



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2024/25
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I WELCOME TO THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2024/25

16 TEAMS START THE RACE TO THE EHF FINALS WOMEN 2025

Now in its fifth campaign, the EHF European League Women has cemented itself as one of the most exciting and engaging handball competitions in the world since its inaugural season in 2020/21.

With arenas full of passionate fans and some of the sport's top players on display, it is no wonder that the EHF European League is compulsory both in person and online through extensive TV coverage and live streaming on EHFTV.

Once again, Raiffeisen Sportpark in Graz, Austria is the dream destination for the teams, as they bid to reach the EHF Finals Women 2025. A spectacular event last season saw Storhamar Handball Elite from Norway beat Romania's CS Gloria 2018 BN in a dramatic final worthy of the 2023/24 season.

As in 2023/24, the format remains the same; two qualification rounds were needed to determine which 16 teams would secure themselves a place in the group phase. Only eight will advance to the quarter-finals, where we will discover who will reach the EHF Finals Women 2025 on 3/4 May.

ALL FOUR GROUPS SET FOR UNPREDICTABLE DRAMA

After the qualification rounds in October and November saw 20 teams depart the competition, often in dramatic fashion, the only guarantees ahead of the group phase are that all four groups will be unpredictable, and that we will have different finalists, as last season's top two are currently enjoying solid campaigns in the EHF Champions League.

However, last season's fourth-placed side H.C. Dunarea Braila are back and hoping to step onto the podium this time. The Romanian side are in a mouth-watering group A with Germany's Thüringer HC, plus EHF European Cup Women holders ATTICGO Bm Elche of Spain and former EHF Champions League winners Larvik from Norway.

Denmark's Ikast Håndbold won the EHF Finals Women 2023 and are back to regain the crown. They will be in group B alongside another medalist from 2023, Germany's BV Borussia Dortmund, plus Sola HK of Norway and Romania's SCM Ramnicu Valcea, two teams who have come so close to the EHF Finals Women in recent years and will be determined to make that step this season.

Groups C and D blend a mix of EHF Champions League experience in Poland's KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin, with EHF European League regulars such as Motheson Mosonmagyaróvári KC of Hungary, French Paris 92, and Spanish side Super Amara Bera Bera, and teams reaching the group phase for the first time, such as HSG Blomberg-Lippe, JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball and Fredrikstad Ballklubb.

With such tough groups to call, only the strongest, most determined teams will make it through to the quarter-finals and we look forward to experiencing all the drama along the way with you in this EHF European League Women 2024/25 season!

EHF Media & Communications Team

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN
2024/25



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I ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED

'ALL IN' CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN 2024/25

A new claim for the EHF European League's seasonal campaign was launched for the season 2023/24. The campaign's slogan 'ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED' underlined that success in the EHF European League can only come through hard work, dedication, and relentless effort. The campaign will continue with new key visuals developed for the season 2024/25.

The central idea behind the campaign is that there are no givens in the EHF European League. Only the players and teams who are willing to go all in will be able to earn greatness. 'ALL IN – GREATNESS IS EARNED' highlights the work ethic of the players, who are pushing themselves to the limit each week in pursuit of glory. It inspires players and fans alike to embrace the journey that comes with striving for greatness.

It also showcases the league as one of Europe's top-level competitions. This is implemented in a promo video produced by Infront and the media team of EHF Marketing GmbH. It features the dynamic brush stroke element emphasising the energy and intensity of the EHF European League and the hard work players have to deliver – on and off the court – in order to succeed.

The campaign includes new key visuals also accentuating the brush stroke as well as the revamped 'ALL IN' design elements. The official hashtag of the campaign is #Allin.



I STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

BE PART OF THE #EHFEL COMMUNITY

Social media, app, newsletter – fans have the opportunity to follow the EHF European League and their favourite teams on multiple digital channels.

FOLLOW, COMMENT, SHARE

Join the conversation and engage with the EHFEL family on social media. The EHF European League accounts give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news.

In addition to dedicated EHF European League channels on **Facebook** (EHF European League), **X** (@ehfel_official) and **Instagram** (@ehfel_official), fans can also check out the Home of Handball channels on **YouTube** (The Home of Handball), and **TikTok** (@homeofhandball).

DOWNLOAD THE HOME OF HANDBALL APP

In 2021, the EHF launched its very first dedicated mobile app. The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from clubs as well as national teams – under one roof.

The app allows for each user and all fans of the EHF European League to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

[Click here to download the Home of Handball app.](#)

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Make sure all the latest EHF European League news and more comes right to you by signing up for the Home of Handball newsletter!

The weekly round-up of everything that is happening in Europe's major club and national team competitions will land right in your inbox and will be ready for you at your convenience.

[Click here to subscribe to the Home of Handball newsletter.](#)

WATCH ALL THE GAMES ON EHFTV

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, EHFTV has established itself over the past seasons as the meeting point for all handball fans. Since the relaunch in September 2024, EHFTV subscribers have access to full games, extended highlights, condensed game highlights and top action from the EHF European League and other competitions.

Live viewing is based on geo-locations, and fans have the flexibility of choosing from several subscription types based on their preferences: yearly, monthly or pay-per-view. Game highlights and the 'EHF Originals' are available worldwide and free of charge.

TUNE IN TO YOUR TV BROADCASTER

Handball fans across the globe will be able to watch every minute of the EHF European League Women 2024/25 group phase – no matter where they are. Broadcasters in over 50 territories have signed up to tell the fascinating story as the competition unfolds.

WHERE TO WATCH THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2024/25 LIVE BROADCASTERS



<p> AUT – DAZN</p> <p> AUT – DYN</p> <p>AUT – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> BIH – Arena Sport</p> <p> CRO – Arena Sport</p> <p> CAN – DAZN (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> CZE – AMC</p> <p> DEN – Viaplay</p> <p> ESP – DAZN</p> <p> ESP – EITB</p> <p> FAR – Viaplay</p> <p> FIN – Viaplay</p> <p> FRA – Eurosport</p> <p> GEO – Silknet</p> <p> GER – DAZN</p> <p> GER – DYN</p> <p>GER – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> HUN – AMC</p> <p> ISR – Charlton (EHF FINALS)</p>	<p> JPN – DAZN (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> KOS – Arena Sport</p> <p> MKD – Arena Sport</p> <p> MNE – Arena Sport</p> <p> NED – Ziggo</p> <p> NOR – TV2</p> <p> NOR – Viaplay</p> <p> POL – Eurosport</p> <p> ROU – Prima Sport</p> <p> ROU – Digi Sport</p> <p> SRB – Arena Sport</p> <p> SLO – Arena Sport</p> <p> SUI – DAZN</p> <p> SUI – DYN</p> <p>SUI – PlutoTV x DAZN Handball**</p> <p> SVK – AMC</p> <p> SWE – Viaplay</p> <p> TUR – TRT (EHF FINALS)</p> <p> WORLD – EHFTV*</p>
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*Geo-restrictions may apply
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EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2024/25





EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN

2024/25 SEASON

Playing system and dates

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* Number of clubs involved in qualification rounds T.b.d., although 12 teams will qualify for the group phase from this stage.

I 1 DEBUTANT, 1 FORMER WINNER AND 8 NATIONS

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE GROUP PHASE OF THE EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN STARTS

32 teams started their journey in two qualification rounds, 40 qualification matches have been played and 48 group matches await for the 16 remaining teams in the fifth season of the EHF European League Women. Former EHF Champions League winners Larvik, former EHF European League winners Ikast Håndbold and teams from eight nations in total, including four from Germany and three from Norway, will start the group phase on 11 January 2025 in the hope of reaching the third EHF Finals Women in Graz, Austria. Here are the most important Facts & Figures of the competition.

0 teams have been part of all five group phases since the implementation of the EHF European League Women. Ikast will play in the group phase for the fourth time.

1

former EHF European League champion is among the 16 group phase participants: Ikast Håndbold, winners in 2023.

1 former EHF Champions League winner made it to the group phase: Larvik won the top flight competition in 2011, while SCM Ramnicu Valcea (2010) and Larvik again (2013, 2015) were runners-up in the EHF Champions League Women.

1 team which played in the EHF Champions League last season qualified for the group phase of the EHF European League this year: KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin from Poland.

1 club withdrew their participation: EHF European League Women 2020/21 winners Neptunes Nantes; their seeded place in the group phase was awarded to Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC of Hungary, whose planned qualification round 3 opponent, Fredrikstad Ballklubb from Norway, went directly from qualification round 2 to the group phase.

1 goal was the narrowest margin in the final qualification round: Larvik beat KPR Gminy Kobierzyce 73:72 on aggregate after a penalty shootout, after both teams had won their respective home match by a single goal.

1 former EHF Champions League winner was eliminated in the qualification: Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich.

1 participant from the EHF Finals Women 2024 is part of the 2024/25 group phase: H.C Dunarea Braila from Romania, who finished fourth last term. Winners Storhamar Handball Elite and runners-up CS Gloria 2018 BN progressed to the EHF Champions League, Nantes withdrew.

1 debutant in the group phase of any EHF club competitions is among the 16 participants: Norwegian side Fredrikstad Ballklubb.

2 players, who are part of the group phase, have won all three major national team competitions – Olympic Games, World and European Championships – at least once, both with Norway: Camilla Herrem (Sola) and Heidi Løke (Larvik).

2 teams will play in the group phase of the EHF European League for the fourth consecutive season: Sola HK and Mosonmagyaróvár, while Thüringer HC will participate in the group phase for the third time in a row.

3 of the 16 group phase participants have won seven trophies in total in the former second-tier competitions the EHF Cup (Ikast in 2002 and 2011) and the Cup Winners' Cup (Ikast in 2004 and 2015, Larvik in 2005 and 2008 and Valcea in 2007).

3

for the third consecutive time after 2023 and 2024, the Austrian city of Graz will host the EHF Finals Women, to be played on 3/4 May 2025.

4 teams were seeded for the group phase – from the same nations as in the previous season: Ikast (Denmark), HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames (Germany), Mosonmagyaróvár (Hungary) and Braiila (Romania).

4 group phase participants in the EHF European League Women 2023/24 are currently playing in the EHF Champions League: winners Storhamar, runners-up Gloria, Nykøbing Falster Håndbold and HC Podravka Vegeta.

4 German teams – as many as ever before – have qualified for the group phase: Thüringer HC, Bensheim/Auerbach, BV Borussia Dortmund and group phase debutants HSG Blomberg-Lippe. Three participants are from Norway, two each from Romania, France and Spain, one each from Denmark, Hungary and Poland.

5

teams in the current group phase were group phase participants last season, too: Thüringer, Bensheim/Auerbach, Sola, Braiila and Mosonmagyaróvár.

5 teams went all the way from qualification round 2 to the group phase: Fredrikstad, Valcea, JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball, Blomberg and Super Amara Bera Bera – Valcea and Dijon won all four of their qualifying matches.

7 different clubs from 7 different countries have won the second tier competition below the EHF Champions League since the Cup Winners' Cup was merged into the EHF Cup from the 2016/17 season: Rostov (Russia), Craiova (Romania), Siofok (Hungary), Nantes (France), Bietigheim (Germany), Ikast (Denmark) and Storhamar (Norway).

8 nations are represented by the 16 group phase participants – one fewer compared to last season: France, Romania, Denmark, Hungary, Norway, Germany, Spain and Poland are represented again, but Croatia is not.

36

teams in total are or were part of this competition in the 2024/25 season, 20 of them have already been eliminated in qualification.

40 goals was the biggest margin of victory in the final qualification round, when Dijon beat ZRK Zrinski Cakovec 69:29 on aggregate, well clear of the 18-goal difference between Dortmund and DHK Banik Most (73:55 on aggregate).

48 group matches are to be played, to determine the eight teams who will qualify for the quarter-finals.

73 goals scored by Larvik against Kobierzyce and Dortmund against Most was the joint-highest number scored in qualification round 3.

88 goals only were scored in total across the whole qualification tie between MKS FunFloor Lublin and Bera Bera, with the Spanish side winning on aggregate, 45:43.

99 goals in two matches were scored by Banik Most against Ankara Yenimahalle BSK in round 2 – a new record score in EHF European League qualification.

2,323 goals were scored in the two qualification rounds (1,056 in 18 matches of round 2 and 1,267 in 22 matches in round 3), an average of 58.08 goals per match.

YOUNGEST PLAYERS

25/09/2008



Erika Vladu Vladu
ATTICGO Bm Elche

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| 1. Erika Vladu Vladu / ESP / ATTICGO Bm Elche | 25/09/2008 |
| 2. Janne Overbeck / GER / HSG Blomberg-Lippe | 09/08/2008 |
| 3. Marlene Wagner / GER / HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames | 07/07/2008 |
| 4. Daniela Aguado Martinez / ESP / ATTICGO Bm Elche | 23/01/2008 |
| 5. Dilayla Alarstan / GER / Thüringer HC | 29/11/2007 |
| 6. Flóra Hanna Magyar / HUN / Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC | 26/09/2007 |
| 7. Mathilde Rützel / GER / BV Borussia Dortmund | 08/09/2007 |
| 8. Ruslana Litvinov / GER / HSG Blomberg-Lippe | 22/08/2007 |
| 9. Hannah Gutzeit / GER / BV Borussia Dortmund | 02/08/2007 |
| 10. Teresa Anton Valero / ESP / ATTICGO Bm Elche | 23/06/2007 |
| 11. Louane Henry / FRA / JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball | 15/03/2007 |
| 12. Merle-Sophie Muth / GER / BV Borussia Dortmund | 26/02/2007 |

OLDEST PLAYERS

14/10/1981



Lydia Jakubisova
Thüringer HC

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| 1. Lydia Jakubisova / SVK / Thüringer HC | 14/10/1981 |
| 2. Kinga Grzyb / POL / KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin | 12/01/1982 |
| 3. Heidi Løke / NOR / Larvik | 12/12/1982 |
| 4. Mayssa Raquel De Oliveira Pessoa / BRA / Sola HK | 11/09/1984 |
| 5. Marisol Carratu Santoro / ARG / ATTICGO Bm Elche | 15/07/1986 |
| 6. Camilla Herrem / NOR / Sola HK | 08/10/1986 |
| 7. Monika Maliczkievicz / POL / KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin | 15/04/1988 |
| 8. Patricia Machado Matielli / BRA / KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin | 08/11/1988 |
| 9. Kristina Liscevic / SRB / H.C. Dunarea Braila | 20/10/1989 |
| 10. Sarah Aaberg Iversen / DEN / Ikast Håndbold | 10/04/1990 |
| 11. Lisa Rajes / GER / HSG Blomberg-Lippe | 03/07/1990 |
| 12. Filippa Hillevi Karianna Idéhn / SWE / Ikast Håndbold | 15/08/1990 |

SHORTEST PLAYERS

156 cm



Tessa Budelmann

HSG Blomberg-Lippe

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TALLEST PLAYERS

192 cm



Juliette Louveau

JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball

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EHF European League	24.5
Paris 92	24.2
JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball	23.7
Ikast Håndbold	23.6
Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC	23.5
HSG Blomberg-Lippe	23.4
BV Borussia Dortmund	23.2
ATTICGO Bm Elche	22.8
Larvik	22.5
Fredrikstad Ballklubb	21.7

HEIGHT AVERAGE

H.C. Dunarea Braila	177.5
Ikast Håndbold	177.1
Thüringer HC	176.3
Larvik	176.1
Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC	176.0
JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball	175.3
HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames	175.2
SCM Ramnicu Valcea	175.1
BV Borussia Dortmund	174.5
EHF European League	173.9
KGHM MKS Zaglebie Lubin	173.2
ATTICGO Bm Elche	173.1
Super Amara Bera Bera	172.4
Paris 92	172.0
HSG Blomberg-Lippe	172.0
Sola HK	171.7
Fredrikstad Ballklubb	167.2

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS?

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches of the EHF European League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

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

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

GROUP PHASE

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

During the group phase:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches
- b) higher number goals scored in all matches

After completion of the group phase, 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) goal difference in all matches of the group
- d) higher number of goals scored in all matches of the group

After completion of the group phase, 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 goals scored in matches of all teams directly involved
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group
- e) higher number of goals scored in all matches of the group

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 by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of a representative of each club.

QUARTER-FINALS

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be

played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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GROUP A PREVIEW



A former EHF Champions League winner, the 2023/24 European Cup winners and two former EHF Finals participants will fight it out in group A for two quarter-final spots.

Romanian side H.C. Dunărea Braila arguably have the favourites tag, as the EHF Finals 2024 participants can count on the most experienced squad of all four teams in this group. Players from 11 nations including top stars such as Croatian line player Katarina Jezic and Serbian centre back Kristina Liscevic form a strong side, aiming to go all the way to the EHF Finals in Graz again. Like in the 2023/24 group phase, they will duel with German side Thüringer HC; last season, both teams won their respective home match.



Like Jan Leslie Lund at Braila, Thüringer coach Herbert Müller relies on lengthy international experience. His side qualified for the EHF Finals in 2023 and were beaten in the quarter-finals last season against eventual winners Storhamar Handball Elite. THC's squad for the new season has gone through a large transition, as eight players signed for a new club or retired and eight arrived. One of the top arrivals was Hungarian international Csenge Kuczora, who joined from their qualification opponents Vác and made it to the EHF EURO 2024 semi-final with Hungary. But their regular top scorer Annika Lott left for French EHF Champions League participants Brest Bretagne Handball.



Norwegian side Larvik are the most decorated club in group A, winning the EHF Champions League in 2011. The two-time runners-up lost in the final to Györi Audi ETO KC in 2013, followed by a defeat to Buducnost in 2015. But since then, times have changed at Larvik – after financial problems the club were relegated to the second division – but have come back strongly. With an all-Norwegian squad, they made it to group phase by the narrowest of margins, beating Polish side KPR Gminy Kobierzyce in a penalty shootout. The last survivor of Larvik's golden generation is world, European and Olympic champion 42-year-old Heidi Løke, who returned to the club in 2022.



The fourth contender in this group is ATTICGO Bm Elche, the 2023/24 winners of the EHF European Cup after beating Slovak side MSK IUVENTA Michalovce in the final. The majority-Spanish squad – with one player from each of Argentina, Brazil and Portugal – coached by Joaquín Jaime Rocamora are making their debut in the EHF European League group phase after beating the experienced Croatian side HC Lokomotiva Zagreb twice in the final qualification round. Carmen Filipa Claudino was top scorer in those qualification victories.

The winner of group A will face the runners-up of group B in the quarter-finals for a place at the EHF Finals in Graz, while the runners-up will take on the group B winners.

I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP A

HC Dunarea Braila vs Thüringer HC 1-0-1 (61:55) 2:2

13.01.2024	Thüringer HC vs HC Dunarea Braila, EHF European League – Group B	32:28 (16:11)
10.02.2024	HC Dunarea Braila vs Thüringer HC, EHF European League – Group B	33:23 (16:12)

HC Dunarea Braila vs ATTICGO Bm Elche

No previous encounters in European competitions

HC Dunarea Braila vs Larvik

No previous encounters in European competitions

Thüringer HC vs ATTICGO Bm Elche

No previous encounters in European competitions

Thüringer HC vs Larvik 1-0-5 (136:173) 2:10

04.04.2015	Thüringer HC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:29 (11:14)
11.04.2015	Larvik vs Thüringer HC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	36:18 (17:9)
09.01.2016	Larvik vs Thüringer HC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:19 (14:7)
14.02.2016	Thüringer HC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	20:28 (11:13)
07.10.2017	Larvik vs Thüringer HC, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:31 (11:16)
12.11.2017	Thüringer HC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Group C	22:25 (10:14)

ATTICGO Bm Elche vs Larvik

No previous encounters in European competitions

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H.C. DUNAREA BRAILA



In their second participation in the EHF European League, H.C. Dunarea Braila made it to the EHF Finals 2024 in Graz, finishing fourth following a semi-final defeat against their domestic rivals CS Gloria 2018 BN and after losing the penalty shootout against Neptunes Nantes in the 3rd place match.

