



**CHALLENGE
CUP**

**Women's Challenge Cup
2015/16**

Media Information

Final:

Kastamonu Belediyesi Genclik SK

VS

Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE



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Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the final of the Women's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the final two games and the participating teams. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

Media portal

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For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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Important regulations

Scoring of the matches in the final

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:

- goal difference
- higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, 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 is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report that have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- 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.

[Find all the regulations here](#)



Kastamonu Belediyesi Gencilik SK vs Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE



1st leg: Sat 30 April, 18:00 hrs*

[LIVE ON EHFTV.COM](http://LIVE.ON.EHFTV.COM)

Referees: Peter Dvorsky, Ivan Karlubik (SVK)

EHF Delegate: Gabriella Horvath (HUN)

2nd leg: Sat 7 May, 18:30 hrs*

[LIVE ON EHFTV.COM](http://LIVE.ON.EHFTV.COM)

Referees: Vanja Antic, Jelena Jakovljevic (SRB)

EHF Delegate: George Bebetos (GRE)

EHF Representative: Jerzy Eliasz

* all times local



Playing hall

Haldun Alagas Sport Complex
Alemdar Caddesi No. 167
34768 Ümraniye, Istanbul, Turkey
Capacity: 2,814



Playing hall

Pabellon Insular Rita Hernandez
Calle El Hornillo 18
35200 Telde Gran Canaria, Spain
Capacity: 2,400

Preview

None of these teams have ever been in a final of a European competition before. It will be a new experience for Kastamonu B. Gencilik and Rocasa Gran Canaria, when they meet in the final of the Women's Challenge Cup final.

It will be no surprise, if the players on both sides are a bit more nervous than usual, when the first leg begins Saturday evening in the Haldun Alagas Sport Complex in Istanbul.

For both teams, it is the first time in history that they stand in a final of a European Cup tournament, and in other words, the Women's Challenge Cup is going to have a new winner this season.

So far, the Spanish visitors have the best results to show for themselves, as they have reached the Last 16 of the EHF Cup the past two years. Kastamonu's finest European achievement until now has been reaching Round 4 of the Challenge Cup back in the 2009-10 season.

Still, Gran Canaria coach Paco Guzman expects a difficult job in Turkey. "For us, it is very important to get a good result in Istanbul in order to still have options in our home game in Gran Canaria.

"However, our team is very tired at the moment due to many matches in the Spanish league and in the Challenge Cup. "We will play the best we know, though, and try to stop the best players from Kastamonu," says Paco Guzman.

To Kastamonu, playing the Challenge Cup final is simply a dream coming true. "You need to chase your dreams. Two years ago, I had big dreams, now I have seen some of them become reality," as head coach Osman Kalyoncu puts it.

Past achievements:

EHF Cup: 2003/04 Round 2

Challenge Cup: 2009/10 Round 4

Turkish league: -

Turkish cup: -

Past achievements:

EHF Cup: 2002/03 quarter-finalists

Cup Winners' Cup: 2000/01 Round 4

Spanish league: - (runners-up 2014, 2015)

Spanish cup: 2015 Copa de la Reina

Domestic league

Turkish Superliga

Last 3 games

11.04. @ Yenimahalle (QF) L29:30
08.04. vs Yenimahalle (QF) L28:33
27.02. @ Genc Usak SK W46:33

Standings

1. Ardesen	22	679:528	39
...			
5. Kastamonu	22	783:660	34
...			
12. Anadolu	22	614:766	6

Domestic league

Spanish league Division de Honor

Last 3 games

27.04. vs Zuazo Barakaldo W31:22
23.04. @ Porrino W27:25
06.04. vs Bera Bera L18:23

Next game

11.05. @ Alcobendas

Standings

1. Gran Canaria	22	631:495	40
2. Bera Bera	21	604:422	38
...			
14. Zarautz	21	432:633	2



Historic encounters in the EC

Kastamonu B. Genclik SK vs Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE

no previous encounters

Kastamonu B. Genclik SK vs Spanish clubs

no previous encounters

Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE vs Turkish clubs

no previous encounters

Last Ten Games in the European Cup competitions:



Kastamonu B. Genclik SK: current run - won six

11./12.10.2003	Kastamonu TUR	vs BNTU Minsk Region BLR	L 0:10
18./19.10.2003	Minsk BLR	@ BNTU Minsk Region BLR	L 10:0
06.02.2010	Dalfsen NED	@ Bizztravel/Dalfsen NED	L 37:25
13.02.2010	Kastamonu TUR	vs Bizztravel/Dalfsen NED	L 32:34
08.01.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs Metraco Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 43:39
09.01.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs Metraco Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 30:24
20.02.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs Virto/Quintus NED	W 27:23
21.02.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs Virto/Quintus NED	W 25:23
02.04.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs HC Karpaty UKR	W 24:20
03.04.2016	Kastamonu TUR	vs HC Karpaty UKR	W 30:25



Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE: current run - unbeaten in six

16.11.2014	Lund SWE	@ Lugi Lund SWE	W 24:28
23.11.2014	Telde/Gran Canaria ESP	vs Lugi Lund SWE	W 25:23
14.02.2015	Érd HUN	@ ÉRD HC HUN	L 30:22
15.02.2015	Érd HUN	@ ÉRD HC HUN	L 31:23
09.01.2016	Gjakova KOS	@ KHF Shqipona KOS	W 23:38
17.01.2016	Telde/Gran Canaria ESP	vs KHF Shqipona KOS	W 56:31
20.02.2016	Las Palmas ESP	vs ZRK IZVOR BUKOVICKA BANJA-Arandjelovac SRB	W 35:25
20.02.2016	Telde/Gran Canaria ESP	vs ZRK IZVOR BUKOVICKA BANJA-Arandjelovac SRB	W 27:19
02.04.2016	Elbląg POL	@ EKS Start Elbląg POL	W 24:25
10.04.2016	Telde/Gran Canaria ESP	vs EKS Start Elbląg POL	D 22:22



Kastamonu B. Genclik SK (TUR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
22	Sonja	Barjaktarovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	11.09.1986	Podgorica, MNE	180		
37	Ülkü	Cagli	TUR	Left Back	12.08.1991	Kastamonu, TUR	180	63	
71	Dorina Emilia	Carbune	ROU	Right Wing	22.02.1985	Craiova, ROU	167		16
45	Ceren	Demircelen	TUR	Line Player	23.02.1992				14
11	Seda	Duru	TUR	Left Back	20.07.1994	Ankara , TUR	165	68	2
13	Serpil	Iskenderoglu	TUR	Centre Back	15.07.1982	Istanbul, TUR	166		51
4	Maja	Koznjak	CRO	Left Back	16.04.1985	Virovitica, CRO	172	60	29
20	Cisem	Öztabak	TUR	Right Wing	21.02.1995	Denizli, TUR	170	62	
7	Martina	Pavic	CRO	Line Player	27.10.1988	Zagreb, CRO	178	59	6
17	Fatmagül	Sakizcan	TUR	Left Wing	31.03.1992	Manisa, TUR			23
42	Gamze	Sasmaz	TUR	Centre Back	12.03.1993	Izmir, TUR	170	60	
12	Olesia	Semenchenko	UKR	Goalkeeper	27.04.1979	Brovary, UKR	180		
30	Anastasia	Sinitsyna	RUS	Left Back	03.09.1983	Rostov, RUS	182	70	10
77	Kubra	Tümer	TUR	Centre Back	18.02.1995	Ankara, TUR	175	60	
9	Yeliz	Yilmaz	TUR	Right Back	19.08.1980	Istanbul, TUR	175		28
90	Berna	Zor	TUR	Goalkeeper	13.10.1990	Mamak, TUR	175	63	



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: white-red-black

Player short: white-red-black

Goalkeeper shirt: black-blue-yellow

DARK

Player shirt: black

Player short: white

Goalkeeper shirt: black-blue-yellow

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Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Weight	Goals
10	Alba	Albadalejo	ESP	Centre Back	04.06.1988	Las Palmas , ESP	167	70	11
18	Yoselin	Alvarez	ESP	Line Player	26.10.1992	Las Palmas, ESP	166	65	1
9	Bintou	Diallo Diallo	GUI	Right Wing	01.01.1997	Conacry, GUI	162	51	8
4	Melania	Falcon Gonzalez	ESP	Right Wing	27.04.1992	Las Palmas, ESP	160	60	22
21	Maria	Gonzalez Mendez	ESP	Centre Back	04.02.1987	Tejina, ESP	165	70	3
12	Dara	Hernandez Suarez	ESP	Goalkeeper	01.12.1998	Las Palmas, ESP	167	60	
11	Davinia	Lopez Hernandez	ESP	Left Back	07.01.1982	Las Palmas, ESP	167	72	28
3	Maria	Lujan Suarez	ESP	Centre Back	21.11.1988	Las Palmas, ESP	169	67	30
15	Seynabou	Mbengue	ESP	Left Back	14.10.1998	Las Palmas, ESP	185	80	10
16	Silvia	Navarro Gimenez	ESP	Goalkeeper	20.03.1979	Valencia, ESP	170	60	
7	Arabia	Pena Santana	ESP	Left Back	16.04.1993	Las Palmas, ESP	160	54	12
6	Almudena	Rodriguez	ESP	Line Player	09.11.1993	Las Palmas, ESP	175	66	37
14	Carmen	Simon Suarez	ESP	Left Back	08.05.1998	Las Palmas, ESP	174	62	4
87	Yacaira Alexandra	Tejede Pena	DOM	Line Player	20.08.1987	S. Domingo, DOM	176	75	3
8	Carmen	Toscano Sanchez	ESP	Centre Back	28.11.1995	Las Palmas, ESP	167	60	6
19	Tiddara	Trojaola	ESP	Left Wing	15.07.1984	Las Palmas, ESP	167	57	28



