers in March 2022



Louise Burggaard

 @louiburggaard

Right back

- joined Metz in 2019 as one of several Danish players moving to France that summer
- 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

EC trophies: CWC 2014



Valeriia Maslova

 @lrmaslova_

Right back

- Russian international, who started her career in her native Rostov and made her CL debut with that club in the 2017/18 season
- reached the EHF FINAL4 in 2019, where Rostov lost in the final to Győr
- joined Buducnost in 2020; scored 47 goals in the CL 2021/22 group phase before she returned to Russia to play for CSKA; moved on to Metz in the summer of 2022
- in May 2018, she made her debut in the Russian national team at age 17; won the 2018 Youth (U18) WCh in Poland three months later



Debbie Bont

 @debbiebont

Right wing

- signed for Metz in 2020; previously played in Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark
- has scored 35 times so far in CL 2022/23, making it her most successful season
- made debut in Dutch national team at age 19; retired from 'Oranje' in February 2023 after scoring more than 400 goals in over 200 matches for the team
- said one of the reasons to join Metz was working with Emmanuel Mayonnade, then coach of the Dutch national team, after they had won the world title together in 2019

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

I ODENSE HÅNDBOLD (DEN) VS GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC (HUN)



First leg: Saturday, 29 April at 18:00 CEST, Odense (DEN)

Second leg: Saturday, 6 May at 18:00 CEST, Győr (HUN)



- this is Odense's first quarter-final since their inaugural season in 2018/19 when they were defeated 62:49 on aggregate by the same opponents – Győri Audi ETO KC
- coach Ulrik Kirkely will join Győr next season
- the Danish side are in the knock-out phase for the third year running
- Odense secured their quarter-final ticket by eliminating Storhamar 60:52 on aggregate in a Scandinavian derby in the play-offs
- after 16 matches, Odense are the fourth most efficient attack in the competition - 458 goals scored at 61.5 per cent accuracy
- left back Mie Højlund remains Odense's top scorer with 65 goals scored; goalkeeper Althea Reinhardt is at 34 per cent efficiency with 129 saves in 13 matches
- the club is one win away from hitting their 30th victory in Europe's top flight
- Odense lost the Danish cup final against Team Esbjerg in April, but finished first in the regular 2022/23 season of the Danish league
- Győr secured their direct quarter-final berth in the last round of the group phase, defeating Team Esbjerg for their 14th win of the season
- the second-leg match against Odense will be Győr's 270th match in the EHF Champions League Women, making them the third club in history to reach that milestone
- this is the Hungarian club's 17th quarter-final appearance in 21 seasons
- Győr are the best defence in the competition with 347 goals conceded in 14 matches – 24.8 per game on average, while they scored 31.7 goals on average
- Slovenian right back Ana Gros is Győr's top scorer so far with 65 goals
- Silje Solberg announced her pregnancy in February 2023, prompting retired Amandine Leynaud to make a comeback on court and form a goalkeeper duo with Sandra Toft
- Győr were beaten 28:27 by FTC in the domestic cup final in April, but have all but locked up their 17th league title in Hungary

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Odense Håndbold vs Győri Audi ETO KC 0-1-5 (158:184) 1:11

07.04.2019	Odense HC vs Győri Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (13:18)
13.04.2019	Győri Audi ETO KC vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:21 (18:10)
10.10.2020	Győri Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:25 (16:11)
17.01.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Győri Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:32 (18:17)
17.10.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Győri Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:31 (11:16)
23.01.2022	Győri Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:26 (12:13)



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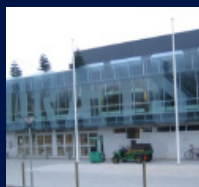
Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: red/green/blue

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W27:23 (12:12)
vs DHK Banik Most W41:22 (24:11)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L34:27 (16:10)
vs CSM Bucuresti L27:31 (13:16)

@ Brest Bretagne Handball W21:25 (8:16)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W31:24 (14:12)

@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana W23:29 (15:11)

vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W26:22 (15:11)

@ SG BBM Bietigheim W24:27 (16:13)

vs Brest Bretagne Handball W25:24 (14:11)

@ CSM Bucuresti L40:31 (21:11)

vs Vipers Kristiansand L24:34 (13:15)

@ DHK Banik Most W19:37 (10:16)

vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria L25:28 (9:15)

PLAY-OFFS:

@ Storhamar Håndball Elite W22:30 (13:16)

vs Storhamar Håndball Elite D30:30 (13:16)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Mie Højlund (DEN)	65
2 Bo van Wetering (NED)	63
3 Dione Housheer (NED)	61
4 Maren Aardahl (NOR)	58
5 Rikke Iversen (DEN)	38

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Banik Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19
Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

EHF Cup: Semi-finals: 2019/20; Quarter-finals: 2015/16
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16: 2013/14

Danish league: 2 titles (2021, 2022)

Danish cup: 1 title (2021)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	41:22 (24:11) vs DHK Banik Most, 18.09.2022
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (15.10.2022 – 07.01.2023)
Longest losing run	3 matches (23.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Longest run without win	4 matches (17.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Most goals	41 vs DHK Banik Most CZE 41:22 (h), 18.09.022
Most goals opponent	41 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Most goals both teams	71 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:36W (a), 07.03.2021 71 vs CSM Bucuresti ROU 40:31L (a), 14.01.23
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	17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:33W (a), 18.10.2020
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2018/19 Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22	12:16	Quarter-finals	
2020/21 Odense Håndbold DEN	16	7	1	8	446:435	+11	15:17	Play-offs	
2021/22 Odense Håndbold DEN	16	8	1	7	456:439	+17	17:15	Play-offs	
2022/23 Odense Håndbold DEN	16	9	1	6	458:425	+33	19:13	Quarter-finals	
Total:	62	29	5	28	1715:1676	+39	63:61		



Ulrik Kirkely
Coach

 @ulrikkirkely

- returned for his second spell as Odense coach in the summer of 2020, but will leave and join Győr in the summer of 2023
- his first stint with the club ended in 2017, when he left to lead the Japan women's team to the Tokyo Olympics
- also worked with the men's teams of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia
- was Denmark women's assistant coach at major championships in 2012-14
- a former player at GOG Svendborg, he used to work as a production manager for the company he was an associate in

Arrivals during the season:

Nycke Groot (NED)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Martina	Thörn	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/02/1991	Västerås, SWE	179
3	Maren Nyland	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02/03/1994	Trondheim, NOR	183
5	Trine	Pedersen	DEN	Back	03/05/1993	Vejle, DEN	168
6	Freja Cohrt	Kyndbøl	DEN	Left Wing	20/01/1994	Odense, DEN	170
7	Bo	van Wetering	NED	Left Wing	05/10/1999	Heerhugowaard, NED	171
8	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Left Back	13/08/1992	Groningen, NED	178
9	Larissa	Nusser	NED	Centre Back	08/02/2000	Born, NED	175
11	Rikke	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	18/05/1993	Nykøbing, DEN	179
16	Althea Rebecca	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01/09/1996	Aarhus, DEN	179
17	Freja Hammer	Fagerberg	DEN	Goalkeeper	17/05/1997	Herlev, DEN	186
21	Ayaka	Ikehara	JPN	Right Wing	24/09/1990	Okinawa, JPN	158
25	Tonje	Løseth	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1991	Bergen, NOR	183
27	Cornelia Nycke	Groot	NED	Centre back	04/05/1988	Alkmaar	175
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01/01/1995	Delft, NED	167
C 32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Left Back	24/10/1997	Randers, DEN	173
45	Noémi	Háfra	HUN	Left Back	05/10/1998	Cegléd, HUN	178
48	Dione	Housheer	NED	Right Back	26/09/1999	Gendringen, NED	180
64	Sidsel	Mejlvang	DEN	Line Player	23/12/1990	Aarhus, DEN	175
68	Helena Elver	Hagesø	DEN	Centre Back	01/03/1998	Gentofte, DEN	168
90	Mia Rej	Frahm	DEN	Centre Back	02/02/1990	Copenhagen, DEN	169



Martina Thörn

 @martinathorn

Goalkeeper

- Swedish international, who arrived at Odense in 2021 from Aarhus
- will leave after the 2022/23 season to join Danish league rivals København Håndbold
- started career at her local club Västerås in Sweden, but has been playing abroad since 2015 – first in Norway (Glasverkett), since 2016 in Denmark (Midtjylland, Randers)
- made debut for Swedish national team in 2016



Bo van Wetering

 @bovanwetering

Left wing

- Dutch international, who arrived at Odense in 2021 from German side TuS Metzingen
- previously played for SEW and VOC in Netherlands, having starting her career at the renowned HandbalAcademie, like many other Dutch top players
- a left wing with a penchant for goals, scored 18 goals in a single game at the WCh 2021 (against Kazakhstan) – a record for the Dutch team

