



# CHALLENGE CUP

**Women's Challenge Cup  
2014/15**

# **Media Information**



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# Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to a new season of the Women's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the competition, including participating teams and playing schedules. Additional information including player lists and club contacts can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

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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## Action starts in Portugal and Iceland

Fram from Iceland and GAS Megas Alexandros Giannitson will have the honour of being the two teams to throw the first ball in of the new Women's Challenge Cup season.

Friday afternoon at 17.00 hours local time, the first leg of their internal Round 3 double header starts in the Fram Sporthall in Reykjavik, where the return match will follow Saturday afternoon.

45 minutes after the start of the match in the Icelandic capital, another Greek team will start to seek their luck in the tournament.

AC Loux Patras are in Portugal to meet Colegio de Gaia, where both matches, Friday and Saturday, are to be played in the Pavilho Desportivo Municipal in Vila Nova de Gaia.

Four other ties are going to be decided as double headers this weekend, but all those are taking place Saturday and Sunday.

In the Sport Hall "Cair" in Nis, the very international British team Thames Handball from London, consisting of players of eight nationalities, are up against the entirely Serbian outfit from ZRK Naisa Nis. First match Saturday evening, and the second leg Sunday morning.

However, not all ties are being decided this weekend, of course.

Union Mios Biganos-Begles, who reached the semi-final of the tournament last season, will be starting their hunt for new success in the Netherlands, where the French team is facing Schuler Afbbouwgroep /DOS for the first leg Saturday evening.



# 2014/2015 WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



| EHF           |            | R 1        | R 2        | Round 3                     | Round 4                             | Round 5                            | Round 6                            | Round 7                            |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               |            |            |            | 30 teams                    | 16 teams                            | 8 teams                            | 4 teams                            | 2 teams                            |
|               |            |            |            | 15/16.11.2014<br>first leg  | 07/08.02.2015<br>first leg          | 07/08.03.2015<br>first leg         | 04/05.04.2015<br>first leg         | 02/03.05.2015<br>first leg         |
| NATION        |            |            |            | 22/23.11.2014<br>second leg | 14/15.02.2015<br>second leg         | 14/15.03.2015<br>second leg        | 11/12.04.2015<br>second leg        | 09/10.05.2015<br>second leg        |
| <b>DRAWS:</b> |            |            |            | <b>22.07.2014</b>           | <b>25.11.2014</b>                   | <b>17.02.2015</b>                  | <b>17.02.2015</b>                  | <b>14.04.2015</b>                  |
| 1             | <b>FRA</b> | no matches | no matches |                             | HAC Handball                        | 8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4 | 4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5 | 2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6 |
| 2             | <b>CZE</b> |            |            | DHC Sokol Poruba            | 15 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 3 |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 3             | <b>TUR</b> |            |            | Ardesen GSK                 |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 4             | <b>CRO</b> |            |            | Tresnjevka                  |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 5             | <b>UKR</b> |            |            | Galychanka                  |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 6             | <b>SRB</b> |            |            | ZRK Naisa Nis               |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 7             | <b>POL</b> |            |            | Pogon Baltica Szczecin      |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 8             | <b>NED</b> |            |            | Schuler Afbouwgroep/DOS     |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 9             | <b>POR</b> |            |            | Colegio de Gaia             |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 10            | <b>AZE</b> |            |            | ABU Baku                    |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 11            | <b>BIH</b> |            |            | ZRK Gorazde                 |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 12            | <b>SUI</b> |            |            | DHB Rotweiss Thun           |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 13            | <b>GRE</b> |            |            | Amyntas Amynteou            |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 14            | <b>BLR</b> |            |            | Gorodnichanka               |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 15            | <b>ISL</b> |            |            | Fram                        |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 16            | <b>KOS</b> |            |            | KHF Kosova                  |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 17            | <b>GBR</b> |            |            | Thames HC                   |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 18            | <b>ISR</b> |            |            | H.C. Holon                  |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 19            | <b>FIN</b> |            |            | HIFK                        |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 20            | <b>FRA</b> |            |            | Union Mios Biganos-Begles   |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 21            | <b>TUR</b> |            |            | Izmir BSB SK                |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 22            | <b>CRO</b> |            |            | RK Zelina                   |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 23            | <b>SRB</b> |            |            | WHC Knjas Milos             |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 24            | <b>POL</b> |            |            | Energa AZS Koszalin         |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 25            | <b>NED</b> |            |            | Virto/Quintus               |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 26            | <b>POR</b> |            |            | Jac-Alcanena                |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 27            | <b>SUI</b> |            |            | Yellow Winterthur           |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 28            | <b>GRE</b> |            |            | GAS Megas Alexandros        |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 29            | <b>SRB</b> |            |            | ZRK Crvena Zvezda           |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 30            | <b>POR</b> |            |            | Juve Lis                    |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| 31            | <b>GRE</b> |            |            | A.C. Loux Patras            |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |





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|                     |     |  |     |     |   |
|---------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|---|
| 001                 | SRB | ZRK Naisa Nis  | 002 | GBR | Thames Handball Club                                      |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 18:00 Nis                                 |     |     | 16.11.2014 10:30 Nis                                      |
|                     |     | Ref.: Markovska, Vutov BUL Del.: Vartanyan RUS       |     |     | Ref.: Markovska, Vutov BUL Del.: Vartanyan RUS            |
| Both matches in SRB |     |  |     |     |   |
| 003                 | TUR | Ardesen GSK  | 004 | POL | Energa AZS Koszalin                                       |
|                     |     | 22.11.2014 16:00 Ardesen                             |     |     | 23.11.2014 16:00 Ardesen                                  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Hermann, Madsen DEN Del.: Hashani KOS          |     |     | Ref.: Hermann, Madsen DEN Del.: Hashani KOS               |
| Both matches in TUR |     |  |     |     |   |
| 005                 | GRE | A.C. Loux Patras                                     | 006 | POR | Colegio de Gaia   |
|                     |     | 14.11.2014 17:45 Vila Nova de Gaia                   |     |     | 15.11.2014 17:45 Vila Nova de Gaia                        |
|                     |     | Ref.: Zendali, Riello ITA Del.: Wills GBR            |     |     | Ref.: Zendali, Riello ITA Del.: Wills GBR                 |
| Both matches in POR |     |  |     |     |   |
| 007                 | ISL | Fram   | 008 | GRE | GAS Megas Alexandros Giannitson                           |
|                     |     | 14.11.2014 17:00 Reykjavik                           |     |     | 15.11.2014 16:00 Reykjavik                                |
|                     |     | Ref.: Stokes, Bartlett GBR Del.: Lauritzen NOR       |     |     | Ref.: Stokes, Bartlett GBR Del.: Lauritzen NOR            |
| Both matches in ISL |     |  |     |     |   |
| 009                 | SRB | ZRK Crvena Zvezda                                    | 010 | AZE | ABU Baku  |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 20:15 Beograd                             |     |     | 16.11.2014 18:15 Beograd                                  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Jovic, Arnautovic BIH Del.: Freser SLO         |     |     | Ref.: Jovic, Arnautovic BIH Del.: Freser SLO              |
| Both matches in SRB |     |  |     |     |   |
| 011                 | NED | Schuler Afbouwgroep/DOS                              | 012 | FRA | Union Mios Biganos-Begles                                 |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 19:30 AV Emmer-Compascuum                 |     |     | 23.11.2014 16:00 Bordeaux                                 |
|                     |     | Ref.: Ben-Dan, Faran ISR Del.: Conceicao POR         |     |     | Ref.: Luque Cabrejas, Pascual Sanchez ESP Del.: Jorge POR |
| 013                 | NED | Virto / Quintus                                      | 014 | UKR | Galytchanka   |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 19:00 Kwintshoul                          |     |     | 22.11.2014 15:00 Lviv                                     |
|                     |     | Ref.: Martens, Verdonck BEL Del.: Partemian GRE      |     |     | Ref.: Dvorsky, Karlubik SVK Del.: Vattay HUN              |
| 015                 | POR | JAC - Alcanena                                       | 016 | BIH | ZRK Gorazde   |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 17:00 Alcanena                            |     |     | 16.11.2014 17:00 Alcanena                                 |
|                     |     | Ref.: Rauchs, Linster LUX Del.: Permuy ESP           |     |     | Ref.: Rauchs, Linster LUX Del.: Permuy ESP                |
| Both matches in POR |     |  |     |     |   |
| 017                 | BLR | Gorodnichanka  | 018 | TUR | Izmir BSB SK  |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 16:00 Grodno                              |     |     | 23.11.2014 17:00 Izmir                                    |
|                     |     | Ref.: Lindenbaum, Laron ISR Del.: Zabczynski POL     |     |     | Ref.: Harabagiu, Stanesco ROU Del.: Tevzadze GEO          |
| 019                 | POL | Pogon Baltica Szczecin                               | 020 | FIN | HIFK  |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 18:00 Szczecin                            |     |     | 23.11.2014 16:00 Helsinki                                 |
|                     |     | Ref.: Mertinian, Syrepisios GRE Del.: Gecevicius LTU |     |     | Ref.: Barysas, Petrusis LTU Del.: Sitsi EST               |
| 021                 | GRE | Amyntas Amyntaiou                                    | 022 | ISR | H.C. Holon  |
|                     |     | 21.11.2014 20:30                                     |     |     | 23.11.2014 19:00  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Manea, Iliescu ROU Del.: Soós HUN              |     |     | Ref.: Manea, Iliescu ROU Del.: Soós HUN                   |
| Both matches in GRE |     |  |     |     |   |
| 023                 | CZE | DHC Sokol Poruba                                     | 024 | POR | Juve Lis  |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 16:30 Moravska Ostrava                    |     |     | 16.11.2014 14:00 Moravska Ostrava                         |
|                     |     | Ref.: Hofer, Schmidhuber AUT Del.: Dimkova BUL       |     |     | Ref.: Hofer, Schmidhuber AUT Del.: Dimkova BUL            |
| Both matches in CZE |     |  |     |     |   |