In their debut 2020/21 season, Braila qualified for the quarter-finals of the competition. The Danish-born coach Jan Leslie, who took over from Costica Buceschi last year, formed an internationally experienced team with players from eleven nations. Serbian team captain Kristina Liscevic steers the team, which is among the favourites for making it to Graz again. Mainly, they count on their rock-solid defence, including Croatian international Katarina Jezic. Thanks to their participation at the EHF Finals 2024, Braila did not have to go through the qualification rounds this time, but were directly seeded for the group phase.

- Croatian line player Katarina Jezic (55 goals) and Serbian centre back Kristina Liscevic (51) were among the top 15 scorers of the EHF European League 2023/24 season
- head coach Jan Leslie lifted the EHF Cup trophy in the 2009/10 season with the Danish team Randers HK after an aggregate 50:46 win over Spanish side Elda in the two-leg final
- Dunarea were Romanian Cup finalists in the 2023/24 season and finished fourth in the Romanian league, the same as in the previous season
- they have players from 11 countries in their roster – Romania, Angola, Brazil, Russia, Belarus, Serbia, Croatia, Czechia, Poland, Spain and Germany
- were semi-finalists in the EHF Challenge Cup season 2007/08, before they made it to the EHF European League semi-finals for the first time

Like in the 2023/24 season, they will duel again with the German side Thüringer HC in the group phase. Last season, both teams won their respective home matches. Before losing both matches in Graz, this was Dunarea's only defeat in the whole competition. As group winners, Braila made it to the quarter-finals and beat Podravka from Croatia twice. Braila now play their 11th international season in EHF competitions.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3

Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21

EHF Finals (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF CUP

Last 16 (2): 2010/11, 2014/15

CHALLENGE CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Round 4 (1): 2009/10

Romanian league: –

Romanian cup: –



JAN LESLIE COACH

- experienced Danish coach, who arrived at Braila in September 2023 for his third stint outside Denmark
- previously worked abroad with two Russian clubs; Rostov-Don (2014-17) and CSKA Moscow (2019-21)
- a former player, who started his coaching career at Team Esbjerg in 2002
- led Randers to the EHF Cup title in 2010 and to the club's first Danish league title two years later
- has also coached various men's teams in Denmark

EHF Cup 2010 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Mirabela Cotet
Diana Lixandriou
Dejana Milosavljevic
Sara Kovarova
Daria Michalak
Simone Bohme
Oana Bors

DEPARTURES

Severin Alexandra
Karoline De Souza
Paula Teodorescu
Catalina Pisica
Francielle Gomes Da Rocha
Jessica Quintino
Jelena Zivcovic
Larissa Araujo
Aneta Udristioiu

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
96	Alexandra Florentina	Prodan	ROU	Goalkeeper	11/06/1996	Brasov, ROU	177
45	Alexandra Maria	Pop	ROU	Left Back	08/08/2004		
74	Ana Maria	Cristea	ROU	Goalkeeper	12/10/2004	Brasov, ROU	185
56	Anamaria	Gavrila	ROU	Right Back	16/09/2006		
37	Andreea Bianca	Mici	ROU	Right Wing	10/03/2004		
70	Andreea Cristina	Popa	ROU	Centre Back	03/06/2000	Bucuresti, ROU	177
9	Bianca Stefania	Neacsu	ROU	Centre Back	01/06/2003		173
89	Corina Elena Romina	Lupei	ROU	Left Wing	12/07/2002	Targu Mures, ROU	175
22	Costinela Beatrice	Raicea	ROU	Right Wing	13/03/2005	Caracal, ROU	165
40	Daria	Michalak	POL	Left Wing	12/12/1995	Szczecin, POL	171
5	Daria Florentina	Mihaila	ROU	Left Wing	05/10/2006	Constanta, ROU	182
10	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Centre Back	23/11/1994	Pozega, CRO	173
1	Elena	Serban	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/10/1994	Bucharest, ROU	182
17	Katarina	Jezic	CRO	Line Player	19/12/1992	Rijeka, CRO	180
44	Kira	Trusova	RUS	Goalkeeper	28/06/1994	Togliatti, RUS	182
C 71	Kristina	Liscevic	SRB	Centre Back	20/10/1989	Sombor, SRB	174
35	Liliana	Da Silva Venancio	ANG	Line Player	19/09/1995	Luanda, ANG	191
19	Maria	Kanaval	BLR	Left Back	19/03/1997	Rahachow, BLR	187
2	Maria Diana	Lixandriou	ROU	Left Back	14/08/2005	ROU	184
77	Mariam Nadia	Mohamed	ROU	Left Wing	27/08/2004	Bucharest, ROU	171
24	Meike	Schmelzer	GER	Line Player	19/07/1993	Wiesbaden, GER	178
21	Mirabela Gabriela	Cotet	ROU	Line Player	27/02/2001	Braila, ROU	176
99	Mireya	Gonzalez Alvarez	ESP	Right Back	18/07/1991	Leon, ESP	178
13	Nicoleta Filofteia	Balog	ROU	Line Player	17/11/1994	Valcea, ROU	176
55	Oana Doina	Bors	ROU	Right Wing	27/11/2003	Baia Mare, ROU	179
48	Sara	Kovarova	CZE	Right Back	09/02/1999	Pisek, CZE	174
8	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Back	17/08/1991	Randers, DEN	169



KRISTINA LISCEVIC

Centre back

- former Serbian international, who joined Braila in 2022 from Ramnicu Valcea
- lost the EHF Cup final twice – with Metz in 2013 and with Team Esbjerg in 2019
- part of team that won WCh silver in 2013, before retiring from international handball after EHF EURO 2022
- always wears the no.71 jersey, a nod to a friend of hers who used to wear no.17

 @kiki.liscevic71

WCh: S 2013



KATARINA JEZIC

Line player

- Croatian international, signed for Braila in summer 2023 after winning the EHF Champions League with Vipers Kristiansand
- won the EHF Cup with Siófok in 2018/19, beating Team Esbjerg in the final
- a true globetrotter, she previously played in five different countries and in the CL with Baia Mare, Lokomotiva Zagreb and Buducnost

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CL 2023; EHF Cup 2019; EURO: B 2020



MIREYA GONZALEZ ALVAREZ

Right back

- Spanish international, who has been playing in Romania since 2019 – three seasons for Ramnicu Valcea, then for Braila since 2022
- also played in France and Hungary, winning the CL in 2018 when on loan at Győr
- also won the Challenge Cup with Mios Biganos and EHF Cup with Siófok
- an avid photographer, Gonzalez has taken part in some photography contests

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CL 2018; EHF Cup 2019; Challenge Cup 2015; EURO: S 2019



DIANA LIXANDRIOU

Centre back

- one of Romania's most exciting talents, already dubbed "the new Neagu"
- signed for Braila in the summer of 2024; previously played for CSM Slatina after being educated in Timișoara and Vâlcea
- scored 51 goals when Romania won the bronze medal at the W19 EURO in 2023
- made her debut in the national team at the age of 17 in 2022; EHF EURO 2024 was her third major senior tournament

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THÜRINGER HC



After beating Hungarian side Vác twice in qualification round 3 (34:22 and 34:29), Thüringer HC qualified for the group phase of the EHF European League Women for the fourth time in the past five seasons. Only in the 2021/22 season, they failed against Norwegian side Molde Elite in the qualification.

Between 2011 and 2019, THC played in the EHF Champions League eight times, highlighted by making it to the quarter-finals in 2015. Their biggest success in the EHF European League was the qualification for their first-ever EHF Finals 2023 in Graz, where they finished fourth, conceding losses against Ikast Handbold – the eventual winners – and BV Borussia 09 Dortmund in the third place match.

- netting 13 times, Austrian international Johanna Reichert was THC's top scorer in the qualification matches against Vác, ahead of Csenge Kuczora (11 goals)
- Herbert Müller is the longest-tenured coach in the group phase this season, having spent the last 14 years on the bench for the German side
- the squad includes players from ten different nations (Germany, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, Italy, Japan, Hungary and Slovakia)
- besides Annika Lott, goalkeeper Nicole Roth also transferred to an EHF Champions League participant, German champions HB Ludwigsburg

In the 2023/24 season, the team of head coach Herbert Müller qualified for the quarter-finals, where they failed against the next eventual winners – Storhamar – after two defeats. THC's squad for the new season was in full transition, as eight players signed for a new club or retired and eight arrived. One of their top transfers was Hungarian international Csenge Kuczora, who arrived from Vác, but their regular top scorer Annika Lott left for EHF Champions League participants Brest Bretagne. On the bench, they rely on consistency, as head coach Herbert Müller, who was appointed in 2010, will be leading the team once again this season.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 5

Semi-finals (1): 2022/23

Quarter-finals (1): 2023/24

Group phase (1): 2020/21

Qualification (1): 2021/22

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15

Main round (5): 2013/14, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Group phase (2): 2011/12, 2012/13

EHF CUP

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2012/13

CHALLENGE CUP

Runners-up (1): 2008/09

German league: 7 titles (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)

German cup: 3 titles (2011, 2013, 2019)



HERBERT MÜLLER COACH

- Romanian-German head coach of THC; 2024/25 is his 15th season in this role, always assisted by his brother, Helfried
- also worked as the head coach of the Austrian women's national team for two decades until January 2024
- born in Timișoara, he played for the local side in the 1970s; then joined Augsburg after his move to Germany in 1980
- coached Nürnberg to three Bundesliga titles – including the club's first-ever EHF Champions League qualification – and the Challenge Cup in 2004, then won seven more German titles with THC

Challenge Cup 2004 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Natsuki Aizawa (Hokkoku Bank)
 Rikke Hoffbeck Petersen (Sonderjyske Handbold)
 Julie Holm (Viborg HK)
 Csege Kuczora (VAC)
 Christina Lövgren (Hallberg If Hallby Hk)
 Sharon Nooitmeer (Sport-Union Neckarsulm)
 Kim Ott (Thüringer HC II)
 Anna Szabo (Moyra-Budaörs)

DEPARTURES

Annika Lott (Brest Bretagne Handball)
 Yuki Tanabe (career ended)
 Vilma Matthjis Holmberg (Chambray Touraine HB)
 Sonja Frey (Hypo Niederösterreich)
 Johanna Stockscläder (career paused)
 Sara Sætre Rønningen (career ended)
 Nicole Roth (HB Ludwigsburg)
 Jennifer Rode (career ended)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
14	Anika	Niederwieser	ITA	Centre Back	28/02/1992	Brixen, ITA	185
26	Anna	Szabó	HUN	Left Wing	11/06/2004	Veszprém, HUN	178
1	Christina	Lövgren Hallberg	SWE	Goalkeeper	11/06/2000	Stockholm, SWE	176
59	Csenge	Kuczora	HUN	Centre Back	26/01/2000	Budapest, HUN	176
38	Dilayla	Alarслан	GER	Centre Back	29/11/2007	Georgsmarienhütte, GER	171
12	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	174
24	Ida	Gullberg	SWE	Left Wing	25/09/1998	Anderslöv, SWE	179
29	Johanna	Reichert	AUT	Left Back	31/12/2001	Korneuburg, AUT	178
C 57	Josefine	Hanfland	AUT	Line Player	19/02/1996	Wien, AUT	180
8	Julie	Holm	DEN	Right Back	27/09/2000	Kalundborg, DEN	180
13	Kathrin	Pichlmeier	GER	Left Back	13/05/1996	Hannover, GER	181
27	Kerstin	Kündig	SUI	Centre Back	02/07/1993	Hittnau, SUI	174
25	Kim	Ott	GER	Left Back	17/02/2006	Erfurt, GER	185
7	Liliana	Jakubisova	SVK	Left Back	28/07/2006	Banovcen, SVK	176
11	Lilly	Janßen	GER	Goalkeeper	20/01/2007	Erfurt, GER	182
28	Lydia	Jakubisova	SVK	Right Wing	14/10/1981	Bojnice, SVK	168
6	Nathalie	Hendrikse	NED	Right Wing	04/04/1995	Amsterdam, NED	170
23	Natsuki	Aizawa	JPN	Centre Back	05/01/1999	Tokio, JPN	160
22	Rikke Hoffbeck	Petersen	DEN	Left Wing	22/07/1997	Sønderborg, DEN	175
3	Sharon	Nooitmeer	NED	Line Player	11/06/1999	Capelle aan den IJssel, NED	178



DINAH ECKERLE

Goalkeeper

- former German international, who returned to THC from Team Esbjerg in summer of 2023, a few months after giving birth to daughter Ida
- first played for THC from 2011-18, making her CL debut for the club at age 17
- joined German league rivals HB Ludwigsburg (former SG BBM Bietigheim) in 2018, later also played for Siófok and Metz
- was the third-best goalkeeper in terms of number of saves at the 2019 WCh in Japan; retired from the national team after the 2024 Olympic Games

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KERSTIN KÜNDIG

Centre back

- started her career at Winterthur and Brühl, where she won the Swiss league and cup twice each
- moved to Thüringer HC in 2020, then to Viborg HK in 2022 and later became German champion and cup winner with SG BBM Bietigheim, in summer 2023 she returned to Thüringer
- needed to undergo knee surgery in September 2024, but was back in time for the EHF EURO on home soil; she is the top scorer of the current Swiss team with almost 250 goals
- was awarded the Swiss player of the year title in 2017 and 2020

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JOSEFINE HANFLAND

Line player

- born in Tyrolia, she started her professional career at Hypo Niederösterreich
- went to Germany in 2015, spending two years at HSG Blomberg-Lippe, then joined her former national team coach Herbert Müller at Thüringer HC; her biggest success was the participation at the EHF Finals 2023
- is a cornerstone of Austria's and THC's defence – and has been THC's team captain for several years
- formerly Josefine Huber, she got married in February 2024, becoming Josefine Hanfland

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CSENGE KUCZORA

Centre back

- Hungarian international, began her career at Vasas, then moved to Vác
- was top scorer of the Hungarian league in 2022 and 2023, moved to THC in the summer of 2024
- won several medals in the youth and junior categories, including gold at the EYOF in 2017 and the W19 EURO in 2019, being part of the All-star Team
- has played for the Hungary senior team since 2022, the successful EHF EURO 2024 tournament, where the co-hosts Hungary took bronze, was her fourth major competition, including the Paris 2024 Olympics

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ATTICGO BM ELCHE



ATTICGO Bm Elche wrote history on 24 May 2024, grabbing their first international trophy. After the 22:20 on home ground, Elche won 28:22 at Slovakian side MSK IUVENTA Michalovce to win the EHF European Cup 2023/24. The almost all-Spanish squad (with one player each from Argentina, Brazil and Portugal), coached by Joaquín Jaime Rocamora, then proceeded to the EHF European League – and qualified directly for the group phase after beating internationally experienced Croatian side Lokomotiva Zagreb twice in qualification round 3.

Funny enough, Elche had been eliminated only by Spanish teams in the previous EHF European Cup seasons, including in the 2022/23 semi-finals against Club Balonmán Atlético Guardes. Now, they are part of the first-ever EHF European League group phase in the club's history, after playing two seasons in the old version of the EHF Cup (2009/10 and 2013/14).

- making it to the group phase of the EHF European League is by far the biggest success – domestic and international – of the club
- Joaquín Jaime Rocamora took over the team in January 2016, when Elche was close to relegation to the second league
- the only non-Spanish players in the squad are Argentinian goalkeeper Marisol Carratu Santoro, Brazilian left back Kelly de Abreu Rosa and Portuguese left back Carmen Filipa Claudino
- Claudino was the top scorer in the qualification victories against Lokomotiva Zagreb (28:21, 32:28) with 14 goals
- right at the start of this season, Elche beat Benfica in the semi-final of the Supercopa Iberico, a Spanish-Portuguese competition

Elche were founded in 1959 and have been constantly playing in the first Spanish league since 2007, while their biggest domestic success was winning the Queen's Cup in 2021. In the same year, they won the Spanish Supercup. Many famous players wore Elche's jersey in the past, like former IHF World Player Alexandra do Nascimento or current Spanish internationals Lara González and Lysa Tchaptchet.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

EHF EUROPEAN CUP

Winners (1): 2023/24

Semi-finals (1): 2022/23

Quarter-finals (1): 2021/22

Last 16 (1): 2020/21

EHF CUP

Last 16 (1): 2013/14

Round 3 (1): 2009/10

Spanish league: one title (2024)

Spanish cup: one title (2021)



JOAQUÍN JAIME ROCAMORA CASES

COACH

- took over the team in January 2016, when Elche was close to relegation to the second league
- formed a team of young, local talents with some international experience
- Elche's right back Maria Flores is his wife
- steered the club to major successes in recent years such as the EHF European Cup trophy, and Spanish league and cup titles

EHF European Cup 2023/24 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

DEPARTURES

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
23	Carmen	Prelchi Gallego	ESP	Line Player	23/08/1999	Vigo, ESP	171
81	Carmen Filipa	Claudino Figueiredo	POR	Left Back	03/01/2005	Tavira, POR	177
13	Clara	Gascó Arranz	ESP	Right Wing	27/05/2000	Onda, ESP	174
11	Daniela	Aguado Martinez	ESP	Right Back	23/01/2008	Petrer, ESP	169
7	Erika	Vladu Vladu	ESP	Right Wing	25/09/2008	Onda, ESP	175
21	Esther	Martín-Buro Sánchez	ESP	Right Back	17/01/2005	Bolaños, ESP	179
77	Kelly	De Abreu Rosa	BRA	Left Back	25/01/2004	Brasilia, BRA	178
6	Lisa	Oppedal Weichbrodt	ESP	Left Wing	20/12/2003	Alicante, ESP	178
10	Maria	Carrillo Ruiz-Huidobro	ESP	Left Wing	27/01/2004	Alicante, ESP	170
C 14	Maria	Flores Adsuara	ESP	Right Back	04/10/1991	Almazora, ESP	168
1	Marisol	Carratu Santoro	ARG	Goalkeeper	15/07/1986	Buenos Aires, ARG	176
12	Nicole Alejandra	Morales Claire	ESP	Goalkeeper	05/08/1998	Santa Cruz, BOL	173
93	Noelia	Solla Prado	ESP	Line Player	22/09/2004	Pontevedra, ESP	171
27	Paola	Bernabe Cobos	ESP	Centre Back	11/08/2003	Torrevieja, ESP	173
8	Patricia	Mendez Garcia	ESP	Centre Back	08/02/2000	Elche, ESP	169
4	Paula María	Agulló Pelegrin	ESP	Right Wing	10/06/2005	Alicante, ESP	165
25	Teresa	Anton Valero	ESP	Goalkeeper	23/06/2007	Elche, ESP	170
19	Udane	Bernabe Cobos	ESP	Goalkeeper	03/05/2006	Torrevieja, ESP	171
33	Vanesa	Rubio Wittich	ESP	Line Player	17/04/2004	Valencia, ESP	180
15	Zaira	Benítez Gómez	ESP	Centre Back	25/04/2002	Elda, ESP	175



MARISOL CARRATU SANTORO

Goalkeeper

- is the oldest and most experienced player in Elche's squad
- has played for Elche since 2023, arrived from Atletico Guardes, where she spent nine seasons in the EHF club competitions
- played for French club Noisy La Grande in the 2018/19 season before returning to Spain
- is an Argentina national team goalkeeper with more than 100 caps
- played in four World Championships so far and won several medals on the continental stage with Argentina



CARMEN FILIPA CLAUDINO FIGUEIREDO

Left back

- Portuguese talent, who played for all her country's youth and junior national teams
- since 2023 has been part of the Portugal senior team, and was included in the EHF EURO 2024 squad
- arrived from Portuguese club Clube Desportivo Gil Eanes in the summer of 2024 in Elche
- scored 276 goals in the 2023/24 season in the Portuguese league
- is a powerful shooter and was one of Elche's top scorers in qualification

 @carmen_figueiredo_



MARIA FLORES ADSUARA

Right back

- has played for Elche since 2011, excluding the 2014/15 season, which she spent at Murcia
- was named as the best defender of the Spanish league three times
- of Elche's current squad, she has made the most appearances; more than 300 in domestic competitions
- is the long-term captain of her team

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LISA OPPEDAL WEICHBRODT

Left wing

- played for Torrevieja before she joined Elche in 2023
- suffered a severe knee injury in her first season, but was back in the team in time for the EHF European Cup final
- featured for the Spanish youth and junior teams, became part of the women's team in 2024 and played at EHF EURO 2024
- won gold at the 2024 FISU World University Championships Handball

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GROUP A



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KIT COLOURS

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: grey/pink

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: pink/grey



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LARVIK



Larvik are the only former EHF Champions League winners among the 16 group phase participants. In 2011, they beat the Spanish side Itxako in the finals – at that time steered by the upcoming Norwegian women's head coach Ole Gjekstad. One of two last survivors of this team is Heidi Løke, who returned to Larvik in 2022 after playing for several top clubs all over Europe. At the age of 42, she is the leader of the all-Norwegian squad, coached by Arne Senstad, who in parallel is the coach of the Polish women's team.