WCh: G 2019

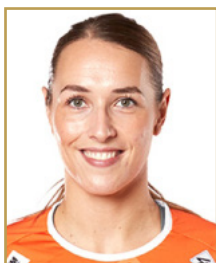


Tonje Løseth

 @tloseth

Left back

- Norwegian international, who joined Odense from Brest prior to the 2022/23 season
- reached the CL final in 2021 with Brest, but lost against a club from Norway – Vipers
- previously had stints in Denmark (Herning-Ikast) and Germany (Metzingen); played the EHF Cup final in 2017 with Metzingen
- made national team debut for Norway against Serbia in 2013; has not been called up since 2017



Lois Abbingh

 @loisabbingh1

Left back

- returned to Odense before the 2022/23 play-offs after giving birth to her first child in 2022
- was first Dutch player in Russian handball when joining Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris; previously played for Emmen (NED), Oldenburg (GER), and Baia Mare (ROU)
- scored her personal best of 84 goals in the 2020/21 CL season
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- scored a penalty for the winning goal for Netherlands in WCh 2019 final against Spain

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



Rikke Iversen

 @rikkeiversen93

Line player

- signed for Odense in 2020 after spending six years at Silkeborg-Voel
- was among Odense's best scorers in CL 2021/22 season, with 45 goals
- secured the gold medal with Denmark at the Youth Olympic Games in 2010; her first major championship was the EHF EURO 2020, won WCh bronze the next year
- her sister Sarah plays for Ikast Håndbold, in the same position of line player

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2019, B 2021



Maren Nyland Aardahl

 @marenaardahl

Line player

- Norwegian international, who started as a back before becoming a line player
- played for Byåsen until 2019, and one season each for SG BBM Bietigheim in Germany and SC Ramnicu Valcea in Romania, before joining Odense in 2021
- made debut for Norway in October 2021 and won the world title two months later
- also a prolific beach handball player; named MVP and won gold at Beach EURO 2017

EURO: G 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2021



Dione Housheer

 @dionehousheer

Right back

- moved to Denmark from her native Netherlands at age 18, joining København Håndbold for three seasons before arriving at Odense in summer of 2021
- Odense's top scorer in CL 2021/22 with 79 goals, scoring at least three goals in all 16 matches Odense played; netted 61 times in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals
- Dutch international since 2017, member of the team that won the world title in 2019
- was MVP of Youth European Open Championships in 2016

WCh: G 2019; EHF EURO: B 2018



Kelly Vollebregt

 @kellyvollebregt

Right wing

- arrived in 2021 from German side Dortmund, where she played her maiden CL season
- set to join former EHF European League winners Nantes in summer of 2023
- gained first international experience at age 17, playing the CWC 2012/13 with Quintus; was named Talent of the Year of the Dutch league that season
- moved abroad at age 18, first to Koblenz (2013-15), later to Metzingen (2015-19); reached the EHF Cup final with Metzingen in her first season with the German club
- made the All-star Team at W19 EHF EURO in 2013; meanwhile a regular A international

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: green
GK shirt: blue, black



Playing hall

AUDI Arena Győr
Toth Laszlo utca 1
9027 Győr
Hungary
Capacity: 5,500

GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

@ Team Esbjerg W29:31 (13:13)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W44:25 (23:14)
vs Metz Handball L24:28 (14:18)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W32:16 (15:8)
@ Storhamar Håndball Elite W21:35 (13:15)
vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX W32:19 (15:9)
vs CS Rapid Bucuresti W32:30 (18:15)
@ CS Rapid Bucuresti L30:27 (15:16)
@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX W23:25 (12:14)
vs Storhamar Håndball Elite W39:26 (17:13)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W16:27 (8:14)
@ Metz Handball L29:28 (13:13)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W27:39 (12:16)
vs Team Esbjerg W29:28 (12:11)
PLAY-OFFS:
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CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Ana Gros (SLO) 65
2 Estelle Nze Minko (FRA) 51
3 Linn Blohm (SWE) 49
4 Stine Oftedal (NOR) 48
5 Anne Mette Hansen (DEN) 30
Nadine Schatzl (HUN) 30

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 21
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Final (4): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2021/22
Semi-finals (5): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2020/21
Quarter-finals (3): 2014/15, 2019/20*
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06
Qualification (1): 2004/05
* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2005/06, Semi-finals: 2002/03
EHF Cup: Final: 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05

Hungarian league: 16 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008-14, 2016-19, 2022)
Hungarian cup: 15 titles (2005-16, 2018, 2019, 2021)



16

MATCHES
Longest
winning run

55

MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46

GOALS
Most goals

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	21:46 (13:23) v DHK Baník Most CZE (a), 13.10.2019
Biggest defeat	39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001
Longest winning run	16 matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	55 matches (05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)
Longest losing run	3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006)
Longest run without win	4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)
Most goals	46 v DHK Baník Most CZE 21:46W (a), 13.10.2019
Most goals opponent	39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001
Most goals both teams	73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals	18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011 18 v WHC Vardar SCBT 24:18L (a), 04.04.2015
Fewest goals opponent	14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009
Fewest goals both teams	34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2000/01 Győri Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168	-12	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2005/06 Győri ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169	-15	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2006/07 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267	+24	12:8	Semi-finals	
2007/08 Győri Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366	+49	22:6	Semi-finals	
2008/09 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415	+39	23:9	Runners-up	
2009/10 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337	+18	18:10	Semi-finals	
2010/11 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334	+53	21:7	Semi-finals	
2011/12 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422	+50	21:11	Runners-up	
2012/13 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346	+89	30:2	Winners	
2013/14 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337	+71	26:2	Winners	
2014/15 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	385:313	+72	21:7	Quarter-finals	
2015/16 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	12	1	3	436:357	+79	25:7	Runners-up	
2016/17 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	13	1	2	481:390	+91	27:5	Winners	
2017/18 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	0	2	442:365	+77	28:4	Winners	
2018/19 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	2	0	521:406	+115	30:2	Winners	
2019/20 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	12	11	1	0	390:302	+88	23:1	Quarter-finals*	
2020/21 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	20	15	4	1	637:489	+148	34:6	Third Place	
2021/22 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	18	15	1	2	590:458	+132	31:5	Runners-up	
2022/23 Győri Audi ETO KC HUN	14	11	0	3	444:347	+97	22:6	Quarter-finals	
Total:	268	202	20	46	7853:6588	+1265	424:112		

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Ambros Martin

Coach

- former left wing, who won the CL with Portland San Antonio in 2001, the Super Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup in 2000
- moved to coaching in 2003, was on Itxako's bench between 2004 and 2012 and won the EHF Cup in 2009
- worked at Győr from 2012 to 2018, winning four CL trophies
- joined Rostov-Don in 2018, but returned to Győr just ahead of the EHF FINAL4 2021; set to leave Győr in summer of 2023
- CL All-star coach between 2015 and 2018; has also coached the Romanian and Russian women's national teams, winning the bronze medal at the WCh in 2019

EC trophies: CL 2001 (as player), 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018 (as coach); Cup Winners' Cup 2000 (as player); EHF Cup 2009 (as coach)
WCh: B 2019 (as coach)

Arrivals during the season:

Amandine Leynaud (FRA, out of retirement)
 Jelena Despotovic (MNE)
 Raphaëlle Tervel (FRA)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Line	Haugsted	DEN	Left Back	11/11/1994	Skive, DEN	179
4	Eszter	Ogonovszky	HUN	Right Back	14/07/2003	Komárom, HUN	178
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20/05/1992	Ingarö, SWE	180
6	Nadine	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	19/11/1993	München, GER	173
7	Kari Brattset	Dale	NOR	Line Player	15/02/1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	183
C 8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	25/08/1994	Glostrup, DEN	185
9	Ana	Gros	SLO	Left Back	21/01/1991	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	186
11	Eun-hee	Ryu	KOR	Right Back	24/02/1990	Inchon, KOR	178
12	Amandine	Leynaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	02/05/1986	Aubenas, FRA	178
15	Stine Bredal	Oftedal	NOR	Centre Back	25/09/1991	Oslo, NOR	168
16	SiljeMargaretha	Solberg	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
19	Alexa	Gyori	HUN	Goalkeeper	19/02/2004	Szombathely HUN	177
20	Raphaëlle	Tervel	FRA	Line Player	21/04/1979	Besancon, FRA	178
21	Veronica	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	10/07/1990	Stavanger, NOR	175
22	Viktória	Gyori-Lukács	HUN	Right Wing	31/10/1995	Budapest, HUN	168
23	Csenge Réka	Fodor	HUN	Left Wing	23/04/1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
27	Estelle	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre Back	11/08/1991	S.Sébastien-sur-Loire,FRA	178
31	Yvette	Broch	NED	Line Player	23/12/1990	Monster, NED	185
48	Dorottya	Faluvégi	HUN	Right Wing	31/03/1998	Budapest, HUN	170
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Right Back	30/04/1994	Podgorica, MNE	183
81	Júlia	Farkas	HUN	Centre Back	01/08/2004	Sárvár, HUN	174
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/10/1989	Gribskov, DEN	176



