



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

MOTW Round 10: Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND (NOR) VS KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO)

GROUP B



Saturday 13 January 2024, 18:00 CET



Playing hall

Aquarama Kristiansand

Tangen 8
4608 Kristiansand
Norway

Capacity: 2,200

ROUND 10



Most games vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Sunniva Andersen	11
Marta Tomac	11
Katrine Lunde	10
Jana Knedliková	9
Ragnhild Valle Dahl	8
Silje Waade	8

Most goals vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Jana Knedliková	34
Ragnhild Valle Dahl	34
Sunniva Andersen	29
Markéta Jeřábková	28
Nora Mørk	27

- Defending champions Vipers Kristiansand host Krim Mercator Ljubljana in the Match of the Week in round 10 of the EHF Champions League Women.

- Having lost five of nine matches so far – including the first game after the winter break against Metz Handball last week – Vipers are ranked sixth in group B with seven points, two places and two points behind their upcoming opponents.

- Krim started the season with three straight wins, but did not win any of their next five matches; that series included a 24:24 draw in the home game against Vipers, despite a six-goal lead at half-time.

- Krim found back to winning ways last week, defeating Rapid Bucuresti 25:24 thanks to a buzzer-beating goal from Jovanka Radicevic.

- The Krim right wing is the all-time topscorer in the CL with 1,115 goals.

- Krim have never beaten Vipers in the CL; their only win in 13 duels with the Norwegian side came in a Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final eight years ago.

- Last June, Vipers became the second team to win the CL in three consecutive seasons, after Györi Audi ETO KC had achieved the feat in 2017-19.

- Vipers beat three different teams in their three finals: Brest Bretagne Handball in 2021, Györ in 2022, and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria last year.

- Krim won the CL twice – in 2001 and 2003 – and played in three more finals, most recently in 2006.

- Vipers goalkeeper Katrine Lunde is the only female player with seven CL trophies; she also won the EHF EURO six times with Norway and was named the women's MVP for the 2022/23 season at the inaugural EHF Excellence Awards in June 2023.

- Her teammate Jana Knedliková is the only player with six consecutive CL titles: in 2017-19 with Györ, in 2021-23 with Vipers; no title was awarded in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Krim are playing in their 29th CL season, a record; Vipers are in their seventh CL season.

- The duel with Vipers is Krim's 310th CL match; only WHC Buducnost BEMAX have played more matches in Europe's top flight: 314.

- Vipers' Anna Vyakhireva will face fellow Russian international Daria Dmitrieva in the MOTW; they won Olympic gold in 2016 and silver in 2021 together.

- French international Océane Sercien-Ugolin played for Krim before joining Vipers in 2022; she is set to meet compatriot and former international Allison Pineau, who retires after the 2023/24 season.

Most games vs Vipers Kristiansand:

Nina Spreitzer (Žabjek)	10
Alja Varagic (Koren)	9
Valentina Klemencic	8
Nataša Ljevoja	8
Jovana Risovic	8
Tjaša Stanko	8

Most goals vs Vipers Kristiansand:

Tjaša Stanko	29
Tamara Mavsar	22
Alja Varagic (Koren)	20
Nataša Ljevoja	19
Mirjeta Bajramoska	17

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games:

10/01 vs Larvik	W37:27
03/01 @ Fana	W30:37
15/11 vs Follo	W39:30

Next game:

17/01 vs Aker Toppåndball

Standings as of 12/01:

1. Vipers	13	474:341	26
2. Storhamar	14	466:343	24
3. Larvik	14	415:409	18
4. Sola	13	417:349	18
5. Fredrikstad	13	377:378	17
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14. Aker	13	310:380	4

Domestic league

1. A DRL - ženske

Last 3 games:

29/12 vs Ajdovščina	W38:27
13/11 @ Ptuj	W23:34
08/11 vs Krka	W50:21

Next game:

22/01 @ ZRK Izola

Standings as of 12/01:

1. Krim	7	269:158	14
2. Ajdovščina	7	236:173	12
3. Celje	7	192:177	9
4. Litija	7	177:191	9
5. Velenje	7	180:186	6
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8. Krka	7	153:223	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 11-1-1 (383:329) 23:3

20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:27 (15:15)
27.02.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:20 (14:8)
26.01.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:25 (8:10)
23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (14:14)
12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (9:14)
13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (16:15)
30.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:27 (16:10)
12.02.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	37:20 (17:9)
01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:32 (10:14)
07.05.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:24 (17:12)
18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:27 (11:13)
04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:31 (20:15)
21.10.2023	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:24 (15:9)

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND VS SLOVENIAN CLUBS 11-1-1

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2015/16	RK Krim Mercator	29:27	20:30	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2018/19	RK Krim Mercator	29:21	25:24	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	RK Krim Mercator	37:30	27:26	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	37:20	27:26	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	33:24	32:25	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2022/23	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31	27:21	EHF Champions League – Group A
2023/24	Krim Mercator Ljubljana		24:24	EHF Champions League – Group B

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand 24:24 (15:9) 21.10.2023 (Ljubljana, SLO)



(EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 – Group B)

Referees: Andrej Budzak/Michal Zahradnik (Slovakia).

Suspensions: 6' – 12' (Lazovic 2', Brnovic 4' – Roberts 2', Vyakhireva 2', Tchaptchet 4', Abbingh 4').

Number of 7m: 4/4 – 5/5.

Attendance: 4,000.

	Barbara Arenhart	(2)	Sofie Börjesson		
	Maja Vojnovic		Katrine Lunde		
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	Jovanka Radicevic	(6)	Océane Sercien-Ugolin		
	Tjaša Stanko		Martine Andersen		
	Allison Pineau		(4)		Jamina Roberts
	Tamara Mavsar	(4)			Silje Waade
	Nina Spreitzer		(6)		Anna Vyakhireva
	Valentina Klemencic				Tuva Høve
	Nina Zulic	(3)	(2)		Mina Hesselberg
	Alja Varagic	(3)	(1)		Lysa Tchaptchet
	Betchaïdelle Ngombele				Paula Arcos
	Barbara Lazovic	(1)			Marta Tomac
	Tatjana Brnovic	(3)	(1)		Lois Abbingh
	Aleksandra Rosiak	(1)	(2)		Sunniva Andersen
Ema Abina		(2)	Luisa Schulze		
Itana Grbic	(1)	(6)	Jana Knedliková		

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS NORWEGIAN CLUBS 14–1–24

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1999/00	Baekkelagets Oslo		24:27	ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
1999/00	Baekkelagets Oslo	25:22	23:32	EHF Champions League – Group B
2000/01	Larvik HK	29:17	20:24	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2001/02	Nordstrand 2000, Oslo		34:21	ECh for Club Teams – Place 3/4
2002/03	Larvik HK	30:25	21:22	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2003/04	Larvik HK	27:19	33:30	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2004/05	Tertnes Bergen	32:18	24:22	EHF Champions League – Group D
2005/06	Larvik HK	24:19	23:29	EHF Champions League – Group A
2009/10	Larvik HK	30:34	23:30	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2011/12	Larvik	19:22	19:31	EHF Champions League – Group B
2012/13	Larvik	19:27	24:22	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2013/14	Larvik	24:18	22:28	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	Larvik	21:37	28:32	EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	Vipers Kristiansand	30:20	27:29	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2016/17	Larvik	24:22	36:31	EHF Champions League – Group D
2018/19	Vipers Kristiansand	24:25	21:29	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	Vipers Kristiansand	26:27	30:37	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Vipers Kristiansand	26:27	20:37	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	Vipers Kristiansand	25:32	24:33	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2022/23	Vipers Kristiansand	21:27	31:36	EHF Champions League – Group A
2023/24	Vipers Kristiansand	24:24		EHF Champions League – Group B