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: yellow

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: red

DARK

Player shirt: green

Player short: green

Goalkeeper shirt: orange

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Current Challenge Cup top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Serpil Iskenderoglu (TUR)	Kastamonu B. Genclik SK (TUR)	51
2	Belma Beba (MKD)	KHF Shqipona (KOS)	47
3	Milica Danilovic (GER)	ZRK IZVOR BB Arandjelovac (SRB)	46
4	Almudena Rodriguez Rodriguez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	37
5	Fatma Atalar (TUR)	Izmir BSB SK (TUR)	32
6	Daria Kot (UKR)	HC Karpaty (UKR)	31
	Sara Mitova (MKD)	HC Vardar junior (MKD)	31
	Natasha Nolevska (MKD)	HC Vardar junior (MKD)	31
	Sanja Premovic (MNE)	Metraco Zaglebie Lubin (POL)	31
10	Maria Lujan Suarez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	30
11	Roxanne Bovenberg (NED)	Schuler Afbouwgroep/DOS (NED)	29
	Maja Koznjak (CRO)	Kastamonu B. Genclik SK (TUR)	29
	Priscilla Ter Elst (NED)	Schuler Afbouwgroep/DOS (NED)	29
	Joanna Waga (POL)	EKS Start Elblag (POL)	29
15	Davinia Lopez Hernandez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	28
	Tiddara Trojaola Cabezudo (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	28
	Yeliz Yilmaz (TUR)	Kastamonu B. Genclik SK (TUR)	28
18	Maryna Liebiedieva (UKR)	HC Karpaty (UKR)	26
	Slavica Schuster (CRO)	ZRK Mlinotest Ajdovscina (SLO)	26
20	Daisy Hage (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	25
	Yagmur Toprak (TUR)	Izmir BSB SK (TUR)	25

Bold text indicates players of teams still in the competition.



Women's Challenge Cup past winners

(formerly called City Cup for seasons 1-7)

1994	Buxtehuder SV	GER
1995	Rotor Volgograd	RUS
1996	AS Silcotub Zalau	ROU
1997	Frankfurter Handball Club	GER
1998	Ikast F.S.	DEN
1999	Napredak Krusevac	YUG
2000	Rapid Bucuresti	ROU
2001	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2002	Non Profit S.A. Uni	ROU
2003	Borussia Dortmund	GER
2004	1.FC Nürnberg	GER
2005	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen	GER
2006	C.S. Rulmentul Brasov	ROU
2007	HC Naisa Nis	SRB
2008	VfL Oldenburg	GER
2009	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2010	Buxtehuder SV	GER
2011	Mios Biganos	FRA
2012	HAC Havre	FRA
2013	DHK Banik Most	CZE
2014	H65 Höör	SWE
2015	Union Mios Biganos-Begle	FRA

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EHF		R 1	R 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
				18 teams	Last 16	1/4-finals	1/2-finals	finals
				14/15.11.2015 first leg	09/10.01.16 first leg	20/21.02.16 first leg	02/03.04.16 first leg	30.4/1.05.16 first leg
NATION				21/22.11.2015 second leg	16/17.01.16 second leg	27/28.02.16 second leg	09/10.04.16 second leg	07/08.05.16 second leg
DRAWS:		21.07.2015			24.11.2015	19.01.2016	19.01.2016	12.04.2016
1	ESP	no matches	no matches		Rocasa Gran Canaria	8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4	4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5	2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6
2	CZE				DHC Sokol Poruba			
3	UKR				HC Karpaty			
4	TUR				Kastamonu B.G.SK			
5	POL				EKS Start Elblag			
6	SRB				ZRK Minaqua Vojvodina			
7	NED				Virto/Quintus			
8	AZE				ABU Baku			
9	POR				Colegio de Gaia			
10	SUI				DHB Rotweiss Thun			
11	MKD				HC Vardar junior			
12	ISL				IBV Vestmannaeyjar			
13	ITA				ASD Ariosto Pallamano Ferrara			
14	KOS				KHF Shqiponja			
15	MNE				WHC Danilovgrad			
16	ISR				Maccabi Arazim Ramat Gan			
17	GBR				London Angels HC			
18	FIN				HIFK			
19	SLO				ZRK Mlinotest Ajdovscina			
20	TUR				Izmir BSB SK			
21	POL				KGHM Metraco Zaglebie Lubin			
22	SRB				WHC Knjaz Milos			
23	NED				Schuler Aufbouwgroep DOS			
24	SUI				Yellow Winterthur			
25	MKD				ZRK Pelister 2012			





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