Sandra Toft

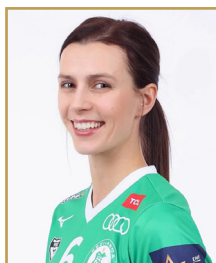
 @sandratoft89

Goalkeeper

- Danish international, arrived at Győr in summer of 2022 after three seasons with Brest
- played first CL match on 25th birthday on 18 October 2014, with Larvik against Metz
- reached CL final in 2015 with Larvik and again in 2021 with Brest
- World Player of the Year in 2021, the first goalkeeper in 20 years to receive the award
- broke neck and back in 2009 car accident but returned to the courts within six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

WCh: B 2021

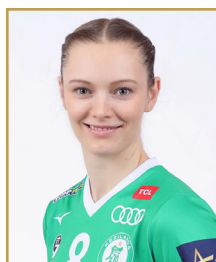


Nadine Schatzl

 @schatzi_nadi

Left wing

- returned to Győr in 2021 from league rivals FTC; also played for Érd in the past
- had her first CL experience as an 18-year-old in 2010/11 during her first stint at Győr, and she reached the CL final with Győr the following season
- born in Munich, Germany, but started playing handball in Mohács at the age of 10
- member of the Hungarian national team since 2014



Anne Mette Hansen

 @a_to_the_m

Left back

- Danish international, who arrived at Győr in 2017 for her first club outside Denmark
- team captain, who has won the CL twice with Győr; named CL All-star left back after winning her second title in 2018/19
- started handball at age 9 in Copenhagen, joined København Håndbold in 2014
- won 2012 Youth WCh, became member of the national A team the following year

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019

WCh: B 2013, 2021



Estelle Nze Minko

 @estellenzeminko

Centre back

- French international, who joined Győr in 2019 after three seasons with Siófok
- earlier played for Toulouse, Mios Biganos, Nantes, Nimes and Fleury in France
- started playing handball when she was 12, made debut for national team in 2014, was MVP at the EHF EURO 2020, and became France's team captain in 2022
- her nickname is Minkovic, a play on her name and a South Slavic suffix

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

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



Stine Oftedal

 @stineoftedal

Centre back

- Norwegian international, who arrived in Györ in 2017 after four seasons at Paris 92
- made CL All-star Team as centre back for the fourth straight season in 2021/22
- has won three EHF EUROs and two WChs since making debut for Norway in 2010
- named IHF World Player of the Year in 2019; individual accolades also include MVP WCh 2017 and All-star centre back of EHF EUROs in 2018 and 2020

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019

EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021 S 2017;

OG: B 2016, 2020



Linn Blohm

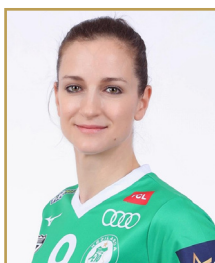
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Line player

- Swedish international, joined Györ in 2021, named CL 2021/22 All-star line-player
- scored 49 times in CL 2022/23 group phase, already a personal best for a season
- had breakthrough at Sävehof before moving to the Danish league for six years (2014-20)
- joined Baia Mare in 2020 and reached the inaugural EHF Finals Women with the Romanian side in May 2021

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015; CWC 2016

EURO: B 2014



Ana Gros

 @anagros6

Right back

- Slovenian international, who returned to Krim in March 2022 from CSKA before moving on to Györ in the offseason for her second stint at the Hungarian club
- also spent eight years in France, at Metz and Brest
- reached CL final with Györ in 2012 and with Brest in 2021; was the CL top scorer in 2020/21 with 135 goals; team's best scorer in 2022/23 group phase with 65 goals
- key player for Slovenian national team for many years after debut in 2007



Viktória Györi-Lukács

 @lukacsviki

Right wing

- Budapest-born player, who joined Györ in the summer of 2020 from rivals FTC
- 2022/23 is her 11th European club season; won the Cup Winners' Cup with FTC as a 16-year-old in her first season (2011/12)
- scored a personal best 68 goals and was named CL All-star right wing in 2020/21
- Hungarian international since 2014

EC trophies: CWC 2012

I CS RAPID BUCURESTI (ROU) VS VIPERS KRISTIANSAND (NOR)



First leg: Sunday, 30 April at 14:00 CEST, Bucharest (ROU)

Second leg: Saturday, 6 May at 16:00 CEST, Kristiansand (NOR)



- Rapid have not lost on their home court this season, winning seven matches and drawing one – against Metz in the group phase
- the Romanian champions have made it to the quarter-finals in their maiden season in the Champions League, and had a coaching chance along the road when Kim Rasmussen took over from Carlos Viver
- the main woes for Rapid are in the away matches, where they conceded four losses and only won three matches
- Rapid's top scorers are two Romanian backs: Sorina Grozav and Eliza Buceschi, who have both netted 60 goals
- goalkeeper Ivana Kapitanovic leads the way in terms of penalties saved this season, with 13 out of 34, an efficiency of 38.2 per cent
- Rapid have the largest number of assists so far in the competition, 241 or an average of 15.1 per game; Metz are the only side with a better average of 15.2 assists per game
- the reigning champions have dropped only two games, both away; their home form has been superb with a seven-game winning streak
- with an average of 32.5 scored goals per game, Vipers are the best attack in the competition
- the MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2022, Markéta Jeřábková, is Vipers' top scorer with 96 goals
- the Norwegian champions have the leading goalkeepers, with their shot stoppers saving 14.5 shots per game in the group phase
- right back Anna Vyakhireva has the most assists per game on average this season for Vipers, with six per game (66 assists in 11 matches)
- coming into the quarter-finals, Vipers have a 10-game winning streak on their home court and have lost only twice in the last 15 home games in Europe's top fight
- Vipers clinched the Norwegian cup for a sixth straight season after beating Sola HK in the final in February, and they are set to meet Larvik in the semi-finals of the domestic league play-offs

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

CS Rapid Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: burgundy
GK shirt: burgundy or orange

Dark

Player shirt: burgundy
Player short: burgundy
GK shirt: white or orange



Playing hall

**Complexul National Sala
Polivalenta Bucuresti**
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
030454 Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CS RAPID BUCURESTI



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W27:31 (12:16)

vs Metz Handball D32:32 (16:21)

@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W26:33 (12:15)

vs Team Esbjerg W34:32 (19:14)

@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX D30:30 (13:10)

vs Storhamar Handball Elite W27:25 (14:15)

@ Györi Audi ETO KC L32:30 (18:15)

vs Györi Audi ETO KC W30:27 (15:16)

@ Storhamar Handball Elite W29:36 (15:17)

vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX W39:29 (17:12)

@ Team Esbjerg L35:30 (18:13)

vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W28:22 (15:13)

@ Metz Handball L36:34 (20:17)

vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W27:22 (15:12)

PLAY-OFFS:

@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana L29:24 (12:13)

vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W30:24 (12:8)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Eliza Buceschi (ROU)	60
Sorina Grozav (ROU)	60
3 Orlane Kanor (FRA)	52
4 Estavana Polman (NED)	38
5 Dorina Korsós (HUN)	37
Jennifer Gutiérrez (ESP)	37

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2
Qualification: 2003/04

Other

City Cup: Winners: 1999/2000

Romanian league: 6 titles (1961-63, 1967, 2003, 2022)

Romanian cup: 1 title (2004)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
unbeaten run

39 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	39:29 (17:12) v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE (h), 08.01.2023
Biggest defeat	35:30 (18:13) v Team Esbjerg DEN (a), 15.01.2023 29:24 (12:13) v Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO (a), 19.03.2023
Longest winning run	3 matches (11.12.2022 – 08.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (10.09.2022 – 23.10.2022)
Longest losing run	1 match 4x
Longest run without win	1 match 6x
Most goals	39 v WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE 39:29W (h), 08.01.2023
Most goals opponent	36 v Metz Handball FRA 36:34L (a), 04.02.2023
Most goals both teams	70 v Metz Handball FRA 36:34L (a), 04.02.2023
Fewest goals	24 v Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 29:24L (a), 19.03.2023
Fewest goals opponent	22 v Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 27:22W (h), 12.02.2023
Fewest goals both teams	22 v Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 28:22 (h), 07.02.2023 49 v Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 27:22W (a), 12.02.2023

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2022/23 CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	16	10	2	4	495:457	38	22:10	Quarter-finals	
Total:	16	10	2	4	495:457	38	22:10		



Kim Rasmussen

Coach

- Danish coach, who joined Rapid just before the 2022/23 play-offs against Krim, replacing Spanish coach Carlos Viver
- won CL with Rapid's domestic rivals CSM Bucuresti in 2016
- took over as Montenegro coach only 10 days prior to the EHF EURO 2020, succeeding Per Johansson
- spent six years at the helm of the Polish national team, leading them to the semi-finals at the WCh 2013 and 2015, and led Hungary for four years
- previously coached at Roskilde in his native Denmark

EC trophies: CL 2016 (as coach)

Arrivals during the season:

Albertina Kassoma (ANG)
 Azenaide Carlos (ANG)
 Estavana Polman (NED)
 Andjela Janjusevic (SRB)

Departures during the season:

