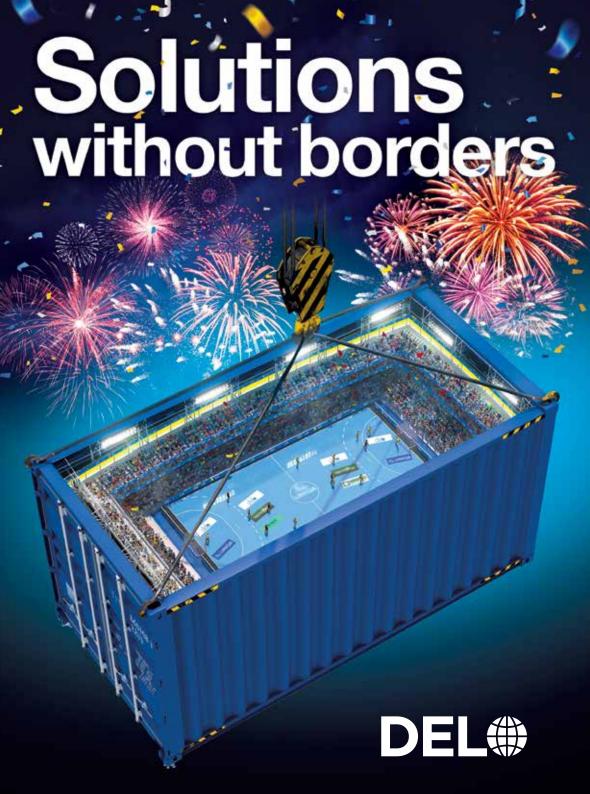




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DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Season 2019/20 Main round update





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# **Foreword EHF President**

Dear handball friends,

Welcome to the main round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20. Less than six weeks after Netherland's triumph at the World Championships 2019 in Japan, Europe's elite women's handball club competition returns to the spotlight.

From 25 January to 8 March, the six weekends of the main round will determine which eight teams progress to the quarter-finals. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 12 sides from nine countries to the third phase of the competition and congratulate them on making it this far.

Before we start analysing the two main round groups and their participants, I would like to reflect on the tournament in Japan last month, which underlined the prominent position of the EHF Champions League in women's handball. No fewer than 89 players from the European top flight took part in the event and all but one main round team had at least one player who took the court during the tournament.

As many as 16 players return to the Champions League race decorated with a medal – five Dutch champions, three Spanish silver medallists and eight Russian bronze medallists. The dominance of the premier club competition in Japan was also underlined by the All-star team which featured four Champions League players – Buducnost's right wing Jovanka Radicevic, Esbjerg's centre back Estavana Polman – who was named the tournament's MVP – Rostov's right back Anna Vyakhireva and her club teammate Lois Abbingh, who finished as the tournament's top scorer with 71 goals.

We will all be eager to find out how the recently awarded medallists and All-star team members can build on their international success in the national team competition with their clubs.

Their morale boost can prove to be a decisive factor for their sides in what will probably become the closest and most thrilling main round stage of the EHF Champions League yet. While all 12 participants still have a fair chance of reaching the quarter-finals, there are at least eight teams who have what it takes to reach the season's finale in Budapest – the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

Two teams have yet to lose a point this season and both are sitting joint top of group 2. Both defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC together with Brest Bretagne Handball boast a perfect record of eight points. Metz Handball, who also enter the main round undefeated, lead group 1, one point ahead of Vipers Kristiansand and Rostov. However, none of the group leaders can take the ticket to Budapest for granted as a clutch of formidable contenders are also eyeing a trip to the Hungarian capital in May.

There promises to be plenty of excitement as we reach the climax of this season's main round and I look forward to witnessing Europe's best teams going head-to-head in the race to reach the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

Sporting wishes,

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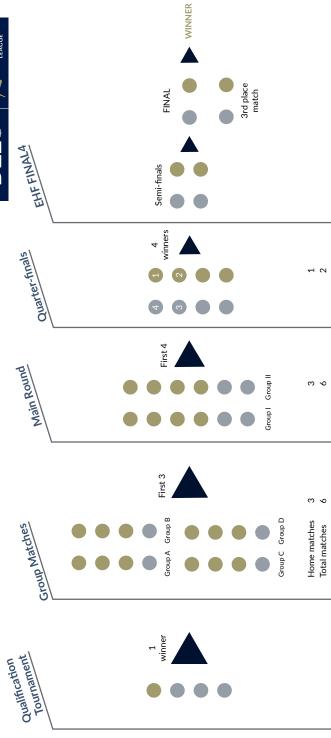
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# Season 2019/20

| Qualification tournament | Group matches   | <br>Σ       |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| 0608.09.2019             | Round 1 - 04-06.10.2019<br>Round 2 - 1113.10.2019<br>Round 3 - 1820.10.2019<br>Round 4 - 0103.11.2019<br>Round 5 - 08-10.11.2019<br>Round 6 - 15-17.11.2019 | <br>8 8 8 8 |
|                          |   |             |

| Main round                                       | Quarter-finals |
|--|----------------|
| Round 1 - 2426.01.2020                           | 1st leg        |
| Round 3 - 0709.02.2020<br>Round 4 - 2123.02.2020 | 2nd leg        |
| Round 5 - 28.0201.03.2020                        | 1012.04.2020   |
| Kound 6 - 0608.03.2020                           |                |

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## DELO WOMEN'S EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2019/20



|    |        | Qualification<br>Tournament | Group Matches  | Main Round   | Quarter-finals  | FINAL4  |
|----|--------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|---|
|    | -11E   | 1 tournament                | 4 groups with 4 teams                                    | 2 groups with 6 teams  | 8 teams   | 4 teams   |
| Ų  |        | 0608.09.2019<br>tournaments | 0406.10.2019 (1)<br>1113.10.2019 (2)<br>1820.10.2019 (3) | 2426.01.2020 (1)<br>31.01-02.02.2020 (2)<br>0709.02.2020 (3) | 0305.04.2020<br>first leg   | 09./10.05.2020<br>tournament                                  |
|    |        | played in semi-finals       | 0103.11.2019 (4)   | 2123.02.2020 (4)   | 40 40 04 0000   | played in semi-   |
|    | NATION | and finals<br>in one venue  | 0810.11.2019 (5)<br>1517.11.2019 (6)                     | 28.02-01.03.2020 (5)<br>0608.03.2020 (6)                     | 1012.04.2020<br>second leg  | finals and finals   |
|    | NATION | ili one venue               | 1517.11.2019 (6)   | 0608.03.2020 (6)   | second leg  |   |
|    | DRAWS: | 26 June 2019 in Vienna/AUT  | 27 June 2019 in Vienna/AUT                               | no draw  | no draw   | 14 April 2020   |
| 1  | HUN 1  |                             | Györi Audi ETO KC  |  | ) _   | <u>~</u>  |
| 2  | RUS 1  |                             | Rostov-Don   |  | =   | n a   |
| 3  | ROU 1  |                             | SCM Rm Valcea  | dn   | l l   | Έ   |
| 4  | FRA 1  |                             | Metz Handball  | gro  | i ii  | at l  |
| 5  | MNE 1  |                             | Buducnost  | ક  | Ma of 1   | l   |
| 6  | DEN 1  |                             | Team Esbjerg   | ea   | E B   | e C   |
| 7  | NOR 1  |                             | Vipers Kristiansand                                      |  | tea<br>sag  | agu   |
| 8  | SLO 1  |                             | RK Krim Mercator   | <del> </del>   | ed s Le   | Le J  |
| 9  | GER 1  |                             | SG BBM Bietigheim  | ea /   | io ja   | rs c  |
| 10 | SWE 1  |                             | IK Sävehof   | > \$   | )   | 4 Winners of<br>Champions L                                   |
| 11 | CRO 1  |                             | RK Podravka Vegeta                                       | , age  | ha d  | Wir   |
| 12 | POL 1  |                             | MKS Perla Lublin   | <u> </u>   | a a   | 4 0   |
| 13 | HUN 2  |                             | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria                                  | 3rd placed team from each group                              |   |   |
| 14 | ROU 2  |                             | CSM Bucuresti  | Pu   | d, ä  | l's.  |
| 15 | FRA 2  |                             | Brest Bretagne HB  | <u>a</u>   | Zn.   | E   |
| 16 | ESP 1  | Rocasa Gran Canaria         | r g r  | 1st, 2nd and   | Lst, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main I          | g   |
| 17 | TUR 1  | Kastamonu GSK               | the iffcation  | Lst,   | 67  | >   |
| 18 | SRB 1  | ZORK Jagodina               | Winner of the Qualification tournament                   |  | 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round | 4 Winners of DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Quarter-finals |
| 19 | CZE 1  | DHK Banik Most              | , du s   | J  |   | / =   |





4th placed team of CL Qualification Tournament goes to EHF Cup Rd 2, 2nd and 3rd placed team of CL Qualification Tornament goes to EHF Cup Rd 3

1 group with 4 teams

4th placed teams of CL Group Matches go to EHF Cup Group Phase

## How to follow and cover matches

#### ehfTV.com

Handball fans across Europe will not miss a single match in the new season of both elite European club competitions. All matches starting from the group phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League and group matches of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League will be broadcast live on ehfTV.com and the videos of all matches will also be on demand. Furthermore, like in the past season fully produced highlights magazine 'Rewind - The Handball Show' will feature stories and highlights from all women's top matches and will be played out after each playing round. Apart from selected matches of other European Cup competitions in the new season there will also be a renewed focus on coverage of top leagues (SEHA League and Spain's Asobal).

#### Live ticker

The EHF Live Ticker at ticker.ehf.eu will track the scores of all matches. Every goal, missed shot and yellow card will be documented and live statistics made available online for the first time at this stage of Europe's elite club competition.

#### EHF live on social media

The EHF's social media channels will provide a very different view of the chase for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest. The social media feed with the behind-the-scenes look will be provided on these channels - EHF Champions League Facebook page, Instagram and @ehfcl Twitter account.

## Online match reports

From the opening matches of the season, the complete team line-up is available online at eurohandball.com and available to download as a PDF document. The online solution introduced already in the 2015/16 season sees the EHF match delegate complete the final team line-up immediately after the technical meeting. This development means that team line-ups are available for commentators and reporters hours before each match throws-off. A short time after each

match, a completed match report will also be available online with details such as goalscorers and number of spectators.

## Media portal

All media professionals are invited to register on the EHF Media portal, where they can find all essential information on the EHF club and national teams competitions including media guides and updates.

bit.ly/ehfmediaportal

#### Media accreditation

The written media and photographer's accreditation procedure in the group matches, main round and quarter-finals is entirely within the responsibility of the participating clubs. TV and radio accreditations are subject to approval by EHF Marketing GmbH - contact Miguel Mateo Marcellán.

#### Online information

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#### Official name

The official name of the competition is: DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League. The full name of the competition should always be used. The three-letter abbreviation for the European Handball Federation should always be displayed in capital letters before the name of the competition. Please note: If the season is required, it has to be positioned after "Champions League" e.g. DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20. The wording "Champions League" should be written with a capital letter at the beginning of each word, i.e. Champions League. The remaining letters should be in lower case. The word Champions does not have an apostrophe after the 's'.

## Important regulations

## What happens when two or more teams have the same number of points

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

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

#### GROUP MATCHES AND MAIN ROUND

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

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

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

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

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

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved:
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in Group Matches (Main Round only)
- g) greater number of points in Group Matches (Main Round only)
- \* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.
- \* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

#### **QUARTER-FINALS**

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

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

#### RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

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



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# FACTS AND FIGURES: All you need to know prior to the main round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League

Following the 48 group matches in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 played in October and November, let's have a look at some interesting stats and numbers as the competition heads into the main round with the 12 best teams fighting for their place in the quarter-final.

O teams made it from qualification to main round, though Banik Most came close as they finished just one point behind IK Sävehof.

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main round debutants are among the 12 teams that are still in the competition.

- 1 former CL winner was eliminated after the group matches (and have continued their European journey in the EHF Cup group phase): HC Podravka Vegeta.
- 1 team starts its main round campaign with zero points: SCM Ramnicu Valcea.
- 2 teams won all six group matches: Brest Bretagne Handball and Györi Audi ETO KC. A third team also remained undefeated in the group matches but had to settle for a draw twice: Metz Handball.
- 2 teams won all three away matches: Brest and Györ.
- 3 nations have two teams each in the main round: France (Metz and Brest), Hungary (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and Györ), and Romania (CSM Bucuresti and Valcea). Contrary to last season no teams from the same country will meet in the main round.
- 4 of the 48 group matches ended in a draw; after six draws in 2018/19 and zero draws in 2017/18.
- 4 which means all participants of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 2019 are still in the race again this year: Györ, Rostov, Vipers Kristiansand and Metz.
- 4 previous CL winners are part of the main round: Györ (2013-14, 2017-19), CSM (2016), Buducnost (2012, 2015) and RK Krim Mercator (2001, 2003).

- 9 teams from last season's main round are part of the same stage this season: Györ, Rostov, Vipers, Metz, Buducnost, FTC, CSM, Krim and Brest. Team Esbjerg, Valcea and Sävehof are replacing Kobenhavn Handball, Odense HC and Thüringer HC.
- 9 group matches were attended by 4,000 or more fans.
- 9 different nations are represented by the 12 main round participants, the same number as in the previous two seasons. The only change compared to the 2018/19 season is Sweden replacing Germany.
- 10 group matches ended with a goal difference of 10 or more goals; that number was seven in both of the previous two seasons.
- 18 group matches ended with a total of 60 goals and more, compared to 12 in the 2018/19 season and only five in the 2017/18 season.

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of the 48 group matches in the 2019/20 season were attended by 2,500 or more spectators

- 21 of the 48 group matches ended in an away victory; four more than in 2018/19. Group D saw seven away and just four home wins.
- **133** goals in both legs was the highest number of goals in all pairings: Bietigheim vs Brest 32:35 and 30:36.
- **216** 216 goals were scored by Györ, the highest number of all 16 teams in the group matches..
- **2,877** goals have been scored so far this CL season, including 206 from the qualification tournament.

## Top scorers 2019/20 after the group matches





**49 goals**Jovanka Radicevic

Buducnost

|    | Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)     | Buducnost (MNE)               | 49 |
|----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----|
|    | Ana Gros (SLO)              | Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA) | 40 |
|    | Katrin Kluijber (HUN)       | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN) | 40 |
|    | Stine Bredal Oftedal (NOR)  | Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)       | 38 |
|    | Dejana Milosavljevic (CRO)  | HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)      | 37 |
|    | Grace Zaadi Deuna (FRA)     | Metz Handball (FRA)           | 35 |
|    | Dominika Zachova (CZE)      | DHK Banik Most (CZE)          | 35 |
|    | Estelle Nze Minko (FRA)     | Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)       | 34 |
|    | Sonja Frey (AUT)            | Team Esbjerg (DEN)            | 33 |
|    | Heidi Løke (NOR)            | Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)     | 33 |
| 11 | Emilie Hegh Arntzen (NOR)   | Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)     | 32 |
|    | Polana Baric (SLO)          | RK Krim Mercator (SLO)        | 32 |
|    | Laura van der Heijden (NED) | SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)       | 32 |
|    | Alja Varagic (SLO)          | RK Krim Mercator (SLO)        | 32 |
| 15 | Ann Grete Nørgaard (DEN)    | SCM Ramnicu Valcea (ROU)      | 31 |
| 16 | Lamprini Tsakalou (GRE)     | HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)      | 30 |
| 17 | Kim Naidzinavicius (GER)    | SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)       | 29 |
|    | Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)       | Rostov-Don (RUS)              | 29 |
|    | Nina Zulic (SLO)            | RK Krim Mercator (SLO)        | 29 |
| 20 | Amelia Lundbäck (SWE)       | IK Sävehof (SWE)              | 28 |
| 21 | Noémi Háfra (HUN)           | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN) | 27 |
|    | Estavana Polman (NED)       | Team Esbjerg (DEN)            | 27 |
|    | Tjasa Stanko (SLO)          | HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)      | 27 |
|    |                             |                               |    |













# Group 1 preview

#### AMBITIOUS SIDES CLASH FOR QUARTER-FINAL SPOTS

The competitive group 1 features three of the four participants in last season's DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, as well as some freshly-crowned world champions.

Metz Handball have become a true European heavyweight in recent years, which resulted in their first ever DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 participation in 2018/19. After finishing fourth in Budapest, the French side are looking for more this season, and they went through the group matches undefeated. And while the World Championship in December ended in frustration for five of their French national players, it was a big success for their coach, Emmanuel Mayonnade, who guided the Dutch team to the title.

While Metz start the main round with six points, Vipers Kristiansand have five. Last season, the Norwegian side surprisingly reached the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in their just second season in the continental top flight, and finished third in Budapest, beating Metz in the third place match, so now their goal is to emulate that success.

Similar to Vipers, Rostov-Don are on five points at the start of the main round. Last season, the Russian team finished second in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, losing to Györ in the final, and it was their biggest result ever in the competition. Now they hope to finally make the last step and win the title, and Ambros Martin is the coach who knows how to do it. As always, Rostov's game will be highly dependent on Anna Vyakhireva, but their squad boast a number of other great players, including the winner and top scorer of the World Championship, Lois Abbingh.

Her fellow Dutch player and MVP of that tournament, Estavana Polman, is a key player at Team Esbjerg, who exchanged home wins with Rostov in the group matches. The Danish champions, who lost the EHF Cup final to Siófok KC last season, play their only second campaign in the continental top flight. Yet their goal is to reach the quarter-final, and they certainly have a chance as they start the main round with four points.

CSM Bucuresti are the only team in group 1 who have won the EHF Champions League in the past, in 2016. However, now they have only three points and start the main round in fifth place, but the Romanian powerhouse is determined to climb up in the table. In the group matches, the Romanian side had the best defensive record of the whole competition, yet they struggled in attack, so now they need to score more goals in order to progress to the quarter-final.

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria are another team with ambitions, and although they start the main round with just one point, they are certainly looking for more. With the Dutch world champion Danick Snelder and Hungarian stars Katrin Klujber, Noemi Hafra and Aniko Kovacsics in the squad, FTC are certainly capable of fighting for a quarter-final spot.

