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Main Round

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A vibrant, close-up photograph of a crowd of people, likely at a sporting event. In the foreground, two women are cheering with their mouths wide open. The woman on the left has the flag of North Macedonia painted on her cheeks, and the woman on the right has the flag of Italy. Other people in the background also have flags painted on their faces, including the flag of Romania. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and unity.

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Foreword



Dear media representative,

Welcome to the next exciting stage of the 2014/15 Women's EHF Champions League.

With the conclusion of the group matches in November 2014, the twelve remaining teams made it to two groups to play the matches of the main round commencing 30 January and concluding on 15 March 2015. Over the course of six rounds, 36 matches are to be played out across the arenas of Europe as the women's top flight event continues, and with the new playing system firmly underway, the Women's EHF Champions League is edging towards the quarter-final stage.

Putting the 12 teams under the loupe, with the exception of FC Midtjylland (DEN) who failed to move beyond the qualification stage at the beginning of the season, the other finalists from the previous season – Buducnost (MNE), Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN), and WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD) – remain in the competition.

Germany is the only nation to have two teams still in the race for the title, with both in Group 1. Buducnost sits at the top of Group 1 followed by Dinamo-Sinara (RUS), HC Leipzig, WHC Vardar SCBT, RK Krim (SLO) and Thüringer HC. In Group 2, the reigning champions Györi Audi ETO KC lead the group based on the points carried over from the previous phase. Scandinavia continues to be represented in the Champions League by Larvik (NOR), Viborg HK A/S (DEN), and IK Sävehof (SWE). Metz Handball (FRA) and HCM Baia Mare (ROU) complete Group 2.

Across both groups there is a seemingly equal blend of veteran and rookie teams; there are five champions, there are former finalists, and there are also teams who are experiencing their second season in the Women's EHF Champions League. All twelve teams are eager and motivated to progress to the next stage of the competition; the teams at the bottom of the groups each face an uphill battle as the fight to stay in the running for the quarter-final, and those at the top will have to fight to stay where they are...it is clear that the action of the Main Round is not to be missed.

We pride ourselves on our positive and cooperative relationship with the press and media and I am sure this will continue and develop in the future. Should you require any information, help or assistance during the course of the season, your first point of contact is the EHF Media and Communications Department based in our office in Vienna. They will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you might have.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming season!

Jean Brihault
EHF President



Season 2014/15

- Teams eliminated in the Qualification
- Teams eliminated in the Group Matches
- Teams participating in the Main Round
- Venue of the Women's EHF FINAL4



Media information

Team line-ups and match reports

From the opening matches of the season, the complete team line-up has been available online at eurohandball.com and available to download as a PDF document.

The change has been made possible thanks to the introduction of a new online solution, which sees the EHF match delegate complete the final team line-up immediately after the technical meeting.

This development means that team line-ups are available for commentators and reporters hours before each match throws-off.

A further change means that a short time after each match, a completed match report will also be available online with details such as goal scorers and number of spectators.

Team line-ups and match reports can be viewed by clicking on a particular match on the eurohandball.com or ehfCL.com websites.

The online system is also under further development with the ultimate aim being to provide live scores and statistics from EHF competitions and available on the EHF website.

Media portal

All media representatives are invited to register for the EHF media portal on <http://members.ehf.eu>

The European Handball Federation's media portal is a one-stop-shop for media representatives offering all the EHF's media news such as press releases, event flash quotes directly after matches, press conference highlights, draw reactions and downloads of all relevant information including, but not limited to, media guides and event logos. Furthermore photographs that are free for editorial use will be available for download.

For major events such as the EHF EURO or the VELUX EHF FINAL4 match prep kits including historical information and head-to-head statistics will also be made available.

If you haven't registered yet, please send an email to media@eurohandball.com and we will provide you with the log-in details.

Accreditation for Main Round

The written media and photographer's accreditation procedure in the Main Round is entirely in the responsibility of the participating clubs.

TV and Radio accreditations are subjects to approval by EHF Marketing GmbH – please contact Miguel Mateo Marcellán.

Online information

ehfCL.com

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[Regulations of the Women's EHF Champions League](#)

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Facebook: [ehf.champions.league](https://www.facebook.com/ehf.champions.league)

Official name

The official name of the competition is: Women's EHF Champions League. The full name of the competition should always be used.

Please note: If the season is required, it has to be positioned after "Champions League" e.g. Women's EHF Champions League 2013/14. The wording "Champions League" should be written with a capital letter at the beginning of each word, i.e. Champions League. The remaining letters should be in lower case. The word Champions does not have an apostrophe after the 's'.

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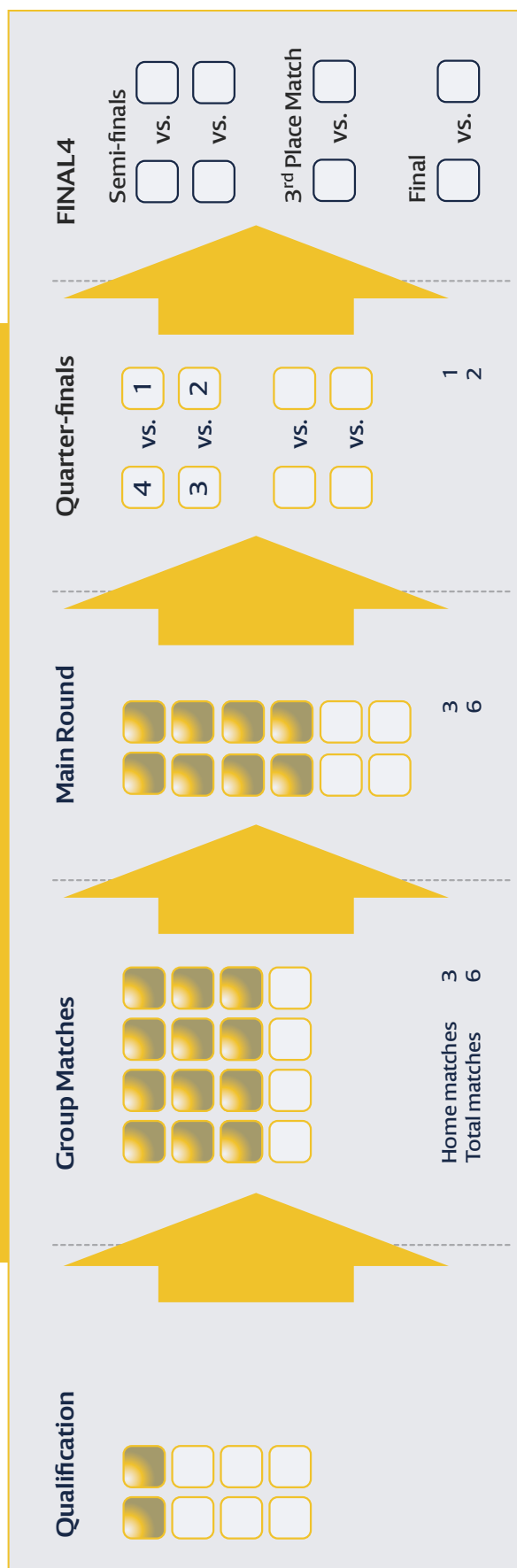


 NATION		Qualification Tournaments	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarterfinals	FINAL4
		Tournaments	4 groups with 4 teams	12 teams	8 teams	4 teams
		20./21.09.2014 tournaments played in semi finals and finals	17.-19.10.2014 (1) 24.-26.10.2014 (2) 31.10.-02.11.2014 (3) 07.-09.11.2014 (4) 14.-16.11.2014 (5) 21.-23.11.2014 (6)	30.01.-01.02.2015 (1) 06.-08.02.2015 (2) 13.-15.02.2015 (3) 27.02.-01.03.2015 (4) 06.-08.03.2015 (5) 13.-15.03.2015 (6)	03.-05.04.2015 first leg 10.-12.04.2015 second leg	09./10.05.2015 tournament
DRAWS:		26 June 2014 in Vienna	27 June 2014 in Vienna	no draw	no draw	14 April 2015
1	HUN 1		Györi Audi ETO KC	 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed team from each group	 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round	 4 Winners of WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Quarterfinals
2	MNE 1		WHC Buducnost			
3	NOR 1		Larvik HK			
4	SLO 1		RK Krim Ljubljana			
5	DEN 1		Viborg HK			
6	ROU 1		HCM Baia Mare			
7	GER 1		Thüringer HC			
8	RUS 1		Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd			
9	MKD 1		WHC Vardar SCBT			
10	FRA 1		Metz Handball			
11	AUT 1		Hypo Niederösterreich			
12	CRO 1		RK Lokomotiva-Zagreb			
13	SWE 1		IK Sävehof			
14	POL 1		MKS Selgros Lublin			
15	HUN 2	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria	 Winners of the 2 Qualification tournaments			
16	DEN 2	FC Midtjylland				
17	NOR 2	Byasen Trondheim				
18	GER 2	HC Leipzig				
19	CRO 2	HC Podravka Vegeta				
20	BLR 1	HC BNTU-BELAz Minsk				
21	NED 1	Sercodak/Dalfsen				
22	SRB 1	ZRK Radnicki Kragujevac				

2 groups with 4 teams

4th placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to the Cup Winners' Cup Rd 2, 2nd and 3rd placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to the Cup Winners' Cup Rd 3

Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 playing system



Season 2014/15 playing dates

Qualification	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarter-finals	FINAL4
8 teams	17.-19.10.2014 24.-26.10.2014	30.01.-01.02.2015 06.-08.02.2015	first leg 04.-05.04.2015	09./10.05.2015
2 tournaments with semi-finals and finals	31.10.-02.11.2014 07.-09.11.2014 14.-16.11.2014 21.-23.11.2014	13.-15.02.2015 27.02.-01.03.2015 06.-08.03.2015 13.-15.03.2015	second leg 11.-12.04.2015	
20/21.09.2014				

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New playing format from 2014/15

In an initiative to further develop and strengthen women's handball, the EHF has decided to update the playing system. After staging the premiere edition of the women's FINAL4 in the previous season, another change will be added as the quarter-final round will be introduced in the 2014/15 season.

Product development

The changes devised by the EHF Competitions Commission and agreed by the Women's Marketing Club Board will seek to make the competition more attractive not just to players and teams but also to fans, television stations and potential partners and sponsors. As well as structural changes there will also be developments in the standards around the competition such as playing arenas and the presentation of the Women's EHF Champions League product.

Additional round to be introduced

The new playing system has already seen the reduction of the number of qualification rounds from two to one and the creation of a new Main Round following the Group Matches, which will remain in the same format of four groups with four teams each.

From the Group Matches, three teams from each group will qualify for the new Main Round and the fourth ranked team will play in the Last 16 of the Cup Winners' Cup. Following the new Main Round quarter-finals will be played on a knock-out home and away basis with the four winners qualifying for the Women's EHF FINAL4.

Main Round

The Main Round will be played in two groups of six teams each. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams of group A and B of the Group Matches go into the same group in the Main Round (Group 1 of the Main Round) and 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked team of group C and D of the

Group Matches go into the same group in the Main Round (Group 2). The three teams coming from the same group take along their results (points and goals) from the matches against each other. Each team plays a home and an away match against those 3 teams qualifying from the parallel group.

Basically the Main Round of the Women's EHF Champions League shall be played in accordance with the schedule set out below.

Round 1: 1. A/C – 1. B/D and 2. A/C – 2. B/D and 3. A/C – 3. B/D
Round 2: 3. B/D – 1. A/C and 1. B/D – 2. A/C and 2. B/D – 3. A/C
Round 3: 1. A/C – 2. B/D and 2. A/C – 3. B/D and 3. A/C – 1. B/D
Round 4: 1. B/D – 1. A/C and 2. B/D – 2. A/C and 3. B/D – 3. A/C
Round 5: 1. A/C – 3. B/D and 2. A/C – 1. B/D and 3. A/C – 2. B/D
Round 6: 2. B/D – 1. A/C and 3. B/D – 2. A/C and 1. B/D – 3. A/C

In case of 2 teams of the same country play in the same group in the Main Round, the order of the matches in this group can be changed by the EHF.