Larvik were constant participants of EHF club competitions from 1994 until 2019; in 2015, they made it to the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest for the third time, after 2011 and 2013, but lost to Buducnost in the final – the last highlight of this famous club, which intermediately suffered from financial problems. But even after being relegated to the second division, they managed to restart.

- besides winning the EHF Champions League, Larvik were winners of the Cup Winners' Cup in 2005 and 2008 and were finalists of the EHF Cup in 1996
- Heidi Løke is one of the most decorated handball players ever, being IHF Player of the Year in 2011, winning gold medals at the Olympic Games (2012), the IHF Women's World Championships (2011, 2015) and EHF EUROs (2008, 2010, 2014, 2020). Besides, she won the EHF Champions League five times with three different clubs: Larvik, Győr and Vipers (2010/11, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2020/21)
- Maja Furu Sæteren was the shining star in the qualification, netting 24 times in the two matches against Kobierzyce, including 14 in the second leg
- in the 2023/24 season, Larvik were eliminated in the EHF European League qualification by Costa del Sol Malaga
- the line-up is only composed of Norwegian players

Larvik failed in the qualification for the EHF European League group phase in the previous season, but now they were the victorious side against the Polish team KPR Gminy Kobierzyce, winning the penalty shootout after both clubs had won their home matches by a one-goal margin. From 2005 until 2017, Larvik were Norwegian champions – and the base for almost the whole highly successful national team.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 2

Qualification (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Winners (1): 2010/11

Runners-up (2): 2012/13, 2014/15

Semi-finals (4): 2001/02, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2011/12

Quarter-finals (5): 2000/01, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2015/16, 2016/17

Main round (1): 2013/14

Group matches (7): 1994/95, 1997/98, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2017/18, 2018/19

EHF CUP

Quarter-finals (1): 2017/18

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Winners (2): 2004/05, 2007/08

Runners-up (1): 2008/09

Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2005/06

Quarter-finals (1): 1998/99

Last 16 (1): 1999/00

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Runners-up (1): 2007/08

Norwegian league: 19 titles (1994, 1997, 2000-03, 2005-17)

Norwegian cup: 17 titles (1996, 1998, 2000, 2003-07, 2009-17)



ARNE SENSTAD COACH

- played for clubs in his native Norway and in Switzerland during his own time on court
- head coach of Larvik since 2023, is bringing a young team back to old heights
- previously coach of the women's teams at Storhamar Handball Elite and Oppsal, where he was awarded best coach in the Norwegian league in 2011/12 and 2018/19
- took over the Polish national team from Leszek Krowicki in August 2019; in 2020, started a big transition to rebuild the team with many young players
- the EHF EURO 2024 was his fifth major tournament with Poland

ARRIVALS

Julie Hulleberg (Fredrikstad BK)
Sara Berg (Fana IL)
Kine Tveter (youth category)
Bertine Johnsen
Silje Fure
Mari Kirkeby Stensrud

DEPARTURES

Silje Vinjevoll
Kaja Kristensen
Polina Gencheva
Dorthe Groa
Thea Bakås
Ingrid Lauritzen
Mia Wold (All Pors Handball)
Marianne Haugsted (Bjerringbro FH)
Emma Døvlø (Glassverket)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
24	Amanda Maria	Kurtovic	NOR	Right Back	25/07/1991	Karlskrona, SWE	170
C 22	Andrea	Rønning	NOR	Centre Back	30/01/1995	Skien, NOR	178
77	Astrid Vasvik	Løke	NOR	Right Wing	23/07/2002	Sandefjord, NOR	178
4	Charlotte Koffeld	Iversen	NOR	Right Wing	22/06/2003	Skiptvet, NOR	170
1	Eli Smørgrav	Skogstrand	NOR	Goalkeeper	21/03/2000	Sandefjord, NOR	177
15	Guro	Ramberg	NOR	Right Wing	04/08/2001	Larvik, NOR	168
55	Heidi	Løke	NOR	Line Player	12/12/1982	Sandefjord, NOR	177
20	Ingrid	Vinjevoll	NOR	Left Back	11/12/2003	Skien, NOR	179
10	Julie	Hulleberg	NOR	Left Back	15/06/2001	Råde, NOR	170
6	Kine	Tveter	NOR	Centre Back	04/02/2005	Larvik, NOR	170
5	Kine Hauge	Kvalsund	NOR	Left Wing	28/06/1993	Kvalsund, NOR	170
16	Lea	Løkke-Øwre	NOR	Goalkeeper	12/01/2001	Farsund, NOR	176
26	Maja Furu	Sæteren	NOR	Left Back	14/05/2003	Kragerø, NOR	177
8	Nora Evelina Cecilia	Rosenberg	NOR	Left Back	15/03/2005	Larvik, NOR	181
7	Sara	Berg	NOR	Left Wing	09/09/2001	Bergen, NOR	170
25	Tiril Birgitte	Rosenberg	NOR	Line Player	15/07/2002	Oslo, NOR	177
18	Tirill A. Solumsmoen	Mørch	NOR	Line Player	18/08/2000	Sigdal, NOR	177
30	Bertine	Johnsen	NOR	Goalkeeper	18/01/2004	Arendal, NOR	178
9	Silje	Fure	NOR	Line Player	21/04/2005	Larvik, NOR	177
3	Mari	Kirkeby Stensrud	NOR	Left Back	03/10/2003	Skreia, NOR	175



MAJA FURU SÆTEREN

Left back

- arrived at Larvik at the age of 17 in 2020, only to tear her ACL in one of her first games
- in the next season was awarded the title of best rookie of the Norwegian league; in the 2022/23 season, was named best left back in the Norwegian league
- steered Norway to the gold medal at the IHF Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2023; one week later, made her debut in the women's national team and won the silver medal at the 2023 IHF Women's World Championship
- was top scorer in the Norwegian league in 2023/24 with 234 goals, breaking the previous record; was Larvik's top scorer in qualification with 24 goals in two matches

@majasaeteren

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HEIDI LØKE

Line player

- is the only former IHF Player of the Year in this EHF European League season, taking the award in 2011
- this is her third stint at Larvik (2000-2002, 2008-2011 and 2022-)
- is a five-time EHF Champions League winner with Larvik, Györi Audi ETO KC and Vipers Kristiansand, and won all major trophies with the Norwegian national team
- has won the Norwegian league, Norwegian cup, Hungarian league and Hungarian cup five times each
- is mother of three children; her brother Frank was also a Norwegian international

@lokeheidi

CL: 2010/11, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2020/21

OG: G 2012, B 2016, WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017, EHF EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, 2020; S 2012



AMANDA MARIA KURTOVIC

Right back

- was part of the legendary Larvik team which won the CL in 2011, and now in her third stint at the club (2010-2012, 2015-2017 and 2022-)
- between those stints, was a handball globetrotter, playing for Viborg HK/DEN, CSM Bucuresti/ROU, Györi Audi ETO KC/HUN, Kastamonu/TUR and H.C. Dunarea Braila/ROU
- has been a national champion in five different countries; won six medals with the Norwegian national team, including gold in all major competitions
- was on maternity leave in the 2023/24 season and now is playing her seventh season for Larvik

@amanda_kurtovic

CL 2011, CWC 2014

OG: G 2012, B 2016, WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017, EHF EURO: G 2016



SARA BERG

Left wing

- born in Bergen, began her handball career with Fyllingen at the age of 16
- moved to Fana in 2019 and played her first season in the EL in 2022/23, when she was Fana's top scorer, scoring 60 times
- made her debut in the Norway national team in 2023 and was part of the extended squad for EHF EURO 2024
- arrived in Larvik in the summer of 2024, scoring seven goals in EL qualification

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GROUP B PREVIEW



On paper, group B is the strongest in this EHF European League season – composed of former winners Ikast Håndbold, former EHF Finals participants BV Borussia Dortmund, regular quarter-finals participants Sola HK and former EHF European Cup winners and EHF Champions League finalists, SCM Ramnicu Valcea.

In 2023, Ikast Håndbold won the inaugural EHF Finals in Graz, beating their domestic rivals Nykøbing Falster Håndbold in the final. After one year in the EHF Champions League, they are back, directly seeded to the group phase and guided by new coach, Søren Hansen. Ikast count on an almost all-Scandinavian squad, only exception is Marketa Jerabkova from Czechia. Though one of Ikast's top stars left the club this summer, Emma Friis, the Danish side belongs among the favourites to go all the way again. Under its former names, the club has won five European trophies to date.



Talking of big names, Sola HK tops them all with their 38-year-old left wing Camilla Herrem, one of the driving forces of the Norwegian national team and part of their golden EHF EURO 2024 squad. Herrem is a world, European and Olympic champion and has played in 20 major competitions for Norway so far. In the qualification matches of the current EHF European League season against LC Brühl Handball from Switzerland, she was her side's top scorer with 18 goals, and her husband Steffen Stegavik is the coach of Sola's almost all-Norwegian squad. Since the 2021/22 season, Sola HK have been constant participants of the EHF European League and made it to the quarter-finals three times, but now want more.



BV Borussia Dortmund – the handball division of the famous football club – were part of the EHF Finals 2023 in Graz, finishing third, before being eliminated in qualification for the 2023/24 edition against H.C Dunarea Braila from Romania. This season, the German side, coached by former Germany and Netherlands national team coach Henk Groener – comfortably beat DHK Banik Most from Czechia by an aggregate of 73:55 in qualification. The squad is a mixture of internationally-experienced players such as Dutch goalkeeper Tess Lieder (formally Wester), her compatriot Kelly Vollebregt, who arrived from Nantes ahead of this season, Spanish international Carmen Campos Costa and talents from their own youth programme, such as Dana Bleckmann.



SCM Ramnicu Valcea did not have any problems in their four qualification matches, either, beating HC DAC Dunajská Streda from Slovakia and DVSC Schaeffler from Hungary twice each. The current squad is quite international and highlighted by several top stars such as 2021 IHF Women's World Championship top scorer Nathalie Hagman from Sweden and Czech talent Charlotte Cholevová. In 2010, Valcea were EHF Champions League finalists. It is Valcea's third appearance in the group phase of the European League after 2021/22 and 2022/23, when they made it to the quarter-finals on both occasions.

I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP B

Ikast Håndbold vs BV Borussia Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

Ikast Håndbold vs Sola HK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Ikast Håndbold vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea 4-0-0 (115:96) 8:0

10.11.2018	Herning-Ikast Handbold vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	22:16 (7:5)
18.11.2018	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Herning-Ikast Handbold, EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3	19:21 (14:10)
27.03.2022	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Herning-Ikast Handbold, EHF European League – Quarter-final	33:39 (17:20)
02.04.2022	Herning-Ikast Handbold vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, EHF European League – Quarter-final	33:28 (16:12)

BV Borussia Dortmund vs Sola HK

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia Dortmund vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea

10.02.2021	SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	0:10 (0:0)*
10.02.2021	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	0:10 (0:0)*

* Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stat.

Sola HK vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP B



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Goalkeeper shirt: light blue

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IKAST HÅNDBOLD



Ikast are the only previous EHF European League champions among the 16 group phase participants. In 2023, they won the EHF Finals in Graz, beating their domestic rivals Nykøbing in the final. After one year in the EHF Champions League and getting eliminated by eventual finalists Bietigheim in the play-offs, they are back in the EHF European League and were directly seeded for the group phase.

The new coach is Søren Hansen, the successor of Kasper Christensen, who was at the helm from 2020 until 2024. In addition, one of Ikast's top stars left the club this summer: Emma Friis, who joined EHF Champions League participants CSM Bucuresti. Under different previous names (Ikast-Bording, FC Midtjylland, Ikast-Herning) the club won several European Cup trophies before: the Cup Winners' Cup in 2004 and 2015, the former EHF Cup in 2002 and 2011 and the City Cup in 1998.

- top star is Markéta Jerábková, who won the EHF Champions League twice with Vipers in 2022 and 2023 and was awarded MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2022; the left back, who was the top scorer of the 2023 IHF Women's World Championship, arrived at Ikast in 2023
- since 1994, Ikast (under different names) have constantly been part of EHF club competitions, including 12 seasons in the EHF Champions League
- three times in a row, from 2021 to 2023, they were constant participants in the EHF Finals, and finally won the trophy in 2023 in Graz; in 2021, they lost the semi-final against Siófok KC, while in 2022 they were defeated by eventual winners Bietigheim
- with only one point less than group winners Metz, they finished the group phase of the EHF Champions League 2023/24 season third-ranked, but had the best attack of all 16 group phase participants
- before arriving as the new head coach at Ikast, Søren Hansen was coach at Holstebro and Mors-Thy

Besides, Ikast were the first-ever Danish team at the EHF FINAL4 at their debut in 2014. Four times, Ikast have been Danish league champions, the latest in 2015, and eight times they won the Danish cup, most recently in 2019. Except for former EHF Champions League winner and 2023 IHF Women's World Championship top scorer Markéta Jerábková from Czechia, the squad is composed only of players from Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden and Norway).



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25 season): 4

Winners (1): 2022/23

Semi-finals (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Semi-finals (2): 2002/03, 2013/14

Quarter-finals (4): 1998/99, 2004/05, 2016/17, 2017/18

Play-offs (1): 2023/24

Main Round (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16

Group Matches (1): 2003/04

Qualification (1): 2014/15

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Winners (2): 2003/04, 2014/15

EHF CUP

Winners (2): 2001/02, 2010/11

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Winners (1): 1997/98

CITY CUP

Winners (1): 1997/98

Danish league: one title as FC Midtjylland (2015)

Danish cup: one title (2019)



SØREN HANSEN COACH

- Danish coach and former line player, who spent most of his professional career at TTH Holstebro
- was an assistant coach at Holstebro for both the men's and women's teams before signing as the head coach of Mors-Thy Handball in 2017; won the Cup Winners' Cup with the women's side in 2015/2016
- returned to Holstebro in 2020 to help coach the men's team
- took the next step and joined Ikast as head coach in the summer of 2024 on a four-year contract, replacing Kasper Christensen

CWC 2016 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Olivia Nygaard (Storhamar)
Olivia Mellegård (IK Sävehof)
Lærke Nolsøe (Nykøbing-Falster)
Sofia Steenholt (Skanderborg Håndbold)
Matilde Nielsen (Ajax København)
Ane Cecilie Høgseth (loan from Storhamar Handball Elite)

DEPARTURES

Trine Mortensen (Høj)
Emma Friis (CSM Bucuresti)
Simone Böhme (H.C. Dunarea Braila)
Melissa Petren (SønderjyskE Damer)
Andrea Austmo (Horsens Håndbold Elite)
Irma Schjött (retired)
Sarah Aaberg Iversen (injured)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
19	Amanda Loft	Hansen	DEN	Line Player	13/01/2002	Skanderborg, DEN	182
30	Andrea Skjøth	Kemph	DEN	Goalkeeper	07/10/2006	Ikast, DEN	175
26	Anne Katrine	Nowak	DEN	Back	26/05/2006	Assens, DEN	179
29	Caroline Kottal	Clausen	DEN	Right Wing	19/03/2006	Haderslev, DEN	174
6	Cecilie Højgaard	Brandt	DEN	Right Wing	16/11/2001	Herning, DEN	175
27	Clara Mendgaard	Sørensen	DEN	Back	19/02/2006	Herning, DEN	183
31	Emma	Jessen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/08/2006	Aabenraa, DEN	175
14	Emma Filippa	Lindqvist	SWE	Centre Back	17/09/1997	Raus, SWE	177
12	Filippa Hillevi Karianna	Idéhn	SWE	Goalkeeper	15/08/1990	Sofia, DEN	183
21	Ingvild Kristiansen	Bakkerud	NOR	Left Back	09/07/1995	Sør-øst, NOR	187
20	Ane Cecilie	Høgseth	NOR	Line Player	15/01/2001	Oslo, NOR	178
24	Johanne Lasthein	Andersen	DEN	Left Wing	12/08/2006	Svendborg, DEN	161
4	Julie Mathiesen	Scaglione	DEN	Left Back	20/08/2004	Skanderborg, DEN	183
22	Lærke	Nolsøe Pedersen	DEN	Left Wing	19/02/1996	Aalborg, DEN	170
25	Laura	Schytz	DEN	Centre Back	18/05/2006	Ikast, DEN	175
9	Lina Olivia	Mellegård	SWE	Left Wing	17/06/1996	Tynnered, SWE	178
23	Lina Thorstein	Lützhøft	DEN	Line Player	28/08/2006	Næstved, DEN	181
77	Line Mai Nørgaard	Hougaard	DEN	Right Wing	06/10/1999	Herning, DEN	162
18	Maria Schmidt	Lykkegaard	DEN	Line Player	27/02/1996	Gentofte, DEN	176
51	Markéta	Jerábková	CZE	Centre Back	08/02/1996	Plzen, CZE	174
2	Matilde Kondrup	Nielsen	DEN	Left Wing	09/02/1995	Vesthimmerland, DEN	183
16	Olivia	Lykke Nygaard	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2001	Oslo, NOR	180
17	Simone Cathrine	Petersen	DEN	Centre Back	28/08/1997	Ringsted, DEN	175
34	Simone Juel	Kristensen	DEN	Right Wing	25/12/2005	Aabenraa, DEN	174
10	Sofia Bro	Stenholt	DEN	Left Back	19/12/2002	Norddjurs, DEN	170
28	Sofie	Møller	DEN	Centre Back	10/02/2006	Ikast, DEN	175
C 7	Stine Ruscetta	Skogrand	NOR	Right Back	03/03/1993	Bergen, NOR	173



JULIE MATHIESEN SCAGLIONE

Left back

- one of Denmark's most promising talents, who started her professional career at Ikast
- made her European debut as a 16-year-old in an EL match against Paris 92 in 2021
- was part of the Danish squad that won bronze at the WCh in 2023
- daughter of former Danish international and world champion Lone Mathiesen

 @julie.scaglione

EL 2023
WCh: B 2023



STINE RUSCETTA SKOGRAND

Right back

- experienced Norwegian international, who is Ikast's team captain
- has been playing for Ikast since 2018; previously played for Tertnes and Silkeborg
- a member of the Norway's national team since 2013, and has important role in the squad
- her most recent success for her country was gold at the Paris 2024 Olympics

 @sskogi

EL 2023
EURO: G 2016, 2020, 2022, 2024; WCh: G 2015, S 2017, 2023; OG: G 2024, B 2020



MARKĚTA JERÁBKOVÁ

Centre back

- joined the team in 2023 after spending two years at Vipers Kristiansand, during which she won two CL titles
- netted 100 goals last season, becoming Ikast's leading scorer in CL 2023/24
- was MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2022, where she scored 18 times to help Vipers lift the trophy
- comes from a family with a penchant for sports: her father played football in the Czech top division and her brother Jakub is an ice hockey player

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CL 2022, 2023



INGVILD BAKKERUD

Left back

- Norwegian international who has played for Danish clubs since 2018, when she joined Odense; transferred to Ikast in 2020
- scored 57 goals on the path to Ikast's EL title win in the 2022/23 season and a career high 80 in European cup competitions in the EL 2023/24
- has been enjoying a strong season in the Danish league 2024/25, where she is one of Ikast's top scorers
- crowned EHF EURO 2024 champion with Norway after contributing 12 goals at the tournament

 @bakkerud

EL 2023
EURO: G 2024; WCh: S 2023

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SOLA HK



Since the 2021/22 season, Sola HK have been constant participants in the EHF European League and repeatedly made it to the quarter-finals, but the Norwegian side still waits for their first-ever qualification at the EHF Finals – which is the main international goal for the new season. The core of Sola HK's squad remains based around experienced captain and club icon Camilla Herrem, who just won gold at the Women's EHF EURO 2024, the sixth in her cabinet. Not to forget, she added another Olympic gold medal in Paris earlier last year. Sola is her home club – and a family affair, as her husband Steffen Stegavik is also her coach.