Seraev Nikolaev

## Group 1 head-to-heads

## **Previous European Cup encounters of group 1 teams**

## Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don 5-1-1 (171:146) 11:3

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

## Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti 3-0-1 (102:102) 6:2

| 06.04.2018 | CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 34:21 (19:13) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 15.04.2018 | Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 27:20 (14:9)  |
| 05.04.2019 | CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 26:31 (11:14) |
| 13.04.2019 | Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 23:22 (11:9)  |

## Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-1 (58:55) 2:2

| 20.10.2018 | Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D | 27:29 (14:14) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 04.11.2018 | CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D | 26:31 (11:16) |

## FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don 1-1-6 (203:223) 3:13

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

#### FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti 0-0-4 (110:127) 0:8

| 07.04.2017 | CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 30:25 (17:15) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 15.04.2017 | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final | 26:27 (15:14) |
| 05.10.2018 | CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D       | 36:31 (18:13) |
| 11.11.2018 | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti. EHF Champions League — Group D       | 28:34 (10:17) |

#### No previous encounters

Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg Vipers Kristiansand vs Rostov-Don Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: yellow Player short: blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue Player short: grey

# Metz Handball



The French side had been dreaming of reaching their first DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 for a few years, and their dream came true last season when they finished fourth in Budapest. Now Metz are determined to get there again, and they certainly have a chance.

In the group matches, they stayed unbeaten as they dropped just two points and finished top of group A. Their next goal is to reach the quarter-final, and to finish as high as possible in the main round.

The World Championship in December was a moral boost for Metz's head coach Emmanuel Mayonnade, who led the Dutch team to their first ever title.

For five French national team players, however, the tournament in Japan ended in frustration as they finished only 13th. Now they all will try to redeem themselves at Metz – with the exception of Manon Houette, who has been ruled out for the remainder of the season due to a right knee injury.



## **Playing hall**

"Les Arenes" Metz 5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire

#### **Past achievements**

## **WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09,

#### Other EC results

EHF Cup: Final: 2012/13; Quarter-final: 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08 Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2012/13/3 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11 French league: 23 titles



MATCHES
Longest winning run

42 GOALS Most goals

GOALS
Most goals both teams

## **EHF Champions League club records**

 Biggest win
 37:18 (17:10) v Astrakhanochka RUS (h), 11.02.2017

 Biggest defeat
 34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998

 Longest winning run
 7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)

 Longest unbeaten run
 7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)

 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 opponent38 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019Most goals both teams76 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019Fewest goals14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996Fewest goals opponent17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

Fewest goals both teams 33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

## Past seasons

|                                     | MP  | w  | Т | 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   | 1/4-finals   |
| 2017/18 Metz Handball FRA           | 14  | 10 | 0 | 4  | 372:354   | +18 | 20:8    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2018/19 Metz Handball FRA           | 16  | 11 | 1 | 4  | 470:389   | +81 | 23:9    | 4th place    |
| 2019/20 Metz Handball FRA           | 6   | 4  | 2 | 0  | 194:158   | +36 | 10:2    | MR           |
| Total:                              | 116 | 51 | 9 | 56 | 3017:2985 | +30 | 111:121 |              |





## **Emmanuel Mayonnade**

oach

- second French coach to reach EHE FINAL4 after Frederic Rougeant
- was elected coach of the CL All-star Team in 2018/19
- became head coach of the Dutch national women's team in 2019
- started coaching when he was 23 in Mios; a club he left 10 years later only because it suffered bankruptcy
- won two Challenge Cup titles with Mios, in 2011 and 2015

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2011, 2015

## Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.        | First name | Surname     | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth         | Height |
|------------|------------|-------------|------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|--------|
| 15         | Anne       | Augustine   | FRA  | Line Player | 10/07/2001    | Fort de France, FRA    | 180    |
| 28         | Lea        | Ballureau   | FRA  | Centre Back | 08/08/2001    | Metz, FRA              | 166    |
| 37         | Sarah      | Bouktit     | FRA  | Line Player | 27/08/2002    | Mont Saint Martin, FRA | 182    |
| 19         | Louise     | Burgaard    | DEN  | Right Back  | 17/10/1992    | Esbjerg, DEN           | 178    |
| 44         | Sitha      | Dembele     | FRA  | Left Back   | 10/03/2001    | Paris, FRA             | 182    |
| 47         | Mahoua     | Dembele     | FRA  | Right Back  | 10/03/2001    | Paris, FRA             | 183    |
| 18         | Ilona      | Di Rocco    | FRA  | Centre Back | 18/05/2000    | sedan, FRA             | 175    |
| 8          | Laura      | Flippes     | FRA  | Right Wing  | 13/12/1994    | Strasbourg, FRA        | 171    |
| 1          | Laura      | Glauser     | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 20/08/1993    | Besancon, FRA          | 178    |
| 11         | Manon      | Houette     | FRA  | Left Wing   | 02/07/1992    | Le Mans, FRA           | 171    |
| 2          | Emma       | Jacques     | FRA  | Right Back  | 29/11/2001    | Metz, FRA              | 190    |
| 17         | Orlane     | Kanor       | FRA  | Left Back   | 16/07/1997    | Les Abymes, FRA        | 178    |
| 12         | Ivana      | Kapitanovic | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 17/09/1994    | Split, CRO             | 186    |
| 70         | Julie      | Le Blevec   | FRA  | Right Wing  | 27/06/2000    | Neuilly sur Seine, FRA | 169    |
| 30         | Jurswailly | Luciano     | NED  | Right Wing  | 25/03/1991    | Curacao, NED           | 170    |
| 27         | Marion     | Maubon      | FRA  | Left Wing   | 27/07/1989    | Bordeaux, FRA          | 165    |
| 21         | Meissa     | Maurice     | FRA  | Centre Back | 25/02/2002    | Nimes, FRA             | 165    |
| 9          | Astride    | N'Gouan     | FRA  | Line Player | 09/07/1991    | Saint Denis, FRA       | 187    |
| 10         | Meline     | Nocandy     | FRA  | Centre Back | 25/02/1998    | Saint-Claude, FRA      | 172    |
| 77         | Olga       | Perederiy   | UKR  | Line Player | 12/04/1994    | Zaporozhye, UKR        | 175    |
| 16         | Laura      | Portes      | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 27/03/2000    | Strasbourg, FRA        | 174    |
| 25         | Helene     | Sajka       | FRA  | Right Back  | 13/09/1997    | Nancy, FRA             | 185    |
| 22         | Xenia      | Smits       | GER  | Left Back   | 22/04/1994    | Wilrijk, BEL           | 182    |
| 7 <b>C</b> | Grace      | Zaadi       | FRA  | Centre Back | 07/07/1993    | Courcouronnes, FRA     | 171    |



**Laura Glauser** 

## 0

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## goalkeeper

- joined in 2011, she is the longest-serving Metz player alongside Jurswailly Luciano
- a fan favourite thanks to her never-ending good mood
- a very important player in the national team
- returned to the courts in 2018 after a year off to give birth to her daughter

OG: S 2016, EURO: G 2018, B 2016



## **Manon Houette**

## 0

@manon\_htt

## left wing

- returned to France in the summer of 2017 after a season with Thüringer HC
- before her stint in Germany, she had only played for Fleury Loiret Handball
- key player for Metz in the CL, scoring 57 (2017/18) and 44 (2018/19) goals
- was elected best left wing in the Bundesliga in 2016/17
- made her national team debut in 2014 and is now a regular starter

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



Xenia Smits



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### left back

- born in Belgium, raised in Germany and playing in France since 2015
- she and Isabell Klein were the first two female German players in the French league
- has played in three leagues so far: German with Blomberg-Lippe, French with Metz, and Belgian with HC Rhino
- has developed into one of the key players of the German national team



Orlane Kanor



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#### left back

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

EURO: G 2018; WCh: G 2017



Grace Zaadi

## 0

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- centre back
- one of the products of the local handball school in Metz
- best scorer for Metz in the CL in 2018/19, with 71 goals
- plays centre back but is also able to help on the left side
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits
- her contract with Metz runs until the end of the 2019/20 season

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



## Astride N'Gouan



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## line player

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

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



## Louise Burgaard



@louiburgaard

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

EC trophies: CWC 2014; WCh B 2013



## Laura Flippes



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- right wing
- aged 25, she has been playing for Metz for all her professional career
- on her best on the wing position but can also play in the back court
- started working with a mental coach a couple of years ago
- forms strong wing duo with Pauline Coatanea (Brest) in French national team

EURO: G 2018; WCh G 2017

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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

# Vipers Kristiansand



They surprisingly reached the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 last season, and now the Norwegian side harbour hopes to make their way to Budapest again.

The experienced Heidi Løke was a great addition to Vipers' squad, and she finished the group matches as the team's top scorer with 33 goals.

Vipers suffered two defeats in the group matches, at Podravka and Metz, but finished second in group A and took five points to the main round.

Six of their players, including Løke, played for Norway in the World Championship 2019, where the Nordic team finished fourth.

Like Norway in December, Vipers will still have to do without veteran goalkeeper Katrine Lunde, who has undergone surgery again on her injured knee.



#### **Playing hall**

Aquarama Kristiansand Tangen 8

4608 Kristiansand Norway

#### Past achievements

WOMEN'S EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3
Semi-final (1): 2018/19
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: 2 title (2018, 2019) Norwegian cup: 2 titles



MATCHES
Longest winning run

38 GOALS Most goals

**76** GOALS Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

Biggest win
Biggest defeat
Longest winning run
Longest unbeaten run
Longest losing run
Longest run without win
Most goals

Most goals opponent
Most goals both teams

Fewest goals

Fewest goals opponent
Fewest goals both teams

29:19 (15:11) v Buducnost MNE (h), 14.10.2017 22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 11.05.2019

5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019) 5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019) 4 matches (22.10.2017 - 18.11.2017) 7 matches (22.10.2017 – 20.10.2018)

38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019 38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019 76 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019 22 v Metz Handball FRA 30:22L (a), 08.10.2017 22 v Metz Handball FRA 22:25L (h), 10.11.2017

22 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 22:31L (a), 11.05.2019

18 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019 43 v Buducnost MNE 19:24W (a), 07.04.2019 43 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019

## Past seasons

|                                 | MP | w  | Т | 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 | 3rd place |
| 2019/20 Vipers Kristiansand NOR | 6  | 3  | 1 | 2  | 178:168 | +10 | 7:5   | MR        |
| Total                           | 28 | 14 | 2 | 12 | 773:738 | +35 | 30:26 |           |





## **Ole Gustav Gjekstad**

coach

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

## Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.         | First name       | Surname        | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth    | Height |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| 19          | June             | Andenaes       | NOR  | Line Player | 09/06/1983    | Gloppen, NOR      | 176    |
| 3           | Emilie Hegh      | Arntzen        | NOR  | Left Back   | 01/01/1994    | Skien, NOR        | 183    |
| 6           | Malin            | Aune           | NOR  | Right Wing  | 04/03/1995    | Ranheim, NOR      | 165    |
| 21          | Ragnhild Valle   | Dahl           | NOR  | Left Back   | 02/01/1998    | Molde, NOR        | 178    |
| 23          | Josefine         | Intelhus       | NOR  | Right Back  | 15/08/1998    | Olso, NOR         | 179    |
| 10          | Vilde Kaurin     | Jonassen       | NOR  | Left Wing   | 01/09/1992    | Kristiansand, NOR | 165    |
| 55          | Heidi            | Loke           | NOR  | Line Player | 12/12/1982    | Tonsberg, NOR     | 177    |
| 16 <b>C</b> | Katrine          | Lunde          | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 30/03/1980    | Kristiansand, NOR | 181    |
| 13          | Kristine         | Lunde Borgesen | NOR  | Centre Back | 30/03/1980    | Kristiansand, NOR | 183    |
| 7           | Carolina         | Morais         | ANG  | Right Wing  | 13/04/1986    | Luanda, ANG       | 164    |
| 27          | Sunniva          | Naes Andersen  | NOR  | Left Wing   | 12/11/1996    | Skien, NOR        | 175    |
| 2           | Karoline         | Olsen          | NOR  | Left Wing   | 16/06/1998    | Kristiansand, NOR | 171    |
| 1           | Andrea Austmo    | Pedersen       | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 19/04/1994    | Trondheim, NOR    | 180    |
| 4           | Tonje            | Refsnes        | NOR  | Centre Back | 13/11/1994    | Kristiansand, NOR | 170    |
| 25          | Henny Ella       | Reistad        | NOR  | Centre Back | 09/02/1999    | Oslo, NOR         | 180    |
| 15          | Linn Jorum       | Sulland        | NOR  | Right Back  | 15/07/1984    | Oslo, NOR         | 178    |
| 18          | Kristine Hartvei | tThomassen     | NOR  | Left Back   | 06/02/2001    | Kristiansand, NOR | 178    |
| 22          | Marta            | Tomac          | NOR  | Centre Back | 20/09/1990    | Trondheim, NOR    | 179    |
| 26          | Benedicte        | Udjus          | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 04/01/1996    | Kristiansand, NOR | 168    |
| 11          | Silje Katrine    | Waade          | NOR  | Right Back  | 20/03/1994    | Stjørdal, NOR     | 183    |
| 24          | Hanna Maria      | Yttereng       | NOR  | Line Player | 20/02/1991    | Trondheim, NOR    | 184    |
|             |                  |                |      |             |               |                   |        |



Andrea Austmo Pedersen goalkeeper



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- joined in the summer of 2019 from Byasen Elite, where she started her career
- will face the challenge to replace Katrine Lunde, who is out for most of the 2019/20 season after tearing an ACL at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in May 2019
- a fine goalkeeper with good reactions and a good eye for the game



## Sunniva Næs Andersen



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## left wing

- joined from Gjerpen IF in the summer of 2017
- replaces Jeanett Kristiansen, who has left for Danish Herning-Ikast Handball
- got her first taste of the CL in her first season with the club, and gained more experience and scored 14 goals in 2018/19
- a fast and technically skilled wing with, at 22, plenty of time to develop



Emilie Hegh Arntzen



@emiliehegh

### left back

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



**Henny Reistad** 



@hennyreistad

#### centre back

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



## Silje Waade

## right back

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

FURO: G 2016



## Linn Jorum Sulland

## right back

- arrived from Györ in 2016; earlier played six seasons for Larvik
  - scored 89 goals, including 10 in the third-place match against Metz, as she massively contributed to Vipers' successful CL campaign in 2018/19
- at age 35, still one of the leading players in international women's handball
- a strong right back duo with Silje Waade, but can also play on the right wing

OG: G 2012; WC: G 2011, 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2008, 2010, S 2012



## Malin Aune

## right wing



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

FURO: G 2016



## Heidi Løke line player



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@siljewaade

@sulland15

@malinaune

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

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

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## Kit colours

#### Light

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

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

## **Rostov-Don**



The Russian side have reached the EHF FINAL4 in 2018 and 2019, and now are determined to do it for the third straight season. Their ultimate goal is to finally win the trophy – something that their coach Ambros Martin did with his previous club Gyor as many as four times.

Now Martin is also a coach of the Russian national team, who finished third in the World Championship in December with eight Rostov's players in their squad.

The world champions Netherlands also relied on a Rostov player, as Lois Abbingh became the top scorer of the tournament. Now she will try to win another major title in the season, this time with Rostov, before moving to Odense Handbold in summer.

When Anna Vyakhireva was sidelined due to an illness, Rostov suffered their only defeat in the group matches at Esbjerg. However, they did much better when Vyakhireva was fit and claimed the first place in Group B to start the main round with five points.



#### **Playing hall**

Palace of Sport Rostov Don St. Khalturinskiy lane 103 344011 Rostov-on-Don Russia Capacity: 3,500

#### Past achievements

WOMEN'S EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2019/20 season): 8
Runners-up (1): 2018/19
Semi-finals (1): 2017/18
Quarter-finals (1): 2015/16
Group Matches (1): 2016/17
Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

#### Other

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

Russian league: 7 titles (1990, 1991, 1994, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019) Russian cup: 11 titles



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MATCHES Longest winning run

38

GOALS Most goals

67

Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

Biggest win
Biggest defeat
Longest winning run
Longest unbeaten run
Longest losing run
Longest run without win
Most goals
Most goals opponent
Most goals both teams
Fewest goals opponent
Fewest goals both teams

38:21 (21:12) v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA, 20.02.2016
18:26 (12:13) v Metz Handball FRA (h), 23.02.2019
9 matches (17.10.2015 – 06.02.2016)
12 matches (17.10.2015 – 28.02.2016)
4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
38 v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA 38:21W (h), 20.02.2016
32 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 32:25L (a), 19.11.2016)
67 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 31:36W (a), 20.11.2015
18 v Metz Handball FRA 18:26L (h), 23.02.2019
19 v Odense HC DEN 25:19W (h), 09.03.2019
42 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 20:22W (a), 30.10.2015
42 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:22L (h), 11.11.2016

## Past seasons

|                        | MP | W  | Т | L  | GF GA     | GD              | PTS   | Stage      |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----------|-----------------|-------|------------|
| 2015/16 Rostov-Don RUS | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2  | 405:348   | <del>-</del> 57 | 23:5  | 1/4-finals |
| 2016/17 Rostov-Don RUS | 6  | 1  | 0 | 5  | 142:151   | -9              | 2:10  | 4th Gr. C  |
| 2017/18 Rostov-Don RUS | 16 | 11 | 1 | 4  | 433:386   | +47             | 23:9  | 4th place  |
| 2018/19 Rostov-Don RUS | 16 | 12 | 1 | 3  | 436:386   | +50             | 25:7  | Runners-up |
| 2019/20 Rostov-Don RUS | 6  | 4  | 1 | 1  | 167:143   | +24             | 9:3   | MR         |
| Total:                 | 58 | 39 | 4 | 15 | 1583:1414 | +169            | 82:34 |            |





## **Ambros Martin**

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- joined Rostov-Don in the summer of 2018 after six seasons at Györ and winning four CL titles with the Hungarian outfit
- led Rostov to CL final, against Györ, in his first season
- previously coached Spanish side Estrella Itxako for seven years, winning the EHF Cup in 2009
- replaced Evgenii Trefilov as head coach of Russian women's national team in August 2019; previously coached Romania

FC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018: FHE Cup 2009 (as coach)