The teams ranked 1 to 4 in each group after the completion of the Main Round qualify for the Quarterfinals.

Quarter-finals

The matches of the quarter-finals shall be played as first and second leg matches. The matches of the quarterfinals are not drawn by lots, they result from the final standings of the Main Round.

4th placed team Group 2 vs. 1st placed team Group 1
4th placed team Group 1 vs. 1st placed team Group 2
3rd placed team Group 2 vs. 2nd placed team Group 1
3rd placed team Group 1 vs. 2nd placed team Group 2

There is no protection from teams of the same country. The winning teams of the Quarter-finals qualify for the WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

Women's EHF FINAL4 goes to Budapest until 2016



Following its successful premiere in Budapest last year, the Women's EHF FINAL4 will stay for another two years in the Hungarian capital the EHF Executive Committee confirmed on Thursday 18 September, on the eve of the EHF Congress in Dublin.

Hungarian side Györi Audi ETO KC won the competition in May 2014 in front of 10,000 frenetic fans and will now have the potential chance to defend their title on home soil, should they make it to the final weekend once again. The agreement which was reached with the Hungarian Handball Federation as organisers sees the event being played in Budapest's Papp Laszlo Sportarena in 2015 and 2016. Last year marked the first time that the Women's EHF Champions League culminated in a FINAL4 tournament. The men's counterpart, the VELUX EHF FINAL4, has been taking place in Cologne's 20,000-capacity LANXESS arena since 2010 with the current contract also running until the 2016 season.

More information at: www.ehfFINAL4.com

Media Accreditation for the Women's EHF FINAL4

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the Women's EHF FINAL4 will start on 17 February 2015.

Facts and figures of the group matches

Points, goals, defence, attack, spectators – Györ on top in all departments

After 48 matches, the group matches of the Women's EHF Champions League came to an end in November. For the first time 12 (instead of previously eight) teams have clinched their main round berth. Those 12 teams come from eleven countries, as only Germany still has two teams in the competition.

ehfCL.com has analysed the group matches and has compiled a selection of the most important facts and figures so far, which shows defending champions Audi ETO Györ leading in all departments.

Györ and Larvik were the only teams to win all their respective matches and start their main round campaign with a maximum eight points, followed by Buducnost (seven) and Dinamo (six).

1 team made it to the main round without a single victory in the group matches: the draw experts from IK Sävehof, who tied three times.

1 nation is represented by two teams: Germany, with Thüringer HC and HC Leipzig still in the competition.

1 team failed to win a single point in the group matches: Podravka.

1 team made it from qualification to main round: Leipzig.

1 team starts their main round campaign with zero points on their account: Romanian champions Baia Mare in Group 2.

2 teams finished the group matches with a perfect record of six victories from six matches: Larvik HK (Champions League winner in 2011) and Audi ETO Györ (defending champions and winners in 2013 as well). In addition, Buducnost (11 points) remained unbeaten.

2 group matches ended with 40 or less goals. All three matches with the lowest number of overall goals happened in Group B.

5 former or current Champions League winners are part of the main round: Györ (2013, 2014), Buducnost (2012), Larvik (2011), Viborg (2006, 2009, 2010) and Krim (2001, 2003). Two former Champions League winners failed on their way to the main round: Hypo and Podravka.

6 group matches ended with 60 goals and more scored.

6 out of 48 group matches ended with a draw, including three draws of IK Sävehof.

6 goals scored in one half by a single team is the lowest of all matches and occurred in the duel Buducnost vs Thüringer HC, when the half-time result was 11:6 for the Montenegrins.

7 teams, which had been part of the 2013/14 main round (played with only eight teams) are again part of this competition stage: Vardar, Thüringer HC, Sävehof, Györ, Buducnost, Larvik, Krim. The only missing main round participant of the previous

season is FC Midtjylland, the Danes missed the qualification for the group matches.

10 group matches ended with a goal difference of ten or more goals. The biggest margin in one match was 20 goals, when Leipzig beat Hypo 42:22.

12 teams will carry on in the main round.

12 goals scored by Serbian international Sanja Damjanovic (Viborg), scored in the match against Sävehof, was the highest scored by one player in one match. Gorica Acimovic (Hypo, against Krim), Anna Kochetova (Dinamo, against Krim) and Nora Mörk (Larvik, against Metz) scored eleven times in one match. Six more players scored ten times in a single match.

14 matches were attended by 3,000 or more spectators.

18 away victories were among the 48 group matches.

24 times the home teams took the victory.

45 goals were scored by Gorica Acimovic (Hypo) to top the top scorers' list after the group matches, followed by four players, who netted in 41 times each.

48 main round matches are ahead to decide the participants for the quarter-finals.

56 goals is the best overall goal difference of all teams involved, achieved by defending champions Györ.

127 goals were conceded by Györ to have the best defence of all participants.

132 goals were scored by Zagreb to have the weakest attack of all 16 participants.

183 goals were scored by defending champions Györ in their six group matches to have the best attack of all 16 participants.

5,200 fans saw the match Györ vs Sävehof in the opening match of the new Audi Arena in Györ on Sunday to top the spectator standings so far.

Spectators:

5,200: Györ vs Sävehof

5,000: Vardar vs Buducnost

5,000: Buducnost vs Vardar

Individual high score in one match:

12 goals: Sanja Damjanovic (Viborg, in the match against Sävehof)

11 goals: Anna Kochetova (Dinamo, in the match against Krim)

11 goals: Gorica Acimovic (Hypo, in the match against Krim)

11 goals: Nora Mörk (Larvik, in the match against Metz)

Important regulations

Scoring of the matches and ranking

General

All matches of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 10 minutes. The EHF reserves the right to extend the half-time break in special circumstances to 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 Matches and Main Round

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

During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

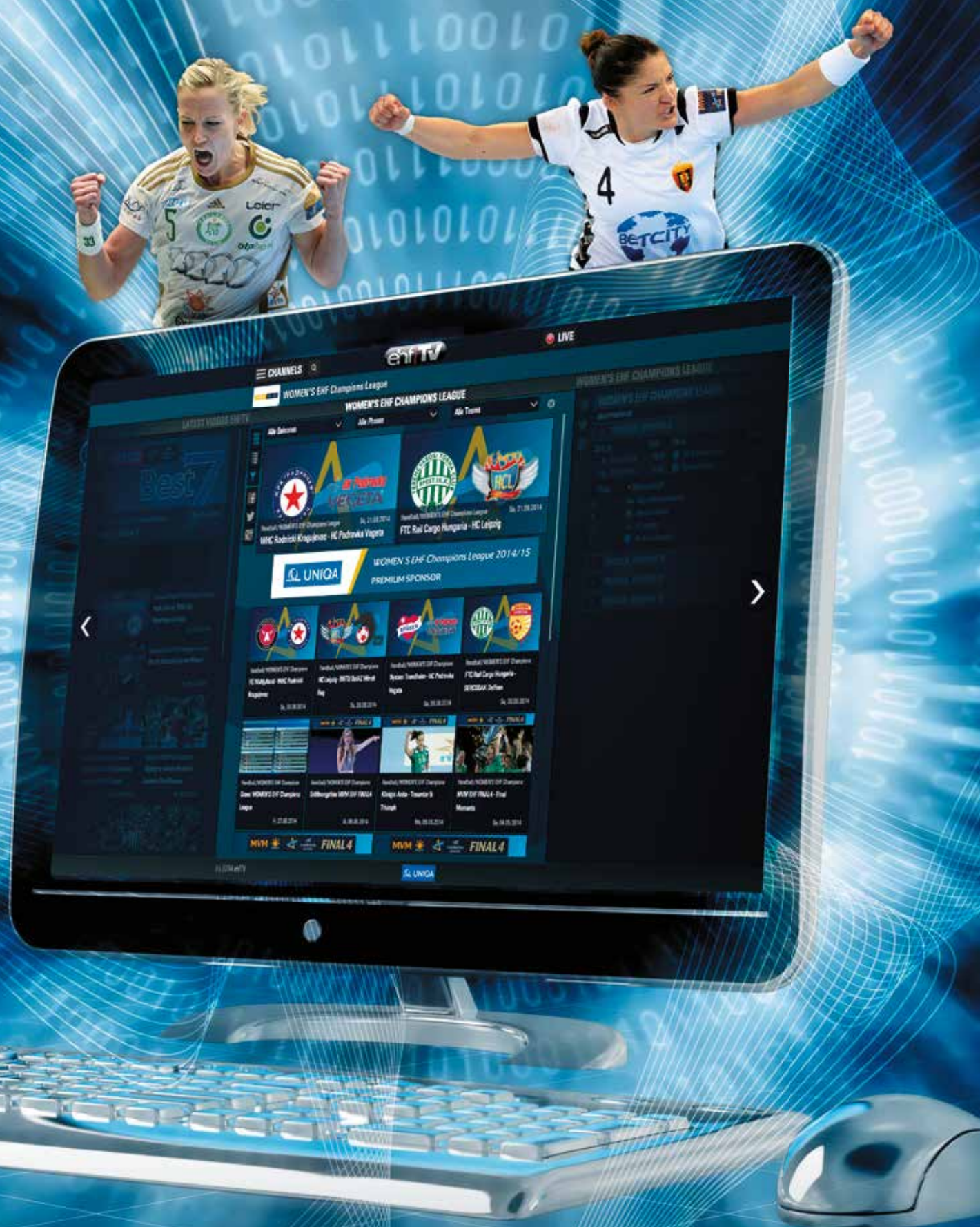
- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match of the two teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group 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 plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in Group Matches (Main Round only)
- g) greater number of points in Group Matches (Main Round only)

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. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.



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The complete coverage of all matches means that only during the group stage of both competitions handball fans will be spoilt by 120 men's and 84 women's matches. Together with knock-out stages this is supposed to offer this season more than 244 handball matches on ehfTV.com.

ehfTV.com extends the coverage of the Women's CL

In the 2014/15 season, handball's leading live streaming platform ehfTV.com has prepared a surprise package for all fans of women's handball.

From the opening round of the Group Matches ehfTV has been producing a new magazine compiling the most interesting scenes of the round.

Every Monday after a playing round "REWIND - The Women's Handball Show" shows not only the highlights of the games, but also interviews with players and selections of the top five goals and saves.

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Group 1 preview



GROUP 1 STANDINGS

1. Buducnost	4	3	1	0	97:77	(20)	7
2. Dinamo-Sinara	4	3	0	1	108:96	(12)	6
3. HC Leipzig	4	2	0	2	111:112	(-1)	4
4. WHC Vardar SCBT	4	1	1	2	87:89	(-2)	3
5. RK Krim Mercator	4	1	0	3	105:116	(-11)	2
6. Thüringer HC	4	1	0	3	78:96	(-18)	2

BALKAN TRIO, GERMAN DUO AND DINAMO AIM FOR LAST EIGHT BERTHS

The new, revamped format of the Women's EHF Champions League Main Round is set to produce plenty of thrills with 12 teams divided into two groups of six chasing quarter-final spots en route to the May 9/10 Women's EHF FINAL4 in Budapest.

Both sections are fiercely competitive and Group 1 promises a plethora of high-octane clashes featuring three teams from the former Yugoslavia, German rivals HC Leipzig and Thüringer HC as well as Russian contenders Dinamo Sinara, arguably the season's surprise package.

Results from the group matches were carried into the main round and the competition's 2012 winners Buducnost Podgorica of Montenegro will hence start as favourites to finish among the top four, having taken seven from a possible eight points ahead of Dinamo who have six.