- are returning to the EHF European League group phase for the fourth straight season
- reached the quarter-finals but failed to make it to the EHF Finals on the last three occasions, losing to Baia Mare (2021/22), THC (2022/23) and Nantes (2023/24), respectively
- lost the Norwegian Cup final against Vipers in 2023
- rely on star player and team captain Camilla Herrem to guide their almost all-Norwegian squad, 60 per cent of which consists of young talents from the Rogaland region
- their last season's EHF European League top scorer Kristina Novak left Sola and joined the French EHF Champions League participants Brest Bretagne
- the biggest name among the new arrivals is the 40-year-old Brazilian goalkeeper Mayssa Pessoa, world champion in 2013 and EHF Champions League winner in 2016 with CSM Bucuresti – and the only non-Norwegian player in the squad

In contrast to the 2023/24 season, when they almost failed against the Spanish side Super Amara Bera Bera, the way to the 2024/25 group phase was not a high hurdle: Sola won the double-header on home ground against Swiss champions LC Brühl Handball by an aggregate of 70:55 goals, with Camilla Herrem being the top scorer with 18 strikes. In the previous season, the experienced wing was the second-best scorer for Sola in the EHF European League with 55 goals, closely below Kristina Novak, who netted 57 times. In their group, Sola finished on top with five wins and one defeat, before failing in the quarter-finals against Nantes. In the Norwegian league, Sola ranked third in the last four seasons.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25 season): 4
Quarter-finals (3): 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

Other

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Round 3 (1): 2005/06

Norwegian league: -
Norwegian cup: -



STEFFEN STORMO STEGAVIK

COACH

- former Norwegian international, who has been in charge of Sola since 2020, his first job as a head coach
- led Sola to a third-place finish in the Norwegian league and to two domestic cup finals, but lost them both to Vipers
- was a centre back who ended his career in 2020, having played for teams such as Elverum, Kolstad and most recently Nærbø; also played 42 times for the Norwegian national team
- married to team captain Camilla Herrem since 2013; both played for Romanian club Baia Mare in 2014/15

ARRIVALS

Dina Klungtveit Olufsen (Byåsen)

Pia Grønstad (Ålgård)

Merlinda Qorraj (Romerike Ravens)

Ine Grimsrud (Aker)

Mayssa Pessoa (Horsens Håndball)

Mia Kristin Syverud (Aker)

DEPARTURES

Kristina Sirum Novak (Brest)

Johanna Fossum (Neckarsulmer)

Lene Kristiansen Tveiten (Molde)

Janne Eklo Håvelsrud (Byåsen)

Maja Magnussen (Nykøbing Handball)

Live Rushfeldt Deila (Team Esbjerg)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
C	77	Camilla	Herrem	NOR	Wing	08/10/1986	Stavanger, NOR	167
	21	Dina	Klungveit Olufsen	NOR	Back	28/12/2001	Stavanger, NOR	168
	11	Hanna Stormyr	Ræstad	NOR	Back	04/09/1997	Lørenskog, NOR	169
	49	Hege	Holgersen Danielsen	NOR	Line Player	03/09/1990	Stavanger, NOR	173
	1	Ine	Skartveit Bergsvik	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/09/2000	Stavanger, NOR	174
	14	Ine Erlandsen	Grimsrud	NOR	Back	28/03/2001	Oslo, NOR	175
	19	Ine Marie	Terland	NOR	Wing	23/06/2003	Stavanger, NOR	159
	9	Kaja Horst	Haugseeng	NOR	Line Player	23/09/2001	Stavanger, NOR	183
	17	Kristiane	Knutsen	NOR	Centre Back	12/08/1998	Stavanger, NOR	160
	5	Malin	Holta	NOR	Back	09/06/1993	Stavanger, NOR	174
	24	Martha	Barka	NOR	Back	13/06/1999	Stavanger, NOR	177
	8	Martine	Wolff	NOR	Line Player	20/06/1996	Oslo, NOR	175
	84	Mayssa Raquel	De Oliveira Pessoa	BRA	Goalkeeper	11/09/1984	João Pessoa, BRA	180
	25	Merlinda	Qorraj	NOR	Back	10/01/2001	Kristiansand, NOR	173
	18	Mia Kristin	Syverud	NOR	Back	20/04/1999	Oslo, NOR	163
	22	Pia	Grønstad	NOR	Wing	06/11/2005	Stavanger, NOR	179
	27	Stine	Mellemstrand Bore	NOR	Back	17/02/2005	Stavanger, NOR	171
	7	Synne	With	NOR	Wing	17/02/2006	Stavanger, NOR	167
	20	Thea	Kristensen	NOR	Wing	09/01/2005	Stavanger, NOR	175



MAYSSA RAQUEL DE OLIVEIRA PESSOA

Goalkeeper

- 40-year-old Brazilian goalkeeper and one of the most experienced players in the squad
- joined Sola in the summer and will make her EL debut with the team
- participated in eight CL seasons with five different teams – Dinamo-Sinara, Paris 92, CSM Bucuresti, WHC Vardar and Rostov-Don; won the competition in 2016 with the Romanian side
- was part of Brazil's squad that won gold at the WCh in 2013

 @mayssa84pessoa

CL 2016
WCh: G 2013



CAMILLA HERREM

Left wing

- Norwegian legend, who returned to Sola – the club of her youth – in 2017 after 11 years away; previously played for Byåsen, Baia Mare, Holstebro and Vardar
- sat out the EL 2022/23 season but came back after giving birth to her second child in March 2023
- was the second-highest scorer for Sola last season with 55 goals, behind Kristina Novak with 57
- has won all major titles with the Norwegian national team

 @herremcamilla

CWC 2016; EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2024, S 2012;
WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021, S 2017, 2023, B 2009; OG: G 2012, 2024, B 2016, 2020



MALIN HOLTA

Centre back

- 31-year-old Norwegian international, who rejoined Sola in 2023 for her third stint with the team, after 2009-2013 and 2018-2021
- Siófok KC (Hungary), Nantes and Toulon (France) are the only non-Norwegian teams she has played for
- was named the All-star left back of the Norwegian league in the 2020/21 season
- scored 75 goals for Sola in the national league to become the top scorer of the 2020/21 season

 @malinholta



MARTINE WOLFF

Line player

- 28-year-old line player, who has only played for Norwegian teams in her career
- former team captain, who joined Sola in 2019 from Norwegian league rivals Larvik
- played three seasons in the CL – one with Glassverket, two with Larvik – and scored 33 goals in total
- gained her first European experience in 2014, with Nordstrand in the Cup Winners' Cup

 @martinewolff

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BV BORUSSIA DORTMUND



The women's handball department of the famous football club Borussia Dortmund is part of the group phase in the EHF European League for the second time after the 2022/23 season. At the time, they even made it to the EHF Finals in Graz, lost the semi-final against Nykøbing, but then beat their domestic rivals Thüringer HC in the placement match. A few months later, Dortmund's hopes were already shattered in the EHF European League qualification, when they lost on aggregate against the Romanian side Braila, who eventually made it to the EHF Finals.

- coach Henk Groener was Netherland and Germany national team coach before; he steered the Dutch side to their first-ever final at a major competition, at the 2015 IHF Women's World Championship, and quit as Germany's coach in 2022
- Dutch goalkeeper Tess Lieder was world champion in 2019 and an All-star Team member of the tournament
- Norwegian wing Guro Berland Husebø will face her former club Sola in the group phase
- Dortmund's squad is composed of players from seven countries (Germany, Netherlands, France, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Spain)
- in the current season, Dortmund were the first team since March 2021 to beat champions Ludwigsburg (former name Bietigheim) in the German Bundesliga (33:28)
- the EHF European League match against Siófok KC in February 2023 was attended by 11,112 fans in Westfalenhalle – the biggest-ever crowd in German women's handball on club level and the biggest-ever crowd in the EHF European League Women history

In the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons, Borussia were part of the EHF Champions League, but were eliminated twice by Metz in the play-offs. After becoming German champions in 2021 with the optimum of 68 points from 34 matches, Dortmund finished second, third and fourth in the upcoming Bundesliga seasons. The BVB squad is a mixture of internationally experienced players such as Dutch goalkeeper Tess Lieder, her country-fellow Kelly Vollebregt (who arrived from Nantes before this season) or Spanish international Carmen Campos Costa, as well as talents from their own youth programme like Dana Bleckmann.

Before the 2024/25 season, Dortmund only signed players from abroad. Since November 2022, the team has been coached by Henk Groener, who was the successful coach of the German and Dutch national teams before.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25 season): 3

EHF Finals (1): 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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

EHF CUP

Runners-up (1): 1996/97

1/2 finals (1): 1999/00

1/4 finals (1): 1998/99

CHALLENGE CUP

Winners (1): 2002/03

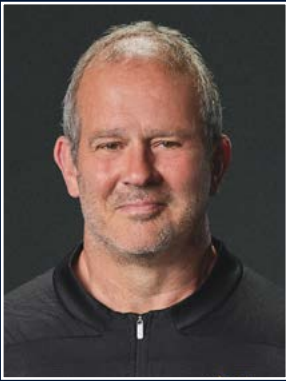
1/4 final (1): 2003/04

CUP WINNERS' CUP

1/2 finals (2): 1994/95, 1997/98

German league: one title (2021)

German cup: -



HENK GROENER COACH

- former player who used to occupy the right back position
- made over 200 appearances for the Dutch national team, scoring more than 500 goals
- coached the Netherlands women's national team between 2009 and 2016, then spent four years with the women's team of Germany before signing with Borussia in 2022
- steered the Netherlands to a silver medal at the 2015 WCh

WCh: S 2015 (as coach)

ARRIVALS

Alieke van MAurik (VOC Amsterdam)
Deborah Lassource (Paris 92)
Guro Husebø (Follo HK)
Kelly Vollebregt (Neptunes de Nantes)

DEPARTURES

Zoe Sprengers (Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub)
Harma van Kreij (Corona Brasov)
Meret Ossenkopp (Kopenhagen)
Frida Ronning (Karriereende)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
C 17	Alicia	Langer	GER	Right Back	17/06/1996	Ahlen	182
14	Alieke	Van Maurik	NED	Right Back	11/05/2005	Cappelle aan den IJssel, NED	181
3	Anna-Lena	Hausherr	GER	Left Wing	07/07/2001	Dortmund, GER	165
6	Carmen	Campos Costa	ESP	Back	10/07/1995	MADRID, ESP	171
66	Dana	Bleckmann	GER	Left Back	09/05/2001	Kempen, GER	179
22	Déborah	Lassource	FRA	Centre Back	29/09/1999	Gonesse, FRA	172
29	Emma	Olsson	SWE	Line Player	20/08/1997	Eslöv, SWE	179
54	Francis	Portengen	NED	Centre Back	19/06/2006	Arnhem, NED	173
59	Frida	Heimann	GER	Line Player	30/10/2006	Bottrop, GER	172
24	Guro	Berland Husebø	NOR	Wing	16/11/2001	Stavanger, NOR	164
57	Hannah	Gutzeit	GER	Centre Back	02/08/2007	Unna, GER	165
23	Haruno	Sasaki	JPN	Left Back	26/02/1995	Toyama, JPN	172
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01/01/1995	Delft, NED	165
44	Lara	Egeling	GER	Left Wing	01/09/2006	Duisburg, GER	168
58	Lara Sophie	Müller	GER	Left Back	21/01/2007	Elmshorn, GER	183
10	Lena	Degenhardt	GER	Left Back	31/05/1999	Albstadt-Ebingen, GER	178
9	Lisa	Antl	GER	Line Player	21/06/2000	Ingolstadt, GER	173
8	Maraike	Kusian	GER	Right Wing	20/08/2002	Wolfsburg, GER	176
55	Mathilde	Rützel	GER	Back	08/09/2007	Frankfurt am Main, GER	182
52	Merle-Sophie	Muth	GER	Goalkeeper	26/02/2007	Euskirchen, GER	182
1	Norah	Kothen	GER	Goalkeeper	04/05/2005	Kempen, GER	171
12	Sarah	Wachter	GER	Goalkeeper	16/12/1999	Schorndorf, GER	183
33	Tess	Lieder	NED	Goalkeeper	19/05/1993	Heerhugowaard, NED	178



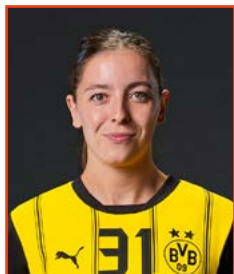
TESS LIEDER

Goalkeeper

- experienced 31-year-old goalkeeper, who joined Borussia Dortmund in 2023
- played her first CL season with VOC Amsterdam in 2008/2009, the club where she started her senior career
- made a comeback to the top-flight competition with Bietigheim in 2017/18, then had stints at Odense and CSM Bucuresti before returning to Germany for Dortmund
- regular appearance maker in the Netherlands national team, has three WCh medals and two at the EHF EUROS

 @tessiewester

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



KELLY VOLLEBREGT

Right wing

- part of the Dutch quartet at Borussia, together with goalkeeper Tess Lieder and young talents Alieke Van Maurik and Frensis Portengen
- returned to the German team in 2024 for a second stint with the club, after previously being part of their squad between 2019 and 2021
- played in the meantime in the CL for Odense Håndbold and in the EL for Neptunes Nantes, reaching the EHF Finals with the French side
- was part of the Netherlands' roster at the junior and youth levels before joining the senior team

 @kellyvollebregt



ALICIA LANGER

Right back

- signed with Dortmund in 2023 and has played mostly for teams in her native country
- spent three years in Hungary, at FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, for her only stint outside Germany
- played her first CL season with Thüringer in 2018/19, scoring 37 times; then played three more seasons in the top-flight with FTC
- outside of handball, she has a Master's degree in psychology

 @aliciastolle



DÉBORAH LASSOURCE

Centre back

- the only French player in the team's squad
- spent her junior and senior career at Paris 92, before moving to Borussia Dortmund in the summer of 2024
- represented her country at the junior level before moving to the senior team; won gold at the 2023 WCh
- her elder sister is Coralie Lassource, who is playing for Brest Bretagne as left wing

 @deborah.lassource

WCh: G 2023

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SCM RAMNICU VALCEA



They were the first-ever Romanian club to be part of the EHF Champions League Women final and they won several trophies in the last 50 years, like the Cup Winners' Cup and the Champions Trophy, both in 2007 after reaching the Cup Winners' Cup final in 2002. But the biggest story was the EHF Champions League final against Viborg in 2010, with the already superstar Cristina Neagu in the squad.

It is Valcea's third appearance in the group phase of the EHF European League after 2021/22 and 2022/23, when they made it twice to the quarter-finals, but were eliminated by Danish teams (Ikast and Nykøbing). Therefore, the group matches against Ikast in the current season are a good chance to take revenge for the team of new coach Rasmus Poulsen.

- Rasmus Poulsen replaced Bent Dahl as head coach in November 2024
- the German left and centre back Mia Zschocke will face her former club Dortmund and will also meet well-known opponents Sola, as she had played for Norwegian club Storhamar before
- Czech super talent Charlotte Cholevová arrived from Brest in summer 2024 – she was among the nominees as the best young player at the 2023 IHF Women's World Championship
- Valcea arrived from the qualification round 2 in the group phase, beating Dunajská Streda from Slovakia and Debrecen from Hungary, each twice
- the current squad is composed of players from ten countries: Romania, France, Czechia, Sweden, Hungary, Slovenia, Germany, Belarus, Serbia and Norway

The current squad is quite international and highlighted by several international top stars such as Hungarian line player Asma Elghaoui, 2021 IHF Women's World Championship top scorer Nathalie Hagman from Sweden or Czech talent Charlotte Cholevová. After a one-year absence in international competitions, Valcea started in qualification round 2. They eliminated Slovakian side HC DAC Dunajská Streda and then also managed to eliminate former EHF Champions League participants DVSC Schaeffler with two wins.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl: 2024/25): 3

Quarter-finals (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Runners-up (1): 2009/10

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

Main round (2): 2007/08, 2010/11

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Winners (1): 2006/07

Runners-up (1): 2001/02

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Winners (1): 2006/07

Romanian league: 20 titles (1989-91, 1993-2000, 2002, 2007-13, 2019)

Romanian cup: 14 titles (1984, 1990, 1992-99, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2011, 2020)



RASMUS POULSEN COACH

- was assistant coach at Valcea before replacing Bent Dahl as head coach in November 2024
- the Danish coach has also joined Romania's junior national team, becoming the first non-Romanian member of the staff to steer the squad
- earlier in his career, he was part of the coaching team that helped CSM Bucuresti clinch the CL title in 2015/16
- before his stints in Romania, he worked as a coach for Viborg, Team Tvis Holstebro, Ajax Copenhagen and Skovde HF

CL 2016 (as assistant coach)

ARRIVALS

Alicia Toublanc (Brest Bretagne Handball)
Julie Foggea (Brest Bretagne Handball)
Andreea Bujor (HC Zalau)
Jovana Skrobic (after maternity leave)
Iryna Mokat (Lada Togliatty)

DEPARTURES

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
11	Alexandra F. Maria	Balan	ROU	Left Wing	21/11/2005	Bucharest, ROU	166
33	Alicia	Toublanc	FRA	Right Wing	03/05/1996	Saint Brieuc, FRA	169
71	Alicia Maria	Gogirla	ROU	Right Back	17/01/2003	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	183
7	Anamaria Mihaela	Grigore	ROU	Left Back	29/03/2004	Vulcan, ROU	177
21	Andreea Maria	Bujor	ROU	Left Back	31/07/2001	Brasov, ROU	186
10	Anniken	Wollik	NOR	Left Wing	05/12/1997	Nannestad, NOR	166
6	Asma	Elghaoui	HUN	Line Player	29/08/1991	Monastir, TUN	174
96	Charlotte	Cholevová	CZE	Left Back	29/07/2002	Ostrava, CZE	173
19	Daniela	De Jong	SWE	Centre Back	01/09/1998	Stockholm, SWE	175
22	Elena Cristina	Florica	ROU	Left Wing	11/05/1992	Creteni, ROU	174
32	Ioana Raluca	Kelemen	ROU	Goalkeeper	24/06/1998	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	180
17	Ioana Rebeca	Necula	ROU	Centre Back	17/05/2003	Brasov, ROU	168
39	Iryna	Mokat	BLR	Line Player	24/03/1994	Eremichi, BLR	183
24	Jovana	Skrobic	SRB	Left Back	09/04/1996	Belgrade, SRB	178
27	Julia	Maidhof	GER	Right Back	13/03/1998	Aschaffenburg, GER	176
97	Julie Line	Foggea	FRA	Goalkeeper	28/08/1990	Les Abymes, FRA	181
28	Mia	Zschocke	GER	Left Back	28/05/1998	Aschaffenburg	178
29	Nataša	Ljepoja	SLO	Line Player	28/01/1996	Celje, SLO	178
C 4	Nathalie	Hagman	SWE	Right Wing	19/07/1991	Stockholm, SWE	167
12	Teodora Diana	Neagu	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/10/2004	Targu Mures, ROU	170