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

**Vipers Kristiansand: current run – lost one**

07.01.2024 Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	L 31:29
18.11.2023 Kristiansand NOR	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 35:30
12.11.2023 Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	L 30:29
29.10.2023 Kristiansand NOR	vs Metz Handball FRA	L 34:36
21.10.2023 Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	D 24:24
30.09.2023 Kristiansand NOR	vs Team Esbjerg DEN	L 37:38
23.09.2023 Lubin POL	@ MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	W 20:34
16.09.2023 Kristiansand NOR	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 37:26
09.09.2023 Ikast DEN	@ Ikast Handbold DEN	L 30:26
04.06.2023 Budapest HUN	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 28:24

**Krim Mercator Ljubljana: current run – won one**

06.01.2024 Ljubljana SLO	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 25:24
19.11.2023 Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	L 40:31
12.11.2023 Ljubljana SLO	vs Metz Handball FRA	L 22:28
28.10.2023 Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	L 27:22
21.10.2023 Ljubljana SLO	vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR	D 24:24
01.10.2023 Ikast DEN	@ Ikast Handbold DEN	L 33:32
23.09.2023 Ljubljana SLO	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 32:26
17.09.2023 Ljubljana SLO	vs Team Esbjerg DEN	W 33:27
09.09.2023 Lubin POL	@ MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	W 18:36
26.03.2023 Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	L 30:24

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR VIPERS KRISTIANSAND VS KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

Ragnhild Valle Dahl	11	13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	37:30
Nora Mørk	11	30.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Heidi Løke	9	12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Lynn Knippenborg	8	20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:27
Ana Debelic	8	01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	25:32
Markéta Jeřábková	8	18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	21:27
Markéta Jeřábkováá	8	04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31
Anna Vyakhireva	8	04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS VIPERS KRISTIANSAND

Mirjeta Bajramoska	11	20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:27
Matea Pletikoscic	11	13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	37:30
Tjasa Stanko	8	23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:21
Samara Vieira	8	12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Ana Gros	8	01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	25:32
Ana Gros	8	07.05.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	33:24
Daria Dmitrieva	8	18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	21:27

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Océane Sercien-Ugolin 9 matches, 13 goals w/Krim 6/12 (2020-2022), w/Vipers 3/1 (2022-2023)

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Océane Sercien-Ugolin w/Krim (2020-2022), w/Vipers (2022-2023)

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY AWARDED AFTER EACH MOTW

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 season.

The award is handed over on court shortly after the match.

Awarded players in 2023/24 season:

- Round 1: Irma Schjött (Ikast Håndbold)
- Round 2: Katharina Filter (Brest Bretagne Handball)
- Round 3: Kari Brattset Dale (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 4: Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 5: Jovanka Radicevic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana)
- Round 6: Maren Aardahl (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 7: Ryu Eun Hee (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 8: Chloé Valentini (Metz Handball)
- Round 9: Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 10: ...



VIPERS KRISTIANSAND PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KRIM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Sofie Börjesson	SWE	7	4	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Katrine Lunde	NOR	24	20	1	3	0	0,00	0	0
Julie Poulsen	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lois Abbingh	NED	5	4	1	0	15	3,00	9	6'
Martine Andersen	NOR	2	1	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Paula Arcos	ESP	1	0	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karine Dahlum	NOR	7	7	0	0	8	1,14	7	2'
Ana Debelic	CRO	8	6	1	1	21	2,63	8	16'
Mina Hesselberg	NOR	5	4	1	0	5	1,00	2	0
Tuva Høve	NOR	7	6	1	0	3	0,43	3	0
Vilde Jonassen	NOR	5	4	0	1	11	2,20	4	0
Jana Knedliková	CZE	17	16	1	0	55	3,24	6 (2)	2'
Sunniva Andersen	NOR	11	10	1	0	29	2,64	4 (3)	0
Tuva Pharo	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jamina Roberts	SWE	9	4	2	3	50	5,56	10	10'
Luisa Schulze	GER	7	2	2	3	22	3,14	6	12'
Océane Sercien-Ugolin	FRA	3	2	1	0	1	0,33	1	0
Lysa Tchaptchet	ESP	7	6	1	0	4	0,57	1 (4)	14'
Marta Tomac	NOR	11	9	1	1	14	1,27	4	2'
Anna Vyakhireva	RUS	9	4	2	3	43	4,78	10	2'
Silje Waade	NOR	8	7	1	0	7	0,88	5	4'