#### Late entries:

## Team roster

| No.        | First name | Surname        | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth       | Height |
|------------|------------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| 10         | Lois       | Abbingh        | NED  | Left Back   | 13/08/1992    | Groningen, NED       | 177    |
| 93         | Julia      | Behnke         | GER  | Line Player | 28/03/1993    | Mannheim, GER        | 180    |
| 17         | Vladlena   | Bobrovnikova   | RUS  | Left Back   | 24/10/1987    | Krasnodar, RUS       | 183    |
| 99         | Viktoriya  | Borshchenko    | UKR  | Left Wing   | 05/01/1986    | Herson, UKR          | 170    |
| 80         | Anastasiia | Duleva         | RUS  | Centre Back | 03/07/2000    | Rostov-on-Don, RUS   | 176    |
| 23         | Regina     | Kalinichenko   | RUS  | Left Back   | 21/12/1985    | Kherson, UKR         | 179    |
| 63         | Kristina   | Kozhokar       | RUS  | Left Wing   | 28/02/1994    | Togliatti, RUS       | 174    |
| 88         | Polina     | Kuznetsova     | RUS  | Left Wing   | 10/06/1987    | Shopokov, KGZ        | 170    |
| 19         | Kseniya    | Makeeva        | RUS  | Line Player | 19/09/1990    | Ufa, RUS             | 182    |
| 6 <b>C</b> | Iuliia     | Managarova     | RUS  | Right Wing  | 27/09/1988    | Dniepropetrovsk, UKR | 170    |
| 18         | Valeriia   | Maslova        | RUS  | Right Back  | 23/01/2001    | Rostov-on-Don, RUS   | 183    |
| 1          | Galina     | Mekhdieva      | RUS  | Goalkeeper  | 17/06/1985    | Rostov-On-Don, RUS   | 180    |
| 84         | Mayssa     | Pessoa         | BRA  | Goalkeeper  | 11/09/1984    | Joao Pessoa, BRA     | 177    |
| 7          | Mayya      | Petrova        | RUS  | Line Player | 26/05/1982    | Volgograd, RUS       | 177    |
| 9          | Ana Paula  | Rodrigues Belo | BRA  | Centre Back | 18/10/1987    | Sao Luis, BRA        | 172    |
| 21         | Anna       | Sedoykina      | RUS  | Goalkeeper  | 01/08/1984    | Volgograd, RUS       | 184    |
| 8          | Anna       | Sen            | RUS  | Left Back   | 03/12/1990    | Krasnodar, RUS       | 185    |
| 44         | Anastasiia | Shavman        | RUS  | Left Back   | 04/07/1999    | Bryansk, RUS         | 175    |
| 22         | Alexandra  | Smirnova       | RUS  | Left Wing   | 26/10/2001    | Moscow, RUS          | 175    |
| 14         | Valeria    | Sobkalo        | RUS  | Right Wing  | 08/06/2001    | Ust-Labinsk, RUS     | 173    |
| 15         | Marina     | Sudakova       | RUS  | Right Wing  | 17/02/1989    | Volgograd, RUS       | 164    |
| 51         | Milana     | Tazhenova      | RUS  | Centre Back | 06/03/1999    | Astrakhan, RUS       | 175    |
| 16         | Daria      | Tkacheva       | RUS  | Goalkeeper  | 21/11/2001    | Rostov-on-Don, RUS   | 176    |
| 13         | Anna       | Vyakhireva     | RUS  | Right Back  | 13/03/1995    | Volgograd, RUS       | 162    |



Anna Sedoykina

## goalkeeper

- moved to Rostov from Dinamo Volgograd in 2015
- born in Volgograd, she played for Dinamo for 15 years, winning five Russian championship titles
- interrupted her career from 2012 to 2014 because of maternity leave
- won Olympic gold in 2016 after superb performances in early matches before getting injured

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2017

## Polina Kuznetsova

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## left wing

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



## Lois Abbingh



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#### left back

- first Dutch player in Russian handball, joined Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris
- scored personal best 63 goals in the CL in her first season with Rostov
- previously played for Emmen, Oldenburg (both NED) and Baia Mare (ROU), gaining CL experience with the Romanian side in 2014/15 and 2015/16
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- key player of national team, contributed a lot to recent Dutch successes



Anna Sen left back

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



## Ana Paula Rodrigues

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@anapaulahand

## centre back

- moved to Rostov in 2016 after winning CL with CSM that year
- missed most of 2018/19 season after injuring Achilles tendon at EHF FINAL4 in 2018
- DJ in her team's locker room, playing samba and dance music after every win
- Brazilian playmaker who has been playing in Europe since 2007, spending time at Spain's Roquetas, Elche and Elda Prestigio as well as Austria's Hypo

EC trophies: CL 2016; EHF Cup 2017; Cup Winners' Cup 2013



## Kseniya Makeeva



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## line player

- 2018/19 will be her fifth season with Rostov-Don
- began career at Dinamo Volgograd, where she won six Russian championships
- was also a teammate of Lois Abbingh at Romanian side Baia Mare in 2014/15
- Russian international but missed golden Olympics in 2016 due to injury

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2017



## Anna Vyakhireva



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## right back

- joined Rostov from Astrakhanochka in 2016; won the Russian league with both Astrakhanochka in 2016 and Rostov in 2017, 2018 and 2019
- plays alongside her sister Polina Kuznetsova, who joined Rostov in 2018
- 2016 Olympic gold medallist and MVP; also MVP of EHF EURO 2018
- missed crucial main round matches due to elbow injury in 2018/19

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



Iuliia Managarova



@imanagarova

## right wing

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017

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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

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

# **Team Esbjerg**



Last season, the Danish team did well in the Women's EHF Cup, where they lost in the final to Hungary's Siofok KC.

Now Esbjerg play their second ever season in the European's premier club competition, and so far, they have been doing well.

They had some impressive performances in the group matches as they beat Rostov at home and CSM away, which allowed them to finish second in group B.

With the MVP of the recent World Championship Estavana Polman in their squad, Esbjerg are now determined to reach the quarter-final, and they certainly have a potential to get there.



### Playing hall

Blue Water Dokken Gammel Vardevej 82 6700 Esbjerg Denmark

#### **Past achievements**

WOMEN'S EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3
Main Round (1): 2016/17
Qualification (1): 2015/16

#### Other

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

Danish league: 2 titles (2016, 2019 Danish cup: 1 title (2018)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

35

GOALS Most goals

43

GOALS Most goals both teams

## **EHF Champions League club records**

 Biggest win
 35:22 (20:9) v MKS Lublin S.A. (h), 17.11.2019

 Biggest defeat
 38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017

 Longest winning run
 2 matches (15.10.2016 – 23.10.2016)

 Longest unbeaten run
 2 matches (15.10.2016 – 23.10.2016)

 Longest losing run
 3 matches (30.10.2016 – 12.11.2016)

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3 matches (29.01.2017 – 12.02.2017)

 Most goals
 35 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:25W (h), 15.10.2016

 35 v MKS Lublin S.A. POL 35:22W (h), 17.11.2019

 Most goals opponent
 38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017

 Most goals both teams
 67 v MKS Lublin S.A. POL 35:22W (h), 17.11.2019

 Fewest goals
 20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017

 Fewest goals opponent
 18 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:18W (h), 20.11.2016

 Fewest goals both teams
 43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017

## Past seasons

|                          | 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 | 6  | 4 | 0 | 2  | 167:149 | +18 | 8:4   | MR           |
| Total:                   | 18 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 472:482 | -10 | 16:20 |              |





### Jesper Jensen

#### coach

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

#### Late entries:

# Team roster

| No. | First name    | Surname     | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth        | Height |
|-----|---------------|-------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 14  | Kristine      | Breistøl    | NOR  | Left Back   | 23/08/1993    | Oslo, NOR             | 193    |
| 6   | Clara         | Danielsson  | SWE  | Line Player | 30/01/1992    | Uppåkra, SWE          | 175    |
| 13  | Marit         | Frafjord    | NOR  | Line Player | 25/11/1985    | Tromsø, NOR           | 182    |
| 48  | Sonja         | Frey        | AUT  | Centre Back | 22/04/1993    | Wien, AUT             | 169    |
| 12  | Rikke         | Granlund    | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 14/11/1989    | Oslo, NOR             | 172    |
| 23  | Elma          | Halicevic   | DEN  | Left Wing   | 18/06/2000    | Esbjerg, DEN          | 168    |
| 42  | Jane          | Harkes      | GBR  | Goalkeeper  | 10/01/1989    | Esbjerg, DEN          | 174    |
| 20  | Marit Røsberg | g Jacobsen  | NOR  | Right Wing  | 25/02/1994    | Narvik, NOR           | 168    |
| 29  | Annette       | Jensen      | DEN  | Centre Back | 24/09/1991    | Frederica, DEN        | 176    |
| 25  | Rut Arnfjörd  | Jónsdóttir  | ISL  | Right Back  | 21/07/1990    | Reykjavik, ISL        | 176    |
| 19  | Line Ryborg   | Jørgensen   | DEN  | Right Back  | 31/12/1989    | Hvidovre, DEN         | 183    |
| 4   | Line          | Mølgaard    | DEN  | Left Back   | 30/11/1981    | Tårnby, DEN           | 183    |
| 51  | Vilde         | Mortensen   | NOR  | Line Player | 18/12/1994    | Oslo, NOR             | 178    |
| 2   | Stella Kate   | Muir        | GBR  | Centre Back | 29/11/2002    | Ringkøbing-Skjern, DE | N 171  |
| 33  | Lene          | Østergaard  | DEN  | Left Back   | 08/10/1998    | Varde, DEN            | 180    |
| 79  | Estavana      | Polman      | NED  | Left Back   | 05/08/1992    | Arnhem, NED           | 173    |
| 5   | Helena        | Sall        | DEN  | Left Wing   | 19/03/2002    | Aarhus, DEN           | 168    |
| 24  | Sanna         | Solberg     | NOR  | Left Wing   | 16/06/1990    | Bærum, NOR            | 178    |
| 27  | Kathrine      | Sørensen    | DEN  | Centre Back | 07/04/1998    | Esbjerg, DEN          | 170    |
| 1   | Rikke         | Vestergaard | DEN  | Goalkeeper  | 20/04/1986    | Holstebro, DEN        | 177    |

<sup>\*</sup>no captaincy in Team Esbjerg



Rikke Poulsen

#### goalkeeper

- joined from league rivals Viborg HK in the summer of 2019
- will replace Denmark international Sandra Toft, who has left for Brest
- played 72 times for the Danish national team but has not been called up recently
- previously played for TTH Holstebro, KIF Vejen and SK Aarhus
- experienced goalkeeper with good eye for the game and for the various shooters

WCh: B 2013



#### Sanna Solberg left wing



@sannasolberg

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

OG: B 2016: WCh: G 2015. S 2017: EURO: G 2014. 2016



Estavana Polman



@estavana

- left back
- plays for Team Esbjerg since 2013, when she joined from SønderjyskE
- in relationship with the former soccer star Rafael var der Vaart; they have a daughter (2016)
- known for her team spirit and humour as well as for great shot technique
- also a key player in the Dutch national team

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



Sonja Frey centre back

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



#### Vilde Mortensen Ingstad line player



@v.ingstad

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

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



## Marit Malm Frafjord

#### line player

- retired after 2017/18 season but started playing again at Esbjerg in December 2018
- initially signed for six months, but ultimately agreed to stay for 2019/20 season
- played for another Danish clubs before, for Viborg HK from 2010 to 2014
- highly experienced and complete player, but mainly used in defence by Esbjerg

WCh: B 2009, G 2011, S 2017; EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, S 201 OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016



### Line Jørgensen right back



@linejorgensen89

- Danish international who joined from CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2018
- started playing handball aged three, also played football as a child
- known for her physical strength and her hard and varied shot
- · is an educated physiotherapist

CL: G 2016



# Marit Røsberg Jacobsen right wing



@maritrj

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

WCh: S 2017

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#### Kit colours

#### ight

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

#### Dark

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

# **CSM** Bucuresti



It was a turbulent start of the season for the Romanian heavyweights as the head coach Tomas Ryde stepped down and was replaced by Adrian Vasile just a few days before their DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League season.

CSM went on to play some good games, yet lacked stability and finished only third in group B. While their defence was the best in the whole competition, the Romanian side struggled in attack.

The injuries of key figures played a negative role, as Nora Mork is out for the whole season after an ACL injury, while Cristina Neagu, who had missed almost an entire year, did not get her best shape after returning on the court in early November.

However, CSM rely on a bunch of quality and experienced players, so reaching the quarter-final is quite feasible.



#### **Playing hall**

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

#### Past achievements

WOMEN'S EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2019/20 season): 5
Winners (1): 2015/16
Semi-final (2): 2016/17, 2017/18
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

#### Other

EHF Cup: Last 16: 2011/12

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



5 MATCHES
Longest winning run

39 GOALS Most goals

71 GOALS Most goals both teams

## **EHF Champions League club records**

 Biggest win
 35:19 (16:10) v MKS Lublin S.A. POL (h), 19.10.2019

 Biggest defeat
 36:27 (22:15) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 26.01.2019

Longest winning run 5 matches (31.03.2016 – 16.10.2016) 5 matches (04.11.2017 – 04.02.2018)

 Longest unbeaten run
 6 matches (04.11.2017 – 11.02.2018)

 Longest losing run
 3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016)

 Longest run without win
 5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)

 Most goals
 39 v Nykøbing FH DEN 39:26W (h), 04.11.2017

 Most goals opponent
 38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017

 Most goals both teams
 71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017

Fewest goals 20 v Metz Handball FRA 27:20L (a), 15.04.2018

20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 20:26L (a), 12.05.2018

Fewest goals opponent 17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:28W (a), 23.10.2015

Fewest goals both teams 42 v Rostov-Don RUS 20:22W (a), 11.11.2016

## Past seasons

|                           | MP | w  | Т | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS   | Stage         |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----------|------|-------|---------------|
| 2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5  | 416:387   | +29  | 21:11 | Winner        |
| 2016/17 CSM Bucuresti ROU | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5  | 427:407   | +20  | 21:11 | Third Place   |
| 2017/18 CSM Bucuresti ROU | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5  | 455:395   | +60  | 21:11 | Third Place   |
| 2018/19 CSM Bucuresti ROU | 14 | 6  | 1 | 7  | 400:390   | +10  | 13:15 | Quarter-final |
| 2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU | 6  | 3  | 1 | 2  | 153:131   | +22  | 7:5   | MR            |
| Total:                    | 68 | 39 | 5 | 24 | 1851:1710 | +141 | 83:53 |               |
|                           |    |    |   |    |           |      |       |               |





#### **Tomas Ryde**

coach

- Swedish coach, who won the CL with Viborg in 2006
- left the Danish club two years later to dedicate himself to a business career, founding a company for leadership advice
- joined CSM in 2019, becoming the club's 10th head coach in five years
- also returned as Romanian women's national team coach in May 2019, a position he previously held in 2015-16

EC trophies: CL 2006: WCh: B 2015

#### **Newcomers:**

Nora Mørk (Gyori Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Crina Pintea (Gyori Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Gabriela Perianu (Sióofk KC/HUN)
Denisa Dedu (Siófok KC/HUN)
Itana Grbic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)
Laura Moisă (ASC Corona Braşov/ROU)
Andrea Klikovac (Kisvardai KC/HUN)
Carmen Martin Berenguer (OGC Nice Cote D'Azur/FRA)
Linnea Torstensson (OGC Nice Cote D'Azur/FRA)
Denisa Vâlcan (CSS Tulcea/ROU)

#### Left the club:

Amanda Kurtovic (Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN)
Majda Mehmedovic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)
Jovanka Radicevic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)
Paula Ungureanu (CS Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)
Oana Manea (retired)
Nathalie Hagman (Odense/DEN)
Sabina Jacobsen (CSKA Moscow/RUS)
Aneta Udriştioiu (HC Dunarea Braila/ROU)
Barbara Lazovic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)
Bianca Bazaliu (ASC Corona Braşov/ROU, on Ioan)

# Team roster

| No.        | First nam | e Surname      | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth     | Height |
|------------|-----------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| 20         | Maria     | Constantinescu | ROU  | Left Back   | 18/06/1994    | Bals, ROU          | 176    |
| 5          | Iulia     | Curea          | ROU  | Left Wing   | 08/04/1982    | Bacau, ROU         | 172    |
| 10         | Dragana   | Cvijic         | SRB  | Line Player | 15/03/1990    | Beograd, SRB       | 183    |
| 16         | Denisa    | Dedu           | ROU  | Goalkeeper  | 27/09/1994    | Brasov, ROU        | 182    |
| 96         | Itana     | Grbic          | MNE  | Left Wing   | 01/09/1996    | Podgorica, MNE     | 169    |
| 87         | Jelena    | Grubisic       | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 20/01/1987    | Zagreb, CRO        | 184    |
| 1          | Madalina  | lon            | ROU  | Goalkeeper  | 23/02/1996    | Bucharest, ROU     | 180    |
| 35         | Oana      | Jipa           | ROU  | Line Player | 01/03/2000    | Onesti, ROU        | 178    |
| 15         | Andrea    | Klikovac       | MNE  | Right Back  | 05/05/1991    | Podgorica, MNE     | 174    |
| 7          | Andrea    | Lekic          | SRB  | Centre Back | 06/09/1987    | Beograd, SRB       | 178    |
| 19         | Bianca    | Marin          | ROU  | Left Wing   | 21/03/1999    | Ploiesti, ROU      | 167    |
| 22         | Carmen    | Martin         | ESP  | Right Wing  | 29/05/1988    | Almeria, ESP       | 169    |
| 89         | Laura     | Moisa          | ROU  | Right Wing  | 21/08/1989    | Bacau, ROU         | 173    |
| 9          | Nora      | Mørk           | NOR  | Right Back  | 05/04/1991    | Oslo, NOR          | 167    |
| 8 <b>c</b> | Cristina  | Neagu          | ROU  | Left Back   | 26/08/1988    | Bucharest, ROU     | 180    |
| 17         | Elizabeth | Omoregie       | SLO  | Centre Back | 29/12/1996    | Athens, GRE        | 178    |
| 11         | Gabriela  | Perianu        | ROU  | Left Back   | 20/06/1994    | Braila, ROU        | 186    |
| 77         | Crina     | Pintea         | ROU  | Line Player | 03/04/1990    | Podu Turcului, ROU | 191    |
| 6          | Linnea    | Torstensson    | SWE  | Left Back   | 30/03/1983    | Stockholm, SWE     | 186    |
| 27         | Denisa    | Valcan         | ROU  | Centre Back | 19/09/2000    | Tulcea, ROU        | 173    |
|            |           |                |      |             |               |                    |        |



Denisa Dedu



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#### goalkeeper

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



#### Jelena Grubisic



@gruba87

#### goalkeeper

- played at Lokomotiva Zagreb for eight seasons, and at Krim for five
- joined Györ in 2014 to replace pregnant Katrine Lunde, but soon got injured and signed for CSM ahead of 2015/16, helping the club win the CL that season
- had her EC debut in the Cup Winner's Cup 2002/03 with Lokomotiva when she was
   15, and had her national team debut at the WCh 2007
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2016

EC trophies: CL 201



#### Iulia Curea



@cureaiulia

#### left wing

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- one of the most decorated Romanian players, having won the national title nine times and the Romanian cup four times with Oltchim and CSM Bucuresti
- has been a left wing since she was 17, until then, she played as a goalkeeper and won a junior competition in Romania on that position
- married since 2010 to Darie Curea, a former rugby player with Dinamo Bucharest

EC trophies: CL 2016, Champions Trophy 2007, Cup Winners' Cup 2007



#### Cristina Neagu



@cristinaneaguofficial

#### left back

- four-time IHF Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost but returned to hometown club CSM in 2017
- considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, netted 612 goals in 10 seasons
- missed second half of 2018/19 season after tearing ACL during EHF EURO in France

EC trophies: CL 2015



#### Linnea Torstensson

#### left back

- back at CSM for second stint, after also playing for the club from 2014-17
- having played for teams in Sweden, Denmark, Slovenia, France and now Romania, she competing in her eighth CL season in 2019/20
- Swedish handball player of the year in 2010 and 2011, MVP at EHF EURO 2010 where Sweden won the silver medal



#### Andrea Lekic

@lekicandrea

#### centre back

- one of the main transfers in the summer of 2018, joining from Vardar
- competed in karate and reached the blue belt before moving on to ball sports, including volleyball, basketball, football and tennis
- voted World Player of the Year in 2013, made All-star Team at EHF EURO 2012
- won the CL with Györ in 2012/13, finished runner-up once, and third three times



#### **Crina Pintea**



@crinapintea11

## line player

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



#### **Carmen Martin**

@carmen\_martin4

#### right wing

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

#### **GROUP 1**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: green Player short: green

# **FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria**



During four straight EHF Champions League seasons, the Hungarian side had been eliminated in the quarter-finals, but now they first need to get there before thinking of higher goals.