ASMA ELGHAOUI

Line player

- born in Tunisia, a nation which she represented between 2009 and 2016, before obtaining Hungarian citizenship and playing two games for the Hungarian national team
- played in France, Russia and Hungary, also winning the CL in 2017 with Győr
- won the EHF Cup in 2018/19 with Siófok and was named in the All-star Team of the CL in 2019/20 while playing for Valcea
- her favourite movie is "A Star is Born" and she also likes listening to rap, pop and R&B music

 @asma_elghaoui

CL 2017; EHF Cup 2019



NATHALIE HAGMAN

Right wing

- signed with Valcea in 2023 for her second stint in Romania, after playing at CSM Bucuresti (2017-19); it's her last season with the club as she will join Győr next season
- was the top scorer at the WCh in 2021, when she netted 71 goals for Sweden
- included in the All-star Team at the WCh in 2017 and 2023
- became the youngest-ever debutant in the Swedish national team in 2009; has represented her country in over 200 matches so far

 @hagman


EL 2021; EHF Cup 2015; CWC 2016
EURO: S 2010, B 2014



ALICIA TOUBLANC

Right wing

- 28-year-old French international, who joined the youth ranks of Brest in 2014; signed her first professional contract with the club three years later
- stayed at the French club until 2024, when she joined Valcea
- had her breakthrough CL season in 2021/22, scoring 77 times for Brest
- made her senior debut in the national team at 25 years old; won silver at 2021 WCh in Spain, gold at the 2023 Wch and then silver at the Paris 2024 Olympics

 @blantouu

WCh: G 2023, S 2021
OG: G 2024



JULIA MAIDHOF

Right back

- 26-year-old German international who joined Valcea in 2023 after three seasons at HB Ludwigsburg
- won the EL in 2022 and the women's Bundesliga in 2022 and 2023 with Ludwigsburg
- was Ludwigsburg's top scorer in the EL in 2022 (50 goals) and in the CL in 2023 (60 goals)
- began her career at TV Glattbach before moving to HSG Bensheim/Auerbach in 2014; spent the 2017/18 season on loan at Mainz 05
- made senior national team debut in 2019 and has since played 70 matches, including as part of the EHF EURO 2024 and OG 2024 squads

 @juliamaidhof

EL 2022

GROUP C PREVIEW



It is hard to take a look at the EHF European League Women group phase without getting intrigued by group C and the unpredictability that comes with the teams involved. Four clubs with no European glory between themselves, but with the same desire to go far in the EHF second-tier club competition this season.

With Motherston Mosonmagyaróvári KC being the only club from Hungary in the group phase, it is fair to say that the Janos Gyurka-led squad carries a burden. Despite the significant changes within their roster — with a couple of their key players leaving — they are still the most experienced side in group C, which puts them as narrow favourites to repeat last season's success of at least reaching the quarter-finals. Even though Zsófi Szemerey and Noémi Pásztor left and their new signings may take time to fully get integrated, the experience is on Motherston's side, unlike for their competitors.



KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin dropped down to the EHF European League from the EHF top-flight competition, but one can see that as an opportunity, as the squad coached by Bozena Karkut now has the experience of competing in Europe's elite company. If they use that to their advantage, they can definitely go far in the competition. Further proof of that is the fact that they eliminated the ambitious Swedish champions IK Sävehof on the way to reaching the group stage.



HSG Blomberg-Lippe, led by their supremely talented Nieke Kühne, are ready to defy the odds as one of the two debutants in group C, as the German club displayed maturity and quality in the qualification rounds to secure their first-ever appearance in the EHF European League group phase. Even though they lack experience, they make up for that with their youth and energy and can definitely prove to be a problem for their opponents.



Last but not least, JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball may be one of the debutants in the EHF European League group phase, but the quality shown during the four matches across the qualification rounds speaks about a talented squad ready to go places. Led by the promising coach Clement Alcacer, they have shown their potential, and despite their modest experience of playing in the club competitions, they can be regarded as the favourites to progress to the quarter-finals alongside Motherston Mosonmagyaróvári KC. With a bunch of young and talented players, plus the likes of Ann-Cathrin Johanna Giegerich and Celine Sivertsen in their ranks, the Dijon-based club is one to get excited about.

I GROUP C HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP C

KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin vs HSG Blomberg-Lippe

No previous encounters in European competitions

KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin vs Mother'son Mosonmagyaróvári KC

No previous encounters in European competitions

KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin vs JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

HSG Blomberg-Lippe vs Mother'son Mosonmagyaróvári KC

No previous encounters in European competitions

HSG Blomberg-Lippe vs JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

Mother'son Mosonmagyaróvári KC vs JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP C



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KIT COLOURS

Light

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: red



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MOTHERSON MOSONMAGYAROVARI KC



It is fair to say that Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC have not had a good start to the season as the club was closer to the relegation places than the top spot in Hungary's top-tier going to the winter break, but the squad endured quite a few changes over the summer and allowing the new signings to adjust can be expected to take time. With players like Zsófi Szemerey and Noémi Pásztor leaving the club, it was always going to be hard for Janos Gyurka's side to immediately replace them without feeling the consequences, but still, despite the fairly poor start to the season, Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC are one of the favourites in group C. The Hungarian club played in the EHF European League group phase in each of the past three seasons, which is something their competitors can't say.

- finished in third place in Hungary's top-tier last season, behind only Győri Audi ETO KC and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria
- been part of the EHF European League group phase for each of the past three seasons
- Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC advanced to the EL group phase this season after Neptunes Nantes' withdrawal, meaning the Hungarian club secured a place without having to play in qualification round 3
- a few key players left the squad like Zsófi Szemerey and Noémi Pásztor among others, initiating a change of the guard within the team
- one of the favourites in group C judging by their experience in this competition in recent years

Additionally, Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC even reached the quarter-finals last season, where the Gyurka-led squad was only narrowly eliminated by the EHF Finals runners-up, CS Gloria 2018 BN, which speaks volumes about their quality. Fresh out of the winter break with the coach and the new signings having more time to get fully integrated, Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC will be hoping to repeat last season's success, or perhaps aim even higher.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25 season): 4

Quarter-finals (1): 2023/24

Group phase (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Other

Hungarian league: -

Hungarian cup: -



JANOS GYURKA COACH

- former Hungarian international who took over at Motheson Mosonmagyaróvári KC back in 2021
- led Motheson Mosonmagyaróvári in the EL in each of the past three seasons
- has coached Hungary's junior national team in his coaching career, too
- represented Hungary during his playing career and made 297 appearances for the national team, including at the Olympics in Seoul in 1988

WCh: S 1986 (as player)

ARRIVALS

Mélanie Halter (Metz)
Caroline Martins (Zwickau)
Pipy Wolfs (Atticgo BM Elche)
Anna Kukely (FTC)
Dorottya Molnár (NEKA)
Nóra Sefcsik (MKCSE youth team)

DEPARTURES

Zsófi Szemerey (Metz)
Gréta Hadfi (Alba Fehérvár)
Noémi Pásztor (Nantes, CSM Bukarest)
Nikolett Tóth (DVSC)
Fruzsina Bardi (Budaörs)
Kyra Sztankovics (Budaörs)

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
6	Anna	Albek	HUN	Right Back	02/12/2001	Zenta, SRB	189
17	Anna	Kukely	HUN	Centre Back	27/05/2003	Békéscsaba, HUN	173
28	Barbora	Lancz	SVK	Right Back	28/07/2002	Sala, SVK	171
18	Boglárka	Lánczky	HUN	Line Player	05/07/2006	Tapolca, HUN	173
1	Caroline	Martins	POR	Goalkeeper	21/01/1992	Sao Paulo, BRA	183
27	Dorottya	Molnár	HUN	Right Wing	06/02/2005	Kecskemét, HUN	169
3	Emilia	Varga	HUN	Left Back	14/07/2004	Budapest, HUN	184
C 2	Eszter	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	27/10/1992	Gyor, HUN	180
26	Flóra Hanna	Magyar	HUN	Left Wing	26/09/2007	Budapest, HUN	164
96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23/09/1996	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	176
29	Ines	Ivancok-Soltic	AUT	Left Back	14/04/1998	Wien, AUT	182
7	Laura	Falusi-Udvardi	HUN	Right Wing	17/07/1997	Dunaújváros, HUN	165
20	Luca	Faragó	HUN	Line Player	11/10/2002	Körmend, HUN	174
71	Melanie	Halter	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/06/2002	Schiltigheim, FRA	187
53	Natalie	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	29/03/2000	München, GER	172
14	Nóra	Sefcsik	HUN	Left Back	28/10/2005	Szombathely, HUN	180
22	Pipyy	Wolfs	NED	Line Player	26/04/2002	Hengelo, NED	173
42	Szofi Viktória	Horváth	HUN	Goalkeeper	14/06/2005	Mosonmagyaróvár, HUN	180
66	Zsófia	Stranigg	HUN	Left Wing	02/11/2000	Budapest, HUN	170



CAROLINE MARTINS

Goalkeeper

- played for various Norwegian clubs in her career before spending the 2023/24 season in the Bundesliga in Germany
- joined Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC from BSV Sachsen Zwickau in the summer of 2024
- one of Motherson's three goalkeepers, but the most experienced one and tasked to replace Zsófi Szemerey who left for Metz Handball
- won titles at youth and senior level with Brazil

 @carolinemartins16

YOG: B 2010; SCAC (South and Central American Championship): G 2021



ESZTER TÓTH

Centre back

- joined Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC back in 2020, now into her fifth season with the club
- one of the club's most experienced players and the captain of the squad
- scored 42 goals in the EHF's second-tier club competition last season and was Motherson's top scorer
- represented Hungary at youth and senior level with the national team

 @toth.2



BARBORA LANCZ

Right back

- joined Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC from Györi Audi ETO KC back in 2019 and developed into a key player for the club
- despite her fairly young age (22), she is one of the most experienced players in the squad given her exposure to playing in EHF club competitions
- was Motherson's top scorer in the EHF European League back in 2022/23 and played a vital role last season, as she was one of the top assist makers in the competition, averaging 4 assists per match and 24 in total
- one of Slovakia's key players in recent years as she helped the national team earn a place at the Women's EHF EURO 2024 after a decade-long absence

 @lanczbarbora



ZSÓFIA STRANIGG

Left wing

- joined Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC from MTK Budapest back in 2020 at a very young age
- has developed into one of the key players of the squad during the past few seasons
- scored over 20 goals in each of the past two seasons in the EHF European League
- represented Hungary at youth level and won the European title with their under-19 team back in 2019

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Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

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Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green



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HSG BLOMBERG-LIPPE



HSG Blomberg-Lippe are one of the few debutants in the EHF European League group phase this season after the German club successfully progressed through qualification rounds 2 and 3 to join the elite company. The Bundesliga club needed to get past SU ZRK Crvena Zvezda first and then the round 3 draw set up a Germany derby against TUSSIES Metzingen, which was a case of history repeating itself. Last time HSG Blomberg-Lippe played in the qualification for the EHF second-tier club competition in 2021/22, they also eliminated the Metzingen-based club in qualification round 2, but failed to advance to the group phase, after losing to Vác in qualification round 3.

- one of four German clubs featuring in the EL group phase this season
- back in the EHF club competitions after a two-season absence
- featured in the EL back in 2020/21 and 2021/22, respectively, but were eliminated in qualification round 3 on both occasions
- a young squad coached by Steffen Birkner with only a couple of players over the age of 30
- eliminated SU ZRK Crvena Zvezda in qualification round 2 and TUSSIES Metzingen in qualification round 3 to reach the group phase

However, this time they reached the group phase, unlike in 2021/22. The young and talented squad coached by Steffen Birkner averaged 33 goals over the matches in the qualification rounds, which is confirmation of their quality and credentials to deservedly find themselves among the 16 teams in the group phase. But Nieke Kühne & co. will need to make up for their lack of experience by displaying energy and perseverance in order to make further history and be among the top two teams in group C and reach the quarter-finals.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25 season): 3

Qualification (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

EHF CUP

Qualification (1): 2017/18

CHALLENGE CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2008/09

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Quarter-finals (2): 2010/11, 2014/15

German league: -

German cup: -



STEFFEN BIRKNER COACH

- promising German coach with plenty of experience despite being just 44 years old
- has coached various German clubs in his coaching career
- experience of coaching both men's and women's clubs
- took over at HSG Blomberg-Lippe back in 2018

ARRIVALS

Amber Verbraeken (Sport-Union Neckarsulm)
Andrea Jacobsen (Silkeborg-Voel KFUM)
Diana Dögg Magnúsdóttir (BSV Sachsen Zwickau)
Maxi Mühlner (Buxtehuder SV)

DEPARTURES

Nele Franz (TuS Metzingen)
Ann Kynast (Frisch Auf Göppingen)
Lisa Rajes (end of career)
Stefanie Kaiser (Sport-Union Neckarsulm)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
31	Alexia	Hauf	GER	Left Wing	18/07/1998	Templin, GER	163
5	Amber	Verbraeken	NED	Right Wing	05/07/2002	De Lier, NED	181
4	Andrea	Jacobsen	ISL	Left Back	09/04/1998	Reykjavik, ISL	182
15	Carolin	Jaron	GER	Centre Back	06/12/2006	München, GER	164
7	Diana Dögg	Magnusdottir	ISL	Right Back	19/09/1997	Vestmannaeyjar, ISL	173
10	Ida Margrethe	Hoberg Rasmussen	DEN	Centre Back	09/06/2003	Viborg, DEN	170
76	Janne	Overbeck	GER	Left Wing	09/08/2008	Ratzburg, GER	165
22	Judith	Tietjen	GER	Right Wing	04/02/2002	Bad Oldesloe, GER	165
6	Laetitia	Quist	GER	Right Back	08/11/2001	Baden-Baden, GER	183
C							
3	Laura	Rüffieux	GER	Line Player	07/12/1995	Hanau, GER	166
8	Lisa	Frey	SUI	Centre Back	16/02/1995	Aarau, SUI	176
29	Lisa	Opitz	GER	Line Player	31/12/2001	Höxter, GER	170
20	Lisa	Rajes	GER	Right Wing	03/07/1990	Bremen, GER	166
24	Malina Marie	Michalczyk	GER	Left Back	09/11/2001	Ahlen, GER	180
19	Maxi	Mühlner	GER	Line Player	03/02/2001	Leipzig, GER	178
16	Melanie	Veith	GER	Goalkeeper	10/12/1992	Mannheim, GER	168
17	Milena	Stürenburg	GER	Left Back	17/01/2006	Delmenhorst, GER	175
13	Nele	Ackmann	GER	Left Wing	09/02/2007	Lemgo, GER	164
9	Nieke	Kühne	GER	Left Back	09/09/2004	Wolfenbüttel, GER	185
14	Ona	Vegue I Pena	ESP	Left Wing	09/07/1998	Barcelona, ESP	169
11	Paulina	Horstkötter	GER	Right Back	21/08/2005	Bielefeld, GER	181
18	Ruslana	Litvinov	GER	Centre Back	22/08/2007	Wetzlar, GER	171
89	Tessa	Budelmann	GER	Left Wing	19/12/2005	Bremen, GER	156
21	Tina	Stanojevic	SRB	Goalkeeper	24/07/2005	Bielefeld, GER	171
12	Zoe	Ludwig	GER	Goalkeeper	05/06/1999	Oberkirch, GER	179



NIEKE KÜHNE

Left back

- young and extremely talented player
- one of the key players of the squad despite being only 20 years old
- scored 20 goals in the EHF European League qualifiers and was Blomberg-Lippe's joint-top scorer
- represented Germany at youth and senior level, earmarked as the future of the national team

 @nieke.kuehne



Laura RÜFFIEUX

Line player

- has spent most of her professional career with HSG Blomberg-Lippe
- one of the most experienced players in the squad
- played with Blomberg-Lippe in various EHF club competitions
- was Blomberg-Lippe's joint-top scorer in the EL qualification alongside Nieke Kühne with 20 goals scored

 @rueffieuxlaura



DIANA DÖGG MAGNÚSDÓTTIR

Right back

- joined HSG Blomberg-Lippe from BSV Sachsen Zwickau in the summer of 2024
- impressed with her performances for the Zwickau-based club in the Bundesliga over the past few years
- expected to play a vital role in Blomberg-Lippe's squad going forward
- represented the Iceland national team at youth and senior level; participated at the recent Women's EHF EURO 2024 and scored three goals for the Icelandic side


 @dianadm97



ONA VEGUE I PENA

Left wing

- one of the key players in the squad
- featured in the Challenge Cup and the EHF European Cup with KH-7 BM. Granollers in the past
- scored 19 goals in the EL qualification making her Blomberg-Lippe's third highest scorer
- represented Spain at youth as well as senior level and also has beach handball experience; played at the recent Women's EHF EURO 2024, and was Spain's second highest scorer with 12 goals

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Player short: orange
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: purple



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KGHM MKS ZAGLEBIE LUBIN



After featuring in the EHF's top-tier club competition for the first time in their history last season, KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin are back in the EHF European League, but the Bożena Karkut-led squad had a difficult task in order to reach the group phase. The draw decided that IK Sävehof and the Lubin-based club would meet in qualification round 3, which set up a blockbuster tie in which Zagłębie Lubin needed a comeback in the return leg to eventually win 55:53 on aggregate and eliminate the reigning Swedish champions. Karkut & co. are back in the group phase, but they will be hoping to use last season's disappointments as fuel to do better in the EHF second-tier club competition.