Leipzig and FYR Macedonia's WHC Vardar SCBT, one of the pre-season favourites who endured a bumpy ride in the preliminary group stage, are next in line with Slovenian champions RK Krim Mercator and Thüringer breathing down their necks.

With only five points separating the top and the bottom team and another 12 at stake, the six-way battle is almost destined to go down to the wire, much to the delight of handball fans all around Europe.

Clearly determined to emulate the 2012 success, Buducnost have extended the contracts of half a dozen top performers while Thüringer have ensured the extended future of two pillars in their ranks, Danick Snelder and Svenja Huber.

Buducnost's first test will be a tricky visit to Dinamo, who did well to finish top of their preliminary stage of group.

Vardar, one of the pre-tournament favourites, will have welcomed the month-long break after EHF EURO 2014 in Hungary and Croatia for their Serbian playmaker Andrea Lekic to make a full recovery from an ankle injury, as they start with an equally difficult trip to Leipzig.

Finally, Krim and Thüringer HC lock horns in a battle whose winners could surge into the knockout stage zone and there is little doubt both teams will view the clash as pivotal for their ambitions.

by Zoran Milosavljevic

Group 1 head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group 1 opponents in the EC

Dinamo-Sinara vs Buducnost

30.10.1999	Volgograd AKVA vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Group C	34:29 (16:14)
19.02.2000	Buducnost Podgorica vs Volgograd AKVA, EHF Champions League – Group C	29:20 (12:8)
13.01.2001	Bud. Brillant Podgorica vs Volgograd AKVA, EHF Champions League – Group A	22:22 (10:9)
27.01.2001	Volgograd AKVA vs Bud. Brillant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:24 (16:9)
01.11.2009	HC Dinamo vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	31:18 (16:9)
14.11.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs HC Dinamo, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:24 (9:12)
09.10.2010	Buducnost vs Dinamo, EHF Champions League – Group A	29:22 (15:11)
14.11.2010	Dinamo vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:32 (14:15)

HC Leipzig vs Buducnost

1986/1987	SC Leipzig vs Buducnost Titograd, IHF Cup – 1/4-final	29:21 (14:9)
1986/1987	Buducnost Titograd vs SC Leipzig, IHF Cup – 1/4-final	26:18 (14:5)
15.11.1998	Buducnost Podgorica vs VfB Leipzig, EHF Champions League – Group B	33:20 (15:10)
10.01.1999	VfB Leipzig vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Group B	22:22 (11:13)
06.11.1999	Buducnost Podgorica vs HC Leipzig, EHF Champions League – Group C	32:29 (15:13)
06.02.2000	HC Leipzig vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Group C	29:25 (14:13)

RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost

11.04.1999	Buducnost Podgorica vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	29:32 (15:17)
18.04.1999	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	26:29 (11:16)
01.04.2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts vs Bud. Brillant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	28:21 (14:9)
08.04.2001	Bud. Brillant Podgorica vs RK Krim Neutro Roberts, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	27:25 (16:16)
19.01.2003	Krim ETA N. Roberts vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:29 (17:14)
22.02.2003	RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	19:27 (10:12)
18.01.2004	RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim Ljubljana Slovenia, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (12:9)
21.02.2004	Krim Ljubljana Slovenia vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:25 (18:12)
22.02.2009	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	35:28 (15:14)
22.03.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	37:32 (19:16)
13.02.2011	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:29 (17:12)
04.03.2011	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	36:40 (19:23)
12.02.2012	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (13:14)
24.02.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:27 (9:14)
09.02.2014	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:15 (13:6)
15.03.2014	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:30 (15:17)

RK Krim Mercator vs WHC Vardar SCBT

07.10.1994	Vardar Skopje vs Krim-Electa Ljubljana, Cup Winners' Cup – 1/16-final	24:26 (15:14)
16.10.1994	Krim-Electa Ljubljana vs Vardar Skopje, Cup Winners' Cup – 1/16-final	29:20 (13:11)

No previous encounters in European competitions

Dinamo-Sinara vs WHC Vardar SCBT
 Dinamo-Sinara vs Thüringer HC
 HC Leipzig vs WHC Vardar SCBT
 HC Leipzig vs Thüringer HC
 RK Krim Mercator vs Thüringer HC

GROUP 1



Budućnost (MNE)

Reinforced by the return of talismanic right back Katarina Bulatovic after her two-year exile, Budućnost cruised through the preliminary group stage dropping only one point in the process.

With her lethal shooting, Bulatovic added bite in attack as Budućnost continued to rely on a squad packed with talent as well as experience, boasting a pair of world class players in almost every position. While Bulatovic was the driving force of the team that won the EHF Champions League 2012 title, new signings which arrived during her absence, such as Poland's Kinga Bydzra and most recently Romania's top player Cristina Neagu, have provided a welcome share of the workload at both ends of the court.

Budućnost remain one of the favourites to win Europe's premier club competition despite their line player Suzana Lazovic suffering a serious ankle injury in a regional league match against Macedonian rivals HC Metalurg, meaning that she will be sidelined throughout the main round.

Experienced campaigners Majda Mehmedovic, Milena Knezevic, Radmila Petrovic and Biljana Pavicevic, all of whom will have to bounce back from the disappointment of missing out on a podium finish in EHF EURO 2014 with Montenegro, should ensure a smooth ride into the quarter-finals.

Towering Serbian pivot Dragana Cvijic and rock-solid Croatian goalkeeper Marta Zderic add options at both ends of the court, making Budućnost a team with an almost impregnable defence and a fearsome attack.



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: green

GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Budućnost	6	5	1	0	161:130 (31)	11
2. WHC Vardar SCBT	6	3	1	2	149:140 (9)	7
3. Thüringer HC	6	3	0	3	143:144 (-1)	6
4. HC Podravka Vegeta	6	0	0	6	152:191 (-39)	0

Group Matches results:

vs WHC Vardar SCBT	W23:17 (12:9)
@ HC Podravka Vegeta	W32:27 (18:14)
@ Thüringer HC	W27:22 (16:11)
vs Thüringer HC	W23:14 (11:6)
@ WHC Vardar SCBT	T24:24 (11:9)
vs HC Podravka Vegeta	W32:26 (15:13)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions

League 2014/15 season: Montenegrin champions

Late entry:

Zeljka Nikolic

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 19
Winners (1): 2011/12
Runners-up (1): 2013/14
Semi-final (6): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2010/11
Main Round (1): 2012/13
Quarter-final (2): 2002/03, 2003/04
Last 16 (1): 1995/96
Group Matches (6): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

Other

Cup Winners Cup: Winners 2005/06, 2009/10

Montenegrin league: 26 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2014)
Montenegrin cup: 19 titles

Buducnost (MNE)



Biggest win:	30:15 (13:6) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 09.02.2014
Biggest defeat:	36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997
Longest winning run:	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 08.04.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	10 matches (03.11.2013 – 03.05.2014)
Longest losing run:	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Most goals:	40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Most goals opponent:	40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998
Most goals both teams:	76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Fewest goals:	16 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005 16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013
Fewest goals opponent:	14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 9.11.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	34 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	6	2	2	2	130:143	-13	6		3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	1	4	292:305	-13	11		1/2-finals
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17		1/2-finals
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12		1/2-finals
2000/01 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13		1/2-finals
2001/02 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12		1/2-finals
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8		1/4-finals
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8		1/4-finals
2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	1	0	5	141:165	-24	2		4th Gr. A
2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	3	0	3	150:154	-4	6		3rd Gr. C
2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	0	0	6	141:174	-33	0		4th Gr. B
2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	1	1	4	153:189	-36	3		3rd Gr. D
2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	12	6	2	4	317:326	-9	14		3rd MR Gr. 2
2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	2	1	3	138:155	-17	5		3rd Gr. D
2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE	14	10	0	4	417:360	+57	20		1/2-finals
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28		Winner
2012/13 Buducnost MNE	12	5	1	6	265:273	-8	11		3rd MR Gr. 1
2013/14 Buducnost MNE	14	8	3	3	349:298	+51	19		Runner-up
Total	170	88	19	63	4516:4397	+119	195		

Buducnost (MNE)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
8	Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26.8.1988	Bucharest, ROU	180	41
88	Biljana	Pavicevic	MNE	Left Wing	12.5.1988	Podgorica, MNE	169	21
2	Radmila	Petrovic	MNE	Right Wing	19.4.1988	Niksic, MNE	175	21
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15.3.1990	Beograd, SRB	184	20
32	Katarina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Back	15.11.1984	Kragujevac, SRB	186	19
90	Milena	Knezevic	MNE	Centre Back	12.3.1990	Podgorica, MNE	176	10
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25.5.1990	Bar, MNE	170	9
20	Camilla	Dalby	DEN	Right Back	15.5.1988	Randers, DEN	178	8
89	Kinga	Byzdra	POL	Back	9.1.1989	Pulawy, POL	182	4
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Left Back	30.4.1994	Podgorica, MNE	180	4
92	Suzana	Lazovic	MNE	Line Player	28.1.1992	Podgorica, MNE	177	2
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28.11.1996	Berane, MNE	185	1
39	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	9.12.1996	Cetinje, MNE	171	
14	Zeljka	Nikolic	SRB	Right Wing	12.7.1991	Priboj, SRB	164	
30	Marina	Rajcic	MNE	Goalkeeper	24.8.1993	Podgorica, MNE	175	
16	Clara	Woltering	GER	Goalkeeper	2.3.1983	Münster, GER	178	1
43	Marta	Zderic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20.4.1990	Metkovic, CRO	184	





Dragan Adzic coach

- retired due to injury in 1998
- almost a decade was an assistant to many coaches in Buducnost
- became head coach in 2010
- in 2012 won the CL in May with Buducnost and EHF EURO in December with Montenegro
- met his wife Timea after she came to the club as an interpreter to former coach, Hungarian Gyula Zsiga

EC trophies: CL 2012, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012



Clara Woltering goalkeeper

- set for a fourth season at Buducnost and third as the captain
- first saw handball at the age of 5, when she went to watch her older sisters and impressed their coach
- very superstitious in the past, for a long time she banned her parents from watching her play, thinking it was bad luck and at one stage wore a cap during matches to bring her luck
- voted for the 2013/14 CL All-Star Team as the best goalkeeper

EC trophies: CL 2012, Challenge Cup 2005
WCh: B 2007



Majda Mehmedovic left wing

- her mother played handball as a goalkeeper
- started handball in Bar at the age of 12 with her brother Musa and immediately loved it
- it took her two years to get into the first team after being signed by Buducnost
- voted for the 2013/14 CL All-Star Team as the best left wing

EC trophies: CL 2012, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012



Milena Knezevic left back

- started playing handball with her sister Dragana, her brother Ivan is a professional soccer player
- at 2012 EHF EURO first in assists (29) and shared second place in scoring with Anita Görbicz (41 goals)
- two-time Montenegrin player of the year
- voted second best young player of the CL in 2012

EC trophies: CL 2012, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012



Cristina Neagu centre back

- named the World Handball Player of the Year after leading Romania to bronze medals at the EHF EURO 2010
- top scorer (53 goals) and All-Star Team member of the EHF EURO 2010
- missed nearly two of the last four years, after a shoulder injury and a torn ligament in her knee
- lost two EHF Champions League finalist, one with Oltchim (2013) and one with Buducnost (2014)

EHF EURO: B 2010



Dragana Cvijic line player

- started handball at the age of 10, first as goalkeeper, but being very tall for her age, Dragana's first coach put her at left back
- in 2007 at Crvena Zvezda she switched to a line player
- joined Buducnost in 2011 just in time to help them on the way to the CL title
- Serbian national team player voted the best line player of the WCh 2013

EC trophies: CL 2012
WCh: S 2013



Katarina Bulatovic right back

- Serbia-born shooter arrived to Buducnost in 2014 after one-year stints with Oltchim and Győr
- made it to the CL final for the first time in 2007 with Slagelse
- won the CL title with three different clubs - Slagelse, Buducnost and Győr
- key player in Montenegro's biggest achievements, when she was the top scorer at both the London Olympics and EHF EURO in 2012

EC trophies: CL 2007, 2012, 2014, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012



Radmila Petrovic right wing

- started training handball at 12, in her home town of Nikšić, where she played for five years as a right back
- when transferred to Buducnost in 2005, she was moved to the wing
- strong alternative to Jovanka Radicevic in Montenegro national team
- in 2014 she won her 100th cap with Montenegro

EC trophies: CL 2012, Cup Winners' Cup 2010
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012

GROUP 1

Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd (RUS)



The pillar of Russian women's club handball last reached the main round four years ago and this term's progress was a welcome success for an array of talented home-grown players thriving on the biggest stage.