In the group matches, FTC lost three of their six matches, including two on home court. Yet despite struggling to find their form, Gabor Elek's team had no problems progressing to the main round, finishing third in group A.

Now they start with just one point in group 1, yet FTC have a potential to climb up in the table. With the third-best scorer of the competition Katrin Klujber as well as some other Hungarian stars and the newly-crowned world champion Danick Snelder in the squad, the Hungarian side are certainly capable of upsetting some of their rivals.



# **Playing hall** Velencei ut 39-41

#### **Past achievements**

#### WOMEN'S EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 20 Runners-up (1): 2001/02 Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01 Quarter-finals (7): 1999/2000, 2002/03,

1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08,

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners: 2010/11, 2011/12;

Hungarian league: 12 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002,



MATCHES
Longest winning run

42 GOALS Most goals

Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

 Biggest win
 42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997

 Biggest defeat
 40:23 (22:10) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 09.04.2016

 Longest winning run
 5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012)

 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)

 Longest unbeaten run
 8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015)

 Longest losing run
 4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007)

 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007)
 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013)

 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)

4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018) **Longest run without win**5 matches (16.11.2013 – 01.03.2014)
5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)

Most goals42 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997Most goals opponent40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016Most goals both teams70 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 34:36L (h), 10.02.2007

70 v Larvik NOR 37:33W (h), 14.10.2017

 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

## Past seasons

|                                     | MP  | W  | Т  | 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    | 1/2-finals    |
| 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     | 1/4-finals    |
| 2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN     | 10  | 5  | 0  | 5  | 264:232   | +32  | 10:10   | 1/2-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    | 1/4-finals    |
| 2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN            | 8   | 5  | 0  | 3  | 220:221   | -1   | 10:6    | 1/4-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   | 1/4-finals    |
| 2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN | 14  | 8  | 2  | 4  | 397:361   | +36  | 18:10   | 1/4-finals    |
| 2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN | 14  | 8  | 0  | 6  | 400:382   | +18  | 16:12   | 1/4-finals    |
| 2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN | 14  | 7  | 2  | 5  | 407:423   | -16  | 16:12   | Quarter-final |
| 2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargu Hungaria HUN | 6   | 2  | 1  | 3  | 167:180   | -13  | 5:7     | MR            |
| Total:                              | 166 | 85 | 14 | 67 | 4578:4462 | +116 | 184:148 |               |





#### **Gabor Elek**

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

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup: 2011, 2012

#### Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.         | First name | Surname            | Nat.   | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth     | Height |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| 28          | Kíra       | Bánfai             | HUN    | Right Wing  | 28/01/2000    | Pecs, HUN          | 176    |
| 16          | Blanka     | Biro               | HUN    | Goalkeeper  | 22/09/1994    | Vac, HUN           | 185    |
| 27          | Emilie     | Christensen        | NOR    | Centre Back | 13/04/1993    | Oslo, NOR          | 176    |
| 61          | Csenge     | Csatlos            | HUN    | Goalkeeper  | 01/10/2002    | Budapest, HUN      | 177    |
| 10          | Klára      | Csiszar-Szekeres   |        | Left Back   | 01/12/1987    | Bekescsaba, HUN    | 186    |
| 15          | Kinga      | Debreczeni-Kliviny | ⁄i HUN | Back        | 31/03/1992    | Budapest, HUN      | 175    |
| 44          | Dora       | Györfi             | HUN    | Left Back   | 23/09/2001    | Debrecen, HUN      |        |
| 45          | Noemi      | Hafra              | HUN    | Back        | 05/10/1998    | Cegled, HUN        | 180    |
| 27          | Luca       | Hafra              | HUN    | Left Wing   | 27/02/2001    | Budapest, HUN      |        |
| 42          | Katrin     | Klujber            | HUN    | Right Back  | 21/04/1999    | Dunaujvaros, HUN   | 170    |
| 91 <b>C</b> | Aniko      | Kovacsics          | HUN    | Centre Back | 29/08/1991    | Nagyatad, HUN      | 170    |
| 22          | Viktoria   | Lukacs             | HUN    | Right Wing  | 31/10/1995    | Budapest, HUN      | 165    |
| 26          | Djurdjina  | Malovic            | MNE    | Right Back  | 05/05/1996    | Niksic, MNE        | 182    |
| 21          | Greta      | Marton             | HUN    | Left Wing   | 03/10/1999    | Mohacs, HUN        | 175    |
| 14          | Rea Reka   | Meszaros           | HUN    | Line Player | 14/04/1994    | Vac, HUN           | 172    |
| 2           | Noemi      | Pasztor            | HUN    | Line Player | 02/04/1999    | Szombathely, HUN   | 180    |
| 6           | Nadine     | Schatzl            | HUN    | Left Back   | 19/11/1993    | München, GER       | 173    |
| 24          | Danick     | Snelder            | NED    | Line Player | 22/05/1990    | Pijnacker          | 178    |
| 31          | Zsofi      | Szemerey           | HUN    | Goalkeeper  | 02/06/1994    | Kazincbarcika, HUN | 180    |
| 33          | Nikolett   | Tóth               | HUN    | Back        | 13/07/2001    | Budapest, HUN      | 178    |
| 72          | Panna      | Zsigmond           | HUN    | Goalkeeper  | 10/09/2002    | Budapest, HUN      |        |
|             |            |                    |        |             |               |                    |        |



Blanka Bíró goalkeeper



@biroblanka

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



**Nadine Schatzl** 



@schatzi\_nadi

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



Noémi Háfra



@hafranoni

#### left back

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



**Emilie Christensen** 



@emiliechristensen11

- centre back
- 26-year-old back court player, joined FTC from Larvik in the summer of 2019
- previously played CL with three Norwegian clubs: Tertnes Bergen, Glassverket and
- scored 22 goals in the group matches last season but Larvik failed to make the main round
- was part Norwegian national team that won silver at WCh 2017 in Germany



Anikó Kovacsics centre back/left wing



@kovacsicsaniko misy8

- made her CL debut at 16 and is already in her 13th CL season her fourth with FTC
- · joined in 2015 from arch rivals Györ, after not getting enough playing time
- also able to play left wing, and was deployed in that position by Hungary during EHF EURO 2014
- awarded best young CL player in 2012/13

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014



#### **Danick Snelder**



@danicksnelder

#### line player

- captain and one of the leading players of the Dutch national team
- missed EHF EURO 2018 and most of the CL 2018/19 season due to a back injury
- made it to the All-star Team of the W19 EHF EURO 2009 in Hungary
- won four Bundesliga titles with THC before moving to Hungary in 2016

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



Katrin Klujber right back



@keti\_klujber

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

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



## Viktoria Lukacs



@lukacsviki

- right wing
- Budapest-born talented player, raised by local team Spartacus
- only 23, but already entering her seventh European campaign with Ferenceáros
- since her debut in 2011, she spent just one season away from the club in 2013/14, when she played for Siofok on loan
- had a breakthrough season in 2016/17 as she scored her personal best of 42 goals

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2012













# Group 2 preview

#### TWO DIFFERENT BATTLES IN ONLY ONE GROUP

As teams take their points from the group phase to the main round, there are two sides that seem to run away with the first two places in the group. Both Györi Audi ETO KC and Brest Bretagne Handball are starting the main round with eight points, after sweeping their opponents in the group phase, with six wins in six games.

This group has already one big question and it regards the current title holders, Györ. The Hungarian powerhouse put together one of the best runs in the history of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, staying unbeaten for the last 31 games, as their last loss came on 26 January 2018, in a main round game against CSM Bucuresti. Over this series, Gabor Danyi's side won 28 games and drew three, as their hold over the European premium competition is as tight as ever

Therefore, who can beat Györ and snap that record streak? One answer might be Brest Bretagne Handball. The French side, who recorded only two wins over the past two seasons in the European top competition, registered six out of six, with a sublime attacking performance, firing from all cylinders in attack and shutting down opponents when needed in defence. Györ (216 goals) and Brest (201 goals) scored the most goals in the group matches, being the only two sides to average over 33 goals scored per game.

After two consecutive quarter-final exits, Buducnost set their sights over a DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4 berth, but they stumbled against Brest, losing two games. Positioning is crucial in the main round and Buducnost, whose core players managed to lift Montenegro to the fifth place in the IHF Women's World Championship in Japan, need to make up for the last ground if they are to fulfil their dream once again. While the third place looks secure, as they start with four points, Buducnost will have their eyes on every slip-up from Brest, if that were to happen.

The battle for the fourth place is still very much on, with RK Krim, Sävehof and SCM Ramnicu Valcea all vying for one place in the quarter-finals. Krim and Sävehof have two points, while the Romanian champions are the only side to start the main round with zero points and look like they have a mountain to climb. Krim have never been a staple of consistency this season, but hope to progress to the knock-out phase of the competition for the first time since the 2012/13 season, while Sävehof have never qualified from the main round phase before.

Valcea's gritty approach will be tested both against Krim and Sävehof, as they need to improve a disappointing attack. The Romanian side scored 147 goals, the least from the teams that progressed to the next round, while their defence was porous at times, conceding 37 goals from Brest and 31 goals from Bietigheim.

Adrian Costeiu

## Group 2 head-to-heads

### Previous European Cup encounters of group 2 teams

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC 6-1-7 (364:370) 13:15

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

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator 5-0-3 (239:228) 10:6

| 15.02.2009 | CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 36:30 (18:13) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 28.02.2009 | RK Krim Mercator vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 35:34 (17:15) |
| 20.02.2011 | CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1 | 31:27 (14:14) |
| 19.03.2011 | RK Krim Mercator vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1 | 37:30 (17:19) |
| 04.02.2012 | RK Krim Mercator vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 25:31 (13:16) |
| 04.03.2012 | CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 30:26 (17:15) |
| 10.02.2013 | RK Krim Mercator vs Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2      | 28:24 (13:10) |
| 17.03.2013 | Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2      | 23:20 (9:12)  |

#### **SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs IK Sävehof**

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### **Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC**

| Dududiose  | V3 Gyori Addi E10 KC   |               |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 13.05.2006 | ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Györi ETO Kezilabda Club, Cup Winners' Cup – Final            | 25:25 (12:7)  |
| 20.05.2006 | Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, Cup Winners' Cup – Final            | 23:26 (10:14) |
| 07.01.2007 | ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B          | 25:31 (12:16) |
| 17.02.2007 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group B          | 28:20 (13:9)  |
| 15.02.2009 | Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 31:27 (15:14) |
| 28.02.2009 | Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2   | 26:26 (9:14)  |
| 05.05.2012 | Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Final                         | 29:27 (13:12) |
| 13.05.2012 | Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Final                         | 27:25 (13:12) |
| 02.02.2013 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1            | 27:17 (14:7)  |
| 10.03.2013 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1            | 21:22 (12:13) |
| 01.02.2014 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2            | 23:23 (9:13)  |
| 09.03.2014 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2            | 26:26 (14:12) |
| 04.05.2014 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League MVM EHF FINAL4 – Final          | 21:27 (10:15) |
| 09.01.2016 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2            | 22:20 (13:11) |
| 14.02.2016 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2            | 25:22 (12:12) |
| 07.05.2016 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final         | 20:21 (8:11)  |
| 06.05.2017 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League TIPPMIX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final | 20:26 (9:12)  |
| 07.04.2018 | Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final                 | 20:26 (9:12)  |
| 14.04.2018 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final                 | 30:28 (15:15) |
|            |  |               |

#### **Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator 12-0-6 (520:489) 24:**

| 11.04.1999 | Buducnost Podgorica vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Semi-final      | 29:32 (15:17) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 18.04.1999 | Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final      | 26:29 (11:16) |
| 01.04.2001 | RK Krim Neutro Roberts vs Bud. Brillant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final | 28:21 (14:9)  |
| 08.04.2001 | Bud. Brillant Podgorica vs RK Krim Neutro Roberts, EHF Champions League – Semi-final | 27:25 (16:16) |
| 19.01.2003 | Krim ETA N. Roberts vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group D            | 32:29 (17:14) |
| 22.02.2003 | RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D            | 19:27 (10:12) |
| 18.01.2004 | RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim Ljubljana Slovenia, EHF Champions League – Group B        | 26:24 (12:9)  |
| 21.02.2004 | Krim Ljubljana Slovenia vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group B        | 35:25 (18:12) |
| 22.02.2009 | RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2    | 35:28 (15:14) |
| 22.03.2009 | Buducnost T-Mobile vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2    | 37:32 (19:16) |
| 13.02.2011 | 'Buducnost' vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1           | 32:29 (17:12) |
| 04.03.2011 | RK Krim Mercator vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1           | 36:40 (19:23) |
| 12.02.2012 | Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2             | 29:21 (13:14) |
| 24.02.2012 | RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2             | 26:27 (9:14)  |
| 09.02.2014 | Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2             | 30:15 (13:6)  |
| 15.03.2014 | RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2             | 26:30 (15:17) |
| 13.02.2015 | RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1             | 20:23 (8:16)  |
| 15.03.2015 | Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1             | 39:20 (19:8)  |
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#### Buducnost vs IK Sävehof 4-0-0 (124:88) 8:0

| 24.10.2010 | IK Sävehof vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Group A | 24:33 (13:16) |
|------------|---|---------------|
| 21.11.2010 | 'Buducnost' vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group A | 33:26 (16:14) |
| 18.10.2015 | Buducnost vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group D   | 33:20 (17:8)  |
| 15.11.2015 | IK Sävehof vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D   | 18:25 (11:14) |

#### Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-0-2 (40:52) 0:4

| 15.10.2017 | Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B | 23:26 (10:13) |
|------------|--|---------------|
| 18.11.2017 | Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B | 26:17 (13:7)  |

#### Brest Bretagne Handball vs RK Krim Mercator

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Brest Bretagne Handball vs IK Sävehof 2-0-0 (73:53) 4:0

| 21.10.2018 | IK Sävehof vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B | 27:39 (16:19) |
|------------|---|---------------|
| 04.11.2018 | Brest Bretagne Handball vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group B | 34:26 (19:14) |

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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

# Györi Audi ETO KC



It has been another superb season for the Hungarian powerhouse, both in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League and in the domestic league. Gabor Danyi's side won all six group matches, scoring at a superb pace of 36 goals per game.

Injury worries have also been slimmer this season, as club legend Anita Görbicz will likely be back for the start of the main round, while the MVP of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4, Kari Aalvik Grimsbø, is also scheduled to make her comeback after being sidelined for the past months after a knee injury.

Györ definitely look like a machine, boasting the best attack in the competition, with 216 goals scored, and the third lowest number of conceded goals, 147, after the group matches. They will start the main round with the maximum number of eight points after sweeping their opponents in the group D.



