



CHALLENGE CUP

**Women's Challenge Cup
2017/18**

Media Information

**Final:
Rocasa Gran Canaria
VS
MKS Perla Lublin**



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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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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](#)



Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP) vs MKS Perla Lublin (POL)



1st leg: Sunday 6 May, 13:00 hrs*

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

Referees: Roberto Scevola, Tal Alperan (ITA)

EHF Delegate: Antonio Marreiros (POR)

EHF Representative: Gabriella Horvath

2nd leg: Sunday 13 May, 20:15 hrs*

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

Referees: Vagif Aliyev, Alekper Aghakishiyev (AZE)

EHF Delegate: Ludmila Bodnieva (RUS)

EHF Representative: Ole R. Jorstad

* all times local



Playing hall

Pabellon Insular Rita Hernandez

Calle El Hornillo 18

35200 Telde Gran Canaria, Spain

Capacity: 2,400

Past achievements:

Challenge Cup: 2015/16 winners

EHF Cup: 2002/03 quarter-finalists

Cup Winners' Cup: 2000/01 Round 4

Spanish league: - (runners-up 2014, 2015, 2016)

Spanish cup: 2015, 2017 Copa de la Reina

Preview

When MKS Perla Lublin fly to Gran Canaria for the first leg of the final against Challenge Cup 2015/16 winners Rocasa, they will do so as Polish champions. A 26:17 win away against Vistal Gdynia on 25 April was enough for Lublin to take the title from the defending champions with two matches left. Now, Lublin are going for the second title of the season: the Challenge Cup. "Winning the gold medal in the Polish championship earlier than we expected has given us more time to prepare for the Challenge Cup Finals, of which the game in Spain will only be the first part, as we know.

"We need to be careful and focused, and we want to play much better than we did in the first leg of our two previous ties, where we started by losing against Malaga as well as against Ardesen," says Lublin coach Robert Lis. "Rocasa Gran Canaria is a good team, competing for the Spanish championship. One of the three best teams in the country, in theory stronger than Malaga, whom we played against in the quarter-finals."

Unlike Lublin, Rocasa Gran Canaria are still in the middle of the closing battle for the Spanish championship, currently sitting third, one point behind first place. Earlier this week however, Rocasa, who won the Challenge Cup in 2016, suffered a setback that served as a poor dress rehearsal for the Challenge Cup Final, as they lost an away match versus Rincon Fertilidad Malaga 33:28.

Head coach Yubal Moreno is hoping for beneficial support from the crowd in the Pabellon Insular Rita Hernandez.

"We are happy to be back in the final two years after we won the Challenge Cup. We know that we will have to play very well at home if we want to have a chance in the second match in Lublin," says Moreno.



Playing hall

Globus Hall

ul.Kazimierza Wielkiego 8

20 611 Lublin, Poland

Capacity: 4,300

Past achievements:

CL: 1999/2000, 2001/02 quarter-final, 1995/96 last 16

EHF Cup: 2000/01 winners

Cup Winners' Cup: quarter-final 2014/15

Polish league: 20 titles (1995-2003, 2005-2010, 2013-16, 2018)

Polish cup: 10 titles

Domestic league

Division de Honor (as of 04/05/2018)

Last 3 games

02/05 @ Malaga L33:28

28/04 vs Granollers D26:26

11/04 vs Castellon W36:24

Next game

12/05 vs Guardes

Standings

1. Bera Bera	22	655:500	38
2. Guardes	22	683:516	38
3. Gran Canaria	23	702:562	37
4. BMC Mavi	22	585:495	31
...			
14. Villavede	22	512:774	0

Domestic league

PGNiG Superliga (as of 04/05/2018)

Last 3 games

02/05 vs Koszalin W29:23

29/04 @ Start Elblag W25:32

19/04 @ Gdynia W17:26

Next game

16/05 vs Pogon Szczecin

Standings (winners stage)

1. MKS Perla Lublin	29	911:636	82
2. Zaglebie Lubin	29	818:671	66
3. Start Elblag	29	830:736	60
...			
6. Pogon Szczecin	29	804:772	42



