



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

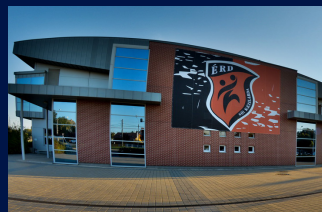
MOTW Round 4: FTC–Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA (HUN) VS CS RAPID BUCURESTI (ROU)

GROUP B



Saturday 30 September 2023, 18:00 CEST



Playing hall

Érd Arena
Velencei ut 39-41
2030 Érd
Hungary

Capacity: 2,200

ROUND 4



Leading goal scorers in the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24:

Katrin Klujber	15
Andrea Lekic	15
Angela Malestein	14
Emily Bölk	7
Gréta Márton	7
Dragana Cvijic	6
Petra Simon	5
Anett Kisfaludy	3

- MOTW in round 4 of the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 is the first time that FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and CS Rapid Bucuresti will meet each other.
- FTC play their 24th CL season, Rapid their second.
- Last season, FTC made it to the club's first CL final; they lost against Vipers Kristiansand – the team that had beaten Rapid in the quarter-finals.
- Both teams enter MOTW on Saturday after a rough start to the new season in Europe's topflight.
- FTC have lost all their three matches so far by an average margin of 10 goals; the 38:25 defeat in their season opener against Metz Handball was FTC's biggest home loss in their CL history.
- Rapid have won only once so far – a narrow 26:25 victory against MKS Zagłębie Lubin.

FTC have conceded more goals (107) than any other team in the CL group phase; fellow Hungarian side DVSC Schaeffler in group A are the only other team with at least 100 goals scored against them.

Rapid have one Hungarian player in their squad: Dorina Korsós; the left wing never played for FTC, but did win the CL three times with Györi Audi ETO KC.

Three FTC players also won the CL in the past: Zsuzsanna Tomori (three times with Györ, once with Vipers), Dragana Cvijic (twice with WHC Buducnost BEMAX), and Andrea Lekic (once with Györ).

FTC's defence specialist Béatrice Edwige will duel with Rapid's twin sisters Laura and Orlane Kanor, who played for Edwige's former club Metz in the past; all three are teammates in the French national team.

Also, three (former) Serbian national team players feature in the MOTW: Andrea Lekic and Dragana Cvijic for FTC, and Andjela Janjusevic for Rapid.

Both teams also have a Dutch international in their squad: FTC's Angela Malestein and Rapid's Estavana Polman, who are roommates when travelling with the national team; however, Polman will miss this MOTW as she is recovering from knee surgery.

Rapid's squad is the second-oldest of all teams in the CL group phase with an average age of 28.3 years; the average age of the FTC players is 25.9.

Both teams are working with new coaches: Martin Albertsen replaced long-term FTC coach Gábor Elek this summer; Rapid switched from Kim Rasmussen to David Ginesta Montes after CL round 1.

FTC have a perfect start with four wins from four matches in the Hungarian league, but Rapid have already lost three times after five rounds in Romania, including this week's game against HC Dunarea Braila.

Leading goal scorers in the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24:

Sorina Grozav	14
Orlane Kanor	12
Eliza Buceschi	11
Dorina Korsós	8
Marta López	8
Alicia Fernández	7
Andjela Janjusevic	4
Albertina Kassoma	4
Lara González	3
Ainhoa Hernández	3

Domestic league

K&H Liga

Last 3 games:

20/09 @ MTK	W19:41
13/09 vs Mosonmagyaróvár	W30:27
06/09 @ Békéscsaba	W26:42

Next game:

07/10 vs Váci NKSE

Standings as of 29/09:

1. FTC	4	157:93	8
2. DVSC	4	123:84	8
3. Györ	5	182:125	8
4. Mosonmagyaróvár	5	161:137	8
5. Kisvárdá	5	124:35	6
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14. MTK	4	100:140	0

Domestic league

Liga Florilor MOL

Last 3 games:

27/09 @ Braila	L28:27
19/09 vs Mioveni	W33:26
13/09 @ CSM Bucuresti	L25:21

Next game:

04/10 vs Gloria Bistrita

Standings as of 29/09:

1. Ramnicu Valcea	5	162:135	15
2. CSM Bucuresti	4	121:88	12
3. Bistrita	5	150:130	12
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6. Rapid	5	135:130	6
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14. Stiinta	5	125:151	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS



FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 0-0-0

N/A

FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA VS ROMANIAN CLUBS 8–1–15

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1993/94	Silcotex Zalau	23:13	17:18	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
1995/96	Ramnicu Valcea	29:23	26:26	EHF Champions League – Group B
2006/07	CS Rulmentul Brasov	30:24	29:30	EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2
2006/07	CS Oltchim RM Valcea	27:28	23:36	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
2007/08	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea	22:32	28:34	EHF Champions League – Group D
2012/13	Oltchim Rm. Valcea	23:30	23:22	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	HCM Baia Mare	21:18	24:32	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2016/17	CSM Bucuresti	26:27	25:30	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2018/19	CSM Bucuresti	28:34	31:36	EHF Champions League – Group D
2019/20	CSM Bucuresti	33:23	24:27	DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2020/21	CSM Bucuresti	31:27	19:25	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	CSM Bucuresti	31:30	21:27	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A