# Playing hall AUDI Arena Györ Toth Laszlo utca 1 9027 Györ Hungary Capacity: 5,250

#### Past achievements

#### **WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 17 Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Runners-up (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16 Semi-finals (4): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11

Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15 Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06 Qualification (1): 2004/05

#### Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2005/06, Semi-final 2002/03 EHF Cup: Runners-up 1998/99, 2001/02,

2003/04, 2004/05

Hungarian league: 15 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Hungarian cup: 14 titles



16

MATCHES Longest winning run

46

GOALS Most goals

73

GOALS Most goals both teams

## **EHF Champions League club records**

Biggest win
Biggest defeat

Longest winning run
Longest unbeaten run
Longest losing run
Longest run without win

Longest run without w

Most goals

Most goals opponent

Most goals both teams

**Fewest goals** 

Fewest goals opponent
Fewest goals both teams

21:46 (13:23) v DHK Banik Most CZE (a), 13.10.2019

39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001 16 matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)

31 matches (05.02.2018 – 17.11.2019) 3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006)

4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)

46 v DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46W (a), 13.10.2019 39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001

73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008

18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011

18 v WHC Vardar SCBT 24:18L (a), 04.04.2015 14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

## Past seasons

|                                      | MP  | w   | Т  | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS    | Stage      |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----------|------|--------|------------|
| 2000/01 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN     | 6   | 1   | 2  | 3  | 156:168   | -12  | 4:8    | 4th Gr. D  |
| 2005/06 Györi ETO Kezilabda Club HUN | ۱6  | 3   | 0  | 3  | 154:169   | -15  | 6:6    | 3rd Gr. D  |
| 2006/07 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 10  | 6   | 0  | 4  | 291:267   | +24  | 12:8   | 1/2-finals |
| 2007/08 Györi Audi ETO HUN           | 14  | 11  | 0  | 3  | 415:366   | +49  | 22:6   | 1/2-finals |
| 2008/09 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 11  | 1  | 4  | 454:415   | +39  | 23:9   | Runner-up  |
| 2009/10 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN        | 14  | 8   | 2  | 4  | 355:337   | +18  | 18:10  | 1/2-finals |
| 2010/11 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN        | 14  | 10  | 1  | 3  | 387:334   | +53  | 21:7   | 1/2-finals |
| 2011/12 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 10  | 1  | 5  | 472:422   | +50  | 21:11  | Runner-up  |
| 2012/13 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 15  | 0  | 1  | 435:346   | +89  | 30:2   | Winner     |
| 2013/14 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 14  | 12  | 2  | 0  | 408:337   | +71  | 26:2   | Winner     |
| 2014/15 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 14  | 10  | 1  | 3  | 385:313   | +72  | 21:7   | 1/4-finals |
| 2015/16 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 12  | 1  | 3  | 436:357   | +79  | 25:7   | Runner-up  |
| 2016/17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 13  | 1  | 2  | 481:390   | +91  | 27:5   | Winner     |
| 2017/18 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 14  | 0  | 2  | 442:365   | +77  | 28:4   | Winner     |
| 2018/19 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 16  | 14  | 2  | 0  | 521:406   | +115 | 30:2   | Winner     |
| 2019/20 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 6   | 6   | 0  | 0  | 216:147   | +69  | 12:0   | MR         |
| Total:                               | 210 | 156 | 14 | 40 | 6008:1139 | +869 | 326:94 |            |





### **Gábor Danyi**

coach

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

FC trophies: CL 2019

Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.  | First name   | Surname        | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth F            | leight |
|------|--------------|----------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 18   | Eduarda      | Amorim Taleska | BRA  | Left Back   | 23/09/1986    | Blumenau, BRA               | 186    |
| 33   | Bernadett    | Bodi           | HUN  | Right Wing  | 09/03/1986    | Szeged, HUN                 | 175    |
| 7    | Kari Skaar   | Brattset       | NOR  | Line Player | 15/02/1991    | Fredrikstad, NOR            | 183    |
| 32   | Katarina     | Bulatovic      | MNE  | Right Back  | 15/11/1984    | Kragujevac, MNE             | 186    |
| 2    | Beatrice     | Edwige         | FRA  | Line Player | 03/10/1988    | Paris, FRA                  | 182    |
| 48   | Dorottya     | Faluvegi       | HUN  | Right Wing  | 31/03/1998    | Budapest, HUN               | 170    |
| 20   | Johanna      | Farkas         | HUN  | Centre Back | 19/02/2002    | Sárvár, HUN                 | 166    |
| 23   | Csenge       | Fodor          | HUN  | Left Wing   | 23/04/1999    | Keszthely, HUN              | 174    |
| 13 C | Anita        | Görbicz        | HUN  | Centre Back | 13/05/1983    | Veszprem, HUN               | 174    |
| 85   | Kari Aalvik  | Grimsbø        | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 04/01/1985    | Bergen, NOR                 | 180    |
| 8    | Anne Mette   | Hansen         | DEN  | Left Back   | 25/08/1994    | Glostrup, DEN               | 177    |
| 73   | Eva          | Kiss           | HUN  | Goalkeeper  | 10/07/1987    | Debrecen, HUN               | 189    |
| 3    | Jana         | Knedlikova     | CZE  | Right Wing  | 22/06/1989    | Praha, CZE                  | 167    |
| 21   | Veronica     | Kristiansen    | NOR  | Left Back   | 10/07/1990    | Stavanger, NOR              | 175    |
| 5    | Laura        | Kürthi         | HUN  | Right Back  | 16/03/2002    | Györ, HUN                   | 180    |
| 24   | Amanda       | Kurtovic       | NOR  | Right Back  | 25/07/1991    | Karlskrona, SWE             | 176    |
| 12   | Amandine     | Leynaud        | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 02/05/1986    | Aubenas, FRA                | 178    |
| 1    | Zsuzsanna    | Nemeth         | HUN  | Goalkeeper  | 10/08/2002    | Szombathely, HUN            | 172    |
| 27   | Estelle      | Nze Minko      | FRA  | Centre Back | 11/08/1991    | St-Sébastien-sur-Loire, FRA | 176    |
| 15   | Stine Bredal | Oftedal        | NOR  | Centre Back | 25/09/1991    | Oslo, NOR                   | 168    |
| 57   | Szidonia     | Puhalak        | HUN  | Left Wing   | 05/07/1996    | Szeged, HUN                 | 177    |
| 16   | Nikolett     | Tothova        | SVK  | Goalkeeper  | 14/12/2001    | Komarno, SVK                | 192    |
| 19   | Diana        | Vilagos        | HUN  | Line Player | 01/03/2002    | Györ, HUN                   | 169    |
|      |              |                |      |             |               |                             |        |



#### Kari Aalvik Grimsbo

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#### goalkeeper

- joined Györ from Danish Team Esbjerg during the 2014/15 season
- started her career at the age of five, had her debut for Byasen in the Norwegian league at the age of 17
- one of three outstanding goalkeepers in Györ's squad, alongside Eva Kiss and newcomer Amandine Leynaud

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019



#### Amandine Leynaud



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#### goalkeeper

- joined Györ from Vardar in the summer of 2018
- was one of the crucial players for Vardar in five seasons since 2013
- CL All-star Team nominee in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- before winning the CL with Györ in 2019, she came close, but never won the CL with Vardar: they finished runners-up twice and placed third three times



#### Anita Görbicz



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#### left wing/centre back

- passed the 800-goal milestone in the CL in 2016/17
- World Handball Player of Year in 2005, but won first CL title only eight years later
- top scorer in CL in 2011/12, voted best centre back at three WCh in a row (2003-07)
- missed most of 2014/15 due to maternity leave, but returned strongly in 2016/17 and was leading player in Györ's third CL title in five years
- CL All-star left wing nominee in 2017/18



#### Eduarda Amorim Taleska



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#### left back

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



#### Veronica Kristiansen

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#### centre back

- joined Györ from Midtjylland in the summer of 2018
- sister Jeanette is also playing in the CL, with Norwegian side Vipers Kristiansand
- usually called 'Vicky,' she is a versatile playmaker with a fine eye for her teammates and good at making herself dangerous, too
- Midtjylland was her first foreign club after playing for four different Norwegian sides



#### Beatrice Edwige



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#### line player

- mainly a defensive specialist but also valuable player in attack
- branded by France national team coach Olivier Krumbholz as one of the five best defenders in the world, was crowned best defender at EHF EURO 2016
- left France after 15 seasons in the summer of 2019 to join the title holder



#### Kari Brattset



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#### line player

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



#### **Amanda Kurtovic**



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#### right back

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

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## Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: pink Player short: black

#### Dark

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

# **Brest Bretagne Handball**



The French side are the surprise package of the competition, finishing a strong group which featured Buducnost, SCM Ramnicu Valcea and SG BBM Bietigheim with six wins out of six games.

A trip to Budapest for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4 is not out of the question, but can Laurent Bezeau's side keep up their form? Three of their French players were surely disappointed by their outing in the IHF World Championship, but Danish goalkeeper Sandra Toft was superb between the goalposts and Brest will hope to translate her form into the main round of the European top competition.

Their success this season will surely cling on their attacking form, as Brest fired from all cylinders, particularly right back Ana Gros and line player Sladjana Pop-Lazic having an outstanding season up until this point. Their defence will need some fine-tuning, but Brest look fine, also in the domestic league, where they battle with Metz Handball for the championship.



#### **Playing hall**

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

#### Past achievements

WOMEN'S EHF Champions League
Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3
Main Round (1): 2018/19
Group Matches (1): 2017/18

#### Other

EHF Cup: quarter-finals 2016/17

French league: 1 title (2012) French cup: 2 titles (2016, 2018



MATCHES
Longest unbeaten run

39 GOALS Most goals

GOALS

Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

 Biggest win
 37:24 (22:9) v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU (h), 12.10.2019

 Biggest defeat
 39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019

 Longest winning run
 6 matches (04.10.2019 – 16.11.2019)

 Longest unbeaten run
 7 matches (10.03.2019 – 16.11.2019)

 Longest losing run
 7 matches (07.10.2017 - 06.10.2018)

 Longest run without win
 8 matches (07.10.2017 - 13.10.2018)

 8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)

Most goals 39 v IK Sävehof SWE 27:39W (a), 21.10.2018

Most goals opponent39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019Most goals both teams67 v Buducnost MNE 32:35W (a), 05.10.2019

67 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 32:35 (a), 19.10.2019 Fewest goals 17 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:17L (a), 18.11.2017

Fewest goals opponent 22 v Buducnost 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019 Fewest goals both teams 44 v Buducnost 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019

## Past seasons

|                                     | MP | w | Т | L  | GF GA   | GD  | PTS   | Stage        |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|---|----|---------|-----|-------|--------------|
| 2017/18 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA |    | 0 | 0 | 6  | 132:157 | -25 | 0:12  | 4th Gr. B    |
| 2018/19 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA |    | 2 | 3 | 7  | 326:350 | -24 | 7:17  | 6th MR Gr. 1 |
| 2019/20 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA |    | 6 | 0 | 0  | 201:169 | +32 | 12:0  | MR           |
| Total                               | 24 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 659:676 | -17 | 19:29 |              |
|                                     |    |   |   |    |         |     |       |              |





#### **Laurent Bezeau**

oach

- helped Brest become the first ever second-division club to win the French cup
- arrived at Brest in 2009, left three years later to coach the Tunisian national team but returned to the club in 2013
- generally regarded the key factor behind the club's success in recent seasons

Late entries:

# Team roster

| No. | First name | Surname    | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth           | Height |
|-----|------------|------------|------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 55  | Pauline    | Coatanea   | FRA  | Right Wing  | 06/07/1993    | Saint-Renan, FRA         | 165    |
| 16  | Cleopatre  | Darleux    | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 01/07/1989    | Mulhouse, FRA            | 176    |
| 33  | Lauryn     | Derrien    | FRA  | Centre Back | 16/07/1999    | Brest, FRA               | 166    |
| 14  | Namizata   | Fofana     | MLI  | Right Wing  | 01/01/2000    | Daloa, CIV               | 170    |
| 12  | Laurie     | Fontaine   | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 03/11/1995    | Nimes, FRA               | 179    |
| 22  | Pauletta   | Foppa      | FRA  | Line Player | 22/12/2000    | Amilly, FRA              | 179    |
| 98  | Berenice   | Fraudin    | FRA  | Left Back   | 08/04/2002    | Cherbourg-Octeville, FRA | 188    |
| 6   | Ana        | Gros       | SLO  | Right Back  | 21/01/1991    | Ljubiljana, SLO          | 186    |
| 9   | Isabelle   | Gulldén    | SWE  | Centre Back | 29/06/1989    | Sävedalen, SWE           | 178    |
| 63  | Eva        | Jarrige    | FRA  | Right Back  | 17/02/2000    | Clermont Ferrand, FRA    | 182    |
| 8   | Monika     | Kobylinska | POL  | Right Back  | 09/04/1995    | Zary, POL                | 177    |
| 11  | Amandine   | Lagattu    | FRA  | Left Wing   | 10/02/1999    | Brest, FRA               | 168    |
| 10  | Coralie    | Lassource  | FRA  | Left Wing   | 01/09/1992    | Maisons-Laffitte, FRA    | 168    |
| 5   | Gaelle     | Le Hir     | FRA  | Line Player | 27/05/1990    | Brest, FRA               | 176    |
| 30  | Klervi     | Le Scanf   | FRA  | Left Back   | 29/11/2001    | Brest, FRA               | 186    |
| 99  | Marta      | Mangué     | ESP  | Left Back   | 23/04/1983    | Las Palmas, ESP          | 171    |
| 35  | Petra      | Marinovic  | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 29/06/2001    | Split, CRO               | 178    |
| 2   | Constance  | Mauny      | FRA  | Left Wing   | 17/12/1998    | Chambray les Tours, FR.  | A 172  |
| 13  | Evgenija   | Minevskaja | GER  | Left Back   | 31/10/1992    | Minsk, BLR               | 183    |
| 15  | Kalidiatou | Niakate    | FRA  | Left Back   | 15/03/1995    | Aubervilliers, FRA       | 177    |
| 20  | Sladana    | Pop-Lazic  | SRB  | Line Player | 26/07/1988    | Belgrade, SRB            | 178    |
| 78  | Sandra     | Pouchart   | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 29/11/1978    | Landivisiau, FRA         | 180    |
| 1   | Agathe     | Quiniou    | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 31/10/2000    | Brest, FRA               | 178    |
| 7   | Milijana   | Stosic     | SRB  | Line Player | 23/07/2001    | Beograd, SRB             | 178    |
| 4   | Amandine   | Tissier    | FRA  | Centre Back | 10/09/1993    | Sable-Sur-Sarthe, FRA    | 179    |
| 89  | Sandra     | Toft       | DEN  | Goalkeeper  | 18/10/1989    | Gribskov, DEN            | 177    |
| 3   | Alicia     | Toublanc   | FRA  | Right Wing  | 03/05/1996    | Saint-Brieuc, FRA        | 169    |
| 29  | Aminata    | Wague      | FRA  | Goalkeeper  | 30/12/1998    | Saint-Brieuc, FRA        | 177    |



#### Sandra Toft

#### goalkeeper



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- her 25th birthday on 18 October 2014 marked her debut in the CL (against Metz)
- reached the CL final in 2015 with Larvik
- joined Brest in the summer of 2019 after playing for two seasons for Team Esbjerg
- played the EHF Cup final in 2019, but lost to Hungarian side Siofok
- broke her neck and back in a car accident in 2009. Was close to being paralysed from the neck down but was actually back on the court withing six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



#### Coralie Lassource

@ lassourcecoralie

#### left wing

- back in France after playing for two seasons in Erd, Hungary
- started playing handball in Issy-Paris, a club her younger sister Deborah plays for
- known for her defensive abilities, able to defend on the backcourt position
- once a regular fixture in the French team, she has lost her place for the last two seasons, but her signing to Brest could bring her back in
- almost played the 2016 Olympics but had to give them up to a last-minute injury



Kalidiatou Niakaté



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#### left back

- just as Coralie Lassource, she started her professional career in Issy-Paris, where they played together for three seasons
- has not played handball since February, due to a knee injury, but she should be fit for the start of the season
- once a player who almost only played in defence, she made huge progress on the other side of the court during her two seasons in Nantes



#### Isabelle Gulldén



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#### centre back

- joined Brest in 2018, the fourth club in her career after Sävehof, Viborg and CSM
- her uncle, Christer, was an Olympic wrestler, who came close to bronze in 1988; her boyfriend, Swedish goalkeeper Linus Persson, is Brest's goalkeepers' coach
- scored all 27 goals from as many penalty throws at the EHF EURO 2014
- MVP and top scorer (58 goals) of EHF EURO 2014; top scorer of CL 2015/16 (108)
- gave birth to her son in July, should be back on the court for the season's start

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



#### Pauletta Foppa

## line player

- one of the youngest players to make a debut in the French national team, played her first game in November 2018, while she was not even 18
- one of the biggest prospects in France on the line player position
- despite being that young, she already knows what it feels like to win a gold medal as was part of the team that won the EHF EURO 2018

FLIRO: G 2018



## Sladjana Pop-Lazic

#### line player

- joined Brest in 2017 and extended her contract for three more years in 2019
- first arrived in France in 2012, played in Besançon for three seasons before joining Metz in 2015, and played in the CL for the first time in 2016/17
- scored 39 CL goals for Metz in 2016/17 and topped that in 2018/19 with Brest (46)
- coach Laurent Bezeau sees her as one of the best line players in the French league



## Ana Gros right back



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@poplazicsladjana

- after playing for Györ, Krim, THC and Metz, joined Brest in the summer of 2018
- reached CL Final with Györ in 2012, and made it to the quarter-finals with Metz in the last two seasons
- despite being approached by many important clubs around Europe, decided to stay in France, a country she calls "her second home"
- had her most productive CL season in 2016/17, with 84 goals and despite Brest not reaching the quarter-finals, Gros finished fourth in the 2018/19 CL with 76 goals



Pauline Coatanéa

#### right wing

- one of the top players to have joined Brest from Nantes in the summer of 2017, alongside Jovana Stoiljkovic
- born in Brest, she moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown, where her family live
- was elected best right wing of the Junior WCh 2012
- made her national team debut in March 2017

EURO: G 2018



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: blue & white stripes Player short: blue GK shirt: red

#### Dark

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

# **Buducnost**



The Montenegrin side underwent a significant make-over in the last years, relying heavily on young players promoted from their own academy. Their form dipped, failing to make the trip to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4 in the past two

However, with stalwarts like Majda Mehmedovic and the competition's top goal scorer, Jovanka Radicevic, back in the fold, Buducnost's ambitions were once again high. The recipe was the same: a defence-first mentality, but their results did not go entirely their way. Buducnost lost both games against Brest, conceding 35 goals at home for the first time in the past 21 years, but are still throwing off the main round with four points.

The Montenegrin side will rekindle their rivalry with Györ in this group, as the two sides met 19 times in the past 13 years, with Buducnost taking only three wins. However, nine of Buducnost's players took part for Montenegro in the IHF World Championship in December and scored a morale-boosting fifth place, as they will hope to carry on the same form in the European top competition.



#### **Playing hall**

S.C. Morača Str. Ivana Milutinovića b.b.