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| 025                 | SUI | DHB Rotweiss Thun                             | 026 | SUI | Yellow Winterthur                             |  |
|                     |     | 15.11.2014 18:30 Thun                         |     |     | 22.11.2014 16:30 Kloten                       |  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Sa, Sa POR Del.: Ehrmann-Wolf GER       |     |     | Ref.: Schilha, Schilha GER Del.: Donven LUX   |  |
| 027                 | KOS | KHF Kosova                                    | 028 | CRO | RK Zelina                                     |  |
|                     |     | 22.11.2014 19:00 Sv. Ivan Zelina              |     |     | 23.11.2014 19:00 Sv. Ivan Zelina              |  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Lillepea, Kull EST Del.: Vojic BIH      |     |     | Ref.: Lillepea, Kull EST Del.: Vojic BIH      |  |
| Both matches in CRO |     |   |     |     |   |  |
| 029                 | CRO | Tresnjevka                                    | 030 | SRB | WHC Knjaz Milos                               |  |
|                     |     | 23.11.2014 18:00 Arandjelovac                 |     |     | 24.11.2014 14:30 Arandjelovac                 |  |
|                     |     | Ref.: Doychinov, Goretsov BUL Del.: Maric BIH |     |     | Ref.: Doychinov, Goretsov BUL Del.: Maric BIH |  |
| Both matches in SRB |     |   |     |     |   |  |



## Last season's top scorers

| Rank | Name & nation                          | Club                            | Goals |
|------|--|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1    | Lacrabere Alexandra (FRA)              | Union Mios Biganos-Begles (FRA) | 58    |
| 2    | Djapanovic Jasmina (SRB)               | H 65 Höör (SWE)                 | 57    |
| 3    | Oftedal Stine Bredal (NOR)             | Issy Paris Hand (FRA)           | 43    |
| 4    | Stelmakh Iryna (UKR)                   | PO SC Galytchanka-Lviv (UKR)    | 42    |
| 5    | Wall Marie (SWE)                       | H 65 Höör (SWE)                 | 37    |
| 6    | Bidstrup Mia Rej (DEN)                 | H 65 Höör (SWE)                 | 34    |
|      | Briemant Lesly (FRA)                   | Issy Paris Hand (FRA)           | 34    |
|      | Gonzalez Alvares Mireya (ESP)          | Union Mios Biganos-Begles (FRA) | 34    |
| 9    | Linnell Jennie (SWE)                   | H 65 Höör (SWE)                 | 33    |
| 10   | Zalewska Gardoni Karolina (POL)        | Issy Paris Hand (FRA)           | 32    |
| 11   | Santiago Sandra (POR)                  | Colegio de Gaia (POR)           | 30    |
|      | Sinitsyna Anastasia (RUS)              | Istanbul Maltepe Bel.GSK (TUR)  | 30    |
| 13   | Lindberg-Johansson Rebecka Sofia (SWE) | H 65 Höör (SWE)                 | 28    |
|      | Smbatyan Tamara (UKR)                  | PO SC Galytchanka-Lviv (UKR)    | 28    |
| 15   | Gorilaska Liliia (UKR)                 | ZRK Naisa-Nis (SRB)             | 27    |
|      | Leveque Alice (FRA)                    | Union Mios Biganos-Begles (FRA) | 27    |
|      | Spincer Angelique (FRA)                | Issy Paris Hand (FRA)           | 27    |
|      | Tankaskaya Marina (AZE)                | ABU Baku (AZE)                  | 27    |
| 19   | Keclikova Katerina (CZE)               | DHC Slavia Praha (CZE)          | 26    |
|      | Knedlikova Jana (CZE)                  | DHC Slavia Praha (CZE)          | 26    |
|      | Topaloglu Perihan (TUR)                | Ardesen GSK (TUR)               | 26    |



# 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 |





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