- the reigning Polish league champions, winning their fourth consecutive title
- featured in the EHF Champions League group phase last season, but without much success as the club failed to win a single match
- coached by the legendary Bożena Karkut, who won the CL on a couple of occasions with Hypo Niederösterreich as a player
- the club's biggest European successes to date are reaching the semi-finals of the former EHF Cup (2001) and Cup Winners' Cup (2002)
- booked a ticket in the EL group stage after eliminating IK Sävehof in qualification round 3

Their promising start to the season, sitting on top in the Polish league ahead of the winter break, sparks confidence within the squad to display much better performances in Europe. Captain Adrianna Górna and her teammates displayed not only quality, but more importantly character against the Swedish champions in qualification round 3 to compete with strong opponents, and they will need to replicate those performances in group C if they are to have any chance of reaching the quarter-finals.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 3
Group phase (1): 2021/22
Qualification (1): 2022/23

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group phase (1): 2023/24

EHF CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2000/01
Last 16 (2): 1995/96, 2012/13

CHALLENGE CUP

Last 16 (1): 2015/16

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2001/02

CITY CUP

Quarter-final (1): 1999/2000
Last 16 (2): 1993/94, 1996/97

Polish league: 2 titles (2011, 2021)
Polish cup: 7 titles (2007, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2019-21)



BOŻENA KARKUT COACH

- former Polish international with experience of playing in the EHF Champions League with Hypo Niederösterreich during her playing career
- took over at KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin immediately after retiring in 2000 and she has been leading the squad ever since
- coached Poland's beach handball national team too
- represented Poland during her playing career, making 151 appearances for the national team and scored 539 goals

CL: 1998, 2000 (both as a player)

ARRIVALS

Goundouba Guirassy (Strasbourg)
Natalia Janas (KPR Kobierzyce)
Weronika Weber (Start Elbląg)
Malena Cavo (Bera bera)
Mariane Fernandes (Bera bera)

DEPARTURES

Aleksandra Zych (Start Elbląg)
Simona Szarkova (Banik Most)
Karin Bujnochova (Szombathely)
Karolina Milczarczyk (end of career)
Jovana Milojevic
Daria Michalak (H.C. Dunarea Braila)

I TEAM ROSTER

	No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
C	17	Adrianna	Górna	POL	Right Wing	22/03/1996	Kwidzyn, POL	171
	4	Aneta	Promis	POL	Right Wing	07/01/1995	Zary, POL	160
	16	Barbara	Zima	POL	Goalkeeper	14/01/2000	Warszawa, POL	189
	14	Daria	Przywara	POL	Centre Back	28/07/2001	Gdansk, POL	170
	9	Goundouba	Guirassy	GUI	Centre Back	12/09/1999	Limoges, FRA	175
	20	Joanna	Drabik	POL	Line Player	28/10/1993	Włoszczowa, POL	180
	81	Karolina	Jureńczyk	POL	Left Back	30/06/2002	Piotrków Trybunalski	182
	47	Karolina	Kochaniak-Sala	POL	Left Back	05/07/1995	Szczecin, POL	175
	10	Kinga	Grzyb	POL	Left Wing	12/01/1982	Elbląg, POL	169
	3	Kinga	Jakubowska	POL	Right Back	23/06/1999	WROCLAW, POL	174
	7	Malena	Cavo	ARG	Right Back	02/04/1999	Buenos Aires, ARG	169
	8	Mariane Cristina	Oliveira Fernandes	BRA	Left Back	04/01/1996	Niteroi, BRA	166
	99	Monika	Malickiewicz	POL	Goalkeeper	15/04/1988	Wrocław, POL	178
	13	Natalia	Janas	POL	Right Wing	16/09/1999	Jelenia Góra, POL	170
	6	Natalia	Pankowska	POL	Line Player	11/03/2002	Brodnica, POL	178
	49	Patricia	Machado Matielli	BRA	Centre Back	08/11/1988	Sao Paulo, BRA	168
	22	Weronika	Weber	POL	Left Wing	31/07/2000	Wabrzezno, POL	170



MONIKA MALICZKIEWICZ

Goalkeeper

- spent most of her career with KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin, currently in her second spell with the club
- left Zagłębie Lubin in 2015 to join French side HBC Nîmes, before rejoining the club a year later
- one of the most experienced players in the squad, at 36 years old
- represented Poland at youth and senior level with the national team

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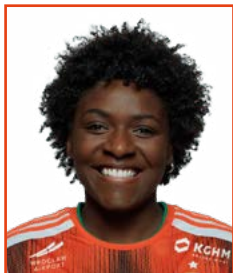


KAROLINA KOCHANIAK-SALA

Left back

- spent most of her career playing for various clubs in Poland
- joined KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin from MKS FunFloor Lublin back in 2020
- scored 9 goals in the EHF European League qualification and was Zagłębie Lubin's joint-top scorer
- represented Poland at youth and senior level with the national team, played an important role for Polish team at the recent Women's EHF EURO 2024, scoring 18 goal

 @karo.kochaniak_sala



MARIANE CRISTINA OLIVEIRA FERNÁNDES

Left back

- played for Super Amara Bera Bera in the EL qualification in each of the past four seasons
- joined KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin from the Spanish side in the summer of 2024
- expected to play a vital role in the squad going forward, scored 6 goals in the EL qualification and was Zagłębie Lubin's second-highest scorer
- has won regional titles as part of the Brazil national team

 @maari_nega

SCAC (South and Central American Championship): G 2022; PAG (Pan American Games): G 2023



ANETA PROMIS

Right wing

- joined KGHM MKS Zagłębie Lubin from ES Besançon Féminin back in 2021
- one of the key players in the squad
- was Zagłębie Lubin's joint-top scorer in the EL qualification round 3 against IK Sävehofn with 9 goals scored
- represented the Poland national team at youth and senior level

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JDA BOURGOGNE DIJON HANDBALL



JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball are one of the group phase debutants, having failed to qualify last season after being knocked out by Molde Elite. Despite their modest history of playing in the EHF's second-tier club competition, the French side is alongside Motherston Mosonmagyarovari KC as one of the favourites to occupy the top two spots in the group. The Dijon-based club eliminated Hypo Niederösterreich and ZRK Zrinski Cakovec in the qualification rounds, by displaying ruthless performances which should sound the alarm among their opponents. Averaging a little over 34 goals scored per match during the qualification rounds showcases their quality with Celine Sivertsen & co. proving their credentials on the big stage.

- debutants in the EHF European League group phase
- finishing as runners-up in the Challenge Cup back in 2004/05 is JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball's biggest success in EHF club competitions to date
- coached by Clement Alcacer who is one of the youngest coaches in the EHF club competitions, aged only 35 years old
- signed the excellent goalkeeper, Ann-Cathrin Johanna Giegerich from Buducnost, which is a strong indicator of their high ambitions
- eliminated Hypo Niederösterreich in qualification round 2 and ZRK Zrinski Cakovec in qualification round 3

Additionally, when you add their new star signing, goalkeeper Ann-Cathrin Johanna Giegerich, there is undisputed quality on both ends of the court, ready to compete with the best. Clement Alcacer is going places as a promising coach and writing another piece of history in JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball's books cannot be ruled out, while their home court in the Palais des Sports will prove to be another obstacle for their opponents to get past, with a potential place in the quarter-finals the ultimate dream for Dijon.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 2

Qualification (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF CUP

Quarter-finals (1): 2002/03

Last 16 (1): 2003/04

Qualification (1): 2017/18

CHALLENGE CUP

Runners-up (1): 2004/05

Quarter-finals (4): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Round 3 (1): 2013/14

French league: -

French cup: -



CLEMENT ALCACER COACH

- young and promising coach, aged only 35 years
- took over at JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball from Anthony Favier in the summer of 2024
- coached OGC Nice Cote d Azur Handball before joining the Dijon-based club
- has also coached at Union Pays d'Aix Bouc Handball and Metz Handball

ARRIVALS

Nadia Mielke-Offendal
Ann-Cathrin Giegerich
Mathilde Plotton
Louane Henry
Corentine Senant

DEPARTURES

Ilona Di Rocco
Kristy Zimmerman
Charlène Guerrier (loan)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
15	Alice	Monteillet	FRA	Right Back	15/12/2005	Mulhouse, FRA	180
16	Ann-Cathrin Johanna	Giegerich	GER	Goalkeeper	04/01/1992	Erlenbach, GER	183
11	Anouk	Cassin	FRA	Line Player	11/05/2005	Orsay, FRA	174
93	Celine	Sivertsen	NOR	Right Back	20/04/1993	Bergen, NOR	170
4	Claire	Vautier	FRA	Left Back	05/09/1999	Conde sur l'Escaut, FRA	179
62	Corentine	Senant	FRA	Left Wing	08/02/2006	Landernau, FRA	167
5	Dorothee	Blaise	FRA	Left Wing	01/02/2005	Belfort, FRA	164
50	Enola	Henry	FRA	Line Player	17/03/2003	Saint Cloud, FRA	175
12	Franchesline	Atemici	FRA	Goalkeeper	18/11/2004	Kourou, FRA	182
41	Juliette	Louveau	FRA	Left Back	14/09/2005	Lille, FRA	192
23	Lilou	Pintat	FRA	Line Player	09/11/2004	Saint Dizier, FRA	175
6	Louane	Henry	FRA	Right Wing	15/03/2007	Colmar, FRA	165
9	Manon	Gravelle	FRA	Right Back	09/06/1997	Dijon, FRA	177
24	Manuella	Dos Reis	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/06/1999	Verdun, FRA	179
13	Mathilde	Plotton	FRA	Left Back	05/03/1999	Montbrison, FRA	185
7	Maureen	Gayet	FRA	Right Wing	14/05/2002	BoulognesurMer, FRA	175
27	Nadia	Offendal	DEN	Centre Back	22/10/1994	Copenhagen, DEN	177
21	Nina	Dury	FRA	Left Wing	16/01/2004	Dijon, FRA	175
89	Nina	Perret	FRA	Centre Back	12/09/2004	Dijon, FRA	172
22	Rosario Victoria	Urban Medel	ARG	Right Wing	13/03/1997	Buenos Aires, ARG	168
C 25	Sara	Valero Jodar	FRA	Line Player	03/02/1998	Pau, FRA	173
2	Stine Nørklit	Lønborg	DEN	Centre Back	21/12/1998	Albertslund, DEN	170



ANN-CATHRIN JOHANNA GIEGERICH

Goalkeeper

- played for various German clubs before embarking on her first international journey with DVSC Schaeffler in 2020
- joined JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball from Buducnost in the summer of 2024, considered a marquee signing for the French club
- played a vital role in helping the Dijon-based club secure a place in the group phase by making numerous saves in the qualifiers
- represented Germany at youth and senior level

 @ancagiegerich



SARA VALERO JODAR

Line player

- played in various EHF club competitions with Club Balonmán Atlético Guardes before joining JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball back in 2020
- one of the key players and captain of the squad
- fell short in a bid to secure a place in the EHF European League group phase in 2023/24, but successfully led her teammates through the qualification in 2024/25 to book a ticket there this time
- represented France at youth level and then switched allegiances to represent Spain at senior level

 @sarahvlr



NINA DURY

Left wing

- young and extremely talented player who can play both as a left wing and left back
- one of the key players in the squad despite being only 20 years old
- scored 19 goals in the EL qualification and was Dijon's top scorer
- represented France at youth level, expected to be part of the senior setup in future

 @nina.dury



CELINE SIVERTSEN

Right back

- joined JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball from Randers HK back in 2020
- one of the most experienced players in the squad and a quality player with playmaking abilities
- was Dijon's third-highest scorer in the EL qualification with 16 goals scored
- represented Norway at youth level

 @celinesivertsen

GROUP D PREVIEW



With two group phase debutants, one club with a sole appearance in the EHF European League and the French club with the richest history of playing across the EHF club competitions, group D is a mixed bag with no certainties and everybody possesses the quality to defeat the others on paper.

HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames are back in the EHF second-tier club competition for the second year running, and with the experience gained from last season, the German club should be even more dangerous this time around. Even though 2023/24 was their debut season, they left a positive impression in the group phase with notable performances against a couple of EHF Finals participants, especially with Lucie-Marie Kretzschmar and Helen van Beurden being among the top players in the competition.



Paris 92 are definitely the side with the most experience in group D and as such, the team coached by Stephane Plantin is the obvious favourite to go through to the quarter-finals as one of the top two clubs in the group. Additionally, the French club boasts a quality roster with a lot of young and talented players, mainly coming from France. Their qualification wins against H 65 Höörs HK were further confirmation of their credentials and their desire to prove themselves on the international stage.



Fredrikstad Ballklubb are one of the two debutants in group D, but the Norwegian side will definitely be labelled as enigmatic for their opponents, as they boast an extremely young squad with their oldest player aged only 24. However, that may be an asset, as they will be unpredictable for their opponents and will become dangerous with their favoured fast-paced style of play. The youngest squad in the EHF European League Women 2024/25 season are the lesser-known team in group D, but with the utmost potential to surprise everyone.



Finally, Super Amara Bera Bera are the reigning Spanish champions and as such, alongside Paris 92, they hold the title of being group D favourites to secure a place in the quarter-finals. Even though it took four attempts to book a ticket in the EHF European League group phase, the Spanish club has a lot of quality in their ranks, and the previous experiences of narrowly missing out on a place in this stage only made them stronger. They have shown versatility in their game and got out as winners in the qualification rounds with impressive performances, which should aid their confidence going into the group matches. Despite being debutants, Super Amara Bera Bera's ambitions go deeper than taking one step at a time and surely a place in the quarter-finals is already on the squad's mind.

I GROUP D HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

PREVIOUS DUELS BETWEEN THE TEAMS OF GROUP D

Fredrikstad Ballklubb vs Super Amara Bera Bera

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredrikstad Ballklubb vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames

No previous encounters in European competitions

Fredrikstad Ballklubb vs Paris 92

No previous encounters in European competitions

Super Amara Bera Bera vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames

No previous encounters in European competitions

Super Amara Bera Bera vs Paris 92 1-1-0 (53:48) 3:1

17.10.2021	Super Amara Bera Bera vs Paris 92, EHF European League – Qualification Round 2	27:27 (13:14)
24.10.2021	Paris 92 vs Super Amara Bera Bera, EHF European League – Qualification Round 2	21:26 (14:10)

HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames vs Paris 92

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP D



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Player short: dark blue
Goalkeeper shirt: pink

Dark

Player shirt: bordeaux
Player short: bordeaux
Goalkeeper shirt: dark green



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HSG BENSHEIM/ AUERBACH FLAMES



After shaking off the nerves in the debut season (2023/24), HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames are back in the EHF European League group phase to take a step further. Coached by Heike Ahlgrimm, the team secured a couple of wins in the group stage last season, but that was not enough to make it to the quarter-finals, and judging by their managing director's words, that is their ultimate aim. In addition, one of HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames' wins last season was against Neptunes Nantes, third at the EHF Finals 2024, which speaks volumes about the quality within the German side's squad.

- only their second-ever appearance in the EHF club competitions and thus their second appearance in the EHF European League group phase
- secured a memorable win against Neptunes Nantes — third-placed at the EHF Finals — in the group phase last season
- Helen van Beurden averaged a little over 30 per cent save efficiency in the EHF European League and was among the top goalkeepers last season
- the skilled left back Lucie-Marie Kretzschmar scored 56 goals and finished the season as the fifth-best scorer in the competition
- one of the four German clubs in the EHF European League group phase this season

Without any significant changes in the roster and in a slightly easier group in comparison to last season — given the fact that they faced a couple of EHF Finals participants in 2023/24 — it will be interesting to see how they will perform this time around. Finally, one of their main trumps, the talented Lucie-Marie Kretzschmar, was a standout player in the competition with 56 goals scored last season, ending the European campaign as the fifth-best scorer. Hopefully, they will be able to truly live up to their nickname this season and bring the 'Flames' to their competitors in group D.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 2
Group phase (1): 2023/24

Other

German league: runners-up 2023/24
German cup: runners-up 2022/23



HEIKE AHLGRIMM
COACH

- head coach since 2016
- will be her last season at the club due to personal reasons
- led the club to the Bundesliga in 2017; redeveloped the team and finished as runners-up in 2024
- 90 caps for Germany, played at centre back and right back

EHF Challenge Cup 2005 (as player)

ARRIVALS

- Nina Engel (SUN Neckarsulm)
Edita Nukovic (SV Union Halle-Neustadt)
Jule Polsz (HSV Solingen-Gräfrath)
Matilda Ehlert (Vfl Waiblingen)
Marlene Wagner (HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Junior Team)

DEPARTURES

- Leonie Kockel (Bergischer HC)
Sarah van Gulik (End of career)
Dionne Visser (HSG Bensheim/Auerbach 2)
Lili Holste (SUN Neckarsulm)
Tabea Coors (1. FSV Mainz 05)
Sarah Dekker (Team Esbjerg)

I TEAM ROSTER


No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
13	Alicia	Soffel	GER	Left Back	11/02/1999	Meisenheim, GER	176
3	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Wing	22/07/1999	Tübingen, GER	170
27	Edita	Nukovic	SRB	Line Player	01/08/1997	SRB	179
36	Helen	van Beurden	NED	Goalkeeper	09/01/1991	Breda, NED	184
5	Isabell	Hurst	GER	Line Player	17/10/1999	Bretten, GER	168
71	Jule	Polsz	GER	Right Wing	19/12/2001	Gangloff, GER	174
25	Kim	Irion	GER	Centre Back	06/04/1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
C 17	Lisa	Friedberger	GER	Centre Back	23/02/1997	Heidelberg, GER	174
33	Lucie-Marie	Kretzschmar	GER	Left Back	07/08/2000	Magdeburg, GER	179
77	Marlene	Wagner	GER	Goalkeeper	07/07/2008	Malsch, GER	178
10	Matilda	Ehlert	GER	Centre Back	16/12/2004	Ludwigsburg, GER	181
34	Mia	Ziercke	GER	Left Wing	31/12/2003	Minden, GER	171
15	Ndidi-Silvia	Agwunedu	GER	Left Wing	04/01/2000	Bielefeld, GER	173
6	Nina	Engel	GER	Right Back	25/04/2003	Hildesheim, GER	174
16	Vanessa	Fehr	CGO	Goalkeeper	13/09/1997	Aachen, GER	170



VANESSA FEHR

Goalkeeper

- joined in 2021, youth career at TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen
- first European competition experience with Leverkusen in the EHF Cup
- awarded as the best goalkeeper at the German cup final four in 2023
- plays for DR Congo, won the silver medal at the 2023 African Games

 @vano_pinazza


AG (African Games): S 2023



KIM IRION

Centre back

- re-joined Bensheim in 2023, first played for them between 2008 and 2011
- Irion (formerly Naidzinavicius) went to school in Bensheim
- won the EHF European League with SG BBM Bietigheim in 2022
- has made 118 appearances for the German national team so far

 @kimjulia15

EL 2022



LUCIE-MARIE KRETZSCHMAR

Left back

- daughter of legendary wing Stefan Kretzschmar
- joined the club in 2022
- part of the historic German women's beach handball national team, winning the EHF Beach Handball EURO and World Championships twice each
- German Beach Handball Champion 2021 with Minga Turtles

 @lmk__33

EHF BH EURO: G 2021, 2023; BH WCh: G 2022, 2024



NINA ENGEL

Right back

- joined Bensheim last summer
- made her national team debut in October; played at the EHF EURO 2024 where she stepped up to a bigger role; put in a great performance as Germany's second-best scorer (23 goals)
- playing her third season in the German Bundesliga
- scored 151 goals for Sport-Union Neckarsulm in 2023/24 Bundesliga season (4th highest scorer)

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: gold / black

Dark

Player shirt: white
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: red



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France

PARIS 92



The former Cup Winners' Cup and Challenge Cup runners-up are back in the EHF European League after a one-season absence, with Paris 92 coming in unscathed in qualification round 3 against a strong opponent. The French club defeated H 65 Höörs HK both home and away to secure a return to the EHF European League and their performance shows a squad ready to go places and repeat their success of going far in Europe.

The squad led by head coach Stephane Plantin is a perfect mixture of youth with a pinch of experience and thus can count on quality players who are ready to prove themselves on the international stage. Additionally, their promising start to the season aids the confidence within the squad, being ready to translate that to the EHF European League too. The Paris-based club sits in fourth place in France's top tier ahead of the winter break, with high hopes of making it a memorable season.