Alexandra Lacrabère (FRA)
 Isabel Wangimba (ANG)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
C 7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi	ROU	Centre Back	01/08/1993	Baia Mare, ROU	177
10	Albertina	Kassoma	ANG	Line player	12/06/1996	Praia, CPV	194
11	Gabriela	Perianu	ROU	Left Back	20/06/1994	Braila, ROU	187
12	Diana	Ciuca	ROU	Goalkeeper	01/06/2000	Craiova, ROU	180
16	DenisaStefania	Sandru	ROU	Goalkeeper	27/09/1994	Brasov, ROU	182
17	Marta	Lopez Herrero	ESP	Right Wing	04/02/1990	Malaga, ESP	168
18	Jennifer Maria	Gutiérrez Bermejo	ESP	Left Wing	20/02/1995	Horgen, SUI	169
20	Dorina	Korsós	HUN	Left Wing	03/09/1995	Kecskemet, HUN	184
21	Irene	Espinola Perez	ESP	Right Back	19/12/1992	Granada, ESP	184
22	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left Back	16/06/1997	Guadeloupe, FRA	178
23	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/09/1994	Split, CRO	183
27	Lorena Gabriela	Ostase	ROU	Line Player	25/07/1997	Vaslui, ROU	179
34	Alica	Fernandez Fraga	ESP	Centre Back	21/12/1992	Valdovino, ESP	172
35	Azenaide	Carlos	ANG	Right back	14/06/1990	Luanda	175
44	Ainhoa	Hernández Serrador	ESP	Line Player	27/04/1994	Barakaldo, ESP	180
64	Alexandra	Lacrabere	FRA	Right Back	27/04/1987	Pau, FRA	178
77	Alexandra-Diana	Badea	ROU	Right Wing	22/05/1998	Bucharest, ROU	177
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left back	05/08/1992	Arnhem	174
88	Andjela	Janjusevic	SRB	Right back	18/06/1995	Belgrade	181
90	Isabel Evelize	Wangimba Guialo	ANG	Centre Back	08/04/1990	Luanda, ANG	180
99	Sorina Maria	Grozav	ROU	Left Back	27/05/1999	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	175



Ivana Kapitanovic

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Goalkeeper

- Croatian international, who joined Rapid in 2022 after four seasons with Metz
- has saved 13 from 34 penalties against Rapid in their 16 matches coming into the quarter-finals, more than any other goalkeeper in the CL 2022/23
- made professional debut at Podravka Vegeta in her native Croatia in 2009 and spent nine years with the club, winning the domestic league eight times
- played for Croatia at the EHF EURO 2018 and the 2021 WCh, but missed the team's surprise run to bronze at the EHF EURO 2020 due to a knee injury



Jennifer Gutiérrez Bermejo

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Left wing

- born in Horgen, Switzerland, but has Spanish citizenship
- arrived at Rapid in the summer of 2022 after two seasons with Dortmund, her first foreign club; previously played for Spanish sides Elche, Malaga, and Mecalía
- best left wing in 2016/17 and MVP in 2019/20 of the Spanish league
- also a beach handball international; won world title with Spain in 2016

WCh: S 2019



Sorina Maria Grozav

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Left back

- talented left back, was top scorer of W17 EHF EURO 2015 and W19 EHF EURO 2017
- signed for Rapid in 2021, was the team's best scorer with 146 goals in their Romanian title-winning season 2021/22
- team's leading scorer in CL 2022/23, alongside Eliza Buceschi, with 60 goals each
- previously played for CSM Corona Brasov, the only other club in her career so far
- daughter of Romania women's national team top scorer Mariana Tirca, who scored more than 1,500 goals and won the CL with Croatian Podravka in 1995/96



Eliza Iulia Buceschi

 @elizabuceschi

Centre back

- Romanian international, who played outside Romania twice – for Thüringer HC in Germany and for FC Midtjylland in Denmark
- like Sorina Grozav, has scored 60 times in CL 2022/23 before the quarter-finals
- her father, Costica, was her coach at Baia Mare; her mother, Carmen, played alongside Eliza when she made her debut in the Romanian league
- made the CL All-star Team as best young player in the 2014/15 season



Alicia Fernández Fraga

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Centre back

- Spanish international, who has been playing in Romania since 2017
- joined Rapid from domestic league rivals Ramnicu Valcea in 2021
- one of the most technical players in the Romanian league, named Player of the Year in 2018/19 – the season Ramnicu Valcea beat CSM Bucuresti to the Romanian title
- playing for Spain's national team since 2017, won silver at 2019 WCh in Japan

WCh: S 2019



Lorena Ostase

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Line player

- regarded one of the most talented line players of her generation, but put aside several offers and stayed at CSM Slatina in the lower ranks of the Romanian league until 2022
- playing in her first European club competition in 2022/23, she has scored 36 times for Rapid to help the team reach the quarter-finals in their debut CL season
- won gold and made the All-star Team at the 2014 Youth WCh in Russia
- playing for Romania national team since 2019, sharing playing time with Crina Pintea



Dorina Korsós

@korsosdorina

Right back

- joined Rapid in the summer of 2022 after one year with Debrecen
- started with handball in her hometown Kecskemét, Hungary
- spent five seasons with Győr between 2012-17 and won the CL three times; later joined TuS Metzingen in Germany on loan for four seasons
- voted best defender of the CL in 2015
- won a silver medal with the junior national team in 2013

CL: 2013, 2014, 2017



Marta Lopez Herrero

@martalh17

Right wing

- arrived at Rapid from Romanian league rivals Ramnicu Valcea in 2021
- Rapid are her fourth club in the CL, after previously playing in the top flight with Fleury Loiret, Bera Bera (qualification), and Ramnicu Valcea
- named best right wing of French League in 2013 and 2014, when playing for Fleury
- Spanish international, who returned to the team in 2019 after a three-year break

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

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Aquarama Kristiansand
Tangen 8
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Norway
Capacity: 2,200

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

vs Brest Bretagne Handball W31:24 (18:13)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana W21:27 (11:13)
vs Odense Håndbold W34:27 (16:10)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim L32:30 (16:17)
@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria D26:26 (12:14)
vs CSM Bucuresti W35:29 (15:15)
@ DHK Banik Most W21:43 (15:20)
vs DHK Banik Most W39:24 (18:10)
@ CSM Bucuresti L27:24 (15:16)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W27:26 (15:15)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim W34:32 (15:17)
@ Odense Håndbold W24:34 (13:15)
vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W36:31 (20:15)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball W29:36 (15:17)

PLAY-OFFS:

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CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Markéta Jeřábková (CZE) 96
2 Anna Vyakhireva (RUS) 61
Jamina Roberts (SWE) 61
4 Ragnhild Dahl (NOR) 51
5 Jana Knedlikova (CZE) 39

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Banik Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6
Winners (2): 2020/21, 2021/22
Semi-finals (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: 4 titles (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

Norwegian cup: 6 titles (2018-23)



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

43 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	21:43 (15:20) v DHK Baník Most CZE (a), 03.12.2022
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	9 matches (12.02.2022 – 24.09.2022)
Longest unbeaten run	9 matches (12.02.2022 – 24.09.2022)
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	43 v DHK Baník Most CZE 21:43W (a), 03.12.2022
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	41 v Metz Handball FRA 23:18L (a), 26.09.2021

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	
2020/21 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	20	11	3	6	516:490	+26	25:15	Winners	
2021/22 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	18	14	0	4	566:477	+89	28:8	Winners	
2022/23 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	14	11	1	2	456:373	+83	23:5	Quarter-finals	
Total:	86	50	6	30	2472:2266	+206	106:66		



Ole Gustav Gjekstad
Coach

 @olegustavgjekstad

- joined Vipers in 2018 and has since won the Norwegian league three times and the EHF Champions League in 2021 and 2022
- replaced Kenneth Gabrielsen, who had led Vipers in their maiden CL season in 2017/18
- previously worked at Larvik until 2015, after an earlier stint with that club between 1999 and 2005
- as a player, scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team

EC trophies: CL 2021, 2022 (as coach)

Arrivals during the season:

Katarina Jezic (CRO)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sofie	Börjesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31/05/1997	Herrestad, SWE	186
4	Tonje Haugjord	Refsnes	NOR	Back	13/11/1994	Kristiansand, NOR	170
6	Oceane	Sercien Ugolin	FRA	Right Back	15/12/1997	Cherbourg, FRA	175
7	Martine Kårigstad	Andersen	NOR	Right Back	07/05/2002	Langus, NOR	175
8	Karine Emilie	Dahlum	NOR	Back	16/12/1999	Kristiansand, NOR	179
9	Jamina	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	28/05/1990	Bergsjön, SWE	176
10	Vilde Kaurin	Jonassen	NOR	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Kristiansand, NOR	164
11	Silje Katrine	Waade	NOR	Back	20/03/1994	Stjørdal, NOR	183
12	Julie Stokkendal	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	06/06/2001	Viborg, DEN	180
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right Back	13/03/1995	Volvograd, RUS	168
14	Tuva Ulsaker	Høve	NOR	Right Wing	11/06/2000	Trondheim, NOR	175
C 16	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181
17	Katarina	Jezic	CRO	Line Player	19/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	173
18	Mina	Hesselberg	NOR	Left Wing	20/04/2000	Langus, NOR	177
20	Lysa	Tchaptchet Defo	ESP	Line Player	20/12/2001	Youandé, CMR	183
21	Ragnhild Valle	Dahl	NOR	Back	02/01/1998	Molde, NOR	178
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Back	20/09/1990	Trondheim, NOR	179
24	Hanna Maria	Yttereng	NOR	Line Player	20/02/1991	Trondheim, NOR	184
25	Nerea	Pena	ESP	Back	13/12/1989	Pamplona, ESP	175
27	Sunniva Amalie	Naes Andersen	NOR	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Porsgrunn, NOR	173
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09/01/1994	Rijeka, CRO	183
37	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22/06/1989	Praha, CZE	168
51	Markéta	Jeřábková	CZE	Back	08/02/1996	Plzen, CZE	174