The impressive 19-year old centre back Daria Dmitrieva and experienced right back Anna Kochetova formed a lethal partnership in attack, scoring 36 goals each in the group matches to propel Dinamo to the pinnacle of Group A. Surprisingly, they dropped three points against less fancied opposition, having been held to a 25:25 draw at bottom-of-the-table Hypo before they suffered a shock 26:25 home defeat by Krim halfway through the campaign.

But three subsequent straight wins meant they finished top of the group, carrying six points into the main round where they face the much tougher opposition in Buducnost, Vardar and Thüringer. With a vast roster also including new signing Anita Gace, a Croatian right wing who arrived from Lokomotiva Zagreb during the summer break, the unpredictable Dinamo have the potential to reach the last eight.

Staying ahead of the chasing pack behind them will not be an easy task but playing in last season's EHF Cup quarter-finals should give them the impetus to emulate the success at Europe's top level.



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GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Dinamo-Sinara	6	4	1	1	160:143 (17)	9
2. HC Leipzig	6	4	0	2	177:152 (25)	8
3. RK Krim Mercator	6	2	0	4	162:165 (-3)	4
4. Hypo Niederösterreich	6	1	1	4	136:175 (-39)	3

Group Matches results:

vs HC Leipzig	W27:19 (16:10)
@ Hypo Niederösterreich	T25:25 (14:15)
vs RK Krim Mercator	L25:26 (15:13)
@ RK Krim Mercator	W26:24 (13:12)
@ HC Leipzig	W30:27 (14:14)
vs Hypo Niederösterreich	W27:22 (13:9)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Russian champions

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/2015 season): 13

Semi-final (1): 1999/2000

Main Round (3): 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/2012

Group Matches (5): 2002/03, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2012/13

Qualification (3): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2008/09

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2007/08, semi-final 2008/09

City Cup: semi-final 1997/98

Challenge Cup: Winners 1994/95

Russian league: 12 titles (1993, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white

Player short: white

Goalkeeper shirt: black

Dark

Player shirt: blue

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd (RUS)



Biggest win:	30:15 (15:7) v Frederiksberg IF DEN (h), 20.01.2001
Biggest defeat:	41:20 (24:9) v Larvik NOR (a), 12.02.2011
Longest winning run:	3 matches (30.01.2005 – 20.02.2005) 3 matches (17.10.2010 – 07.11.2010)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (29.04.2000 – 27.01.2001)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (13.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (14.11.2010 – 12.02.2011) 4 matches (28.10.2012 – 18.11.2012)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (08.01.2006 – 12.02.2006)
Most goals:	41 v Viborg HK DEN 41:33W (h), 24.10.2010
Most goals opponent:	41 v RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 41:33L (a), 13.01.2007 41 v Larvik NOR 41:20L (a), 12.02.2011
Most goals both teams:	74 v RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 41:33L (a), 13.01.2007 74 v Viborg HK DEN 41:33W (h), 24.10.2010
Fewest goals:	17 v Larvik HK NOR 18:17L (a), 08.11.2009
Fewest goals opponent:	15 v Frederiksberg IF DEN 30:15W (h), 20.01.2001
Fewest goals both teams:	35 v Larvik HK NOR 18:17L (a), 08.11.2009

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1999/00 Volgograd AKVA RUS	10	6	1	3	264:243	+21	13		1/2-finals
2000/01 Volgograd AKVA RUS	8	4	1	3	192:173	+19	9		1/4-finals
2001/02 Volgograd AKVA RUS	6	1	1	4	134:144	-10	3		4th Gr. D
2004/05 Dinamo AQUA Volgograd RUS	6	4	0	2	164:160	+4	8		3rd Gr. B
2005/06 Dinamo Volgograd RUS	6	1	2	3	148:156	-8	4		4th Gr. D
2006/07 H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS	6	2	0	4	179:196	-17	4		4th Gr. A
2009/10 HC Dinamo RUS	12	4	2	6	313:306	+7	10		4th MR Gr. 2
2010/11 Dinamo RUS	12	5	0	7	332:366	-34	10		3rd MR Gr. 2
2011/12 Dinamo Volgograd RUS	6	3	0	3	170:160	+10	6		3rd Gr. D
2012/13 Dinamo Volgograd RUS	6	1	0	5	157:200	-43	2		3rd Gr. C
Total	78	31	7	40	2053:2104	-51	69		

Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd (RUS)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
11	Daria	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre Back	9.8.1995	Toljatti, RUS	178	36
6	Anna	Kochetova	RUS	Right Back	4.5.1987	Volgograd, RUS	180	36
10	Olga	Akopian	RUS	Left Back	4.3.1985	Volgograd, RUS	176	28
8	Anita	Gace	CRO	Right Wing	14.4.1983	Split, CRO	174	17
66	Asma	El Ghaoui	TUN	Line Player	29.8.1991	Monastir, TUN	174	13
14	Polina	Vedekhina	RUS	Left Back	6.1.1994	Volgograd, RUS	176	11
9	Ekaterina	Fanina	RUS	Left Wing	27.11.1989	Volgograd, RUS	163	8
13	Nataliya	Danshina	RUS	Right Back	10.4.1992	Voljski, RUS	183	5
25	Tamara	Chopikyan	RUS	Left Wing	25.5.1993	Moscow, RUS	167	3
28	Ekaterina	Peche	AZE	Centre Back	28.10.1982	Astrakhan, RUS	181	2
5	Yulia	Golikova	RUS	Left Back	24.2.1997	Ufa, RUS	184	1
4	Daria	Belikova	RUS	Line Player	7.3.1997	Volgograd, RUS	181	
2	Ekaterina	Chernova	RUS	Left Wing	18.1.1994	Toljatti, RUS	171	
26	Maria	Duvakina	RUS	Goalkeeper	23.3.1998	Maykop, RUS	179	
7	Yaroslava	Frolova	RUS	Centre Back	18.5.1997	Volgograd, RUS	178	
20	Valeriya	Ganicheva	RUS	Right Back	18.12.1996	Volgograd, RUS	180	
22	Valeria	Kiprigina	RUS	Left Wing	16.1.1996	Volgograd, RUS	165	
30	Margarita	Kushnyr	RUS	Goalkeeper	5.6.1996	Rostov region, RUS	178	
18	Yulia	Markova	RUS	Left Wing	10.8.1996	Volgograd, RUS	170	
3	Kseniya	Milova	RUS	Left Back	6.1.1992	Moscow, RUS	187	
32	Ekaterina	Nefedova	RUS	Right Back	5.12.1996	Yaroslavl, RUS	177	
21	Evgeniya	Petrova	RUS	Line Player	10.8.1994	Toljatti, RUS	181	
24	Viktoriya	Smolentseva	RUS	Right Wing	25.10.1996	Volgograd, RUS	160	
40	Elizaveta	Sobina	RUS	Line Player	7.12.1995	Krasnodar region, RUS	185	
19	Anastasia	Starshova	RUS	Right Wing	26.3.1997	Volgograd, RUS	165	
15	Anastasia	Suslova	RUS	Left Back	11.10.1996	Volgograd, RUS	182	
17	Valentina	Vernigorova	RUS	Centre Back	15.6.1997	Volgograd, RUS	184	
12	Anastasia	Titovskaya	RUS	Goalkeeper	3.3.1996	Volgograd, RUS	181	
29	Elena	Utkina	RUS	Goalkeeper	29.5.1990	Volgograd, RUS	181	
35	Kristina	Pyatkina	RUS	Goalkeeper	15.3.1997	Volgograd, RUS	177	
1	Anna	Sedoykina	RUS	Goalkeeper	1.8.1984	Volgograd, RUS	183	




Victor Ryabykh
 coach

- has been at the helm of Dinamo since 2008 winning six Russian championships in a row
- worked at other Russian clubs as well as in Ukraine and Montenegro
- asked to become Russia national team coach but preferred to stay at Dinamo when forced to choose just one job
- coordinator of the Volgograd youth academy, which is the source for many national team players


Anna Sedoykina
 goalkeeper

- born and bred in Volgograd, joined Dinamo, then called Volgograd AKVA, in 2000 at the age of 16
- won 13 medals of the Russian league: six gold, five silver and two bronze medals
- one of the heroes of 2009 WCh in China. Early in the final game replaced the experienced Inna Suslina and produced a brilliant performance
- missed the 2013/14 season after giving birth to a daughter in September 2013

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008
 WCh: G 2009, EHF EURO: B 2008


Ekaterina Fanina
 left wing

- born in Volgograd, started her career at Dinamo
- after winning the EHF Cup in 2008, opted to move to Astrakhan where she played for six years
- came back to Dinamo in the summer of 2014 and integrated pretty well into the team
- has experience of playing for junior and senior Russian national teams

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008


Olga Akopian
 left back

- has been playing for Dinamo throughout her career
- after the London Olympics in 2012, married Eduard Akopian, the team manager of Dinamo, gave birth to the daughter Arina in May 2013
- at the beginning of 2014 successfully came back to handball
- took part in the 2014 Winter Olympic Torch Relay before the Games in Sochi

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008
 WCh: G 2007, G 2009, EHF EURO: S 2006, B 2008


Ekaterina Peche
 centre back

- born in Astrakhan, Russia
- holds a citizenship of Azerbaijan and regularly plays for its national team
- set for her first season in Volgograd after spending all of her career in her home town playing for Astrakhanochka
- two-time champion of Russia in beach handball


Asma El Ghaoui
 line player

- Tunisian is set for her debut season at Dinamo and Russian handball
- previously played for Nimes in France but never took part in any European Cup competitions
- in recent years, she has regularly played for the Tunisia national team. Took part in two WCh — in 2011 (18th place) and 2013 (17th place)

African Cup: G 2014


Anna Kochetova
 right back

- her mother used to be a handball player and then a coach. She brought Anna to the handball training when the girl was 7
- plays at the same position and with the same number 6 as her mother did
- missed the 2012/13 season and for half a year, travelled extensively all over the world with her husband. Eventually came back to Dinamo, after promising club bosses

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008


Anita Gace
 right wing

- started her first season in Volgograd and hopes to become an integral part of the team
- spent all her previous career at home in Croatia, changed four clubs Makarska, Osijek, Podravka and Lokomotiva
- won six gold medals in a row at the Croatian league (2006-11), all of them with Podravka
- played more than 100 games for the Croatia national team, took part in three major tournaments (2011 WCh, 2012 OG, 2012 EHF EURO)

GROUP 1



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: yellow or violet
Goalkeeper shirt: red or black

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

HC Leipzig (GER)

After several disappointing seasons in Europe's elite club competition, when they could not get past the 2012/13 qualification tournaments and last term's group stage, HC Leipzig finally rolled into the main round and did so in grand style.

They finished runners-up in Group A behind Dinamo Sinara and ahead of Krim Mercator, taking four points into the second group stage with every chance of reaching the last eight. Unlike many of their rivals packed with imported quality, Leipzig rely almost entirely on home-grown talent with only three foreigners in their ranks – Romania's Alina Ioneac, Icelandic 22-year old Anna Thorgerdur Atladottir and most notably Polish sharpshooter Karolina Kudlacz.