Historic encounters in the EC

Rocasa Gran Canaria vs MKS Perla Lublin

no previous encounters

Rocasa Gran Canaria vs Polish clubs 2 1 1 0 (47:46) 3:1

2015/16 Challenge Cup, Semi-final: vs EKS Start Elblag

D22:22 (10:9)

2015/16 Challenge Cup, Semi-final: @ EKS Start Elblag

W24:25 (11:12)

MKS Perla Lublin vs Spanish clubs 7 3 0 4 (173:176) 6:8

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Quarter-final: vs Rincon Fertilidad Malaga

L18:19 (11:11)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Quarter-final: @ Rincon Fertilidad Malaga

W20:27 (10:9)

2007/08 EHF Champions League, Qualification tournament 2, Group 4: vs Balonmano Sagunto

W27:26 (15:17)

2003/04 EHF Champions League, Group Matches, Group D: @ Alsa Elda Prestigio

L31:20 (15:10)

2003/04 EHF Champions League, Group Matches, Group D: vs Alsa Elda Prestigio

W33:30 (22:17)

1996/97 EHF Champions League, Group B: @ Mar Valencia

L27:26 (15:13)

1996/97 EHF Champions League, Group B: vs Mar Valencia

L22:23 (14:11)

Last Ten Games in the European Cup competitions:



Rocasa Gran Canaria: current run - undefeated in nine

2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)

D25:25 (10:13)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)

D26:26 (12:14)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: vs Zagnosspor (TUR)

W37:25 (18:17)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: @ Zagnosspor (TUR)

W20:25 (10:13)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Last 16: vs Boden Handboll IF (SWE)

D19:19 (11:10)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Last 16: @ Boden Handboll IF (SWE)

W26:31 (7:14)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 3: vs Maedilon/VZV (NED)

W32:18 (16:4)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 3: @ Maedilon/VZV (NED)

W26:32 (10:17)

2016/17 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)

W26:23 (12:12)

2016/17 Challenge Cup, quarter-final: @ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)

L29:24 (14:14)

MKS Perla Lublin: current run - won one

2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: vs Ardesen GSK (TUR)

W36:20 (15:10)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, semi-final: @ Ardesen GSK (TUR)

L28:23 (14:11)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Quarter-final: @ Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP)

W20:27 (10:9)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Quarter-final: vs Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP)

L18:19 (11:11)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Last 16: @ SIR 1MAIO/ADA CJB (POR)

W12:37 (5:20)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Last 16: vs SIR 1MAIO/ADA CJB (POR)

W36:12 (22:7)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 3: @ ZRK Kumanovo (MKD)

W18:41 (7:21)

2017/18 Challenge Cup, Round 3: vs ZRK Kumanovo (MKD)

W54:13 (24:4)

2016/17 EHF Champions League, QT 3, 3/4 match: @ IUVENTA Michalovce (SVK)

W21:33 (12:16)

2016/17 EHF Champions League, QT 3, semi-final: @ Indeco Conversano (ITA)

L27:28 (12:14)



Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
97	Andrea	Armas Mateo	ESP	Goalkeeper	22/09/1997	Tias, ESP	168	
10	Vitoria	Dos Santos	BRA	Left Back	12/05/1991	Porto Feliz, BRA	177	8
4	Melania	Falcon Gonzalez	ESP	Right Wing	27/04/1992	Las Palmas, ESP	160	17
6	Rafhaela Maria	Ferreira Priolli	BRA	Right Back	23/12/1988	Sao Paulo, BRA	182	3
91	Alba	Gimenez Perales	ESP	Left Wing	17/08/2000	Las Palmas, ESP	160	1
21	Maria	Gonzalez Mendez	ESP	Centre Back	04/02/1987	Tejina, ESP	165	7
99	Chaxiraxi	Hernandez	ESP	Left Wing	13/07/1991	Las Palmas, ESP	175	
12	Dara	Hernandez Suarez	ESP	Goalkeeper	01/12/1998	Las Palmas, ESP		
9	Lisandra	Lusson Miranda	CUB	Left Back	01/09/1985	Havana, CUB	175	21
14	Seynabou	Mbengue	ESP	Right Back	14/10/1998	Las Palmas, ESP	188	40
96	Ariadna	Molina Moreno	ESP	Centre Back	15/04/1995	Tenerife, ESP	168	
16	Silvia	Navarro Gimenez	ESP	Goalkeeper	20/03/1979	Valencia, ESP	170	
95	Arinegua	Perez Risco	ESP	Left Wing	29/11/1998	Arona, ESP	167	14
5	Manuela	Pizzo	ITA	Left Back	13/11/1991	Buenos Aires, ARG	178	23
94	Yuli Dacil	Quevedo Padron	ESP	Line Player	18/07/2001	Las Palmas, ESP	175	
15	Haridian	Rodriguez	ESP	Line Player	31/07/1986	Las Palmas, ESP	173	43
93	Ines	Sanchez Vega	ESP	Goalkeeper	24/02/2001	las palmas, ESP	175	
18	Slavica	Schuster	CRO	Centre Back	17/06/1989	Tesanj, CRO	170	18
8	Carmen	Toscano Sanchez	ESP	Left Wing	28/11/1995	Las Palmas, ESP	167	6
19	Tiddara	Trojaola	ESP	Left Wing	15/07/1984	Las Palmas, ESP	167	26