Katrine Lunde

 @katrinelundenor

Goalkeeper

- Norwegian international, who is still a world-class goalkeeper in her 40s, with a storied career that included spells with Viborg, Győr, and Rostov-Don
- has most saves (146) among all goalkeepers in CL 2022/23 quarter-finals
- returned in 2020/21 from a severe knee injury, has won the CL both seasons since
- six-time CL winner – two times each with three different clubs Viborg, Győr, and Vipers

EC trophies: CL 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2021, 2022; EHF Cup 2017

EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2020, 2022, S 2002, 2012; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016, 2020;

WCh: G 2011, 2021, S 2007, 2017, B 2009



Mina Hesselberg

 @minahesselberg

Left wing

- joined Vipers in January 2022 and was part of the team that won the CL for a second straight year four months later
- previously played for Follo and was that team's top scorer when she helped the second-division side promote in 2021
- made a remarkable switch from the back court to left wing in her last season with Follo

EC trophies: CL 2022



Jamina Roberts

 @jaminaroberts

Left back

- Swedish international, who joined Vipers in the summer of 2022 from IK Sävehof
- has scored 62 goals in the CL 2022/23 group phase in her first season at Vipers
- made the All-star Team at the Tokyo Olympics, where Sweden finished fourth
- gave birth to her first son in August 2020, but returned to playing within weeks
- her brother, Kalvin, was the All-star left wing at the Men's 20 EHF EURO 2022

EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Markéta Jeřábková

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Back

- joined in 2021 from German side Thüringer HC; also played for Baník Most and Érd
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2022, where she scored 18 times to help Vipers lift the trophy
- Vipers' leading scorer in CL 2022/23 after netting 96 times in the group phase
- comes from a family with a penchant for sports: her father played football in the Czech top division, and her brother Jakub is an ice hockey international

EC trophies: CL 2022



Lysa Tchaptchet Defo

 @ysatcd

Line player

- Cameroon-born Spanish international, who arrived at Vipers in summer of 2021
- previously played two seasons for Spanish side Elche
- has scored 28 goals for Vipers in the CL 2022/23 group phase, already twice as much as in her entire CL 2021/22 season
- Spanish international since 2020; the EHF EURO that year was her first major event

EC trophies: CL 2022



Anna Vyakhireva

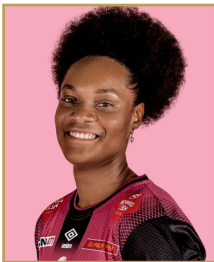
 @annavyakhireva13

Right back

- arrived at Vipers in summer of 2022 from Rostov-Don for her first club outside Russia
- took a break from handball after the Tokyo Olympics, returned in the spring of 2022
- MVP of 2016 and 2020 Olympics and EHF EURO 2018; CL All-star left back twice
- her father Viktor Vyakhirev was a handball coach, while her sister Polina Kuznetsova plays handball professionally as a left wing

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017

EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: B 2019



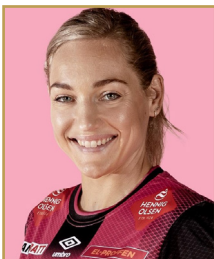
Oceane Sercien Ugolin

 @oceane_sercien

Right back

- French international, who arrived in the summer of 2022 from Slovenian side Krim
- born in Cherbourg to parents originally from Guadeloupe, started career at Paris 92
- scored 65 times for Krim in her maiden CL season 2020/21, by far her personal best
- got bachelor degree in Finance, Business and Administration Management, from an online education during her two-year stint in Ljubljana

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020



Jana Knedlikova

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Right wing

- Czech international, who joined Vipers in 2020 after five years with Győr
- became the first player from Czech Republic to win the CL – with Győr in 2017; is one of only four female players to have won the CL five times
- had her personal best CL season in 2021/22, scoring 59 times for Vipers
- used to do ice skating and ballet as a child

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

I TEAM ESBJERG (DEN) VS CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)



First leg: Sunday, 30 April at 16:00 CEST, Esbjerg (DEN)

Second leg: Sunday, 7 May at 16:00 CEST, Bucharest (ROU)



- Esbjerg are on a seven-game winning streak on home court, clinching all home matches since conceding a loss in the first game of the season against Győr
- their away form has been hit and miss, with five wins and three defeats – including one against another team from Bucharest: Rapid
- the Danish side has scored 510 goals in 16 matches, an average of 31.8 goals per match, making them the second-best attack
- Esbjerg left back Henny Reistad is the top scorer of the competition so far, with 121 goals in 16 matches
- the Danish side are coming in top form in the tie against CSM Bucuresti, having lost only two matches in all competitions in 2023, and just one of their last 21 matches
- those victories include the Danish cup final in early April, when Esbjerg beat Odense 33:22 to win the trophy for a second straight year
- the Romanian side has been unbeaten on their home court and dropped only two matches so far in the European premium competition
- CSM are aiming for a return to the EHF FINAL4 for the first time since 2018, though they have been in the quarter-finals each season since
- despite not featuring in the play-offs, Cristina Neagu is second on the top scorers list with 105 goals, 16 less than Esbjerg's Henny Reistad
- Neagu also provided 57 assists; meaning she has been involved in 162 goals this season, more than any other player
- CSM have the fourth most-efficient attack in the competition, after Esbjerg, Vipers and Győr; they scored at an average rate of 31.3 goals per match
- between the goalkeepers that made at least 50 saves this season, CSM's Marie Davidsen has the best saving efficiency – 35.9 per cent, with 139 saves in 14 matches

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti 3-2-5 (251:263) 8:12

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)
20.09.2020	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:30 (15:17)
06.02.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (15:10)
12.09.2021	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:21 (13:10)
20.02.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:29 (15:16)
01.05.2022	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:26 (9:12)
08.05.2022	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:27 (12:14)



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Blue Water Dokken
Gammel Vardevej 82
6700 Esbjerg
Denmark
Capacity: 3,579

TEAM ESBJERG

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

vs Györi Audi ETO KC L31:29 (13:13)
@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX W23:28 (11:16)
vs Storhamar Handball Elite W35:25 (21:10)
@ CS Rapid Bucuresti L34:32 (19:14)
vs Metz Handball W35:28 (18:12)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W27:43 (12:25)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W18:30 (8:14)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W33:20 (18:13)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK W39:31 (23:17)
@ Metz Handball L26:24 (11:11)
vs CS Rapid Bucuresti W35:30 (18:13)
@ Storhamar Handball Elite W25:34 (11:19)
vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX 30:20 (15:9)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC 29:28 (12:11)

PLAY-OFFS:

@ Brest Bretagne Handball W25:28 (15:15)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball W27:24 (14:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Henny Reistad (NOR)	121
2 Vilde Ingstad (NOR)	57
3 Kristine Breistøl (NOR)	55
4 Nora Mørk (NOR)	51
5 Mette Tranborg (DEN)	44

FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Metz Handball	14	12	1	1	429:352	77	25
2 Györi Audi ETO KC	14	11	0	3	444:347	97	22
3 Team Esbjerg	14	10	0	4	455:367	88	20
4 CS Rapid Bucuresti	14	9	2	3	441:404	37	20
5 WHC Buducnost BEMAX	14	6	1	7	346:366	-20	13
6 Storhamar Handball Elite	14	4	0	10	377:406	-29	8
7 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	14	1	1	12	341:452	-111	3
8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	14	0	1	13	276:415	-139	1

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6

Semi-finals (1): 2021/22

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20*

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Main Round (1): 2016/17

Qualification (1): 2015/16

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Final: 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: 3 titles (2018, 2022, 2023)



8 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

43 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	27:43 (12:25) vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR (a), 23.10.2022
Biggest defeat	38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017
Longest winning run	8 matches (23.10.2021 – 05.02.2022)
Longest unbeaten run	14 matches (26.09.2021 – 08.05.2022)
Longest losing run	4 matches (24.10.2020 – 22.11.2020)
Longest run without win	8 matches (20.09.2020 – 09.01.2021)
Most goals	43 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:43W (a), 23.10.2022
Most goals opponent	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
Most goals both teams	70 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 27:43W (a), 23.10.2022 70 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 39:31W (h), 17.12.2022
Fewest goals	20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017
Fewest goals opponent	17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 30:17W (h), 29.01.2022
Fewest goals both teams	43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017 43 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 22:21W (h), 12.09.2021 43 v Rostov-Don RUS 25:18W (h), 31.10.2021