They are hence a compact and well-drilled unit, albeit one devoid of the biggest names in women's club handball. In Kudlacz and Germany's Saskia Lang, who are joint-second on the EHF Champions League top scorers list with 41 goals apiece, Leipzig have an awesome backcourt attacking force able to give any defence a roasting.

Luisa Schulze and Alexandra Mazzucco, who have scored 44 goals between them, represent much-needed support to the duo as Leipzig's rivals in the preliminary group stage have discovered. However, the club have parted ways with a Dutch centre back Maura Visser, who contributed with 20 goals in the group matches.

The German outfit are a high-scoring team who have put 42 goals past Hypo in a single game and a combined total of 65 against Krim Mercator, their offensive firepower making up for occasional lack of defensive steel.

GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

1. Dinamo-Sinara	6	4	1	1	160:143	(17)	9
2. HC Leipzig	6	4	0	2	177:152	(25)	8
3. RK Krim Mercator	6	2	0	4	162:165	(-3)	4
4. Hypo Niederösterreich	6	1	1	4	136:175	(-39)	3

Group Matches results:

@ Dinamo-Sinara	L19:27 (10:16)
vs RK Krim Mercator	W30:24 (17:11)
vs Hypo Niederösterreich	W42:22 (20:11)
@ Hypo Niederösterreich	W24:18 (12:7)
vs Dinamo-Sinara	L27:30 (14:14)
@ RK Krim Mercator	W35:31 (18:17)

Qualification results:

vs BNTU-BelAZ Minsk	W22:18 (15:5)
vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	W39:38 (15:14)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: winner of qualification tournament Group 1, runners-up in Germany

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 11
Main Round (2): 2009/10, 2010/11
Group Matches/Champions League (5): 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2013/14
Qualification (3): 2000/01, 2008/09, 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Final 1996/97, Semi-final 2011/12
EHF Cup: Runners-up 2008/09, Semi-finals 2004/05

German league: 21 titles (1953, 1957, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2010)

German cup: 8 titles

HC Leipzig (GER)



Biggest win:	42:22 (11:11) v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT (h), 31.10.2014
Biggest defeat:	33:20 (15:10) v Buducnost Podgorica YUG (a), 15.11.1998
Longest winning run:	3 matches (26.10.2014 – 9.11.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (30.01.2000 – 19.02.2000) 3 matches (14.11.2009 – 17.01.2010) 3 matches (26.10.2014 – 9.11.2014)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (08.02.2003 – 17.02.2007)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (08.02.2003 – 17.02.2007)
Most goals:	42 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 42:22W (h), 31.10.2014
Most goals opponent:	39 v Viborg HK A/S DEN 39:33L (a), 13.01.2007
Most goals both teams:	72 v Viborg HK A/S DEN 39:33L (a), 13.01.2007 72 v Viborg HK A/S DEN 35:37L (h), 11.02.2007
Fewest goals:	18 v Nordstrand 2000 Oslo NOR 26:18L (a), 23.02.2003
Fewest goals opponent:	19 v DVSC – Korvex HUN 19:20W (a), 07.11.2010
Fewest goals both teams:	39 v DVSC – Korvex HUN 19:20W (a), 07.11.2010

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1998/99 VfB Leipzig GER	6	1	1	4	140:170	-30	3		4th Gr. B
1999/00 HC Leipzig GER	6	3	1	2	162:157	+5	7		3rd Gr. C
2002/03 HC Leipzig GER	6	1	0	5	149:180	-31	2		4th Gr. B
2006/07 HC Leipzig GER	6	1	0	5	184:196	-12	2		4th Gr. C
2009/10 HC Leipzig GER	12	3	1	8	288:328	-40	7		4th MR Gr. 1
2010/11 HC Leipzig GER	12	4	0	8	280:306	-26	8		4th MR Gr. 2
2013/14 HC Leipzig GER	6	1	0	5	139:170	-31	2		4th Gr. C
Total:	54	14	3	37	1342:1507	-165	31		

HC Leipzig (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
14	Karolina	Kudlacz	POL	Back	17.1.1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178	41
18	Saskia	Lang	GER	Back	19.12.1986	Lörrach, GER	179	41
13	Luisa	Schulze	GER	Line Player	14.9.1990	Altenburg, GER	192	23
5	Alexandra	Mazzucco	GER	Right Wing	29.1.1993	Lauf a.d. Pegnitz	175	21
8	Anne	Müller	GER	Line Player	5.7.1983	Bochum, GER	174	14
17	Anne	Hubinger	GER	Right Back	31.7.1993	Ribnitz-Damgarten, GER	185	9
9	Helena	Hertlein	GER	Left Wing	14.7.1992	München, GER	172	4
25	Roxana Alina	Ioneac	ROU	Back	31.1.1989	Craiova, ROU	182	2
26	Michelle	Urbicht	GER	Left Wing	6.1.1994	Cottbus, GER	172	2
7	Thorgerdur Anna	Atladdottir	ISL	Back	2.6.1992	Reykjavik, ISL	176	
31	Christin	Conrad	GER	Wing	2.5.1995	Leipzig, GER	170	
19	Kaya	Diehl	GER	Right Wing	1.7.1992	Frankfurt, GER	170	
11	Nicole	Lederer	GER	Right Back	2.5.1995	Nürnberg, GER	178	
32	Lisa-Marie	Ostwald	GER	Back	11.8.1995	Leipzig, GER	178	
35	Anna Lena	Plate	GER	Back	20.11.1998	Leipzig, GER	185	
20	Nele	Reimer	GER	Back	9.9.1996	Leipzig, GER	184	
34	Joanna	Rode	GER	Back	30.7.1997	Leipzig, GER	170	
29	Isa-Sophia	Rösike	GER	Line Player	30.5.1994	Dessau, GER	176	
36	Johanna	Schierbock	GER	Back	17.12.1997	Leipzig, GER	180	
28	Luisa	Sturm	GER	Line Player	8.2.1996	Leipzig, GER	175	
12	Katja	Schülke	GER	Goalkeeper	18.3.1984	Frankfurt/Oder, GER	178	
33	Wiebke	Detjen	GER	Goalkeeper	12.7.1996	Leipzig, GER	175	
22	Nicole	Roth	GER	Goalkeeper	8.5.1995	Nürnberg, GER	183	




Norman Rentsch
coach

- first non-Danish born coach at HC Leipzig in a decade
- arrived from the Zwickau women's team before the 2014/15 season
- assisted by German goalkeeping legend Wieland Schmidt, Olympic Champion at the 1980 Games in Moscow
- his motto is: pressure is my motivation


Katja Schülke
goalkeeper

- returned from maternity leave in the 2014/15 season – she gave birth to her first son in January 2014
- her biggest international success was reaching the 2009 EHF Cup final with HCL
- reached the milestone of 100 international matches for Germany in 2014
- team captain together with Karolina Kudlacz
- on her way to becoming a sports teacher


Michelle Urbricht
left wing

- young talent who came through the HCL youth programme
- replacement for German international Natalie Augsburg (now in Berlin)
- played for Leipzig since she was 15
- at the age of 20, she is the youngest of Leipzig's starting seven


Karolina Kudlacz
left back

- nine seasons already with Leipzig, despite offers from top international clubs
- team captain at HCL and for the Poland national team
- in her business life she is psychologist in Leipzig
- together with Schülke, the last remaining member of the HCL teams that won the German championship in 2010 and 2011
- led Poland to the WCh 2013 semi-final


Saskia Lang
left back

- her professional career started in LC Brühl (SUI)
- joined Leipzig in 2011 following a stint with Blomberg-Lippe
- played 25 games for Swiss Junior team, but in 2010 she debuted for Germany vs Austria
- part of the German team at the WCh 2013 and the EHF EURO 2014


Anne Müller
line player

- in Leipzig since 2010
- studied IT and is a software developer in her business life
- previously played for Bayer Leverkusen, where she was part of the Challenge Cup winning squad in 2005
- part of the German team at the 2008 Olympic Games and at the WCh 2007, when the team placed third

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2005
WCh: B 2007


Anne Hubinger
right back

- arrived in 2011 at the age of 18 from Bandits Magdeburg
- youngest player of the German team at the EHF EURO 2012 in Serbia
- has to replace Susann Müller, who transferred to Győr
- one of her hobbies is crocheting


Alexandra Mazzucco
right wing

- progressed through all of the German youth and junior national teams
- studying sports management
- likes skiing in her free time
- arrived at Leipzig at the age of 18

GROUP 1



Playing hall

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white

Player short: black

Goalkeeper shirt: neon green

Dark

Player shirt: red

Player short: red

Goalkeeper shirt: blue

WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)

It is no secret that handball is a Macedonian national sport and following the continued success of Skopje rivals Vardar and Metalurg in the men's VELUX EHF Champions League, massive investments have put WHC Vardar SCBT to the fore among the women's elite in Europe.

The club's owners have been able to lure a myriad of the game's most acclaimed household names and they repaid the faith by reaching the MVM EHF FINAL4 in their debut season, losing out narrowly in a dramatic semi-final against Buducnost last term.

Rising expectations have piled a certain amount of pressure on the Macedonian title holders to go at least a step further this season, especially after the arrival of prolific Croatian right back Andrea Penezic, Slovenia's Barbara Lazovic-Varlec and German line player Anja Althaus.

However, Vardar had to put up with a rough ride in the preliminary group stage, taking only three points from a possible eight into the main round after away defeats by Buducnost and Thüringer, as well as a home draw against the Montenegrin champions.

An early exit for Croatia's Penezic and Serbia playmaker Andrea Lekic from EHF EURO 2014 could turn out to be a blessing in disguise for Vardar, as the former will be raring to make up for international failure while the latter has won a race against time to recover from an ankle injury sustained in the preliminary group stage.

Although they are skating on thin ice after dropping five points in the group matches, Vardar should have more than enough depth in them to safely finish in the top four and reach the knockout stages.

GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Buducnost	6	5	1	0	161:130 (31)	11
2. WHC Vardar SCBT	6	3	1	2	149:140 (9)	7
3. Thüringer HC	6	3	0	3	143:144 (-1)	6
4. HC Podravka Vegeta	6	0	0	6	152:191 (-39)	0

Group Matches results:

@ Buducnost	L17:23 (9:12)
vs Thüringer HC	W26:21 (12:10)
@ HC Podravka Vegeta	W27:26 (13:11)
vs HC Podravka Vegeta	W35:25 (15:10)
vs Buducnost	T24:24 (9:11)
@ Thüringer HC	L20:21 (12:10)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Macedonian champion

Late entries:

Ivana Gakidova

Itana Grbic

Robertina Mechevska (Ankara 1910/TUR)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 2

Semi-final (1): 2013/14 (third rank at MVM EHF FINAL4)

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16: 2012/13

Macedonian league: 2 titles (2013, 2014)

Macedonian cup: 2 titles



WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)

Biggest win:	17:35 (10:16) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (a), 03.11.2013
Biggest defeat:	17:23 (9:12) v Buducnost MNE (a), 19.10.2014
Longest winning run:	5 matches (19.10.2013 – 02.02.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	9 matches (06.10.2013 – 15.02.2014)
Longest losing run:	1 match (02.03.2014)
	1 match (03.05.2014)
	1 match (19.10.2014)
	1 match (22.11.2014)
Longest run without win:	2 matches (02.03.2014 – 08.03.2014)
	2 matches (16.11.2014 - 22.11.2014)
Most goals:	39 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 39:26W (h), 19.10.2013
Most goals opponent:	31 v FC Midtjylland DEN 34:31W (a), 04.05.2014
Most goals both teams:	65 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 39:26W (h), 19.10.2013
	65 v FC Midtjylland DEN 34:31W (a), 04.05.2014
Fewest goals:	17 v Buducnost MNE 17:23 (a), 19.10.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:35W (a), 03.11.2013
Fewest goals both teams:	40 v Buducnost MNE 17:23 (a), 19.10.2014