CS RAPID BUCURESTI VS HUNGARIAN CLUBS 6–0–2

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1962/63	Spartacus SC Budapest	16:6	4:2	Champions Cup – Last 16
1963/64	Spartacus SC Budapest	13:5	11:7	Champions Cup – Semi-final

2002/03	Cornexi Alcoa	31:27	24:29	EHF Cup – Last 16
2022/23	Györi Audi ETO KC	30:27	30:32	EHF Champions League – Group B

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria: current run – lost four

23.09.2023	Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	L 32:26
16.09.2023	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 37:26
09.09.2023	Érd HUN	vs Metz Handball FRA	L 25:38
04.06.2023	Budapest HUN	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 28:24
03.06.2023	Budapest HUN	vs Team Esbjerg DEN	W 30:29
07.05.2023	Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	W 26:33
29.04.2023	Érd HUN	vs Metz Handball FRA	L 26:32
25.03.2023	Érd HUN	vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 27:22
18.03.2023	Podgorica MNE	@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 24:28
12.02.2023	Odense/Fyn DEN	@ Odense Håndbold DEN	W 25:28



CS Rapid Bucuresti: current run – lost one

24.09.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Ikast Handbold DEN	L 27:35
16.09.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	W 26:25
10.09.2023	Esbjerg DEN	@ Team Esbjerg DEN	L 30:28
06.05.2023	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 40:31
30.04.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 25:31
26.03.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	W 30:24
19.03.2023	Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	L 29:24
12.02.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	W 27:22
04.02.2023	Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	L 36:34
22.01.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	W 28:22

'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.

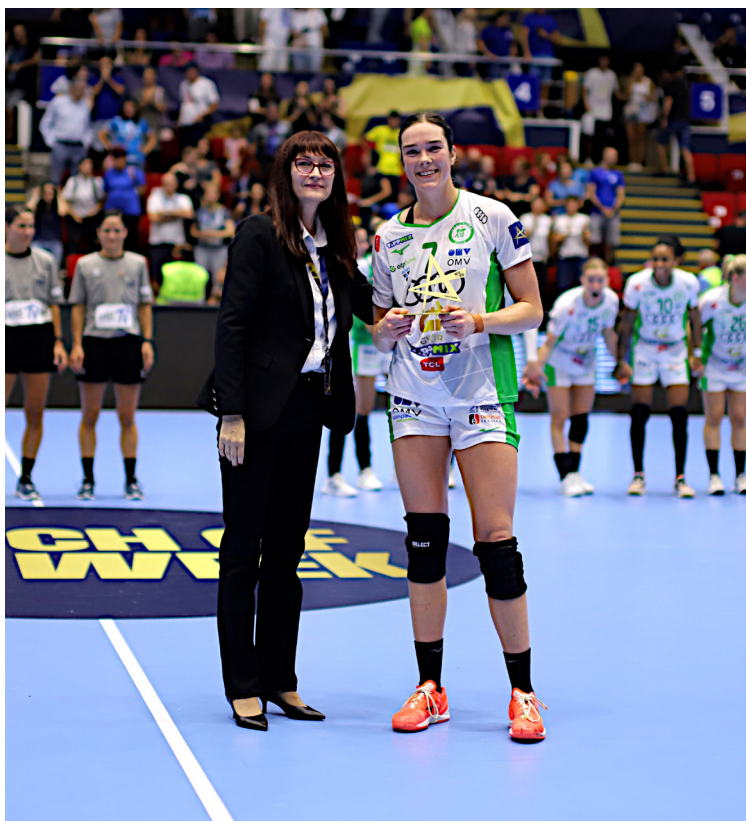
Awarded players in 2023/24 season:

Round 1: Irma Schjött (Ikast Håndbold)

Round 2: Katharina Filter (Brest Bretagne Handball)

Round 3: Kari Brattset Dale (Györi Audi ETO KC)

Round 4: ...



FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST CS RAPID BUCURESTI

N/A

CS RAPID BUCURESTI PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ivana Kapitanovic	CRO	4	1	1	2	0	0,00	0	0
Denisa Sandru	ROU	4	2	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Eliza Buceschi	ROU	2	0	0	2	5	2,50	3	0
Laura Kanor	FRA	5	3	0	2	7	1,40	3	0
Orlane Kanor	FRA	7	3	1	3	18	2,57	6	8'
Marta López	ESP	2	0	1	1	0	0,00	0	0
Estavana Polman	NED	3	2	0	1	18	6,00	10	0

Eliza Buceschi (Thüringer HC 2015/16); Laura Kanor (Metz Handball 2016/17 – DNP, Metz Handball 2017/18, Metz Handball 2020/21, Metz Handball 2022/23); Orlane Kanor (Metz Handball 2016/17, Metz Handball 2017/18, Metz Handball 2019/20, Metz Handball 2020/21); Ivana Kapitanovic (HC Podravka Vegeta 2015/16, Metz Handball 2019/20, Metz Handball 2020/21 – DNP); Marta López (Fleury Loiret Handball 2015/16); Estavana Polman (Team Esbjerg 2019/20, Team Esbjerg 2020/21 – DNP, Team Esbjerg 2021/22); Denisa Sandru (CSM Bucuresti 2019/20, CSM Bucuresti 2020/21).



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