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HISTORY

	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-finals*	
2020/21 Team Esbjerg DEN	16	5	2	9	428:414	+14	12:20	Play-offs	
2021/22 Team Esbjerg DEN	18	11	4	3	518:462	+56	26:10	Fourth Place	
2022/23 Team Esbjerg DEN	16	12	0	4	510:416	+94	24:8	Quarter-finals	
Total:	74	40	7	27	2113:1948	+165	87:61		

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Jesper Jensen

Coach

- former Danish international, who became head coach of Esbjerg in 2017 after stints with the women's team of KIF Vejen and the men's team of Aalborg Håndbold
- led Esbjerg to consecutive Danish league titles in 2019 and 2020, and steered the team to the EHF FINAL4 in 2022
- head coach of the Danish national team since 2020; has won bronze at 2021 WCh and silver at EHF EURO 2022
- as a centre back, he scored 238 times in 100 games for Denmark, was part of the team that won the EHF EURO 2008

EURO: G 2008, B 2006 (player), S 2022 (coach); WCh: B 2007 (player), B 2021 (coach)

Arrivals during the season:

Anna Opstrup Kristensen (DEN)

Departures during the season:

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I 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	Mia	Brinch-Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	07/05/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	178
3	Kaja Kamp	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	29/04/1994	Rebild, DEN	172
4	Michala	Elsberg Møller	DEN	Left Back	16/02/2000	Aalborg, DEN	178
5	Caroline	Gade	DEN	Right Wing	11/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	169
6	Signe	Damgaard Krell	DEN	Centre Back	21/02/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	176
7	Julie Ami	Sall	DEN	Left Wing	21/11/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	162
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right Back	05/04/2001	Oslo, NOR	167
C 10	Kathrine	Heindahl	DEN	Line Player	26/03/1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
11	Kirstine-Marie	Heide	DEN	Right Wing	18/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	172
12	Anna Opstrup	Kristensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/10/2000	Skanderborg	184
13	Marit Malm	Fraffjord	NOR	Line Player	25/11/1985	Tromsø, NOR	182
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23/08/1993	Oslo, NOR	193
15	Stine	Lund	DEN	Goalkeeper	08/05/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	179
16	Amalie	Milling	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/12/1999	Hørsholm, DEN	186
17	Beyza Irem	Türkoglu	TUR	Left Wing	04/02/1997	Altindag, TUR	175
18	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right Back	01/01/1996	Aarhus, DEN	192
19	Line	Jørgensen Myers	DEN	Right Back	31/12/1989	Hvidovre, DEN	186
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	25/02/1994	Narvik, NOR	165
21	Sara	Winde	DEN	Goalkeeper	21/01/2005	Esbjerg, DEN	174
23	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	174
24	Sanna	Solberg-Isaksen	NOR	Left Wing	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
25	Henny Ella	Reistad	NOR	Centre Back	09/02/1999	Bærum, NOR	181
27	Anne Tolstrup	Petersen	DEN	Right Wing	07/03/1995	Aarhus, DEN	173
33	Julie Bøe	Jacobsen	DEN	Centre Back	23/06/1998	Lørenskog, DEN	168
51	Vilde	Mortensen Ingstad	NOR	Line Player	18/12/1994	Oslo, NOR	178



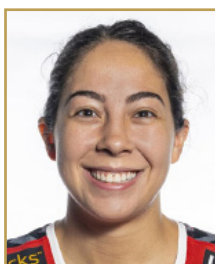
Anna Ostrup Kristensen

 @annaopstrupkristensen

Goalkeeper

- Danish international, who arrived at Esbjerg in January 2023 from Viborg HK
- excelled in Esbjerg's CL play-off tie against Brest with 18 and 11 saves, respectively
- made national team debut for Denmark in March 2019 and was part of the team that won bronze at the 2021 WCh and silver at the EHF EURO 2022
- studies health technology at university of Aarhus

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021

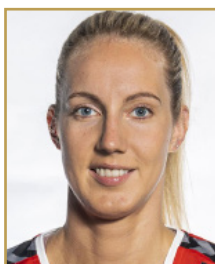


Beyza Türkoglu

 @beyzatrkoglu

Left wing

- prior to signing for Esbjerg in 2021, played for Yenimahalle and Kastamonu in Türkiye
- made her national team debut for Türkiye in 2021
- in the Turkish league, she also played as a line player and a centre back
- started playing handball when she was 11 years old and lived with her family for several years in Switzerland, before returning to Türkiye



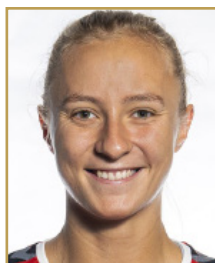
Kristine Breistøl

 @kristinebrei

Left back

- Norwegian international, who joined Esbjerg from Larvik HK in the summer of 2018
- grown into a key asset for the team after spending much time in the shadow of Estavana Polman until the Dutch star left the club in 2022
- scored a personal best total of 83 goals in the CL 2021/22 season, when Esbjerg reached the EHF FINAL4 for the first time
- best known as a long-range shooter, well capable of firing in goals from 10 metres

EURO: G 2020, 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2021



Henny Reistad

 @hennyreistad

Centre back

- Norwegian international, arrived at Esbjerg in 2021 after three seasons with Vipers
- has scored a stunning 121 goals in the CL 2022/23 season even before the quarter-finals; was one of three players to pass the 100-goal mark also in 2021/22
- named MVP of EHF FINAL4 2021 after scoring 25 goals to help Vipers win first CL title
- also named MVP of EHF EURO 2022, where she led Norway to gold

EC trophies: CL 2021
OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2020, 2022; WCh: G 2021



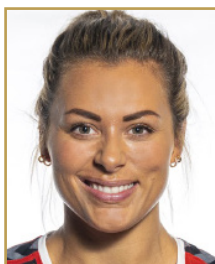
Kathrine Heindahl

@heindahl

Line player

- Danish international, who joined Esbjerg in 2022 after two seasons at CSKA in Russia
- previously played in Denmark for GOG, Holstebro, Randers, and Odense twice
- initially started handball career as a centre back, but transitioned to a line player
- has a bachelor's degree in business economics from Aarhus University; has built a clothing company, IKAIKA, selling products through an online shop
- voted best defender of the EHF EURO 2022

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021



Nora Mørk

@noramrk_9

Right back

- legend of the game, who joined Esbjerg from Vipers in the summer of 2022
- one of only four female players to have won the CL six times – alongside Katrine Lunde, Ausra Fridrikas and Bojana Popovic – since lifting the trophy with Vipers in 2022
- despite many knee injuries, is part of all-time top 10 of CL scorers with over 800 goals
- has more than 100 caps for Norway and won every major event, except Olympics

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2022; OG: B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017



Mette Tranborg

@mettetranborg

Right back

- Danish international, who has spent her entire career with clubs in Denmark; signed for Esbjerg in 2020 after three seasons with league rivals Odense
- one of the tallest CL players at 1.92m, a complete back and excellent defender
- turned pro at age 16 and became the youngest player ever in the Danish league
- won Youth WCh in 2012; added WCh bronze and EHF EURO silver with senior team

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2021



Marit Røsberg Jacobsen

@maritrij

Right wing

- Norwegian international, arrived from Byåsen in 2018 for her first foreign club
- named in All-star Team of the Danish league in her first three seasons with Esbjerg
- part of Norwegian national team since 2016; was named All-star right wing of 2012 Youth WCh in Montenegro, where Norway won the bronze medal
- enrolled in master's degree in Sports and Health at University of Southern Denmark

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

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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: white



Playing hall

Complex Sportiv National
Sala Polivalenta Bucuresti
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CSM BUCURESTI



ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP PHASE:

vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana W30:28 (17:19)
@ Brest Bretagne Handball W26:33 (13:17)
vs SG BBM Bietigheim D28:28 (13:16)
@ Odense Håndbold W27:31 (13:16)
vs DHK Baník Most W40:25 (25:13)
@ Vipers Kristiansand L35:29 (15:15)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W30:24 (10:11)
@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria W29:33 (11:17)
vs Vipers Kristiansand W27:24 (15:16)
@ DHK Baník Most W26:35 (10:20)
vs Odense Håndbold W40:31 (21:11)
@ SG BBM Bietigheim W25:27 (12:15)
vs Brest Bretagne Handball D30:30 (15:18)
@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana L28:26 (13:14)
PLAY-OFFS:
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CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1 Cristina Neagu (ROU)	105
2 Elizabeth Omoregie (SLO)	52
Crina Pintea (ROU)	52
4 Siraba Dembélé (FRA)	43
5 Grace Zaadi (FRA)	39
Emilie Hegg Arntzen (NOR)	39

FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1 Vipers Kristiansand	14	11	1	2	456:373	83	23
2 CSM Bucuresti	14	10	2	2	439:386	53	22
3 Odense Håndbold	14	8	0	6	398:373	25	16
4 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	14	7	1	6	407:374	33	15
5 Krim Mercator Ljubljana	14	6	0	8	399:405	-6	12
6 Brest Bretagne Handball	14	5	2	7	377:378	-1	12
7 SG BBM Bietigheim	14	5	2	7	432:388	44	12
8 DHK Baník Most	14	0	0	14	347:578	-231	0