Coach: Yubal Moreno



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: yellow

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: red

DARK

Player shirt: green

Player short: green

Goalkeeper shirt: blue

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MKS Perla Lublin (POL)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
89	Kinga	Achrak	POL	Centre Back	09/01/1989	Pulawy, POL	181	24
16	Gabrijela	Besen	CRO	Goalkeeper	06/12/1994		179	
20	Joanna	Drabik	POL	Line Player	28/10/1993	Wloszczowa, POL	180	29
12	Weronika	Gawlik	POL	Goalkeeper	20/10/1986	Gliwice, POL	180	
10	Marta	Gega	POL	Left Back	16/04/1986	Bielawa, POL	184	30
1	Aleksandra	Januchta	POL	Goalkeeper	31/01/1996	Kielce, POL	173	1
9	Agnieszka	Kowalska	POL	Left Wing	17/01/1988	Jelenia Gora, POL	171	
13	Sylwia	Matuszczyk	POL	Line Player	11/06/1992	Zory, POL	173	10
23	Alesia	Mihdaliova	BLR	Right Back	22/01/1985	Orsza, POL	177	9
21	Valiantsina	Nestsjaruk	BLR	Centre Back	30/05/1988	Brest, POL	170	22
24	Dagmara	Nocun	POL	Left Wing	02/01/1996	Kolno, POL	166	51
99	Elena	Petkovska	MKD	Right Wing	25/11/1996	Skopje, MKD	163	
17	Krystina	Repelewska	POL	Right Back	07/01/1981	Minsk, BLR	176	21
8	Malgorzata	Rola	POL	Wing	07/01/1983	Lukow, POL	170	45
66	Aleksandra	Rosiak	POL	Left Back	07/07/1997	Lubin, POL	177	20
25	Kamila	Skrzyniarz	POL	Centre Back	20/11/1984	Kielce, POL	175	4
15	Malgorzata	Stasiak	POL	Back	05/11/1988	Skwierzyna, POL	177	6
91	Aleksandra	Zalesny	POL	Right Wing	10/12/1991	Swiebodzice, POL	167	

Coach: Robert Lis



Players' kit

LIGHT

Player shirt: white

Player short: black

Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

DARK

Player shirt: black/green

Player short: black

Goalkeeper shirt: black/red

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2017/2018 WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