#### Past achievements

#### WOMEN'S EHF Champions League

Winners (2): 2011/12, 2014/15 Runners-up (1): 2013/14

Quarter-final (4): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18,

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

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

Montenegrin league: 31 titles (1985, 1989,



**MATCHES** Longest unbeaten run

**GOALS** Most goals

**GOALS** Most goals both teams

## **EHF Champions League club records**

Biggest win Biggest defeat Longest winning run Longest unbeaten run

Longest losing run Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent Most goals both teams

**Fewest goals** 

Fewest goals opponent Fewest goals both teams 39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015 36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997

14 matches (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015) 22 matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015) 7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)

7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)

40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011 40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998 76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011

16 v Dunaferr SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013

14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014 34 v Dunaferr SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

## Past seasons

|                                     | MP  | W   | T  | L  | GF GA     | GD              | PTS     | Stage         |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| 1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG     | 6   | 2   | 2  | 2  | 130:143   | -13             | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. A     |
| 1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG     | 10  | 5   | 1  | 4  | 292:305   | -13             | 11:9    | 1/2-finals    |
| 1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG     | 10  | 8   | 1  | 1  | 297:238   | +59             | 17:3    | 1/2-finals    |
| 1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG     | 10  | 5   | 2  | 3  | 287:274   | +13             | 12:8    | 1/2-finals    |
| 2000/01 Bud. Brillant Podgorica YUG | 10  | 5   | 3  | 2  | 265:246   | +19             | 13:7    | 1/2-finals    |
| 2001/02 Bud. Brillant Podgorica YUG | 10  | 5   | 2  | 3  | 297:277   | +20             | 12:8    | 1/2-finals    |
| 2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG      | 8   | 4   | 0  | 4  | 215:216   | -1              | 8:8     | 1/4-finals    |
| 2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG      | 8   | 4   | 0  | 4  | 209:219   | -10             | 8:8     | 1/4-finals    |
| 2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG     | 6   | 1   | 0  | 5  | 141:165   | -24             | 2:10    | 4th Gr. A     |
| 2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG     | 6   | 3   | 0  | 3  | 150:154   | -4              | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. C     |
| 2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE  | 6   | 0   | 0  | 6  | 141:174   | -33             | 0:12    | 4th Gr. B     |
| 2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE      | 6   | 1   | 1  | 4  | 153:189   | <del>-</del> 36 | 3:9     | 3rd Gr. D     |
| 2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE      | 12  | 6   | 2  | 4  | 317:326   | -9              | 14:10   | 3rd MR Gr. 2  |
| 2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE      | 6   | 2   | 1  | 3  | 138:155   | -17             | 5:7     | 3rd Gr. D     |
| 2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE             | 14  | 10  | 0  | 4  | 417:360   | +57             | 20:8    | 1/2-finals    |
| 2011/12 Buducnost MNE               | 16  | 14  | 0  | 2  | 453:385   | +68             | 28:4    | Winner        |
| 2012/13 Buducnost MNE               | 12  | 5   | 1  | 6  | 265:273   | -8              | 11:13   | 3rd MR Gr. 1  |
| 2013/14 Buducnost MNE               | 14  | 8   | 3  | 3  | 349:298   | +51             | 19:9    | Runner-up     |
| 2014/15 Buducnost MNE               | 16  | 15  | 1  | 0  | 444:326   | +118            | 31:1    | Winner        |
| 2015/16 Buducnost MNE               | 16  | 11  | 1  | 4  | 433:359   | +74             | 23:9    | Fourth Place  |
| 2016/17 Buducnost MNE               | 16  | 11  | 0  | 5  | 444:391   | +53             | 22:10   | Fourth Place  |
| 2017/18 Buducnost MNE               | 14  | 5   | 0  | 9  | 344:368   | -24             | 10:18   | 1/4-finals    |
| 2018/19 Buducnost MNE               | 14  | 6   | 1  | 7  | 330:345   | -15             | 13:15   | Quarter-final |
| 2019/20 Buducnost MNE               | 6   | 4   | 0  | 2  | 168:157   | +11             | 8:4     | MR            |
| Total:                              | 252 | 140 | 22 | 90 | 6679:6343 | +336            | 302:202 |               |





#### **Dragan Adzic**

#### coach

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

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015, Cup Winners' Cup 2010

Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.         | First name  | Surname    | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth       | Height |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| 40          | Anastasija  | Babovic    | MNE  | Goalkeeper  | 13/12/2000    | Podgorica. MNE       | 178    |
| 34          | Tatjana     | Brnovic    | MNE  | Line Player | 09/11/1998    | Cetinje, MNE         | 183    |
| 37          | Nina        | Bulatovic  | MNE  | Right Wing  | 09/12/1996    | Cetinje, MNE         | 168    |
| 14          | Katarina    | Dzaferovic | MNE  | Right Back  | 14/07/2002    | Podgorica, MNE       | 182    |
| 21          | Ivana       | Godec      | MNE  | Line Player | 11/05/2001    | Podgorica, MNE       | 175    |
| 44          | Jovana      | Ilic       | BIH  | Centre Back | 19/07/2001    | Bosanska Dubica, BIH | 176    |
| 9           | Djurdjina   | Jaukovic   | MNE  | Left Back   | 24/02/1997    | Niksic, MNE          | 185    |
| 8           | Branka      | Konatar    | MNE  | Left Wing   | 02/11/1999    | Podgorica, MNE       | 170    |
| 15          | Barbara     | Lazovic    | SLO  | Right Back  | 04/01/1988    | Brezice, SLO         | 183    |
| 77          | Majda       | Mehmedovic | MNE  | Left Wing   | 25/05/1990    | Bar, MNE             | 169    |
| 10          | Matea       | Pletikosic | CRO  | Centre Back | 24/04/1998    | Sinj, CRO            | 168    |
| 13          | Andrijana   | Popovic    | MNE  | Left Back   | 20/04/2002    | Niksic, MNE          | 185    |
| 27          | Sanja       | Premovic   | MNE  | Right Back  | 27/11/1992    | Berane, MNE          | 175    |
| 4           | Jovanka     | Radicevic  | MNE  | Right Wing  | 23/10/1986    | Podgorica, MNE       | 169    |
| 90 <b>c</b> | Milena      | Raicevic   | MNE  | Centre Back | 12/03/1990    | Podgorica, MNE       | 178    |
| 1           | Marina      | Rajcic     | MNE  | Goalkeeper  | 24/08/1993    | Podgorica, MNE       | 178    |
| 66          | Ema         | Ramusovic  | MNE  | Line Player | 28/11/1996    | Berane, MNE          | 182    |
| 89          | Emliy Stang | Sando      | NOR  | Goalkeeper  | 08/03/1989    | Tønsberg, NOR        | 180    |
| 11          | Sanja       | Vujovic    | SRB  | Left Back   | 25/05/1987    | Beograd, SRB         | 181    |
|             |             |            |      |             |               |                      |        |



# Marina Rajcic goalkeeper



@marina\_rajcic

- returned to Buducnost in the summer of 2018 after three seasons with Metz in France
- followed her sister Olivera Vukcevic (now Erd, Hungary) to Metz in the summer 2015 after winning the CL again with Buducnost
- made national team debut aged 16 and, at 18, was youngest player at 2012 Olympics
- best young player in Montenegro in 2010, and best goalkeeper of Junior WCh the same year when she won bronze with Montenegro

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



# Majda Mehmedovic left wing



@majdam77

- started playing handball in Buducnost, but left for CSM in 2016, made an anticipated comeback to where it all started in the summer of 2019
- likes dancing and would like Kate Winslet to play her role in a hypothetic movie about her life
- named the best left wing at the EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015 EHF EURO: G 2012, OG: S 2012



# Djurdjina Jaukovic left back

- started with handball aged nine in her home town Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former president of Sutjeska
- joined Buducnost in 2013 aged 15, but was on loan in Danilovgrad for two years
- named best young player in Montenegro twice (2014, 2015)
- scored four goals on her CL debut against S\u00e4vehof in 2015/16
- top scorer (71) and MVP of W19 EHF EURO 2015, scored 31 goals in nine games at her first WCh, in 2015 in Denmark



Milena Raicevic

## left back

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



# Sanja Vujovic (née Damnjanovic)



@sanjadamnjanovic

- her parents wanted her to become a dancer, but when she was 12 she stopped dancing and started playing handball, her dream sport
- married to Stevan Vujovic, a playmaker, who currently plies his trade for HC Motor Zaporozhye and for the Montenegro national team
- did not play handball for more than a year before signing a one-year contract with Buducnost this summer
- best left back at the EHF EURO 2012 and at the World Championships 2013

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014 WCh: \$ 2013



# Tatjana Brnovic line player



@tbrnovic34

- scored 34 goals in her debut season in the CL in 2017/18, was named Rookie of the Main Round by ehfTV fans
- impressed during two-year spell at Danilovgrad, and came to Buducnost after Dragana Cvijic left the team
- first-choice line player for Buducnost as Ema Ramusovic is recovering from injury



Barbara Lazovic right back



@barbaralazovic

- arrived in the summer of 2019 after one season with CSM Bucuresti
- until 2014 played only for Krim, apart from a year-long stint with Zajecar, Serbia
- afterwards spent four seasons with Vardar and won two bronze and two silver medals in the CL
- CL All-Star nominee in the 2015/16 season
- married to Vuk Lazovic, a handball player of Montenegro national team



Jovanka Radicevic right wing



@jovankaradicevic4

- known for her energy and extreme passion on the court, is a leader by example and galvanises the whole team
- born and bred in Podgorica, started handball when she was only 12
- in 2019 made her comeback after nine years, when she played for Györ, Vardar and CSM Bucuresti, winning the CL once and losing three finals
- was the best right wing at the EHF EURO 2012, World Championships 2015

EC trophies: CL 2013 FHF FURO: G 2012 OG: S 2012

#### **GROUP 2**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

## Dark

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

# RK Krim Mercator



It has been a little bit of Mr. Jekyll and Dr. Hyde season for Krim, as the Slovenian side won two games in the group phase, only to lose all three home games. The Slovenian champions have never qualified for the main round and lost all games in Ljubljana in their history, yet they will have their work cut out this season, as Brest, Buducnost and Valcea will all visit in the main round.

Losing back Tjasa Stanko before the start of the season was a blow for the Slovenian side, as they are still relying heavily on a core of young Slovenian players. At 29 years old, Alja Varagic is by no means a veteran, but the right back has the experience and the versatility to become Krim's most important player, as highlighted by her 32 goals scored this season for the Slovenian side.

Krim have failed to progress from the main round since the 2012/13 season, yet they are in with a fighting chance for the fourth place – they start the main round with two points – tied with Sävehof and with two more points than Valcea.



# **Playing hall**

Sportna dvorana Kodeljevo Gortanova 21 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia Capacity: 2,400

#### Past achievements

#### **WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 2 Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03

Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06 Semi-final (1): 2012/13

Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05 2006/07

Main Round (9): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

#### Other

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

Slovenian league: 24 titles (1995 – 2015, 2017 2018, 2019)

Slovenian cup: 26 title



MATCHES
Longest winning run

41 GOALS Most goals

76 GOALS Most goals both teams

# EHF Champions League club records

 Biggest win
 36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997

 Biggest defeat
 39:20 (19:8) v Buducnost MNE (a), 15.03.2015

Longest winning run 6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003)

6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)

 Longest unbeaten run
 7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)

 Longest losing run
 16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)

**Longest run without win** 16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)

Most goals 41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007

 Most goals opponent
 47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015

 Most goals both teams
 76 v Buducnost MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011

76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015

Fewest goals 15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014

Fewest goals opponent 12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997 Fewest goals both teams 34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

# Past seasons

|   | MP  | w   | Т  | L   | GF GA     | GD              | PTS     | Stage        |
|---|-----|-----|----|-----|-----------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| 1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO         | 8   | 4   | 0  | 4   | 197:178   | +19             | 8:8     | 1/4-finals   |
| 1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO         | 8   | 4   | 0  | 4   | 210:218   | -8              | 8:8     | 1/4-finals   |
| 1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO         | 12  | 6   | 1  | 5   | 298:287   | +11             | 13:11   | Runner-up    |
| 1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO      | 6   | 2   | 1  | 3   | 153:146   | +7              | 5:7     | 3rd Gr. B    |
| 2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO        | 12  | 6   | 3  | 3   | 302:270   | +32             | 15:9    | Winner       |
| 2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO        | 6   | 3   | 0  | 3   | 148:151   | -3              | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. D    |
| 2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO | 12  | 10  | 0  | 2   | 357:302   | +55             | 20:4    | Winner       |
| 2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO       | 12  | 7   | 0  | 5   | 344:309   | +35             | 14:10   | Runner-up    |
| 2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO                | 8   | 7   | 0  | 1   | 222:185   | +37             | 14:2    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO       | 12  | 8   | 0  | 4   | 312:285   | +27             | 16:8    | Runner-up    |
| 2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO    | 8   | 5   | 0  | 3   | 245:231   | +14             | 10:6    | 1/4-finals   |
| 2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO    | 6   | 2   | 1  | 3   | 175:180   | -5              | 5:7     | 3rd Gr. B    |
| 2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 6   | 0  | 6   | 383:386   | -3              | 12:12   | 4th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 7   | 1  | 4   | 364:334   | +30             | 15:9    | 3rd MR Gr. 1 |
| 2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 6   | 0  | 6   | 364:356   | +8              | 12:12   | 3rd MR Gr. 1 |
| 2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 4   | 2  | 6   | 290:312   | -22             | 10:14   | 3rd MR Gr. 2 |
| 2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 14  | 8   | 0  | 6   | 355:355   | 0               | 16:12   | 1/2-finals   |
| 2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 5   | 1  | 6   | 300:295   | +5              | 11:13   | 4th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 2   | 0  | 10  | 305:374   | <del>-</del> 69 | 4:20    | 6th MR Gr. 1 |
| 2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 6   | 0   | 0  | 6   | 160:208   | -48             | 0:12    | 4th Gr. A    |
| 2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 4   | 0  | 8   | 294:345   | -51             | 8:16    | 5th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 4   | 1  | 7   | 301:335   | -34             | 9:15    | 6th MR Gr. 1 |
| 2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 12  | 3   | 2  | 7   | 297:328   | -31             | 8:16    | 5th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO              | 6   | 2   | 0  | 4   | 158:170   | -12             | 4:8     | MR           |
| Total:                                    | 244 | 115 | 13 | 116 | 6534:6540 | +6              | 243:245 |              |
|   |     |     |    |     |           |                 |         |              |





Late entries:

# **Uros Bregar**

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

# Team roster

| No.         | First name | e Surname         | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth  | Height |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| 8           | Ema        | Abina             | SLO  | Centre Back | 18/02/1999    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 169    |
| 13 <b>C</b> | Polona     | Baric             | SLO  | Left Wing   | 15/05/1992    | Izola, SLO      | 166    |
| 6           | Iza        | Bon Brzin         | SLO  | Left Wing   | 24/02/1999    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 160    |
| 14          | Laura      | Cerovak           | SLO  | Left Back   | 06/09/2000    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 187    |
| 12          | Hana       | Gjerek            | SLO  | Goalkeeper  | 17/04/2000    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 186    |
| 26          | Tija       | Gomilar           | SLO  | Right Wing  | 12/05/2000    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 168    |
| 3           | Manca      | Juric             | SLO  | Line Player | 18/01/1995    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 170    |
| 15          | Valentina  | Klemencic         | SLO  | Line Player | 05/02/2002    | Kranj, SLO      | 186    |
| 7           | Nives      | Klobucar          | CRO  | Right Back  | 06/12/1999    | Vinkovci, CRO   | 182    |
| 2           | Ana        | Kojic             | SRB  | Right Wing  | 04/10/1997    | Ub-Kalenic, SRB | 165    |
| 19          | Natasa     | Ljepoja           | SLO  | Line Player | 28/01/1996    | Celje, SLO      | 183    |
| 21          | Antonija   | Mamic             | AUT  | Goalkeeper  | 26/06/1995    | Vienna, AUT     | 186    |
| 8           | Tamara     | Mavsar            | SLO  | Left Wing   | 01/04/1991    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 178    |
| 17          | Tjasa      | Polajnar Vesligaj | SLO  | Left Back   | 12/02/1999    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 177    |
| 10          | Marianna   | Rebicova          | SVK  | Left Back   | 15/08/1993    | Michalovce, SVK | 179    |
| 25          | Yuliia     | Snopova           | UKR  | Right Back  | 30/11/1985    | Kherson, UKR    | 183    |
| 21          | Harma      | van Kreij         | NED  | Centre Back | 11/11/1993    | Venray, NED     | 173    |
| 20          | Alja       | Varagic           | SLO  | Left Back   | 11/12/1990    | Celje, SLO      | 185    |
| 16          | Maja       | Vojnovic          | SLO  | Goalkeeper  | 26/01/1998    | Novo Mesto, SLO | 180    |
| 23          | Hana       | Vucko             | SLO  | Left Back   | 14/11/1998    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 175    |
| 9           | Nina       | Zabjek            | SLO  | Centre Back | 04/03/1998    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 178    |
| 18          | Nina       | Zulic             | SLO  | Centre Back | 04/12/1995    | Ljubljana, SLO  | 169    |



Antonija Mamic (née Curic) goalkeeper

- despite being only 24, she will be among the oldest in the team
- Austrian-born goalkeeper previously played for HC Lokomotiva Zagreb
- also experienced the EHF Cup with WAT Atzgersdorf



Tamara Mavsar left wing



tamcilii

- born in Ljubljana, where she began her handball journey at Krim
- made her CL debut aged 17 and was named among the best up-and-coming CL players in 2012/13
- joined Vardar for one season (2016/17), reaching the CL final that year
- returned to Krim in the summer of 2017



Polona Baric left wing



@polonabaric

- named best female player in Slovenia in 2015
- missed the WCH 2017 in Germany due to injury
- started with gymnastics but soon turned to handball under the supervision of father Tone Baric, a handball coach



Marianna Rebicova



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- left back
- Slovak national team player transferred to Krim in 2019 from Hungarian club Kisvárdai KC
- another player without CL experience as her former club luventa Michalovce was eliminated three times in the qualification
- in the 2013/14 season scored 32 goals in the Women's EHF Cup with Iuventa
- played against Krim in the past as a player of luventa, when they met in the 2016/17 CL qualification



Nina Zulic centre back

- No. 1 playmaker in the national team, going into her seventh CL season with Krim
- scored a personal best 19 goals during Krim's 2017/18 CL campaign
- can set a fast pace of the game, especially alongside Tjasa Stanko
- her father, Samir Zulic, was a professional football player, also in the national team



Harma van Kreij centre back

- gained experience and improved her game playing for Borussia Dortmund
- Dutch player with good defensive skills
- left Borussia Dortmund to play in the CL for the first time in the 2019/20 season



Alja Varagic (née Koren) right back

- had her first CL experience with Celje in 2005/06
- first played for Krim from 2009-2012 before joining Erd in Hungary for two seasons
- made transition to right back before the 2014/15 season, can play various positions
- one of the most experienced players of the team
- in 2017/18 scored her all-time CL best 42 goals



Yuliia Snopova right back

- experienced journey-woman joined Krim in the summer of 2019 from Turkey's Kastamonu
- Slovenian champions are already her 10th club in the European club competitions
- apart from Turkey she also played in Slovakia (Iuventa Michalovce), France (HAC Havre), Germany (Thüringer HC) and her mother land Ukraine (Kherson, Lviv, Kryvoy Roh)

#### **GROUP 2**



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#### Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Dark

Player shirt: black Player short: black GK shirt: green or orange

# IK Sävehof



By far the youngest team in the competition – with an average age of the roster of 20.49 years – Sävehof have outdone themselves to progress to the main round and even start the second phase of the competition with two points.