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 8

Winners (1): 2015/16

Semi-finals (2): 2016/17, 2017/18

Quarter-finals (4): 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21, 2021/22

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Romanian league: 5 titles (2015-18, 2021)

Romanian cup: 5 titles (2016-19, 2022)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

40 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **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	6 matches (04.12.2022 – 22.01.2023)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (04.12.2022 – 05.02.2023)
Longest losing run	3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016)
	3 matches (10.11.2019 – 25.01.2020)
	3 matches (19.11.2020 – 16.01.2021)
	3 matches (11.04.2021 – 18.09.2021)
Longest run without win	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	40 v DHK Banik Most CZE 40:25W (h), 16.10.2022
	40 v Odense Håndbold DEN 40:31W (h), 14.01.2023
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
	71 v Odense Håndbold DEN 40:31W (h), 14.01.2023
Fewest goals	19 v CSKA RUS 24:19L (a), 11.04.2021
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	Winners
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-finals
2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU	12	7	1	4	314:288		+26	15:9	Quarter-finals*
2020/21 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	10	1	7	436:411		+25	21:15	Quarter-finals
2021/22 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	9	2	7	437:395		+42	20:16	Quarter-finals
2022/23 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	2	2	439:386		+53	22:6	Quarter-finals
Total:	126	72	10	42	3324:3059		+265	154:94	

* Quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Adrian Vasile Coach

 @adivasileofficial

- played as a right wing for Steaua Bucuresti between 2001 and 2011, won the Challenge Cup in 2006
- started coaching career as strength and conditioning coach at Steaua before joining CSM in 2014 as assistant to Mette Klit
- won the CL in 2016 as assistant of (recently appointed Rapid coach) Kim Rasmussen; took over as head coach of CSM in 2019
- also in charge of Romanian national team since January 2021

**EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2006 (as player);
CL 2016 (as assistant coach)**

Arrivals during the season:

Andreea Rotaru (ROU)

Departures during the season:

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Laura	Glauser	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Besancon, FRA	178
2	Mihaela	Andreea Mihai	ROU	Right Wing	15/12/2004	Bucharest, ROU	178
3	Emilie Hegh	Arntzen	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1994	Porsgrunn, NOR	184
6	Malin	Larsen Aune	NOR	Right Wing	04/03/1995	Trondheim, NOR	165
7	Alicia Maria	Gogirla	ROU	Right Back	17/01/2003	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	183
C 8	Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26/08/1988	Bucharest, ROU	180
9	Grace	Zaadi Deuna	FRA	Centre Back	07/07/2003	Courcouronnes, FRA	171
10	Angela Stefania	Stoica	ROU	Left Back	24/08/2003	Ploiesti, ROU	182
11	Mioara Bianca	Ciubotaru	ROU	Left Back	14/04/2006	Focsani, ROU	180
12	Marie Skurtveit	Davidson	NOR	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Bergen, NOR	178
13	Andreea	Gheorghe	ROU	Centre Back	21/08/2004	Calarasi, ROU	175
14	Kalidiatou	Niakaté	FRA	Left Back	15/03/1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
15	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	05/05/1991	Podgorica, MNE	180
16	Evelina	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/08/1996	Österhaninge, SWE	185
17	Elizabeth	Omeregje	SLO	Centre Back	29/12/1996	Athens, GRE	178
20	Irina	Maxim	ROU	Right Back	28/05/2005	Tirgu Neamt, ROU	180
21	Alexandra	Dindiligan	ROU	Left Wing	16/02/1997	Galati, ROU	174
22	Katia	Supiala	ROU	Line Player	21/03/2005	Bucharest, ROU	177
27	Mariam Nadia	Mohamed	ROU	Left Wing	27/08/2004	Bucharest, ROU	171
28	Siraba	Dembele Pavlovic	FRA	Left Wing	28/06/1986	Dreux, FRA	172
49	Andreea	Ailincai	ROU	Line Player	15/12/2003	Bacau, ROU	185
51	Marina	Sudakova	RUS	Right Wing	17/02/1989	Volvograd, RUS	164
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28/11/1996	Berane, MNE	187
77	Crina Elena	Pintea	ROU	Line Player	03/04/1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	192
99	Dana Andreea	Rotaru	ROU	Centre Back	20/02/1994	Brasov, ROU	175



Marie Skurtveit Davidsen

 @mariedavidsen

Goalkeeper

- Norwegian international, who arrived at CSM in the summer of 2021 after two seasons with Thüringer HC in the German Bundesliga
- initially planned to return to Norway after her stint at THC, then opted to sign for CSM
- started pro career at Tertnes IL in her native Bergen
- part of the Norwegian squad that won the EHF EURO in 2022

EURO: G 2022



Siraba Dembele Pavlovic

 @sirab86

Left Wing

- former French national team captain; 2022/23 is her third CL season with CSM
- previously played for Randers (DEN), Vardar (MKD), Rostov (RUS) and a string of French club teams, including most recently Toulon (2018-20)
- retired from the French national team in 2021 after scoring 848 goals in 291 matches
- married with former football goalkeeper Igor Pavlovic, she is a mother of twins (2019)

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017

EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2006, 2016; WCh: B 2017, S 2009, 2011; OG: S 2016



Cristina Neagu

 @cristinaneaguofficial

Left back

- four-time IHF World Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- in 2022/23, became only the third player to pass the 1,000-goal mark in the CL
- top scorer of CL 2021/22 with 110 goals, even though CSM played only 16 matches
- left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost, won the CL two years later, but returned to her hometown club CSM in 2017

EC trophies: CL 2015

EHF EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015



Emilie Hegh Arntzen

 @emiliehegh

Left back

- experienced Norwegian international, started playing handball aged eight and began her senior career with Gjerpen, where she reached the top division in Norway
- featured for Byåsen and Vipers before making her first move outside Norway, joining CSM Bucuresti in 2021
- daughter of former Norwegian international Hanne Hegh and former assistant coach of Norway's women's national team, Ketil Arntzen

EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020, 2022; OG: B 2016; WCh: G 2021, S 2017



Elizabeth Omoregie

 @elizabethomoregie

Centre back

- born and raised in Greece to a Nigerian father and Bulgarian mother; initially played for Bulgaria but has been representing Slovenia since 2017
- signed with CSM in the summer of 2018 after four years with Krim in Slovenia
- had her personal best CL season in 2021/22, scoring 64 times for CSM
- started as a track and field athlete, picked up handball at the age of eight



Grace Zaadi Deuna

 @gracezaadi

Centre back

- French international, who left Rostov to return to her former club Metz in March 2022 and play the EHF FINAL4, before joining CSM in the following summer
- one of the products of the local handball school in Metz, plays centre and left back
- leading French national team player, won seven medals with France since 2016
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits

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



Crina Pintea

 @crinapintea11

Line player

- returned from Győr in summer of 2022, after her earlier stint with CSM in 2019-21
- won CL with Győr in 2019 and was named CL All-star line player that season
- has scored 52 times in CL 2022/23 group phase, her personal best for any season
- her younger sister, Andreea Ailincai, is also a professional handball player with CSM
- has an Eiffel tower tattoo since playing for Paris changed her life

EC trophies: CL 2019
WCh: B 2015



Malin Aune

 @malinaune

Right wing

- joined CSM for her first club outside Norway after winning the CL with Vipers in 2021
- was named All-star right wing of the Norwegian League in 2019
- Norwegian international since 2015, has won three EHF EURO and a world title since
- her older brother Joakim was a World Cup ski jumper until his retirement in 2020

EC trophies: CL 2021
EURO: G 2016, 2020, 2022; WCh: G 2021

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

AWAY GOALS NO LONGER A CRITERIUM IF TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches of the 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.