- back in the EHF European League group phase after a one-year absence
- finishing as runners-up in the Cup Winners' Cup (2012/13) and in the Challenge Cup (2013/14) are Paris 92's greatest achievements in the club's history
- a young and talented squad with only three players over the age of 30
- went into the winter break as the fourth-placed team in France's top tier, with high hopes of having a successful season, both domestically and internationally

The excellent goalkeeper Adrianna Placzek and their supremely talented left back Coura Kanoute stole the headlines with their performances in qualification round 3 and they are expected to be one of the key players in the group phase for the team. Given the club's exposure to playing across the EHF club competitions, it is hard not to look at them as narrow favourites to occupy one of the top two spots in group D.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4
Group phase (2): 2020/21; 2022/23
Qualification (1): 2021/22

Other

EHF CUP

Quarter-final (2): 2014/15, 2008/09
Group phase (1): 2017/18

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Runners-up (1): 2012/13
Semi-finals (1): 2015/16

CHALLENGE CUP

Runners-up (1): 2013/14

French league: - (runners-up 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017)
French league cup: 1 title (2013)



STEPHANE PLANTIN COACH

- head coach since summer 2024, replacing Yacine Messaoudi who held the position from 2019
- coached men's team CSA Steaua București last season
- former French national player, 72 appearances at right wing
- 2001 World Champion with France

WCh: G 2001 (as player)

ARRIVALS

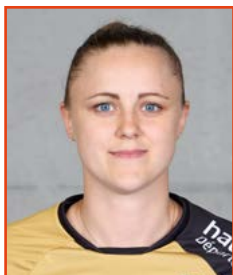
Délia Golvet (Metz Handball)

DEPARTURES

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I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
92	Adja	Ouattara	FRA	Line Player	14/10/2001	Paris, FRA	181
24	Adrianna	Placzek	POL	Goalkeeper	10/12/1993	Lezno, POL	174
21	Amélie	Dufeil	FRA	Right Wing	25/05/2002	Saint-Cloud, FRA	163
10	Aminata	Cissokho	SEN	Left Wing	01/06/2001	Paris, FRA	177
9	Astride	N'Gouan	FRA	Back	09/07/1991	Saint Denis, FRA	187
C 26	Barbara	Moretto	FRA	Right Back	24/11/1993	Buros, FRA	181
55	Chloé	Houze	FRA	Left Wing	24/06/2004	Croix, FRA	170
17	Coura	Kanoute	FRA	Left Back	17/07/2003	Montfermeil, FRA	179
19	Elisa	Techer	FRA	Right Back	14/10/2003	Paris, FRA	182
29	Elise	Ollivier	FRA	Right Back	10/06/2006	Brest, FRA	183
77	Emmanuelle	Thobor	FRA	back player	08/08/2002	Melun, FRA	185
22	Habby	Marcel-Samake	FRA	back player	26/11/2005	Enghien-les-Bains, FRA	178
18	Jannela	Blonbou	FRA	Right Back	10/04/1998	Les Abymes, FRA	179
15	Julilove	Andon	FRA	Centre Back	24/05/2006	St Maurice, FRA	175
1	Laly	Schapelynck	FRA	Goalkeeper	01/11/2005	Saint-Saulve, FRA	84
7	Laugane	Pina	CGO	Left Wing	02/06/2002	Saint Denis, FRA	179
16	Léa	Serdarevic	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/08/1995	Pau, FRA	178
87	Marie	Prouvensier	FRA	Right Wing	09/02/1994	Dijon, FRA	164
28	Namizata	Fofana	CIV	Right Wing	01/01/2000	Daloa, CIV	170
27	Noella	Lubaki	FRA	Line Player	27/01/2004	Paris, FRA	183
4	Soukeïna	Sagna	SEN	Centre Back	17/04/1998	Saint Denis, FRA	161



ADRIANNA PLAGZEK

Goalkeeper

- joined Paris 92 in 2023
- runner-up in EHF European Cup 2015 with SPR Pogoń Szczecin
- won the EL with Neptunes Nantes in 2021
- Polish international with over 50 appearances for her country; played at the recent EHF EURO 2024 and made 22 saves

 @ada93126

EL 2021



ASTRIDE N'GOUAN

Line player

- joined in 2022, previously played for Brest Bretagne Handball and Metz Handball
- Cup Winners' Cup and EHF Challenge Cup finalist in 2013 and 2014 with the club, under its former name, Issy-Paris Hand
- gave birth recently, and returned from maternity leave in summer 2024
- 46 appearances for France; won the World Championship in 2017 and EHF EURO 2018

 @astride_ngouan

EHF EURO: G 2018; WCh: G 2017
EHF CWC: S 2013; EHF CC: S 2014



MARIE PROUVENSIER

Right wing

- started playing handball at the age of 5
- joined in 2023, played for Brest Bretagne Handball from 2016 to 2019
- made her national team debut for France in 2014
- won the silver medal at Rio 2016 Olympics

 @marie_prouvensier

OG: S 2016



SOUKEÏNA SAGNA

Centre back

- re-signed last summer, played at Paris for four months in 2021
- EHF Challenge Cup winner in 2015 with Union Mios Biganos-Bègles
- played for France at youth level, won gold at 2017 Women's U19 EHF EURO
- has played for Senegal since 2021, her mother's home country

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EHF CC 2015

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Fredrikstad Ballklubb



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Goalkeeper shirt: black

Dark

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FREDRIKSTAD BALLKLUBB



The Norwegian club is back in the EHF club competitions after last featuring in the EHF Cup back in 2018/19 and 2019/20, respectively, which are Fredrikstad Ballklubb's sole appearances in Europe. Now, the head coach Elias Mar Halldorsson-led squad will feature in the EHF European League group phase and it will be intriguing to see whether they can make up for their lack of experience with their undisputed talent and youth.

- debut appearance in the EHF European League's group phase, as their only previous experience of playing in EHF competitions was in the EHF Cup
- endured a poor start to the season in Norway's top tier ahead of the winter break
- youngest team in the EHF European League Women this season, with an average age of 21.7 years
- eliminated GC Amicitia Zürich in qualification round 2 by winning both legs on their way to the group stage

The almost all-Norwegian squad is made up of very young players and their oldest one is only 24 years old, which is quite remarkable, making the youngest roster in the EHF European League 2024/25. Even though they have not had the best start to the season, as they sit in the relegation zone in Norway's top tier, Fredrikstad Ballklubb are surely hoping to improve after the winter break and their exposure to playing in the EHF European League will be an additional motivation to do better, both domestically and internationally.

Given the club's young squad, it is fair to say that every match will be a valuable experience for the players, as they will be hoping to surprise the opponents and leapfrog them for a place in the quarter-finals.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 1

Other

EHF CUP

Qualification (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

Norwegian league: -

Norwegian cup: -



ELIAS MAR HALLDORSSON

COACH

- head coach since 2020
- will be the last season at the club for the Iclander
- led the team to Europe for the first time in the club's history
- former right back; spent most of his playing career at Haukar, with a stint at ØIF Arendal

ARRIVALS

Mathilde Berner Rømer (Molde BK)
Sanne Løkka Hagen (Tertnes Håndball)
Maja Eiberg (Ajax København)
Kristin Eskerud (Romerike Ravens)
Sofie Riseth (Byåsen)
Julie Ellingsen (youth team)
Malene Hansen Tangen (youth team)
Maren Hansen Tangen (youth team)

DEPARTURES

Julie Hulleberg (Larvik)
Hanne Ramsøskar Sagvold (Ystads IF HK)
Martine Guterud Helland (retired)
Karoline Syversen (retired)
Andrea Varvin Fredriksen (Fana)
Hedda Lauvås Aasen (Byåsen)
Madelen Zimmermann Ramberg (Fjellhammer)
Synnøve Lind Edvardsen (Halden)

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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
20	Anna Clara	Fjellheim	NOR	Right Back	10/04/2001	Paraiabano, BRA	167
29	Frida Brandbu	Andersen	NOR	Centre Back	27/09/2002	Fredrikstad, NOR	173
C 11	Hanna	Blystad	NOR	Left Wing	07/08/2001	Fredrikstad, NOR	164
36	Harrieth Toft	Nordrum	NOR	Left Back	11/09/2004	Trondheim, NOR	182
C 1	Jenny Sofie Sundt	Utne	NOR	Goalkeeper	13/05/2002	Fredrikstad, NOR	175
28	Julie	Ellingsen	NOR	Right Back	19/09/2006	Fredrikstad, NOR	178
18	Kristin Dorthea	Eskerud	NOR	Line Player	29/08/2001	Oslo, NOR	182
27	Magdele Kvarving	Sandtrø	NOR	Right Wing	11/01/2005	Fredrikstad, NOR	172
5	Maja Eiberg	Jørgensen	DEN	Centre Back	21/06/2000	Glostrup, DEN	178
30	Malene Hansen	Tangen	NOR	Left Wing	02/05/2005	Fredrikstad, NOR	160
21	Maren Hansen	Tangen	NOR	Right Wing	02/05/2005	Fredrikstad, NOR	160
12	Mathilde Berner	Rømer	DEN	Goalkeeper	19/04/2003	Copenhagen, DEN	180
9	Sanne Løkka	Hagen	NOR	Right Back	01/04/2003	Notodden, NOR	173
22	Sara Eline	Lauritzen	NOR	Right Back	21/01/2004	Essen, GER	168
26	Selma Helén	Henriksen	NOR	Line Player	25/07/2002	Fredrikstad, NOR	180
7	Sofia Shauri	Dalsveen	NOR	Left Back	09/02/2003	Drammen, NOR	183
6	Sofie	Riseth	NOR	Left Wing	25/02/2000	Kongsvinger, NOR	165
2	Zara Johnsson	Solberg	NOR	Centre Back	17/04/2005	Fredrikstad, NOR	161



JENNY UTNE

Goalkeeper

- co-captain of the team at the age of 22
- former Norwegian youth national team player
- had a severe injury at 18 years old, came back to win Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022
- gained playing time and experience in Norwegian second division at Follo HK last season

 @jennyutnee



HANNA BLYSTAD

Left wing

- co-captain of the team at 23 years of age
- joined Fredrikstad in 2018
- re-signed for another season in December 2023
- was carefully developed by the club over the previous seasons

 @hannablystad



SOFIE RISETH

Left wing

- started playing handball at the age of 6
- joined last summer from Byåsen
- began her career at centre back before switching to the wing
- achieves a dream of hers by playing in a European club competition

 @soferiseth



KRISTIN ESKERUD

Line player

- joined last summer from Romerike Ravens
- started playing handball at nine years old
- skilled defensive player, using her range as an advantage
- one of her best handball memories comes from a city team tournament with her home club at the age of 15

 @kristineskerud

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Light

Player shirt: blue
Player short: dark blue
Goalkeeper shirt: pink

Dark

Player shirt: orange
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black



PLAYING HALL

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SUPER AMARA BERA BERA



The reigning Spanish champions have finally secured a historic place in the EHF European League group phase after narrowly missing out on a ticket in each of the previous four seasons. Now, they have had to get past a couple of strong opponents — Sport Lisboa e Benfica and MKS FunFloor Lublin — and they have every right to be proud. The Spanish coach Imanol Alvarez Arruti favours a fast-paced style of play and given Bera's quality across the squad, they can also be labelled as one of the favourites to finish in the top two spots in group D.

- were eliminated in the qualification rounds in each of the past four seasons of the EHF European League and missed out on a place in the group phase by a single goal last year
- are the reigning Spanish champions, as they secured the title over the current EHF European Cup winners ATTICGO Bm Elche
- talented squad with players coming from six different countries (Spain, Serbia, Angola, Argentina, France, Hungary) and led by the experienced coach Imanol Alvarez Arruti
- eliminated Sport Lisboa e Benfica and then MKS FunFloor Lublin on the way to writing a new chapter in the club's history books
- aim to reach the quarter-finals and make history once again

The super talented left back Carmen Arroyo Pimienta was at the heart of everything they did in the qualification rounds and the 20-year-old left back will surely continue to be one of their main weapons going forward. In addition, they have shown versatility in their performance, as they needed to finish as winners in the high-scoring tie against Sport Lisboa e Benfica and then had to be a little more patient against the more experienced MKS FunFloor Lublin in order to reach the promised land. With the burden off their shoulders, Super Amara Bera Bera are one of the teams to look out for in the competition this season.



PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 5

Qualification (4): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24

Other

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Qualification (3): 2012/13, 2016/17, 2018/19

Group matches (1): 2013/14

EHF CUP

Last 16 (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2011/12, 2014/15

Group phase (1): 2018/19

Round 4 (2): 2001/02, 2002/03

Round 3 (4): 2000/01, 2003/04, 2008/09, 2015/16

Qualification (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Semi-finals (1): 2007/08

Quarter-finals (2): 1996/97, 2012/13

1/16 (1): 1997/98

Round 4 (1): 2006/07

Round 3 (1): 2009/10

CITY CUP

Last 16 (1): 1998/99

Spanish league: 9 titles (2012-16, 2018, 2020-22, 2024)

Spanish cup: 8 titles (2007, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2023, 2024)



IMANOL ALVAREZ ARRUTI

COACH

- head coach since 2018, also coached the team in the 2013/14 season
- has led the club to five domestic championships
- coach of Spanish women's youth team from 2017 to 2021; assistant coach of Spanish women's national team until 2023
- enjoys taking long trips on his bike

ARRIVALS

Elba Álvarez (Caja Rural Aula Valladolid)
Eszter Ogonovszky (Banik Most)
Lucía Prades (Elda Prestigio)
Tamara Kositc (Bekament)
Francisca A. Joao (Madeira Andebol)

DEPARTURES

Emma Boada (DAC Dunajska Streda)
Malena Cavo (MKS Zaglebie Lubin)
Mariane Fernandes (MKS Zaglebie Lubin)
June Loidi (Balonmano La Calzada)
Maddi Aalla (Alba Fehérvár KC)
Lydia Blanco (Grafometal La Rioja)
Alice Silva (Costa del Sol Málaga)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	D.O.B.	Place of birth	cm
C 8	Alba	Menéndez Martínez	ESP	Right Back	14/11/1991	Zarautz, ESP	170
12	Andrea	Saez	ESP	Goalkeeper	24/07/2006	Zumaia, ESP	178
25	Anne	Erauskin Martínez	ESP	Right Wing	07/11/1998	Ermua, ESP	169
70	Carmen	Arroyo Pimienta	ESP	Left Back	03/03/2004	Ciudad Real, ESP	180
92	Eider	Tapia	ESP	Line Player	04/04/2005	Irun, ESP	177
2	Elba	Álvarez Torrado	ESP	Centre Back	26/05/2001	Vigo, ESP	170
18	Elke Josseline	Karsten	ARG	Left Back	15/05/1995	Corrientes, ARG	177
3	Esther	Arrojeria Arantzastroke	ESP	Centre Back	11/02/1994	Usurbil, ESP	164
4	Eszter	Ogonovszky	HUN	Left Back	14/07/2003	Komárom, HUN	178
99	Francisca	Araújo João	ANG	Right Back	10/04/1999	Luanda, ANG	173
31	Giuliana	Gavilán	ARG	Line Player	07/03/1996	Villa María, ARG	176
90	Haizea	Urretabizkaia	ESP	Left Wing	18/12/2003	Irun, ESP	158
13	Laura	Hernández Selva	ESP	Left Wing	13/05/1997	Elche, ESP	170
55	Lucía	Prades Ricondo	ESP	Goalkeeper	05/10/2001	Castellón, ESP	169
20	Lyndie	Tchaptchet Defo	ESP	Line Player	13/01/2005	Yaoundé, CMR	185
15	Maitane	Echeverría Martínez	ESP	Right Wing	15/01/1997	Lezo, ESP	168
6	Marie	Louis	FRA	Left Wing	17/10/2000	Massy, FRA	170
33	Tamara	Kostic	SRB	Goalkeeper	13/10/1999	Belgrad, SRB	172



ALBA MENÉNDEZ MARTÍNEZ

Right back

- at the club since 2009
- captain of the team since 2017
- played matches in EHF Champions League, EHF Cup, EHF European League and Cup Winners' Cup with the team
- regularly enjoys the hills of Talaimendi and the beach in her native Zarauz

 @albame_bux8



ELKE KARSTEN

Centre back

- started playing handball at the age of 8
- re-joined the club in 2023, after previously playing from 2017 to 2019
- Argentinian international with more than 120 appearances
- collected three silver medals (2015, 2019, 2023) at the Pan American Games

 @elkekarsten

PAG: S 2015, S 2019, S 2023;
SCAC (South and Central American Championship): S 2018, 2021, 2022



LYNDIE TCHAPTCHET DEFO

Line player

- developed her skills in the youth academy of Beti-Onak
- sister of Odense Håndbold line player Lysa Tchaptchet
- won the EHF Championship with the Spanish U19 national team
- made her debut for the women's national team in October 2024; played for Spain at the EHF EURO 2024

 @lyyndiiee



MAITANE ECHEVERRÍA MARTÍNEZ

Right wing

- part of the team since 2013
- named best right wing of the Spanish first division in 2022/23 and 2023/24
- made her national team debut in 2017; silver medalist at the 2019 IHF Women's World Championship
- has taken part in three IHF World Championships, EHF EURO 2022, and the Paris 2024 Olympics for Spain

 @etxeberriamaitane

WCh: S 2019



HISTORY

I PAST CHAMPIONS 1994–2024

EHF European League Women

2024	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)
2023	Ikast Handbold (DEN)
2022	SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)
2021	Nantes Atlantique Handball (FRA)

Women's EHF Cup *(after merge with Women's Cup Winners' Cup)*

2020	<i>no title awarded due to pandemic</i>
2019	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)
2018	SCM Craiova (ROU)
2017	Rostov-Don (RUS)

Women's EHF Cup

2016	Dunaujvárosi KKA (HUN)
2015	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2014	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
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2012	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2011	FC Midtjylland Handball (DEN)
2010	Randers HK A/S (DEN)
2009	Itxako Navarra (ESP)
2008	Dinamo Volgograd (RUS)
2007	Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)
2006	FTC Budapest (HUN)
2005	Cornexi Alcoa (HUN)
2004	Viborg HK (DEN)
2003	Slagelse FH (DEN)
2002	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)
2001	MKS Montex Lublin (POL)
2000	El Ferrobús Mislata (ESP)
1999	Viborg HK (DEN)
1998	Dunaferr SE (HUN)
1997	Robit Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)
1996	Debreceni VSC (HUN)
1995	Debreceni VSC (HUN)
1994	Viborg HK (DEN)

Women's Cup Winners' Cup

2016	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
2015	FC Midtjylland (DEN)
2014	Viborg HK (DEN)
2013	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)
2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)
2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)
2010	Budučnost T-Mobile (MNE)
2009	FCK Håndbold A/S (DEN)
2008	Larvik HK (NOR)
2007	CS Oltchim Vâlcea (ROU)
2006	ZRK Budućnost MONET (SCG)
2005	Larvik HK (NOR)
2004	Ikast Bording EH (DEN)
2003	ESBF Besançon (FRA)
2002	HC Lada Togliatti (RUS)
2001	Motor Zaporozhye (UKR)
2000	L'Elia Valencia (ESP)
1999	Bækkelaget Oslo (NOR)
1998	Bækkelaget Oslo (NOR)
1997	Istochnik Rostov (RUS)
1996	Giessen Lützellinden (GER)
1995	Dunaferr SE (HUN)
1994	Tus Walle Bremen (GER)

I TOP SCORERS 2023/24*

68 GOALS



Anniken Obaidli

Storhamar Handball Elite

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Anniken Obaidli (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	68
2	Csenge Kuczora (HUN)	Praktiker-Vác	60
3	Tamara Horacek (FRA)	Neptunes Nantes	59
4	Kristina Novak (NOR)	Sola HK	57
5	Lucie-Marie Kretzschmar (GER)	HSG Bensheim/Auerbach	56
	Laslo Cristina (ROU)	CS Gloria 2018 BN	56
7	Katarina Jezic (CRO)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	55
	Camilla Herrem (NOR)	Sola HK	55
9	Onacia Ondono (FRA)	Neptunes Nantes	51
	Kristina Liscevic (SRB)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	51
	Mireya Gonzalez Alvarez (ESP)	H.C. Dunarea Braila	51
12	Marie Hélène Sajka (FRA)	Neptunes Nantes	49
13	Johanna Reichert (AUT)	Thüringer HC	48
13	Katarina Pandza (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta	48
15	Kristin Venn (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	47
	Guro Nestaker (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite	47
17	Léna Grandveau (FRA)	Neptunes Nantes	44
18	Lene Kristiansen Tveiten (NOR)	Sola HK	43
	Josipa Mamic (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta	43
	Malin Holta (NOR)	Sola HK	43