 CHALLENGE CUP		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
			4 teams	32 teams	Last 16	1/4-finals	1/2-finals	finals
NATION			14/15.10.2017 first leg	11/12.11.2017 first leg	03/04.02.2018 first leg	03/04.03.2018 first leg	07/08.04.2018 first leg	05/06.05.2018 first leg
			21/22.10.2017 second leg	18/19.11.2017 second leg	10/11.02.2018 second leg	10/11.03.2018 second leg	14/15.04.2018 second leg	12/13.05.2018 second leg
DRAWS:			18.07.2017	18.07.2017	21.11.2017	13.02.2018	13.02.2018	17.04.2018
1	Def. Champ	no matches		RK Lokomotiva Zagreb/CRO	16 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 3	8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4	4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5	2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6
2	ESP			Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE				
3	POL			MKS Selgros Lublin				
4	TUR			Ardesen GSK				
5	NED			Virto/Quintus				
6	SWE			Kristianstad HK				
7	SUI			Spono Eagles				
8	MKD			WHC Metalurg				
9	SRB			ZORK Jagodina				
10	POR			Alavarium Love Tiles				
11	AZE			Azeryol Baku				
12	KOS			KHF Shqiponja				
13	ISR			Maccabi arazim ramat gan				
14	GBR			London GD HC				
15	FIN			HIFK				
16	GRE			AC Paok				
17	BIH			OZRK Jedinstvo Tuzla				
18	AUT			ATV Trofaiach				
19	BEL			Femina Vise				
20	LUX			HB Dudelage				
21	LTU			ACME-Zalgiris Kaunas				
22	ESP			Rincon Fertilidad Malaga				
23	TUR			Zagnosspor				
24	NED			Maedilon/VZV				
25	SWE			Boden Handboll IF				
26	SUI			Rotweiss Thun				
27	MKD			WHC Kumanovo				
28	SRB			ZRK Naisa				
29	POR			ADA CJ Barros				
30	KOS			KHF Istogu				
31	BIH			ZRK Krivaja Zavidovici	2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 2			
32	AUT			HC Müllner Bau Stockerau				
33	SRB			ZRK Bor RTB				
34	MDA			Olimpus-85 SSSH2				



Current season top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Larissa Kalaus (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	58
2	Dagmara Nocun (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin (POL)	51
3	Neslihan Akcanca (TUR)	Ardesen GSK (TUR)	46
4	Cigdem Demirbas (TUR)	Ardesen GSK (TUR)	45
	Malgorzata Rola (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin (POL)	45
6	Haridian Rodriguez Hernandez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)	43
7	Asli Iskit (TUR)	Kristianstad Handball Klubb (SWE)	40
	Seynabou Mbengue Rodriguez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)	40
9	Olha Vashchuk (TUR)	Ardesen GSK (TUR)	39
10	Claudia Correia (POR)	Alavarium / Love Tiles (POR)	34
	Marina Glavan (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	34
	Daisy Hage (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	34
	Jelena Kajfes (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	34
14	Tanja Vuckovic (SRB)	Zagnosspor (TUR)	32
15	Sarah Carlström (SWE)	Kristianstad Handball Klubb (SWE)	31
	Carmen Reiss (AUT)	UHC Müllner Bau Stockerau (AUT)	31
17	Marta Gega (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin (POL)	30
	Lidija Horvat (CRO)	Zagnosspor (TUR)	30
	Perihan Topaloglu Acar (TUR)	Ardesen GSK (TUR)	30
20	Joanna Drabik (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin (POL)	29
21	Stela Posavec (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	28

Bold text indicates players of teams still in the competition.



Women's Challenge Cup past winners

(formerly called City Cup in the first seven seasons)

2017	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	CRO
2016	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE	ESP
2015	Union Mios Biganos-Begle	FRA
2014	H65 Höör	SWE
2013	DHK Banik Most	CZE
2012	HAC Havre	FRA
2011	Mios Biganos	FRA
2010	Buxtehuder SV	GER
2009	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2008	VfL Oldenburg	GER
2007	HC Naisa Nis	SRB
2006	C.S. Rulmentul Brasov	ROU
2005	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen	GER
2004	1.FC Nürnberg	GER
2003	Borussia Dortmund	GER
2002	Non Profit S.A. Uni	ROU
2001	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2000	<i>Rapid Bucuresti</i>	<i>ROU</i>
1999	<i>Napredak Krusevac</i>	<i>YUG</i>
1998	<i>Ikast F.S.</i>	<i>DEN</i>
1997	<i>Frankfurter Handball Club</i>	<i>GER</i>
1996	<i>AS Silcotub Zalau</i>	<i>ROU</i>
1995	<i>Rotor Volgograd</i>	<i>RUS</i>
1994	<i>Buxtehuder SV</i>	<i>GER</i>

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