The Swedish side can write history and progress to the knock-out phase of the competition for the first time, but will have to improve their attack – they only scored 148 goals in their first six games.

Their defence has been on and off in patches, while they lost two games at home – against Györ and Krim – but they will have a chance to show what they can do against tough opponents. They will also have to focus on their domestic league.



# **Playing hall**

Partille Arena Arenatorget 2 43322 Partille Sweden Capacity: 4 50

#### Past achievements

## **WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 11 Main Round (4): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 2016/17

Group Matches (4): 2007/08, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2018/19
Qualification (2): 2006/07, 2011/12

#### Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16: 2011/12

Swedish league: 14 titles (1993, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009-16, 2018-19)



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MATCHES Longest winning run

36

GOALS Most goals

**70** 

GOALS
Most goals both teams

# **EHF Champions League club records**

**Biggest win** 21:34 (10:17) v MKS Selgros Lublin POL (a), 30.10.2015

 Biggest defeat
 21:38 (8:20) v Györi Audi ETO KC (h), 26.10.2014

 Longest winning run
 3 matches (12.10.2013 – 03.11.2013)

 Longest unbeaten run
 4 matches (12.10.2013 – 10.11.2013)

 Longest losing run
 12 matches (12.01.2008 – 11.11.2012)

 Longest run without win
 15 matches (10.11.2013 – 06.02.2015)

Longest run without will 15 matches (10.11.2015 – 00.02.2015)

**Most goals** 36 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007

Most goals opponent 39 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012 39 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 27:39L (h), 21.10.2018

39 V Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 27.39L (II), 21.10.2018

Most goals both teams 70 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007 70 v Viborg HK DEN 37:33L (a), 14.11.2010

> 70 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012 70 v Larvik NOR 32:38L (h), 13.11.2016

Fewest goals 17 v Larvik NOR 25:17L (a), 14.03.2015 17 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 17:28L (h), 23.10.2015

Fewest goals opponent 21 v MKS Selgros Lublin POL 21:34W (a), 30.10.2015 Fewest goals both teams 42 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 24:18L (a), 16.03.2014

42 v Larvik NOR 25:17L (a), 14.03.2015

# Past seasons

|                        | MP | W  | Т | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS    | Stage        |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----------|------|--------|--------------|
| 2007/08 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 1  | 1 | 4  | 172:191   | -19  | 3:9    | 4th Gr. B    |
| 2010/11 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 0  | 0 | 6  | 163:212   | -49  | 0:12   | 4th Gr. A    |
| 2012/13 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 1  | 0 | 5  | 174:192   | -18  | 2:10   | 4th Gr. C    |
| 2013/14 IK Sävehof SWE | 12 | 3  | 3 | 6  | 318:339   | -21  | 9:15   | 4th MR Gr. 1 |
| 2014/15 IK Sävehof SWE | 12 | 1  | 3 | 8  | 279:345   | -66  | 5:19   | 5th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2015/16 IK Sävehof SWE | 12 | 3  | 0 | 9  | 286:331   | -45  | 6:18   | 6th MR Gr. 2 |
| 2016/17 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 2  | 0 | 4  | 150:170   | -20  | 4:8    | 4th Gr. D    |
| 2018/19 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 0  | 0 | 6  | 144:204   | -60  | 0:12   | 4th Gr. B    |
| 2019/20 IK Sävehof SWE | 6  | 2  | 1 | 3  | 148:166   | -18  | 5:7    | MR           |
| Total                  | 72 | 13 | 8 | 51 | 1834:2150 | -316 | 34:110 |              |





Late entries:

# Rasmus Overby



@RasmusOverby

- one of the youngest coaches in the CL became head coach in summer of 2018 but already worked as a coach at Sävehof's own academy
- replaced Henrik Signell, who wanted to focus entirely on his job as
   Swedish national coach and led his club to the championship title
- in his playing career, he was a centre back with various Danish league clubs, played in Viborg HK and FC Copenhagen, where he participated in the CL in every season from 2007 to 2010
- lives together with former Sävehof playmaker Johanna Ahlm and their son Theodor

# Team roster

| No.         | First name   | Surname          | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth | Height |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| 43          | Agnes        | Aseskog          | SWE  | Goalkeeper  | 20/12/2002    | Göteborg, SWE  | 170    |
| 48          | Thea         | Blomst           | SWE  | Line Player | 27/08/2002    | Partille, SWE  | 170    |
| 1           | Sofie        | Börjesson        | SWE  | Goalkeeper  | 31/05/1997    | Uddevalla, SWE | 186    |
| 2           | Lina         | Cardell          | SWE  | Right Wing  | 19/02/2001    | Skeda, SWE     | 166    |
| 17          | Nina         | Dano             | SWE  | Right Back  | 12/06/2000    | Masthuggs, SWE | 172    |
| 40          | Johanna      | Einarsson        | SWE  | Right Wing  | 22/05/2001    | Nödinge, SWE   | 165    |
| 3           | Emma         | Ekenman-Fernis   | SWE  | Right Wing  | 24/07/1996    | Stockholm, SWE | 172    |
| 8           | Johanna      | Forsberg         | SWE  | Line Player | 16/10/1995    | Göteborg, SWE  | 177    |
| 15          | Ella         | Frykmer          | SWE  | Centre Back | 13/02/1999    | Nylöse, SWE    | 173    |
| 18          | Ebba         | Hansen           | SWE  | Centre Back | 21/04/2000    | Stockholm, SWE | 174    |
| 13          | Elin         | Karlsson         | SWE  | Left Back   | 19/02/1999    | Sävedalen, SWE | 178    |
| 41          | Nina         | Koppang          | SWE  | Right Back  | 31/05/2002    | Vadstena, SWE  | 177    |
| 7           | Thess        | Krönell          | SWE  | Line Player | 30/05/1996    | Umeå, SWE      | 177    |
| 16          | Wilma        | Kroon Andersson  | SWE  | Goalkeeper  | 14/07/1998    | N Lundby, SWE  | 179    |
| 27          | Ida Staxen   | Lagerbon         | DEN  | Centre Back | 12/05/1998    | Næstved, DEN   | 174    |
| 44          | Eline        | Liljeros Heikka  | SWE  | Left Back   | 03/07/2002    | Härryda, SWE   | 170    |
| 45          | Kajsa        | Lindberg Blohm   | SWE  | Right Back  | 09/09/2002    | Lerum, SWE     | 170    |
| 5           | Joanna       | Lindvall-Haggren | SWE  | Right Wing  | 28/06/1994    | Göteborg, SWE  | 175    |
| 11          | Amelia       | Lundbäck         | SWE  | Centre Back | 22/09/1998    | Stensjön, SWE  | 175    |
| 20          | Nora         | Lundell          | SWE  | Line Player | 24/04/2000    | Johannes, SWE  | 179    |
| 6           | Trine Wacker | Mortensen        | DEN  | Left Wing   | 14/09/1994    | Ringsted, DEN  | 170    |
| 22          | Ellinor      | Nilsson Åström   | SWE  | Centre Back | 05/02/1994    | Västerås, SWE  | 176    |
| 10          | Hanna        | Örtorp           | SWE  | Left Wing   | 20/12/1997    | Göteborg, SWE  | 163    |
| 14 <b>C</b> | Linnea       | Petterson        | SWE  | Left Back   | 28/07/1995    | Kiruna, SWE    | 181    |
| 47          | Maria        | Rundcrantz       | SWE  | Centre Back | 21/01/2001    | Partille, SWE  | 170    |
| 31          | Louise       | Rundcrantz       | SWE  | Left Wing   | 05/03/2000    | Partille, SWE  | 174    |
| 49          | Cajsa        | Sällström        | SWE  | Left Back   | 19/02/2001    | Fors, SWE      | 170    |
| 46          | Clara        | Wolf             | SWE  | Goalkeeper  | 16/09/2002    | Lerum, SWE     | 170    |



Sofie Börjesson goalkeeper

- joined from Kungälvs HK in the summer of 2019
- replaced Danish star keeper Christina Elm who left the club to play for Dijon
- had her big breakthrough last season in Kungälv when she was one of the best goalkeepers in the domestic league



**Trine Wacker** left wing

- joined from Danish side TMS Ringsted in the summer of 2019
- brought in to replace Swedish international Olivia Mellegård who left the club to play for København
- considered to be a great counter attack player with her speed and finesse
- averaged over 100 goals a season over the last few years



Ellinor Nilsson Åström

- left back
- joined IK Sävehof in the summer of 2019 from Swedish team VästeråsIrsta
- replaces Elin Hallagård who has left the club to play in BK Heid
- played in VästeråsIrsta for many years and has always been a prolific scorer with a great shot



Linnea Pettersson



@petterssonlinnea

- centre back
- born and raised in Kiruna in the northern parts of Sweden, moved to IK Sävehof when she was 16 years old
- had offers to move abroad after the 2018/19 season but ultimately decided to stay in Sävehof
- the team captain and that is easy to understrand since Pettersson is a great leader both on and off the court



Johanna Forsberg line player

- been with Sävehof all her handball life, except for two years
- played for league rivals BK Heid from 2015-17 before returning to Sävehof
- made debut in Swedish national team in June 2018.
- a tall, physically strong and efficient line player who can play at both ends of the court
- Sävehof top scorer in the Swedish championship 2018/19



Thess Krönell line player

- joined Sävehof from Umeå IF in northern Sweden in 2012, but had to wait three years before making the league team
- played a total of 35 junior international games for Sweden
- a versatile line player and an excellent supplement to Johanna Forsberg



Nina Dano right back



@ninadano

- joined from Torslanda from the second division in the summer of 2018
- at age 19, has already played over 30 junior international games for Sweden
- regarded one of the biggest right back talents in Sweden at the moment
- possesses a good variety of left-hand shots



Emma Ekenman-Fernis right wing



@emmafernis

- joined Sävehof ahead of 2015/16 season from Spårvägen IF in Stockholm
- · can also play on the right back position
- has been one of the club's best players in the last few years with her huge ability to score
- her original club was Rosersbergs IF in rural Roslagen in central Sweden
- was a key player for Sävehof in the 2016/17 season, also in the CL, despite missing a lot of court time due to injury

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#### Kit colours

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

Player shirt: blue Player short: blue

# SCM Ramnicu Valcea



The European top competition returned to Valcea, a city that loves and breathes handball, after a seven-year hiatus. Winning the Romanian championship last season was a huge surprise, but after a busy summer on the transfer market, SCM Ramnicu Valcea failed to get off the mark in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League.

Valcea are the only team to start the main round with zero points, as injuries to key players and the lack of experience at this level surely dented their ambitions. But having three players who helped Spain take the silver medal in the IHF World Championship in December – Mireya Gonzalez, Alicia Fraga Fernandez and Marta Lopez – will be a boost, as their morale skyrocketed after their sublime performance in Japan.

Montenegrin goalkeeper Marta Batinovic and Serbian playmaker Kristina Liscevic also had strong outings in the World Championship, as Valcea will surely like to bounce back. Having a tough battle in the Romanian League with CSM Bucuresti could hamper their European form.



# **Playing hall** "Traian" Sport Hall Str.Nicolae Balcescu Nr.24 240190 Ramnicu Valcea

## Past achievements

**WOMEN'S EHF Champions League** 

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

Main Round (2): 2007/08. 2010/11

Champions League (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99

#### Other EC records:

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners (1): 2006/07,



MATCHES
Longest winning run

GOALS Most goals

69

GOALS Most goals both teams

# **EHF Champions League club records**

 Biggest win
 15:34 (6:14) v Buxtehuder SV GER (a), 20.10.2012

 Biggest defeat
 35:21 (19:9) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 30.03.1996

 Longest winning run
 7 matches (17.02.2001 – 11.01.2008)

 Longest winning run
 / matches (17.02.2001 – 11.01.2008)

 Longest unbeaten run
 9 matches (17.02.2001 – 15.02.2008)

 Longest losing run
 7 matches (21.01.1996 – 16.11.1996)

 Longest run without win
 9 matches (13.01.1996 – 04.01.1997)

Most goals 39 v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 39:29W (h), 17.02.2001

39 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27W (h), 07.03.2008

Most goals opponent 37 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 37:30L (a), 19.03.2011

37 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 37:24L (a), 12.10.2019

Most goals both teams69 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:34L (a), 28.02.2009Fewest goals14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:14L (a), 29.01.1994

Fewest goals opponent 15 v Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34W (a), 20.10.2012 Fewest goals both teams 35 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:18L (h), 10.01.1998

# Past seasons

|                                      | MP  | w  | Т | L  | GF GA     | GD   | PTS     | Stage        |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|---|----|-----------|------|---------|--------------|
| 1993/94 Chimistul Vilcea ROU         | 6   | 2  | 0 | 4  | 138:147   | -9   | 4:8     | 3rd Gr. A    |
| 1995/96 Chimistul Ramnicu Valcea ROU | J 6 | 0  | 1 | 5  | 122:164   | -42  | 1:11    | 4th Gr. B    |
| 1996/97 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU       | 6   | 1  | 2 | 3  | 127:133   | -6   | 4:8     | 3rd Gr. C    |
| 1997/98 Oltchim Valcea ROU           | 6   | 3  | 0 | 3  | 138:124   | +14  | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. D    |
| 1998/99 Oltchim Valcea ROU           | 6   | 2  | 0 | 4  | 154:157   | -3   | 4:8     | 3rd Gr. C    |
| 2000/01 Oltchim Valcea ROU           | 6   | 3  | 0 | 3  | 159:150   | +9   | 6:6     | 3rd Gr. C    |
| 2007/08 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU  | 12  | 9  | 1 | 2  | 385:320   | +65  | 19:5    | 3rd MR Gr. 1 |
| 2008/09 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU    | 14  | 7  | 1 | 6  | 405:376   | +29  | 15:13   | Semi-final   |
| 2009/10 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU    | 16  | 9  | 2 | 5  | 438:425   | +13  | 20:12   | Runner-up    |
| 2010/11 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU  | 12  | 6  | 0 | 6  | 319:319   | 0    | 12:12   | 4th MR Gr. 1 |
| 2011/12 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU    | 14  | 9  | 1 | 4  | 392:371   | +21  | 19:9    | Semi-final   |
| 2012/13 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU       | 14  | 11 | 0 | 3  | 371:319   | +52  | 22:6    | Semi-final   |
| 2019/20 SCM Ramnicu Valcea           | 6   | 1  | 0 | 5  | 148:165   | -17  | 2:10    | MR           |
| Total:                               | 124 | 63 | 8 | 53 | 3296:3170 | +126 | 134:114 |              |





# **Florentin Pera**

#### coach

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

# Late entries:

# Team roster

| No.         | First name | Surname       | Nat. | Position    | Date of birth | Place of birth        | Height |
|-------------|------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 10          | Andreea    | Adespii       | ROU  | Left Back   | 09/05/1990    | Brasov, ROU           | 178    |
| 9           | Raluca     | Bacaoanu      | ROU  | Line Player | 02/05/1989    | Constanta, ROU        | 177    |
| 77          | Alexandra  | Badea         | ROU  | Right Wing  | 22/05/1998    | Bucuresti, ROU        | 176    |
| 43          | Marta      | Batinovic     | CRO  | Goalkeeper  | 20/04/1990    | Metkovic, CRO         | 186    |
| 12          | Diana      | Ciuca         | ROU  | Goalkeeper  | 01/06/2000    | Craiova, ROU          | 181    |
| 8           | Maria      | Craiu         | ROU  | Line Player | 21/04/1996    | Dragasani, ROU        | 172    |
| 2           | Samara     | Da Silva      | BRA  | Left Back   | 07/10/1991    | Natal/RN, BRA         | 183    |
| 20 <b>C</b> | Yuliya     | Dumanska      | ROU  | Goalkeeper  | 15/08/1996    | Gorodenka, UKR        | 178    |
| 6           | Asma       | Elghaoui      | HUN  | Line Player | 29/08/1991    | Monastir, TUN         | 174    |
| 27          | Alicia     | Fernandez     | ESP  | Centre Back | 21/12/1992    | Valdovino, ESP        | 172    |
| 22          | Elena      | Florica       | ROU  | Left Wing   | 11/05/1992    | Creteni, ROU          | 174    |
| 23          | Iryna      | Glibko        | UKR  | Left Back   | 18/02/1990    | Odessa, UKR           | 169    |
| 99          | Mireya     | Gonzalez      | ESP  | Right Back  | 18/07/1991    | Leon, ESP             | 178    |
| 71          | Kristina   | Liscevic      | SRB  | Left Back   | 20/10/1989    | Sombor, SRB           | 173    |
| 17          | Marta      | Lopez Herrero | ESP  | Right Wing  | 04/02/1990    | Malaga, ESP           | 165    |
| 30          | Iuliana    | Marin         | ROU  | Line Player | 11/04/2000    | Slobozia, ROU         | 179    |
| 21          | Ann Grete  | Norgaard      | DEN  | Left Wing   | 15/09/1983    | Viborg, DEN           | 163    |
| 90          | Ana Maria  | Savu          | ROU  | Right Back  | 24/02/1990    | Darabani, ROU         | 187    |
| 88          | Roberta    | Stamin        | ROU  | Left Wing   | 25/02/2001    | Bechet, ROU           | 175    |
| 31          | Madalina   | Zamfirescu    | ROU  | Centre Back | 31/10/1994    | Nicolae Balcescu, ROU | 177    |
|             |            |               |      |             |               |                       |        |