* qualification included

I ALL-TIME STANDINGS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2020–24

1	Ikast Håndbold DEN	30	26	0	4	961:805	+156	52:8	(4)	86,67%
2	Neptunes Nantes FRA	34	20	1	13	1002:951	+51	41:27	(4)	60,29%
3	Sola HK NOR	24	15	2	7	739:671	+68	32:16	(4)	66,67%
4	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	24	14	0	10	701:678	+23	28:20	(3)	58,33%
5	Siófok KC HUN	18	12	1	5	503:488	+15	25:11	(2)	69,44%
6	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	20	11	2	7	550:532	+18	24:16	(2)	60,00%
7	Thüringer HC GER	24	11	2	11	626:625	+1	24:24	(4)	50,00%
8	HC Dunarea Braila ROU	18	10	1	7	517:502	+15	21:15	(3)	58,33%
9	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	10	10	0	0	312:230	+82	20:0	(1)	100,00%
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	16	8	2	6	483:489	-6	18:14	(3)	56,25%
11	Motherthon Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN	20	9	0	11	556:570	-14	18:22	(4)	45,00%
12	CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU	10	8	1	1	299:258	+41	17:3	(1)	85,00%
13	Viborg HK DEN	10	7	2	1	304:272	+32	16:4	(1)	80,00%
14	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN	16	8	0	8	452:431	+21	16:16	(2)	50,00%
15	BV Borussia Dortmund GER	10	7	0	3	288:262	+26	14:6	(2)	70,00%
16	Paris 92 FRA	12	6	0	6	247:257	-10	12:12	(3)	50,00%
17	ES Besancon Feminin FRA	14	6	0	8	397:410	-13	12:16	(2)	42,86%
18	Praktiker-Vác HUN	24	4	1	19	620:737	-117	9:39	(4)	18,75%
19	DVSC Schaeffler HUN	6	4	0	2	158:163	-5	8:4	(1)	66,67%
20	Astrakhanochka RUS	8	4	0	4	191:173	+18	8:8	(1)	50,00%
21	Handball Club Lada RUS	14	4	0	10	340:350	-10	8:20	(2)	28,57%
22	Chambray Touraine Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	306:335	-29	7:17	(2)	29,17%
23	MKS FunFloor Lublin POL	12	3	1	8	320:350	-30	7:17	(2)	29,17%
24	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	14	3	1	10	348:387	-39	7:21	(2)	25,00%
25	Kuban RUS	6	2	2	2	130:120	+10	6:6	(1)	50,00%
29	HSG Bensheim/Auerbach Flames GER	6	2	0	4	182:200	-18	4:8	(2)	33,33%
31	KGHM MKS Zaglebie Lubin POL	6	1	1	4	149:173	-24	3:9	(2)	25,00%
NR	Super Amara Bera Bera ESP	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	ATTICGO Bm Elche ESP	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	JDA Bourgogne Dijon Handball FRA	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	HSG Blomberg-Lippe GER	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	Fredrikstad Ballklubb NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	Larvik NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

- last updated after 2023/24 season (qualification matches not included for any season)

- (x) = number of seasons played (including 2024/25)

- x% = winning percentage

- **bold** = part of group phase in 2024/25 season

I ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–24

TOP 10 BIGGEST WINS

21	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN	42:21 (19:10), 05.02.2022
19	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU	39:20 (19:11), 15.01.2022
18	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Praktiker-Vác HUN	35:17 (16:10), 14.01.2024
17	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Magura Cismadie ROU	35:18 (16:8), 12.02.2022
15	Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23), 13.02.2022
14	Neptunes Nantes FRA vs MKS FunFloor Lublin POL	39:25 (19:15), 18.02.2024
13	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	27:40 (11:19), 10.02.2021
12	Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Vaci NKSE HUN	26:38 (13:21), 23.01.2021
12	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	21:33 (8:19), 06.02.2022
12	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Molde Elite NOR	29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
12	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	34:22 (14:10), 11.02.2023
12	Neptunes Nantes FRA vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach GER	39:27 (19:12)
12	Thüringer HC GER vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	29:17 (13:10), 18.02.2024

TOP 10 BIGGEST HALF-TIME LEADS

13	Sola HK NOR vs CSM Targu Jiu ROU	40:29 (23:10), 20.01.2024
12	Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	25:40 (11:23), 13.02.2022
11	SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	21:33 (8:19), 06.02.2022
10	Siófok KC HUN vs Fleury Loiret Handball FRA	24:35 (10:20), 17.01.2021
10	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN	39:29 (21:11), 16.01.2022
10	ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN	34:24 (19:9), 12.02.2022
9	MKS Perla Lublin POL vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	35:26 (18:9), 15.02.2021
9	Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN	42:21 (19:10), 05.02.2022
9	Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	35:29 (23:14), 08.01.2023
9	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs Molde Elite NOR	24:32 (8:17), 11.02.2023
9	Ikast Handbold DEN vs Siófok KC HUN	31:21 (17:8), 25.03.2023

I ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–24

TOP 10 MOST GOALS

- 42 Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN 42:21 (19:10), 05.02.2022
- 41 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 41:36 (18:15), 07.02.2021
- 41 ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Molde Elite NOR 29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
- 40 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 27:40 (11:19), 10.02.2021
- 40 Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 25:40 (11:23), 13.02.2022
- 40 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR 40:32 (18:14), 26.03.2022
- 40 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN 40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
- 40 Sola HK NOR vs CSM Targu Jiu ROU 40:29 (23:10), 20.01.2024
- 39 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Vaci NKSE HUN 39:29 (19:13), 06.02.2021
- 39 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs HC Zvezda RUS 31:39 (13:18), 14.02.2021
- 39 Sola HK NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA 32:39 (16:22), 15.01.2022
- 39 SG BBM Bietigheim GER vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU 39:20 (19:11), 15.01.2022
- 39 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN 39:29 (21:11), 16.01.2022
- 39 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU 33:39 (17:20), 27.03.2022
- 39 Neptunes Nantes FRA vs HSG Bensheim/Auerbach GER 39:27 (19:12)
- 39 Neptunes Nantes FRA vs MKS FunFloor Lublin POL 39:25 (19:15), 18.02.2024
- 39 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Thüringer HC GER 35:39 (17:19), 17.03.2024
- 39 Neptunes Nantges FRA vs Sola HK NOR 39:30 (17:10), 17.03.2024
- 39* Neptunes Nantes FRA vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU 38:39 (14:18, 33:33), 12.05.2024

** After penalty throws*

TOP 10 MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

- 77 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 41:36 (18:15), 07.02.2021
- 77* HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA 38:39 (14:18, 33:33), 12.05.2024
- 75 Viborg HK DEN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 38:37 ((19:21), 03.04.2022
- 74 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 35:39 (17:19), 17.03.2024
- 72 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR 40:32 (18:14), 26.03.2022
- 72 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN 33:39 (17:20), 27.03.2022
- 71 ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Sola HK NOR 32:39 (16:22)
- 70 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs HC Zvezda RUS 31:39 (13:18), 14.02.2021
- 70 Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU 36:34 (21:15), 08.05.2021
- 70 Siófok KC HUN vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN 36:34aet (19:18, 31:31), 08.05.2021
- 70 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN 40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
- 70 Molde Elite NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA 29:41 (15:17), 14.02.2023
- 70 Sola HK NOR vs Thüringer HC GER 35:35 (19:17), 19.03.2023

** After penalty throws*

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TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS

- 17 Praktiker-Vác HUN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 35:17 (16:10), 14.01.2024
- 17 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Thüringer HC GER 29:17 (13:10), 18.02.2024
- 18 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Sola HK NOR 25:18 (13:11), 29.01.2022
- 18 Magura Cisnădie ROU vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 35:18 (16:8), 12.02.2022
- 18 ES Besançon Féminin FRA vs Siófok KC HUN 20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
- 19 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN 19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
- 19 MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER 29:19 (16:9), 22.01.2022
- 19 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs Neptunes de Nantes FRA 28:19 (14:7), 19.03.2023
- 19 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 23:19 (13:9), 20.01.2024
- 19 CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA 19:19 (11:9), 20.01.2024
- 19 Neptunes Nantes FRA vs CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU 19:19 (11:9), 20.01.2024
- 19 Chambrey Touraine Handball FRA vs HC Dunărea Brăila ROU 19:24 (10:14), 17.02.2024

TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS

- 38 Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besançon Féminin FRA 20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
- 38 CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA 19:19 (11:9), 20.01.2024
- 40 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL 20:20 (10:9), 09.01.2021
- 41 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN 19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
- 42 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR 23:19 (13:9), 20.01.2024
- 42 CSM Târgu Jiu ROU vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári HUN 20:22 (10:10), 18.02.2024
- 43 Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 25:18 (13:11), 29.01.2022
- 43 Chambrey Touraine Handball FRA vs HC Dunărea Brăila ROU 19:24 (10:14), 17.02.2024
- 45 Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 23:22 (12:9), 17.02.2024
- 46 Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs MKS Perla Lublin POL 25:21 (11:12), 07.02.2021
- 46 MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU 23:23 (12:12), 13.02.2022
- 46 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN 20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
- 46 Paris 92 FRA vs SCM Râmnicu Valcea ROU 24:22 (10:10), 15.01.2023
- 46 DVSC Schaeffler HUN vs Sola HK NOR 25:21 (13:13), 04.02.2023
- 46 Thüringer HC GER vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO 29:17 (13:10), 18.02.2024

I ALL-TIME STATS EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020–24

TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICITS OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO WIN A GAME

-4	Fana NOR vs Neptunes de Nantes FRA	30:28 (13:17), 21.01.2023
-4*	Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER	33:35 (17:13, 29:29, 32:32), 13.05.2023
-4	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Neptunes Nantes FRA	28:27 (12:16), 11.05.2024
-3	Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	26:29 (15:12), 21.02.2021
-3	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	31:33 (19:16), 09.05.2021
-3	Paris 92 FRA vs Praktiker-Vác HUN	26:24 (12:15), 04.02.2023
-2	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Astrakhanochka RUS	30:27 (13:15), 06.02.2021
-2	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Chambray Touraine Handball FRA	25:26 (14:12), 22.01.2022
-2	Viborg HK DEN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	38:37 (19:21), 03.04.2022
-2	Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	23:31 (12:10), 12.02.2023
-2	HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	26:25 (10:12), 24.03.2024

* After penalty throws

TOP 10 BIGGEST DEFICITS OVERCOME AFTER LOSING FIRST HALF TO DRAW A GAME

-6	CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR	29:29 (16:10), 03.04.2022
-4*	HC Dunarea ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA	38:39 (14:18, 33:33), 12.05.2024
-3	Siófok KC HUN vs Kuban RUS	28:28 (15:18), 09.01.2021
-3	Siófok KC HUN vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU	25:27 (14:11), 23.01.2021
-2	Kuban RUS vs HC Dunarea Braila ROU	25:25 (13:15), 17.01.2021
-2	Thüringer HC GER vs Sola HK NOR	35:35 (19:17), 19.03.2023
-1	MKS Perla Lublin POL vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	20:20 (10:9), 09.01.2021
-1	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN	30:30 (14:15), 13.02.2022
-1	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Thüringer HC GER	32:32 (16:17), 04.02.2023
-1	Praktiker-Vác HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	28:28 (12:13), 07.01.2024

* After penalty throws

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TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF

- 24 ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Molde Elite NOR – 2nd half 29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
- 23 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR - 2nd half 41:36 (18:15), 07.02.2021
- 23 Viborg HK DEN vs Váci NKSE HUN – 2nd half 42:21 (19:10), 05.02.2022
- 23 Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO – 1st half 25:40 (11:23), 13.02.2022
- 23 Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 35:29 (23:14), 08.01.2023
- 23 Sola HK NOR vs CSM Targu Jiu ROU – 1st half 40:29 (23:10), 20.01.2024
- 22 Sola HK NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 1st half 32:39 (16:22), 15.01.2022
- 22 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR – 2nd half 40:32 (18:14), 26.03.2022
- 22 Sola HK NOR vs Neptunes Nantes FRA – 2nd half 30:39 (10:17), 24.03.2024
- 21 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs Vaci NKSE HUN - 1st half 26:38 (13:21), 23.01.2021
- 21 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Thüringer HC GER - 2nd half 41:36 (18:15), 07.02.2021
- 21 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR - 2nd half 27:40 (11:19), 10.02.2021
- 21 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs HC Zvezda RUS - 2nd half 31:39 (13:18), 14.02.2021
- 21 Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 1st half 36:34 (21:15), 08.05.2021
- 21 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Váci NKSE HUN – 1st half 39:29 (21:11), 16.01.2022
- 21 Storhamar Handball Elite NOR vs Viborg HK DEN - 1st half 38:37 (19:21), 03.04.2022
- 21 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half 40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
- 21 Thüringer HC GER vs Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half 28:34 (13:21), 15.01.2023
- 21 Sola HK NOR vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half 23:31 (12:10), 12.02.2023
- 21 Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU – 2nd half 38:29 (17:14), 26.03.2023
- 21 CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU vs HSG/Bensheim/Auerbach GER – 1st half 27:35 (15:21), 13.01.2024
- 21 HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 26:32 (13:21), 16.03.2024

TOP 10 MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

- 44 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 2nd half 41:36 (18:15), 07.02.2021
- 42 Sola HK NOR vs Neptunes Nantes FRA – 2nd half 30:39 (10:17), 24.03.2024
- 41 Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half 33:34 (12:14), 14.05.2022
- 40 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Sola HK NOR – 2nd half 40:32 (18:14), 26.03.2022
- 40 Viborg HK DEN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 1st half 38:37 (19:21), 03.04.2022
- 39 HC Zvezda RUS vs Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN – 2nd half 31:39 (13:18), 14.02.2021
- 39 SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU vs Praktiker-Vác HUN – 1st half 40:30 (21:18), 08.01.2023
- 38 Astrakhanochka RUS vs CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU – 2nd half 33:27 (14:8), 24.01.2021
- 38 HC Dunarea Braila ROU vs Kuban RUS – 2nd half 36:32 (17:13), 20.02.2021
- 38 ES Besancon Feminin FRA vs Sola HK NOR – 1st half 32:39 (16:22), 15.01.2022
- 38 Molde Elite NOR vs ES Besancon Feminin FRA – 2nd half 29:41 (15:17), 14.01.2023
- 38 Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN vs Sola HK NOR – 1st half 29:34 (16:22), 10.02.2024
- 38 Thüringer HC GER vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 2nd half 35:39 (17:19), 17.03.2024

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TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF

- 6 Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 25:23 (12:6), 14.01.2024
- 7 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Sola HK NOR – 2nd half 25:18 (13:11), 29.01.2022
- 7 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half 20:28 (7:13), 19.02.2022
- 7 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN – 1st half 28:24 (15:7), 20.02.2022
- 7 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 1st half 20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
- 7 Siófok KC HUN vs Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half 20:30 (7:12), 18.03.2023
- 7 BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER vs Neptunes de Nantes FRA – 1st half 28:19 (14:7), 19.03.2023
- 7 Praktiker-Vác HUN vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 2nd half 35:17 (16:10), 14.01.2024
- 7 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Thüringer HC GER – 2nd half 29:17 (13:10), 18.02.2024
- 8 CS Minaur Baia Mare ROU vs Astrakhanochka RUS – 1st half 33:27 (14:8), 24.01.2021
- 8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN – 2nd half 19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
- 8 MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 1st half 21:33 (8:19), 06.02.2022
- 8 Magura Cisnădie ROU vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR – 1st half 35:18 (16:8), 12.02.2022
- 8 SCM Râmnicu Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 31:20 (15:8), 16.02.2022
- 8 Sola HK NOR vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 2nd half 25:21 (13:13), 04.02.2023
- 8 ES Besançon Féminin FRA vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER – 1st half 31:21 (16:8), 05.02.2023
- 8 Molde Elite NOR vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER – 1st half 24:32 (8:17), 11.02.2023
- 8 Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besançon Féminin FRA – 2nd half 20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
- 8 Praktiker-Vác HUN vs Thüringer HC GER – 1st half 31:21 (16:8), 12.02.2023
- 8 Siófok KC HUN vs Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half 31:21 (17:8), 25.03.2023
- 8 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Thüringer HC GER – 2nd half 21:28 (13:13), 06.01.2024
- 8 CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA – 2nd half 19:19 (11:9), 20.01.2024
- 8 HSG Bensheim/Auerbach GER vs CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU – 2nd half 33:24 (18:16), 17.02.2024

TOP 10 FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS

- 17 Siófok KC HUN vs ES Besançon Féminin FRA – 2nd half 20:18 (12:9), 11.02.2023
- 18 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC HUN – 2nd half 19:22 (11:12), 15.01.2022
- 18 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN – 1st half 20:26 (7:11), 15.01.2023
- 18 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs Nykøbing Falster Håndbold DEN – 1st half 25:23 (12:6), 14.01.2024
- 18 CS Gloria 2018 BN ROU vs Neptunes Nantes FRA – 2nd half 19:19 (11:9), 20.01.2024
- 19 Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR vs MKS Perla Lublin POL – 1st half 20:20 (10:9), 09.01.2021
- 19 Les Neptunes de Nantes FRA vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER – 2nd half 25:27 (16:17), 09.01.2022
- 19 Sola HK NOR vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO – 2nd half 25:18 (13:11), 29.01.2022
- 19 Siófok KC HUN vs Ikast Handbold DEN – 1st half 20:30 (7:12), 18.03.2023
- 19 Chambray Touraine Handball FRA vs HC Dunărea Braila ROU – 2nd half 19:24 (10:14), 17.02.2024

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LONGEST WINNING RUN

Ikast Handbold DEN	11 matches (15.05.2022 – 14.05.2023)
SG BBM Bietigheim GER	10 matches (09.01.2022 – 15.05.2022)
Siófok KC HUN	8 matches (17.01.2021 – 08.05.2021)
Nantes Atlantique Handball FRA	8 matches (16.01.2021 – 09.05.2021)
Herning-Ikast Handbold DEN	8 matches (09.01.2022 – 02.04.2022)

LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN

Ikast Handbold DEN	11 matches (15.05.2022 – 14.05.2023)
SG BBM Bietigheim GER	10 matches (09.01.2022 – 15.05.2022)
Siófok KC HUN	9 matches (09.01.2021 – 08.05.2021)
Viborg HK DEN	9 matches (15.01.2022 – 14.05.2022)
CS Gloria 2018 BN	9 matches (06.01.2024 - 11.05.2024)

LONGEST LOSING RUN

HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	12 matches (15.01.2022 – 18.02.2024)
Váci NKSE HUN	7 matches (23.01.2021 – 05.02.2022)
Handball Club Lada RUS	7 matches (27.03.2021 – 20.02.2022)
Molde Elite NOR	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 18.02.2023)
HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 19.02.2023)
CSM Targu Jiu	6 matches (06.01.2024 – 18.02.2024)

LONGEST RUN WITHOUT WIN

HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	12 matches (15.01.2022 – 18.02.2024)
Váci NKSE HUN	7 matches (23.01.2021 – 05.02.2022)
Handball Club Lada RUS	7 matches (27.03.2021 – 20.02.2022)
HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	7 matches (08.01.2023 – 07.01.2024)
Molde Elite NOR	6 matches (08.01.2023 – 18.02.2023)

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