PLAY-OFF AND QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

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

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

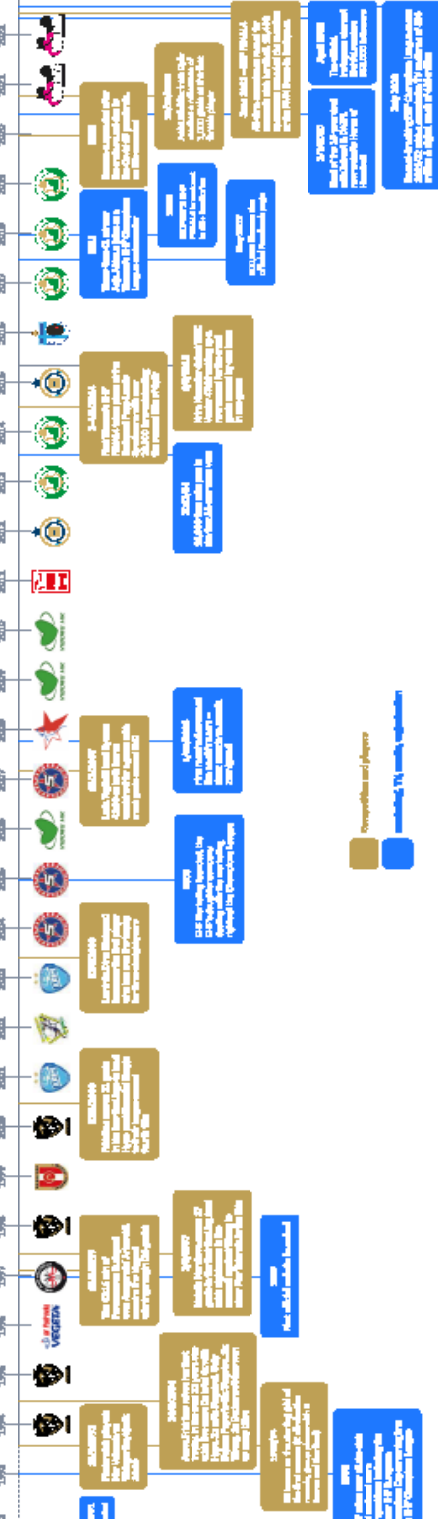
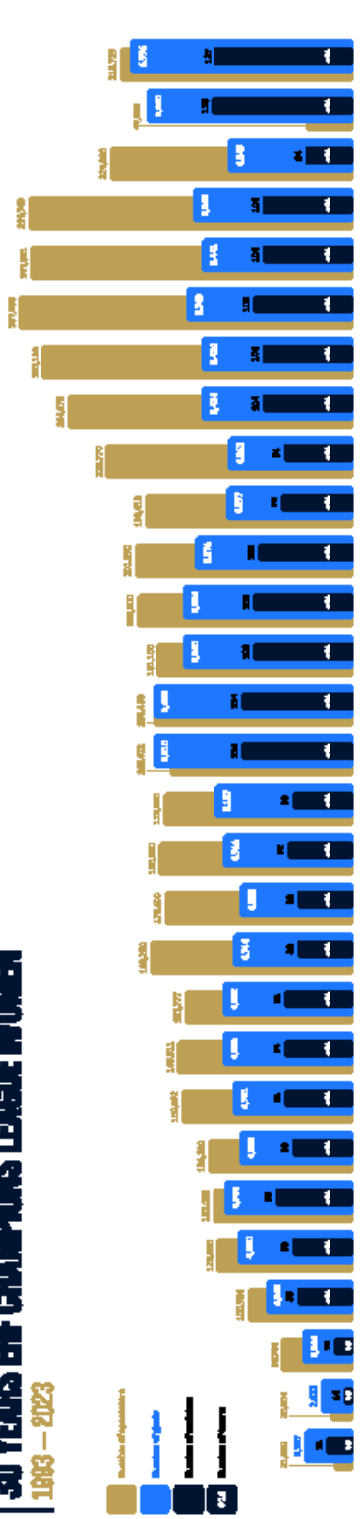
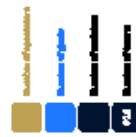


HISTORY

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 1993–2023

30 YEARS BIF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

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I TOP SCORERS AFTER PLAY-OFFS



121 goals

Henny Reistad
Team Esbjerg

Player	Club	Goals
1 Henny Reistad (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	121
2 Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	105
3 Katrin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	100
4 Markéta Jeřábková (CZE)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	96
5 Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	92
6 Anniken Obaidli (NOR)	Storhamar Håndball Elite (NOR)	91
7 Milena Raicevic (MNE)	WHC Buducnost BEMAX (MNE)	88
8 Daria Dmitrieva (RUS)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	85
9 Bruna de Paula (BRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	77
10 Charlotte Cholevová (CZE)	DHK Baník Most (CZE)	76
11 Emily Bök (GER)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	69
12 Angela Malestein (NED)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	68
13 Matea Pletikovic (MNE)	WHC Buducnost BEMAX (MNE)	66
14 Ana Gros (SLO)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	65
Mie Højlund (DEN)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	65
16 Mouna Chebbah (FRA)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	64
17 Bo van Wetering (NED)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	63
Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	63
19 Chloé Valentini (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	62
Kristina Jørgensen (DEN)	Metz Handball (FRA)	62

I PAST WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
2022	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2021	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2020	<i>no title awarded</i>	
2019	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2018	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2017	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2016	CSM Bucuresti	ROU
2015	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2014	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2013	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	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 El Osito L'Eliaana Valencia	ESP
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

I ALL-TIME STANDINGS 1993–2023

#	Club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	Pts	SP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	268	202	20	46	7853:6588	+1265	424:112	(19)	79,10%
2	WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	306	158	25	123	8028:7810	+218	341:271	(27)	55,72%
3	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	300	131	19	150	7975:8097	-122	281:319	(27)	46,83%
4	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144*	(23)	63,64%
5	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	220	114	18	88	6071:5905	+166	246:194	(21)	55,91%
6	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
7	Metz Handball FRA	174	92	13	69	4624:4389	+235	197:151	(16)	56,61%
8	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
9	CSM Bucuresti ROU	124	72	10	42	3324:3059	+265	154:94	(8)	62,10%
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3769:3688	+81	153:139	(13)	52,40%
11	Rostov-Don RUS	98	65	7	26	2570:2309	+261	137:59	(7)	69,90%
12	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	166	55	8	103	4131:4565	-434	118:214	(22)	35,54%
13	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
14	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
15	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	86	50	6	30	2472:2266	+206	106:66	(6)	61,63%
16	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
17	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
18	Team Esbjerg DEN	74	40	7	27	2113:1948	+165	87:61	(5)	58,78%
19	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	84	36	14	34	2317:2239	+78	86:82	(6)	51,19%
20	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
21	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
22	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
23	Odense Håndbold DEN	62	29	5	28	1715:1676	+39	63:61	(4)	50,81%
24	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
25	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
34	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	54	12	4	38	1427:1564	-137	28:80	(5)	25,93%
39	CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	16	10	2	4	495:457	+38	22:10	(1)	68,75%
51	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	16	4	1	11	429:466	-37	9:23	(1)	28,13%
63	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	20	0	3	17	408:579	-171	3:37	(2)	7,50%
64	DHK Banik Most CZE	20	1	1	18	498:768	-270	3:37	(2)	7,50%
65	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	28	1	1	26	690:914	-224	3:53	(2)	5,36%

bold = team part of CL 2022/23 quarter-finals

NP = number of CL seasons played (including 2022/23)

% = percentage points won

* = point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

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ALL-TIME STATS 1993–2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Biggest wins

- 25 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 25 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022
- 24 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 24 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 24 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs DHK Banik Most CZE 43:19 (20:11), 17.12.2022
- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 23 SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022

Biggest home wins

- 25 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 38:13 (20:6), 22.10.2022
- 24 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 38:14 (16:8), 31.10.2021
- 24 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022

Biggest away wins

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 23 SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 22 Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:43 (15:20), 03.12.2022

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
- 15 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 37:13 (22:7), 17.09.2022
- 15 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022

Most goals

- 47 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023
- 47 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 46 SG BBM Bietigheim GER @ DHK Banik Most CZE 23:46 (12:23), 11.09.2022
- 46 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 46 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023

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
- 76 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA @ DHK Banik Most CZE 30:46 (14:22), 14.01.2023

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

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
- 6 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs Buducnost MNE 29:28 (9:15), 13.03.2021
- 6 IK Sävehof SWE vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR 28:26 (11:17), 24.10.2021
- 6 Vipers Kristiansand NOR @ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 26:27 (16:10), 30.10.2021

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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

- 7 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA vs Buducnost MNE 28:28 (11:18), 17.01.2021
- 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

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Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020

Most goals in one half

- 26 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 27:46 (11:26), 22.10.2022
- 25 CSM Bucuresti ROU vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 1st half 40:25 (25:13), 16.10.2022
- 25 Team Esbjerg DEN @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR – 1st half 27:43 (12:25), 23.10.2022
- 25 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs DHK Banik Most CZE – 2nd half 47:25 (22:12), 12.02.2023

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

Most goals in one half both teams

- 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

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

Fewest goals in one half

- 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

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

Fewest goals in one half both teams

- 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 Dunaferri 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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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)

Longest winning run

- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)
- 14 Buducnost (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
- 14 Györi Audi ETO KC (30.05.2021 – 13.02.2022)

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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)

Longest unbeaten run

- 22 Györi Audi ETO KC (05.05.2013 – 23.11.2014)
- 22 Buducnost (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)
- 14 Györi Audi ETO KC (30.05.2021 – 13.02.2022)
- 14 Team Esbjerg (26.09.2021 – 08.05.2022)

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Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK
(12.09.2021 – 08.10.2022)

Longest losing run

- 17 DHK Banik Most (02.11.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
- 15 GAS Anagennisi Artas (09.01.1999 – 17.02.2001)
- 14 MKS Perla Lublin (16.11.2014 – 17.11.2019)
- 14 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.09.2020 – 14.03.2021)

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HC Lokomotiva Zagreb
(19.10.2014 – 12.02.2023)

Longest run without a win

- 19 HK Banik Most (13.10.2019 – 12.02.2023)
- 18 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (12.09.2021 - 08.10.2022)
- 16 Orsan Elda Prestigio (22.01.2005 – 16.01.2009)
- 16 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)

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