# Yuliya Dumanska

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@yuliya dumanska

# goalkeeper

- born in Ukraine, started to play handball when she was 11, then moved to Romania three years later. Has been a Romanian citizen since 2016
- won the bronze medal with the Romanian team at the IHF Junior World Championships in 2016
- named the MVP of the Romanian domestic league in 2019
- her father was a football player, her mother a handball goalkeeper, while her sister is also a goalkeeper

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018



## Ann Grete Nørgaard



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## left wing

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

CL 2006, EHF Cup 2004, 2013



# Iryna Glibko



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# left wing

- started playing handball in Ukraine, but moved to Romania when she was only 22, plying her trade in Galati, CSM Bucuresti, HCM Roman and then Valcea
- already considers Romania as her second home after seven years of playing in Romania
- one of the most consistent goal scorers in the Romanian league in the past seasons, putting 1,101 goals past the opponents between 2012 and 2019, she was also the best goal scorer in the Romanian domestic league in 2013 and 2018



Kristina Liscevic



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# centre back

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



## Alicia Fraga Fernandez

#### centre back



@aalifernandez

- came to Valcea in 2017, her first international experience, after playing in Spain for BM Sagunto, BM Porrino, BM Valladolid and Amara Bera Bera
- one of the most technical players in the Romanian league, Fernandez stated she had to adapt in her first years as a handball player, due to her being short
- quickly fell in love with Valcea, as she likes the warmness of the people and the atmosphere in the arena

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# Asma Elghaoui

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# line player

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

EC trophies: CL 2017, EHF Cup 2019



# Mireya Gonzales



@mireyagonzalez9

# right back

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

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



# Marta Lopez

## right wing

- took up handball when she was 10, after seeing her older brothers playing
- named best right wing in the French League in 2013 and 2014, when she played for Fleury
- stated that her dream was to play in the CL, this will be her second season in the European top competition, after scoring 14 goals for Fleury in 2015/16
- played more than 100 matches for the Spanish national team, but had a three-year hiatus, making her comeback in 2019

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

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# What follows after the main round

## **Ouarter-finals**

The teams ranked 1 to 4 in each group after the completion of the main round qualify for the quarter-finals. The matches of the quarter-finals shall be played as first and second leg matches. The matches of the quarter-finals are not drawn by lots, they result from the final standings of the main round.

4th placed team Group 2 vs. 1st placed team Group 1 4th placed team Group 1 vs. 1st placed team Group 2 3rd placed team Group 2 vs. 2nd placed team Group 1 3rd placed team Group 1 vs. 2nd placed team Group 2

There is no protection from teams of the same country.

The EHF has the right to switch the home right of a quarter final pairing if the home team of the 2nd leg does neither provide a suitable playing hall at the foreseen dates nor at an alternative date defined by the EHF. Additionally the EHF has the right to switch the home right of a quarter-final pairing if the home team of the 2nd leg refuses to carry out its home game on the date defined by the EHF.

The winning teams of the quarter-finals qualify for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

# Budapest to welcome four best teams again

The DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, the showpiece event and final weekend of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, is bringing top European women's handball to Hungary's capital for the seventh time in a row in 2020. It was confirmed that the 2020 edition will take place on 9/10 May in the Papp László Budapest Sportaréna, which seats up to 12,000 spectators for handball events.

The first WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 took place in Budapest in 2014 and was won by Györi Audi ETO KC who beat Buducnost in the final. But the 2015 edition was won by the Montenegrin side which defeated Larvik in the final. In 2016 CSM Bucuresti topped the podium after a stunning success and a penalty throw shootout against

Györ in the final. The Hungarian champions were forced into another two thrillers in 2017 and 2018, but on both occasions they survived the extratime and beat Vardar. They completed the hattrick in 2019 beating Rostov-Don in the final. In the same year the first opening party was staged at the arena on the eve of the tournament with thousands of handball fans enjoying the presentation of all four teams and also a great performance by the American singer-songwriter Anastacia.

#### Media accreditation

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 will start in March 2020.

- 3 players Anita Görbicz, Eduarda Amorim and Bernadett Bodi were part of the Györ squad at all four EHF FINAL4 triumphs, Görbicz and Amorim are even five-times CL winners.
- 3 countries were represented by the six EHF FINAL4 winners so far: Hungary (4), Montenegro, Romania
- 3 times the overall WOMEN'S EHF CL top scorer was part of the EHF FINAL4 winners: Anita Görbicz (Györ/2014/87 goals), Cristina Neagu (Buducnost/2015/102 goals) and Isabelle Gullden (Bucuresti/2016/108 goals).

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times in a row - from 2016 until 2019 - Györ were finalists in Budapest.

- 4 players scored 10 or more goals in a single EHF FINAL4 match: Nora Mörk (10 for Larvik in the 2015 final), Nycke Groot (11 for Midtjylland in the 3-4 placement match 2014), Isabelle Gullden (15 for Bucuresti in the 2016 final) and Linn Sulland (10 for Vipers in the 2019 placement match against Metz).
- 4 times goalkeepers were awarded Most Valuable Players of the EHF FINAL4 three of them played for the respective winners: Clara Woltering (Buducnost/2015), Jelena Grubisic (Bucuresti/2016) and Kari Grimsbö (Györ/2019), while Amandine Leynaud (Vardar) lost the final in 2018.
- 4 different countries were represented by the coaches at the helm of the four winners: Spain (Ambros Martin/Györ 2014, 2017 and 2018), Montenegro (Dragan Adzic/Buducnost/2015), Denmark (Kim Rasmussen/Bucuresti/2016) and Hungary (Gabor Danyi/Györ/2019).
- 4 times (including the 2012/13 season), Ambros Martin steered Györ to the CL winners' podium.
- 6 which means all times, the Papp Laszlo Arena was the venue of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4. This summer, the contract with the arena located in Budapest, was extended until 2024.

- 10 different clubs and eight different nations were part of the six WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 events: Vardar/MKD), Györ/HUN (5 times each), Buducnost/MNE (4), Bucuresti/ROU (3), Rostov/RUS (2), Midtjylland/DEN, Volgograd/RUS, Larvik/NOR, Metz/FRA and Kristiansand (all each once).
- 10 goals was the biggest gap in any WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 match, when Buducnost beat Vardar in the 2015 semi-final 27:17 ahead of the 2019 semi-final Györ vs Vipers (31:22).
- **15** goals by Isabelle Gullden (Bucuresti) are the high score by one player in a single match.
- 20 goals by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland) are the high score of an individual player at one EHF FINAL4 tournament (2014), in 2018, Groot scored in total 16 goals for Györ.
- 24 matches so far had been played in the Papp Laszlo Arena during the six EHF FINAL4 events.
- 41 goals was the lowest ever score in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 match, when Györ beat Buducnost 21:20 in the 2016 semi-final, followed by 42 goals of the 2014 semi of Buducnost vs Vardar (22:20) and 46 in the 2018 semi Vardar vs Rostov (25:19).
- 57 goals were scored by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland/ Györ) to be All-Time top scorer of the EHF FINAL4 events, the Dutch is one goal ahead of Cristina Neagu (CSM/56).
- **61** goals were the high-score in a EHF FINAL4 final so far, when Györ beat Vardar 31:30 after extra-time.
- 71 goals was the biggest score in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL match, when Vardar beat Bucuresti in the 2017 semi-final 38:31.

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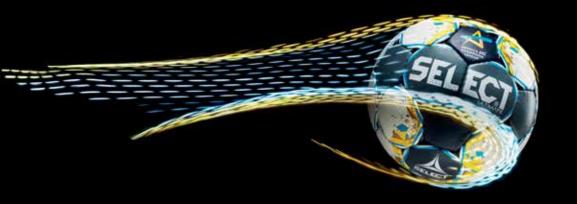
was the highest overall number of goals in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 so far - at the 2017 edition. Second ranked is the 2019 edition by 215 goals, ahead of 210 goals in 2014, 204 in 2018, 202 in 2016 and the low score of 199 in 2015.

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# All-time clubs standings

| TR | Name of the club             | MP  | W   | D  | L   | GF:GA     | GD             | Р        | NP   | %      |
|----|------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----------|----------------|----------|------|--------|
| 1  | Györi Audi ETO KC HUN        | 204 | 150 | 14 | 40  | 5792:4992 | +800           | 314:94   | (15) | 76,96% |
| 2  | Buducnost MNE                | 246 | 136 | 22 | 88  | 6511:6186 | +325           | 294:198  | (23) | 59,76% |
| 3  | Hypo Niederösterreich AUT    | 198 | 124 | 5  | 69  | 5285:5002 | +283           | 252:144* | (23) | 63,64% |
| 4  | Larvik HK NOR                | 202 | 115 | 10 | 77  | 5424:5072 | +352           | 240:164  | (20) | 59,41% |
| 5  | RK Krim Mercator SLO         | 238 | 113 | 13 | 112 | 6376:6370 | +6             | 239:237  | (23) | 50,21% |
| 6  | Viborg HK DEN                | 164 | 87  | 12 | 65  | 4565:4323 | +242           | 186:142  | (17) | 56,71% |
| 7  | FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN  | 160 | 83  | 13 | 64  | 4411:4282 | +129           | 179:141  | (17) | 55,94% |
| 8  | SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU       | 118 | 62  | 8  | 48  | 3148:3005 | +143           | 132:104  | (12) | 55,93% |
| 9  | HC Vardar MKD                | 78  | 55  | 6  | 17  | 2272:1959 | +313           | 116:40   | (5)  | 74,36% |
| 10 | HC Podravka Vegeta CRO       | 130 | 51  | 8  | 71  | 3266:3443 | -177           | 110:150  | (19) | 42,31% |
| 11 | CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP       | 100 | 52  | 3  | 45  | 2658:2582 | +76            | 107:93   | (12) | 53,50% |
| 12 | FC Midtjylland DEN           | 110 | 48  | 8  | 54  | 2794:2828 | -34            | 104:116  | (10) | 47,27% |
| 13 | Metz Handball FRA            | 110 | 47  | 7  | 56  | 2821:2827 | <del>-</del> 6 | 101:119  | (12) | 45,91% |
| 14 | Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD    | 98  | 47  | 6  | 45  | 2460:2410 | +50            | 100:96   | (12) | 51,02% |
| 15 | Dinamo-Sinara RUS            | 94  | 38  | 9  | 47  | 2473:2520 | -47            | 85:103   | (11) | 45,21% |
| 16 | Slagelse DT DEN              | 56  | 38  | 2  | 16  | 1514:1400 | +114           | 78:34    | (5)  | 69,64% |
| 17 | CSM Bucuresti ROU            | 62  | 36  | 4  | 22  | 1698:1579 | +119           | 76:48    | (4)  | 61,29% |
| 18 | Rostov-Don RUS               | 52  | 35  | 3  | 14  | 1416:1271 | +145           | 73:31    | (4)  | 70,19% |
| 19 | HC Lada RUS                  | 62  | 33  | 2  | 27  | 1729:1737 | -8             | 68:56    | (7)  | 54,84% |
| 20 | Dunaferr NK HUN              | 52  | 29  | 4  | 19  | 1395:1285 | +110           | 62:42    | (6)  | 59,62% |
| 21 | Thüringer HC GER             | 86  | 25  | 7  | 54  | 2204:2360 | -156           | 57:115   | (8)  | 33,14% |
| 22 | Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS        | 46  | 21  | 3  | 22  | 1294:1297 | -3             | 45:47    | (5)  | 48,91% |
| 23 | HC Leipzig GER               | 72  | 20  | 3  | 49  | 1792:2025 | -233           | 43:101   | (9)  | 29,86% |
| 24 | MKS Perla Lublin POL         | 64  | 18  | 5  | 41  | 1617:1782 | -165           | 41:87    | (10) | 32,03% |
| 28 | IK Sävehof SWE               | 66  | 11  | 7  | 48  | 1686:1984 | -298           | 29:103   | (8)  | 21,97% |
| 30 | Vipers Kristiansand NOR      | 22  | 11  | 1  | 10  | 595:570   | +25            | 23:21    | (2)  | 52,27% |
| 40 | SG BBM Bietigheim GER        | 18  | 5   | 1  | 12  | 458:524   | -66            | 11:25    | (2)  | 30,56% |
| 46 | Team Esbjerg DEN             | 12  | 4   | 0  | 8   | 305:333   | -28            | 8:16     | (1)  | 33,33% |
| 47 | Brest Bretagne Handball FRA  | 18  | 2   | 3  | 13  | 458:507   | -49            | 7:29     | (2)  | 19,44% |
| NR | DHK Banik Most CZE           | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0:0       | 0              | 0:0      | (0)  | Q      |
| NR | Rocasa Gran Canaria ESP      | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0:0       | 0              | 0:0      | (0)  | Q      |
| NR | ZORK Jagodina SRB            | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0:0       | 0              | 0:0      | (0)  | Q      |
| NR | Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0:0       | 0              | 0:0      | (0)  | Q      |

<sup>\* =</sup> Point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

Excluding qualification matches

TR - total ranking, MP - matches played, W - wins, D - draws, L - losses, GF:GA - goals for:goals against, goal difference,

P - points, NP - number of participations in a group stage, % - winning efficiency

# All-time stats

# **Biggest wins**

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

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 22 Dunaferr SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011
- 21 Györi Audi ETO HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015
- 20 Kometal Skopje MKD vs Granicar Djurdjevac CRO 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
- 20 HC Leipzig GER vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 42:22 (20:11), 31.10.2014
- 20 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 37:17 (17:9), 17.11.2018
- 19 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012
- 19 Györi Audi ETO HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 41:22 (21:11), 05.10.2013
- 19 Buducnost MNE vs RK Krim Mercator SLO 39:20 (19:8), 15.03.2015
- 19 Metz Handball FRA vs Astrakhanochka RUS 37:18 (17:10), 11.02.2017

# **Biggest home wins**

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

- Dunaferr SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011
- 21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015
- 20 Kometal Skopje MKD vs Granicar Djurdjevac CRO 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
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# **Biggest away wins**

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

- Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012
- 18 Larvik NOR @ Randers HK DEN 20:38 (13:20), 07.11.2010
- 18 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:35 (10:16), 03.11.2013
- 18 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 17 Kometal Skopje MKD @ MKS Montex Lublin POL 21:38 (10:18), 17.02.2002
- **17** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ IK Sävehof SWE 21:38 (8:20), 26.10.2014
- **17** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 17:34 (10:18), 25.02.2017
- 16 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012
- **16** Larvik NOR @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 21:37 (10:21), 30.10.2015
- **16** Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ Thüringer HC GER 22:38 (11:15), 21.10.2018

# Biggest lead at half-time

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

- 15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 14 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU vs 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27 (23:9), 07.03.2008
- 14 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012
- 13 Larvik HK NOR vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:21 (19:6), 18.01.2003
- 13 Slagelse DT DEN @ Cem. la Union-Ribarroja ESP 20:34 (8:21), 10.11.2007
- 13 Hypo Niederösterreich AUT vs HC Kometal GP MKD 34:24 (20:7), 11.01.2008
- 13 HC Vardar MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:38 (9:22), 24.10.2015
- **13** HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 13 Kobenhavn Handball DEN vs IK Sävehof SWE 33:22 (19:6), 18.11.2018

# **Most goals**

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

- 45 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 43 HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS vs Byasen Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 42 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997
- 42 Viborg HK DEN @ 1. FC Nürnberg Handball GER 28:42 (16:23), 03.01.2009
- 42 HC Leipzig GER vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 42:22 (20:11), 31.10.2014
- 42 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Vardar MKD 42:28 (19:16), 05.03.2017

# Most goals both teams

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

74 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33 (20:15), 13.01.2007

74 Dinamo RUS vs Viborg HK DEN 41:33 (20:15), 24.10.2010

73 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs Gvöri Audi ETO HUN 33:40 (12:21), 13.01.2008

72 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO vs El Osito L'Eliana ESP 38:34 (17:18), 23.02.2003

72 Viborg HK A/S DEN vs HC Leipzig GER 39:33 (18:13), 13.01.2007

72 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007 72

RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Viborg HK DEN 38:34 (20:22), 15.11.2008

# Fewest goals

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

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

12 Kometal 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

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

13 Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Kometal Skopje MKD 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996

13 Larvik NOR @ Buducnost MNE 23:13 (10:7), 08.04.2012

# Fewest goals both teams

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

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

33 ASPTT Metz FRA vs Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17 (7:9), 10.11.1996

\* After regular time

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# Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

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

- Montex Lublin POL @ Henzo Swift Roermond NED 22:23 (16:10), 26.01.1997
- -5 Kometal GP Skopje MKD @ Györi ETO KC HUN 26:28 (17:12), 11.02.2006
- -5 Cem. la Union-Ribarroia ESP vs Aalborg DH DEN 25:23 (11:16), 13.01.2007
- -5 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:24 (10:15), 17.05.2008
- -5 Randers HK DEN @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 28:29 (19:14), 08.10.2011
- -5 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs IK Sävehof SWE 23:23 (10:15), 09.11.2014

# Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

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

- -6 Ferrobus KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelagets SK NOR 26:26 (10:16), 21.01.2001
- -6 Gyöi 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
- -5 TV Giessen-Lützellinden GER vs Vasas Budapest HUN 19:19 (7:12), 30.01.1994
- -5 Buducnost Podgorica YUG vs Viborg HK DEN 23:23 (10:15), 09.11.1996
- -5 Buducnost Podgorica YUG @ Dunaferr SE HUN 33:33 (21:16), 18.03.2000
- -5 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE vs Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN 26:26 (9:14), 28.02.2009
- WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014
- \* After regular time

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