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2013/14 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD	14	9	3	2	393	333	+60	21	Third Place
Total	14	9	3	2	393	333	+60	21	

WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
23	Andrea	Penezic	CRO	Left Back	13.11.1985	Zagreb, CRO	186	37
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre Back	6.9.1987	Beograd, SRB	178	20
17	Siraba	Dembele	FRA	Left Wing	28.6.1986	Dreux, FRA	172	16
15	Barbara	Lazovic-Varlec	SLO	Right Back	4.1.1988	Brezice, SLO	183	16
19	Maja	Sokac	CRO	Left Wing	30.5.1982	Split, CRO	178	14
25	Olga	Chernoivanenko	RUS	Right Wing	17.4.1989	Samarsk, RUS	175	9
22	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	5.5.1991	Podgorica, MNE	175	9
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23.10.1986	Podgorica, MNE	170	9
30	Alena	Ikhneva	RUS	Left Back	30.7.1995	Orenburg, RUS	183	8
14	Julija	Nikolic	MKD	Centre Back	20.4.1983	Ternovka, UKR	178	7
20	Anja	Althaus	GER	Line Player	3.9.1982	Magdeburg	175	2
5	Simona	Stojanovska	MKD	Centre Back	20.3.1997	Skopje, MKD	175	2
18	Begona	Fernandez Molinos	ESP	Line Player	22.3.1980	Vigo, ESP	180	
71	Tatiana	Khmyrova	RUS	Right Back	6.2.1990	Volgograd, RUS	178	
10	Sara	Mitova	MKD	Left Back	5.10.1996	Skopje, MKD	172	
9	Ivana	Gakidova	MKD	Line Player	27.2.1995	Skopje, MKD	180	
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Left Wing	1.9.1996	Podgorica, MNE	169	
2	Robertina	Mechevska	MKD	Line Player	16.11.1984	Struga, MKD	172	
1	Dragana	Petkovska	MKD	Goalkeeper	12.6.1996	Skopje, MKD	174	
31	Inna	Suslina	RUS	Goalkeeper	5.1.1979	Tashkent, RUS	184	
12	Amandine	Leynaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	2.5.1986	Aubenas, FRA	178	





Indira Kastratovic coach

- in her second coaching season led Vardar to their historical third place at the first women's FINAL4
- her greatest success as a player achieved with Kometal, for whom she played twice in the CL final, winning the title in 2002
- in 1997 she was the top scorer of the WCh with 71 goals as part of the Macedonian team
- in 2006 she retired as a player and concentrated her attention on coaching youth players

EC trophies: CL 2002 (as player)



Inna Suslina goalkeeper

- former Russia national team player graduated from the University RGPU Rostov Don as a teacher
- Vardar is her second stint outside of Russia – she previously spent four seasons with GOG in Denmark
- has twice been voted in All-Star teams – at the EHF EURO 2006 and the WCh 2009
- as team captain led the team to the bronze medal at the first edition of the FINAL4 in 2014

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2002
OG: S 2004, WCh: G 2001, 2007, 2009, EHF EURO: S 2006, B 2008



Siraba Dembele left wing

- French left wing signed with Vardar ahead of last season and played an important role in the team in 2013/14, scoring 35 goals
- Vardar is the seventh team in her career – she previously played for five different French teams and spent one season with Danish club Randers
- captain of the France national team
- extended her contract with Vardar until 2016

WCh: S 2009, 2011, EHF EURO B 2006



Andrea Penezic left back

- in the summer of 2014 signed a 1+1 year contract
- shares court time with Allison Pineau
- leading player for Krim Mercator; raised the Slovenian title and cup four times
- best left back in the All-Star Team at the WCh 2011
- played also for Lokomotiva and Podravka
- Croatian player of the year six consecutive times



Andrea Lekic centre back

- competed in karate and reached blue belt before moving on to ball sports including volleyball, basketball, football and tennis
- voted the 2013 World Handball Player of the Year
- All-Star Team at the EHF EURO 2012.
- organises her own handball camp every other year

EC trophies: CL 2013
WCh: S 2013



Anja Althaus line player

- first German player to play in FYR Macedonia.
- switched from being a designer in advertising to a hairdresser, and is known as stylist to her teammates in both her club and national team
- two EHF Champions League titles with Viborg (2009, 2010)
- one of the most famous German players with over 200 caps for Germany and more than 500 goals

EC trophies: CL 2009, 2010
WCh: B 2007, Junior WCh: B 2001



Tatiana Khmyrova right back

- it only took one season for 'Tata' to conquer the hearts of fans in Skopje
- made her debut for the Russia national team in FYR Macedonia at the EHF EURO 2008, eventually claiming the bronze medal
- played eight seasons for her first team, Dinamo Volgograd, winning three Russian championship titles
- can play all three back positions

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008
WCh: G 2009, EURO: B 2008, Youth WCh: G 2008



Jovanka Radicevic right wing

- as the daughter of a handball player, started playing handball at the age of 12
- best right wing at the EHF EURO 2012 when she won the championship with Montenegro
- in 2013 she won the CL title with Győr.
- with Buducnost, she won seven championships and cup titles in Montenegro (2005-2011), two regional league titles (2010, 2011) and two titles in the Cup Winners' Cup (2006, 2010)

EC trophies: CL 2013, Cup Winners' Cup 2006, 2010
OG: S 2012, EURO: G 2012

GROUP 1



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue, red
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: purple, green

Dark

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

RK Krim Mercator (SLO)

The Slovenian powerhouse weathered last term's financial crisis almost seamlessly, despite wholesale changes which saw virtually all of the club's top players depart for greener pastures.

Carried by the versatile Tamara Mavsar Krim's home-grown talent punched seemingly above their weight in the group matches. Expected to be also-rans in a transitional period for the club, Krim sprung an upset by clinching a Main Round berth from a tough group and devoid of any pressure to reach the last eight, they can now look forward to six games which may constitute a learning curve.

However, no one should write them off, especially after their late autumn signing Allison Pineau will be now ready to join the action. The club has also benefited from signing Belarusian right back Liliya Artsiukovich, Danish centre back Melanie Mie Bak and notably high-scoring Macedonian left back Mirjeta Bajramoska, who netted 40 a staggering goals in the preliminary group stage.

Apart from being Krim's leading scorer in the Champions League, Bajramoska is also sixth in the competition's top scorers chart, well ahead of Mavsar who is joint-18th on 29 goals.

Krim are an unknown quantity to their rivals and they will be a tough nut to crack for any opposition in Ljubljana. Their away form could also be crucial in the bid to reach the last eight and for that to happen their key players will have to fire on all cylinders throughout the Main Round.

GROUP A FINAL STANDINGS

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2. HC Leipzig	6	4	0	2	177:152 (25)	8
3. RK Krim Mercator	6	2	0	4	162:165 (-3)	4
4. Hypo Niederösterreich	6	1	1	4	136:175 (-39)	3

Group Matches results:

vs Hypo Niederösterreich	W32:20 (15:12)
@ HC Leipzig	L24:30 (11:17)
@ Dinamo-Sinara	W26:25 (13:15)
vs Dinamo-Sinara	L24:26 (13:12)
@ Hypo Niederösterreich	L25:29 (14:13)
vs HC Leipzig	L31:35 (17:18)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Slovenian champions

Late entry:

Allison Pineau (WHC Vardar SCBT)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 20
Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03
Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06
Semi-final (1): 2012/13
Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07
Last 16 (1): 1995/96
Main Round (5): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14
Group Matches (3): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08

Other

Slovenian league: 20 titles (1995 – 2014)
Slovenian cup: 20 titles



RK Krim Mercator (SLO)

Biggest win:	36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997
Biggest defeat:	35:18 (17:9) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 16.11.1997
Longest winning run:	6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003) 6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (09.02.2014 – 15.03.2014)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (16.10.2011 – 12.02.2012) 41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007
Most goals opponent:	40 v Buducnost MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011
Most goals both teams:	76 v Buducnost MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011
Fewest goals:	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams:	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19	8		1/4-finals
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8	8		1/4-finals
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11	13		Runner-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7	5		3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32	15		Winner
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6		3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55	20		Winner
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35	14		Runner-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37	14		1/4-finals
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27	16		Runner-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14	10		1/4-finals
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5		3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3	12		4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30	15		3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8	12		3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22	10		3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0	16		1/2-finals
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5	11		4th MR Gr. 2
Total	184	100	10	74	5019:4780	+239	210		

RK Krim Mercator (SLO)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	
13	Mirjeta	Bajramoska	MKD	Left Back	22.11.1984	Bitola, MKD	179	40
8	Tamara	Mavsar	SLO	Left Wing	1.4.1991	Ljubljana, SLO	178	29
20	Alja	Koren	SLO	Right Wing	11.12.1990	Celje, SLO	185	20
17	Elisabeth	Omeregje	BUL	Centre Back	29.12.1996	Athens, GRE	174	18
11	Liliya	Artsiukhovich	BLR	Left Back	21.8.1987	Minsk, BLR	180	12
10	Lara	Hrncic	SLO	Right Back	18.4.1993	Slovenj Gradec, SLO	185	11
11	Amelie	Goudjo	FRA	Line Player	19.4.1980	Nantua, FRA	173	7
5	Maja	Lukovic	SRB	Right Wing	8.2.1989	Krusevac, SRB	171	7
22	Sanja	Gregorc	SLO	Line Player	14.8.1990	Ljubljana, SLO	178	6
9	Melanie Mie	Bak	DEN	Centre Back	30.1.1994	Randers, DEN	172	5
21	Alja	Jankovic	SLO	Centre Back	10.9.1989	Ljubljana, SLO	170	3
66	Ekaterina	Cechkova	SLO	Left Wing	3.11.1993	Seljco, RUS	173	2
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line Player	18.1.1995	Ljubljana, SLO	173	1
23	Polona	Baric	SLO	Right Wing	15.5.1992	Izola, SLO	166	
91	Marina	Lambevaska	MKD	Left Back	30.12.1979	Krasnodar, RUS	187	
28	Gloria	Pavlova	BUL	Left Back	28.9.1995	Shumen, BUL	180	
83	Spela	Potisek	SLO	Right Wing	25.2.1993	Ljubljana, SLO	184	
26	Ursa	Urbancic	SLO	Right Wing	4.6.1998	Ljubljana, SLO	168	
7	Ana	Zrimsek	SLO	Right Back	17.8.1995	Ljubljana, SLO	180	
18	Nina	Zulic	SLO	Centre Back	4.12.1995	Ljubljana, SLO	170	
7	Allison Marie	Pineau	FRA	Centre Back	2.5.1989	Chartres, FRA	181	
16	Misa	Marincek	SLO	Goalkeeper	18.2.1985	Celje, SLO	187	1
12	Sergeja	Stefanisin	SLO	Goalkeeper	19.9.1974	Ljubljana, SLO	184	
1	Alexandra	Petrukhina	RUS	Goalkeeper	9.5.1987	Astrakhan, RUS	170	




Marta Bon
coach

- former excellent left wing with Olimpija in the then Yugoslavian league and later with Krim in Slovenia
- her third stint as Krim coach, has taken them to the main round in the CL several times
- head coach of the Slovenia national team
- has a PhD in kinesiology, a professor at the Faculty of Sport in Ljubljana and a member of Ljubljana city council


Misa Marincek
goalkeeper

- this will be her 4th season in two spells with Krim.
- has also played with Ptuj, Zalec, Olimpija and Kärnten (AUT)
- returned to Krim for the 2013/14 season.
- looking to edge out Sergeja Stefanisin as number one goalkeeper


Tamara Mavsar
left wing

- born and bred in Ljubljana.
- made her CL debut at age 17
- in 2012/13 season she was nominated as one of the best up-and-coming players in the CL
- most experienced player for Krim by far and penalty taker for the team