Lois Abbingh (HCM Baia Mare 2015/16, Odense Håndbold 2021/22, Odense Håndbold 2022/23 – DNP); Sofie Börjesson (IK Sävehof 2019/20, IK Sävehof 2021/22); Ana Debelic (HC Podravka Vegeta 2018/19); Jana Knedliková (Györi Audi ETO KC 2016/17, Györi Audi ETO KC 2017/18, Györi Audi ETO KC 2018/19, Györi Audi ETO KC 2019/20); Katrine Lunde (Aalborg DH 2005/06, Aalborg DH 2006/07, Viborg HK 2008/09, Györi Audi ETO KC 2010/11, Györi Audi ETO KC 2012/13, Györi Audi ETO KC 2013/14, Rostov-Don 2015/16); Jamina Roberts (IK Sävehof 2013/14, IK Sävehof 2016/17, IK Sävehof 2021/22); Luisa Schulze (HC Leipzig 2009/10, HC Leipzig 2013/14 – DNP, HC Leipzig 2014/15, SG BBM Bietigheim 2020/21); Anna Vyakhireva (Zvezda Zvenigorod 2012/13, Rostov-Don 2017/18, Rostov-Don 2020/21).

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST VIPERS

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	7	0	1	6	2	0,29	2	0
Dijana Dajic	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maja Vojnovic	SLO	4	0	1	3	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ema Abina	SLO	6	0	1	5	5	0,83	3	0
Tatjana Brnovic	MNE	9	1	1	7	15	1,67	4	16' (D)
Daria Dmitrieva	RUS	8	2	0	6	45	5,63	8	10'
Elena Erceg	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Itana Grbic	MNE	9	3	1	5	19	2,11	4	4'
Manca Juric	SLO	6	1	0	5	1	0,17	1	0
Valentina Klemencic	SLO	8	0	1	7	7	0,88	3	2'
Barbara Lazovic	SLO	7	1	1	5	19	2,71	7	4'
Tamara Mavsar	SLO	5	1	1	3	22	4,40	6	2'
Betchaidelle Ngombebe	CGO	3	0	1	2	0	0,00	0	4'
Allison Pineau	FRA	8	1	1	6	19	2,38	7	6'
Jovanka Radicevic	MNE	6	1	1	4	28	4,67	8	2'
Aleksandra Rosiak	POL	3	0	1	2	7	2,33	3 (2)	0
Nina Spreitzer	SLO	10	0	1	9	1	0,10	1	8'
Tjaša Stanko	SLO	11	1	1	9	36	3,27	8	8'
Alja Varagic	SLO	9	1	1	7	20	2,22	5	2'
Nina Zulic	SLO	6	1	1	4	6	1,00	3	2'

Tatjana Brnovic (Buducnost 2017/18, Buducnost 2018/19, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23); Daria Dmitrieva (Handball Club Lada 2016/17, Handball Club Lada 2017/18, CSKA 2020/21, CSKA 2021/22); Itana Grbic (Buducnost 2017/18, Buducnost 2018/19, CSM Bucuresti 2019/20, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23); Barbara Lazovic (CSM Bucuresti 2018/19, CSM Bucuresti 2020/21); Allison Marie Pineau (Brest Bretagne Handball 2017/18); Jovanka Radicevic (CSM Bucuresti 2018/19, Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2021/22); Tjaša Stanko (HC Podravka Vegeta 2019/20, Metz Handball 2020/21); Nina Zulic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2021/22).



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