Mirjeta Bajramoska
left back

- Has some CL experience from her stints with Macedonian clubs
- this is only her third venture abroad – she played with Elpides (GRE) and Alicante (ESP)
- will have to fill the void in the backcourt left by Andrea Penezic and Linnea Torstenson
- known for having a fiery and inspiring personality on court


Allison Pineau
centre back

- an extremely talented, but still young player
- voted World Handball Player of the Year in 2009
- with France, she has participated in the 2012 Olympic Games (quarter-finals), four EHF EUROs (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014) and three WChs (2007, 2009, 2011)
- voted in WCh All star team in 2009 and 2011
- previously played the CL in Metz and Oltchim Valcea and reached the MVM EHF FINAL4 in 2014 with Vardar


Amelie Goudjo
line player

- played and lost two consecutive European Cup finals (Cup Winners' Cup 2012/13 and Challenge Cup 2013/14) in the last two seasons with Issy Paris Hand
- true team player will have to fight for her spot with Sanja Gregorc.
- has plenty of international experience as part of the France national team.
- has won two silver medals with the France national team at the WCh (2009 and 2011)

WCh: S 2009, 2011

WCh: S 2009, 2011


Alja Koren
right back

- had her first experience in the CL with Celje in 2005/06.
- moved to Krim in 2009 for three seasons.
- later spent two seasons (2012/13 and 2013/14) with Erd (HUN) as a right wing
- made a successful transformation from wing to right back before the 2014/15 season, so she can play on both positions


Maja Lukovic
right wing

- returning after an injury, but has potential to develop into a top level performer.
- the 2014/15 is her maiden season in the Women's EHF Champions League.
- played the Challenge Cup 2011/12 with Crvena Zvezda (SRB)

GROUP 1



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Thüringer HC (GER)

Thüringer's steady progress in Europe's premier club competition culminated with this season's impressive performances in the toughest preliminary stage group, where the German title holders, who have won the last four national championships, advanced alongside Balkan giants Buducnost and Vardar.

Especially morale-boosting was their 21:20 home win over Vardar in the last round which made sure they took two points into the main round and the result may make all the difference in their quest to go a step further and progress to the last eight.

The club took an important step towards long-term success at home and in Europe when they extended contracts with German right wight Svenja Huber and Dutch international Danick Snelder, both of whom will look forward to the main round after performing well for their respective countries in the EHF EURO 2014.

In her sixth season with the club, Snelder has won the praise of her coach Herbert Müller. "As one of four players who have won all four national championships, she really lives for the club," Müller said.

Electrifying left back Nadja Nadgornaja will in all likelihood continue to be the team's driving force after the Ukrainian-born netted 34 goals in the preliminary group stage, including eight in the famous win against Vardar.

Thüringer's fast-paced, high tempo game should be a handful for all their main round rivals and if the German champions can steer clear of injuries, they have a decent chance of advancing to the knockout stage of the competition.

GROUP B FINAL STANDINGS

1. Buducnost	6	5	1	0	161:130 (31)	11
2. WHC Vardar SCBT	6	3	1	2	149:140 (9)	7
3. Thüringer HC	6	3	0	3	143:144 (-1)	6
4. HC Podravka Vegeta	6	0	0	6	152:191 (-39)	0

Group Matches results:

vs HC Podravka Vegeta	W33:20 (14:11)
@ WHC Vardar SCBT	L21:26 (10:12)
vs Buducnost	L22:27 (11:16)
@ Buducnost	L14:23 (6:11)
@ HC Podravka Vegeta	W32:28 (15:8)
vs WHC Vardar SCBT	W21:20 (10:12)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: German champions

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 4
Main Round (1): 2013/14
Group Matches (2): 2011/12, 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: semi-final 2012/13
Challenge Cup: runners-up 2008/09

German league: 4 titles (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
German cup: 2 titles

Thüringer HC (GER)



Biggest win:	33:20 (14:11) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (h), 19.10.2014
Biggest defeat:	35:25 (20:10) v Buducnost MNE (a), 06.11.2011
Longest winning run:	3 matches (08.02.2014 – 02.03.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (08.02.2014 – 08.03.2014)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (02.10.2011 – 06.11.2011)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (02.10.2011 – 13.11.2011)
Most goals:	36 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 36:29W (h), 06.10.2013
Most goals opponent:	35 v Buducnost MNE 35:25L (a), 06.11.2011
Most goals both teams:	65 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 36:29W (h), 06.10.2013
Fewest goals:	14 v Buducnost MNE 23:14L (a), 9.11.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	20 v Buducnost MNE 24:20W (h), 28.10.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	38 v Buducnost MNE 23:15L (a), 04.11.2012

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2011/12 Thüringer HC GER	6	0	1	5	139:163	-24	1		4th Gr. A
2012/13 Thüringer HC GER	6	3	0	3	146:153	-7	6		3rd Gr. D
2013/14 Thüringer HC GER	12	5	1	6	316:321	-5	11		3rd MR Gr. 1
Total	24	8	2	14	601:637	-36	18		

Thüringer HC (GER)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
3	Nadja	Nadgornaja	GER	Left Back	22.9.1988	Kiew, GER	184	34
19	Katrin	Engel	AUT	Right Wing	2.5.1984	Mistelbach, AUT	173	26
14	Danick	Snelder	NED	Line Player	22.5.1990	Pijnacker, NED	178	20
30	Svenja	Huber	GER	Right Wing	23.10.1985	Mannheim, GER	168	18
26	Franziska	Mietzner	GER	Left Back	20.12.1988	Bad Saarow, GER	192	13
31	Kerstin	Wohlbold	GER	Centre Back	11.1.1984	Friedrichshafen, GER	170	12
13	Meike	Schmelzer	GER	Line Player	19.7.1993	Wiesbaden, GER	178	8
28	Lydia	Jakubisova	SVK	Right Wing	14.10.1981	Bojnice, SVK	168	6
8	Martine	Smeets	NED	Left Wing	5.5.1990	Geesteren, NED	172	6
23	Marieke	Blase	GER	Left Wing	6.1.1994	Oldenburg, GER	178	
5	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Left Wing	22.4.1993	Wien, AUT	169	
7	Franziska	Fuhrmann	GER	Line Player	23.1.1989	Erfurt, GER	177	
10	Victoria	Gramma	GER	Line Player	14.4.1997	Erfurt, GER	168	
9	Josephine	Kessler	GER	Left Back	14.10.1996	Erfurt, GER	170	
18	Iveta	Luzumova	CZE	Centre Back	3.4.1989	Pisek, CZE	175	
11	Katharina	Mack	GER	Left Wing	14.10.1996	Giessen, GER	169	
15	Larissa	Platen	GER	Right Back	14.10.1996	Giessen, GER	173	
17	Petra	Popluharova	SVK	Left Back	23.8.1988	Partizanske, SVK	176	
25	Yuliya	Snopova	UKR	Right Back	30.11.1985	Kherson, UKR	183	
12	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16.10.1995	Leonberg, GER	174	
1	Jana	Krause	GER	Goalkeeper	10.6.1987	München, GER	188	




Herbert Müller
coach

- born in Romania, his previous coaching experience includes Romanian side Brasov
- also the head coach of the Austria national team
- since he started coaching, his assistant has always been his brother, Helfried
- led Nürnberg to their first-ever CL qualification, then won four straight German titles with Thüringer.
- former mathematics lecturer

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2004

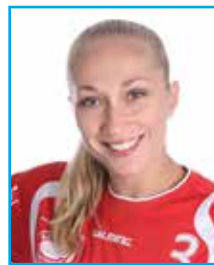

Jana Krause
goalkeeper

- new number one goalkeeper following the retirement of Maike März
- started her career in Munich, in Nürnberg she was coached by Müller
- number three goalkeeper in the Germany national team.
- played for four years in Buxtehude before she joined THC in 2013
- studies international management


Sonja Frey
left wing

- also coached by Müller in the Austria national team
- signed for THC when she was only 19
- MVP at the U19 EHF EURO in 2011
- started her career at WAT Fünfhaus and Fivers in Vienna
- also works as a physiotherapist

U19 EURO: B 2011


Nadja Nadgornaja
left back

- born in Minsk, her father is Ukrainian and her mother Belarusian
- swimmer before she started playing handball
- awarded best player of the German Bundesliga in the 2012/13 season
- her Swedish boyfriend, Anton Mansson, just transferred to Swiss CL participant Kadetten
- All Star Team of the 2008 U20 WCh

Junior WCh: G 2008


Kerstin Wohlbold
centre back

- back after a nine-month injury break (rupture of the cruciate ligament)
- in her business life a teacher at a primary school
- won the German championship six times in Nürnberg and THC – always with Müller as her coach
- one of her hobbies is snowboarding
- the 'extended arm' of Herbert Müller on the court


Danick Snelder
line player

- part of the Dutch national team
- new number one line player at THC after Anja Althaus transferred to Vardar
- All Star Team at the U19 EHF EURO 2009 in Hungary.
- four German championship titles with THC
- best Dutch line player in the 2009/10 season, when playing for Hellas in Den Haag


Yuliya Snopova
right back

- member of the Ukraine national team
- arrived from SCM Craiova in Romania as the last of the newcomers to THC, right before the first match of the 2013/15 season
- brought to THC to replace Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa, who transferred to France, on the right back position
- already played in five different countries: Ukraine, France, Turkey, Slovakia and Romania, her first EC appearance at the age of 17 in Lviv, Ukraine


Lydia Jakubisova
right wing

- one of the most experienced players at THC
- hit hard by two severe knee injuries in the last three years
- awarded Slovak handball player of the year in 2012
- played her first ever EHF EURO in 2014 with Slovakia
- can also play on the right back position

Group 2 preview



GROUP 2 STANDINGS

1. Györi Audi ETO KC	4	4	0	0	125:89	(36)	8
2. Larvik	4	4	0	0	106:94	(12)	8
3. Metz Handball	4	2	0	2	103:98	(5)	4
4. Viborg HK A/S	4	1	1	2	108:102	(6)	3
5. IK Sävehof	4	0	1	3	94:136	(-42)	1
6. HCM Baia Mare	4	0	0	4	96:113	(-17)	0

GROUP 2 OPENS WITH A TOP GAME

With eight points each, Györi Audi ETO KC and Larvik are at the top of Group 2 of the main round in the Women's EHF Champions League even before the start of the main round. The explanation for this situation is, of course, that the teams in the main round now take their internal points from the group phase with them.

Therefore, the match in the Audi Arena of Győr Sunday evening may already give an indication about the group winner, when Larvik visit the Hungarian back-to-back Champions League winners. To IK Sävehof and HCM Baia Mare, it is a question of staying in the race for the quarter-final tickets, when they meet in Sweden, while the winner between Viborg HK and Metz Handball will boost their quarter-final hopes considerably.

For the second year in a row, Sävehof are in the main round, but only having one point with them from the group phase, the Swedish record champions are under pressure from the start, it a quarter-final berth should still be possible. However, several Sävehof players were among the key players in the Swedish national team who took the bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2014, and if those players can reach the same level as they did in Hungary and Croatia in December, Sävehof may still get far.

HCM Baia Mare have an aim of reaching the Women's EHF FINAL4, but being the only team in the main round without any point, that goal may be hard to achieve for the Romanian champions.

Both Larvik and Györ have eight points with them from the group phase and are therefore sharing the first place in the group already. This obviously also means that both teams are well on their way towards the quarter-finals even at this early stage. At first sight, Györ would look like top favourites, but missing key players like Katrine Lunde, Jelena Grubisic, Anita Görbicz, Eduarda Amorim and Adrienn Orbán will be felt against a Norwegian team who will have been strengthened by the return of line player and defence expert Marit Malm Frafjord. However, Györ will be able to present newcomer Kari Aalvik Grimsbo to their fans. The 30-year-old Norwegian national team goalkeeper will have her debut for Györ against her countrymen from Norway.

Metz are third in the group with four points, being one point ahead of Viborg in fourth position. It is big question, if the Champions League winners from 2006, 2009 and 2010 will be able to improve their position, considering their narrow squad, where Danish international Mette Gravholt and young talent Cecilie Dalmo are the latest names on the injury list.

by Peter Bruun

Group 2 head-to-heads

Historic encounters of the Group 2 opponents in the EC

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Larvik

15.04.2006	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs Larvik HK, Cup Winners' Cup – 1/2-final	33:28 (13:16)
22.04.2006	Larvik HK vs Györi ETO Kezilabda Club, Cup Winners' Cup – 1/2-final	23:22 (0:0)
17.03.2007	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – 1/4-final	28:22 (15:12)
25.03.2007	Larvik HK vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – 1/4-final	23:27 (12:14)
13.02.2010	Larvik HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:27 (15:14)
06.03.2010	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:23 (14:11)
19.02.2011	Larvik vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	16:25 (7:17)
20.03.2011	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	18:24 (9:12)
19.02.2012	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:22 (17:9)
10.03.2012	Larvik vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:25 (13:11)
16.02.2013	Larvik vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	18:24 (10:8)
02.03.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:24 (15:13)
05.05.2013	Larvik vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Final	21:24 (13:12)
11.05.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Final	23:22 (13:8)
07.02.2014	Larvik vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:29 (13:18)
16.03.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:29 (14:12)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball

30.09.2007	Györi Audi ETO vs HB Metz Moselle Lorraine, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 2	30:27 (15:12)
09.10.2011	Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	28:23 (16:13)
30.10.2011	Metz Handball vs Györi AUDI ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:33 (7:17)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs HCM Baia Mare

12.10.2013	HCM Baia Mare vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:33 (10:16)
16.11.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs HCM Baia Mare, EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (14:14)

Viborg HK A/S vs Larvik

20.01.2001	Larvik HK vs Viborg HK A/S, EHF Champions League – Group C	22:27 (9:18)
17.02.2001	Viborg HK A/S vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:25 (13:13)
15.01.2006	Larvik HK vs Viborg HK A/S, EHF Champions League – Group A	23:31 (13:16)
29.01.2006	Viborg HK A/S vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – Group A	30:27 (15:17)
20.01.2007	Larvik HK vs Viborg HK A/S, EHF Champions League – Group C	31:19 (13:7)
24.02.2007	Viborg HK A/S vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – Group C	32:31 (17:14)
10.04.2010	Viborg HK vs Larvik HK, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	27:21 (13:13)
17.04.2010	Larvik HK vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – 1/2-final	27:26 (10:13)
01.10.2011	Viborg HK vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:28 (22:10)
05.11.2011	Larvik vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group B	19:20 (10:12)

Viborg HK A/S vs Metz Handball

06.11.1999	Viborg HK vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:18 (10:9)
05.02.2000	ASPTT Metz vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:18 (11:8)
01.11.2008	Metz Handball vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group D	24:37 (13:17)
10.01.2009	Viborg HK vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:27 (19:11)

Viborg HK A/S vs HCM Baia Mare

14.09.2013	HCM Baia Mare vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 2	26:25 (11:12)
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IK Sävehof vs Larvik

13.10.2012	Larvik vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	39:31 (21:13)
11.11.2012	IK Sävehof vs Larvik, EHF Champions League – Group C	25:29 (13:11)

IK Sävehof vs Metz Handball

12.10.2013	IK Sävehof vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	32:30 (15:19)
17.11.2013	Metz Handball vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	30:20 (20:10)

No previous encounters in European competitions

IK Sävehof vs HCM Baia Mare

GROUP 2



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: green
Goalkeeper shirt: white/red

Dark

Player shirt: green/black
Player short: green/black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue, black

Győri Audi ETO KC (HUN)

The winners of the last two EHF Champions League titles have shown no signs of slowing down and although they suffered several off-court setbacks during the 2014/15 season, they have a decent chance of making it a hat-trick in Europe's premier club competition.

Having steamrolled through the preliminary group stage, taking a maximum eight points into the main round, Győr will have to manage without towering Brazilian left back Eduarda Amorim who will be sidelined for six months after rupturing her anterior cruciate ligaments.

The same fate befell Croatian goalkeeper Jelena Grubisic, signed to replace the Norway's Katrine Lunde after the world's top-ranked goalkeeper, who is pregnant, announced she would leave the club at the end of the season.

With Adrienn Orban injured and inspirational playmaker Anita Görbicz also pregnant, Győr have had to dip into the transfer market during the winter break to reinforce the squad, bringing in Czech right wing Jana Knedlikova and line player Tamires Morena.

But despite their problems, the Hungarian champions have the makings of a title-winning side whose stature, resolve and depth will strike primal fear even into the most tried and tested opposition.

With eight points in the bag, they should have little trouble in securing not just a top-four finish but also one of the top two spots in their group, which would in turn ensure slightly easier opposition in the quarter-finals and hence a better chance of reaching the FINAL4 on what would practically amount to home court in Budapest.

In a late move to add some mortar between the posts, Győr have signed Norwegian international Kari Aalvik Grimsbo from Danish league leaders Esbjerg earlier this week.

GROUP C FINAL STANDINGS

1. Győri Audi ETO KC	6	6	0	0	183:127 (56)	12
2. Viborg HK A/S	6	3	1	2	162:144 (18)	7
3. IK Sävehof	6	0	3	3	146:188 (-42)	3
4. HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	6	0	2	4	132:164 (-32)	2

Group Matches results:

vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	W32:23 (17:13)
@ IK Sävehof	W38:21 (20:8)
@ Viborg HK A/S	W30:25 (17:13)
vs Viborg HK A/S	W22:20 (9:11)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	W26:15 (13:7)
vs IK Sävehof	W35:23 (16:14)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Hungarian champions

Late entries:

Tamires Morena Lima de Araujo (Vila Olimpica)
Jana Knedlikova (Mosonmagyaróvári KCSE)
Kari Aalvik Grimsbo (Team Esbjerg/DEN)
Rita Lakatos
Kyra Vivien Csapo

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 12
Winners (2): 2012/13, 2013/14
Runners-up (2): 2008/09, 2011/12
Semi-final (4): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06
Qualification (1): 2004/05

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2005/06, Semi-final 2002/03
EHF Cup: Runners-up 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05

Hungarian league: 11 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Hungarian cup: 11 titles

Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)



Biggest win:	41:22 (21:11) v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT (h), 05.10.2013
Biggest defeat:	39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001
Longest winning run:	13 matches (13.10.2012 – 06.04.2013)
Longest unbeaten run:	22 matches (05.05.2013 – 23.11.2014)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)
Most goals:	41 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 41:22W (h), 05.10.2013
Most goals opponent:	39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001
Most goals both teams:	73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals:	18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011
Fewest goals opponent:	14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009
Fewest goals both teams:	34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2000/01 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168		-12	4	4th Gr. D
2005/06 Györi ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169		-15	6	3rd Gr. D
2006/07 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267		+24	12	1/2-finals
2007/08 Györi Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366		+49	22	1/2-finals
2008/09 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415		+39	23	Runner-up
2009/10 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337		+18	18	1/2-finals
2010/11 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334		+53	21	1/2-finals
2011/12 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422		+50	21	Runner-up
2012/13 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346		+89	30	Winner
2013/14 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337		+71	26	Winner
Total	126	87	9	30	3527:3161		+366	183	

Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
5	Heidi	Loke	NOR	Line Player	12.12.1982	Tonsberg, NOR	177	34
18	Eduarda Idalina	Amorim Taleska	BRA	Left Back	23.9.1986	Blumenau, BRA	186	29
14	Aniko	Kovacsics	HUN	Centre Back	29.8.1991	Nagyatad, HUN	170	27
33	Bernadett	Bognar-Bodi	HUN	Right Wing	9.3.1986	Szeged, HUN	175	16
13	Anita	Görbicz	HUN	Centre Back	13.5.1983	Veszprem, HUN	173	13
11	Dorina	Korsos	HUN	Right Wing	3.9.1995	Kecskemét, HUN	168	13
15	Macarena	Aguilar Diaz	ESP	Centre Back	12.3.1985	Bolanos Calatrava, ESP	170	12
8	Anna	Sen	RUS	Back	3.12.1990	Krasnodar, RUS	185	11
24	Ivett	Szepesi	HUN	Left Wing	4.2.1986	Pincehely, HUN	167	8
31	Agnes	Boczko-Hornyak	HUN	Back	2.9.1982	Mateszalka, HUN	180	7
21	Szimonetta	Planeta	HUN	Right Back	12.12.1993	Kazincbarcika, HUN	198	6
22	Adrienn	Orban	HUN	Right Wing	1.10.1986	Györ, HUN	168	5
30	Vesna	Milanovic Litre	CRO	Line Player	30.5.1986	Sinj, CRO	180	2
10	Susann	Müller	GER	Right Back	26.5.1988	Saalfeld-Saale, GER	186	
17	Rita	Lakatos	SVK		6.7.1999			
7	Tamires	Morena	BRA	Line Player	16.5.1994		180	
3	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22.6.1989	Prague, CZE	167	
12	Kari Aalvik	Grimsbø	NOR	Goalkeeper	4.1.1985	Bergen, NOR	180	
77	Kyra Vivien	Csapo	HUN	Goalkeeper	2.12.1993	Budapest, HUN		
16	Alexa	Weninger	HUN	Goalkeeper	25.6.1997	Györ, HUN	177	
12	Orsolya	Herr	HUN	Goalkeeper	23.11.1984	Tatabánya, HUN	176	
1	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30.3.1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181	
87	Jelena	Grubisic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20.1.1987	Zagreb, CRO	184	

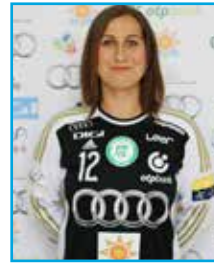




Ambros Martin coach

- born in Lanzarote, Canary Islands
- joined Győr in 2012
- previously coached top Spanish side Estrella Ixtako for seven years, winning the EHF Cup in 2009
- also eliminating Győr in the semi-final on the way to the CL final in 2010/11 during that spell
- in his first season with Győr he won their first European trophy

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, EHF Cup 2009



Orsolya Herr goalkeeper

- currently in her second stint with Győr after playing here nine seasons between 2000 and 2009.
- following a pregnancy of Katrine Lunde and an injury of Grubisic in the 2014/15 expected to share her time with Norwegian Kari Grimsbø.
- her sister Anita is a professional handballer too, playing the right back position
- debuted in the national team in 2005, participated in the 2008 Olympics (4th place).

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, EHF Cup 2009
EHF EURO: B 2012



Ivett Szepesi left wing

- 7 goals in the group match against Cluj in 2012/13 is her record high in the CL
- in the past played for Dunafer, Tolnau, Tamasi and Siófok in the Hungarian league
- made her switch to the champions just in time for their first European trophy in 2013

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014



Anna Sen left back

- joined Győr in the summer of 2014 from Rostov-Don, her first move away from Russia
- set to have a bigger role to play after the injury to first choice left back Eduarda Amorim
- it is the 24-year-old's ninth season in European Cup competition and she has yet to win a title
- joint top scorer for Russia during their EHF EURO 2014 campaign, in Győr's new Audi Arena, with 11 goals



Aniko Kovacsics centre back

- the playmaker has been propelled into the starting seven due to the pregnancy of Anita Görbicz
- the 23-year-old made her CL debut at 16 and is already in her eighth season.
- also able to play left wing and was deployed in that position by Hungary during EHF EURO 2014
- awarded best young player of the 2012/13 CL season

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014
EURO: B 2012



Heidi Löke line player

- World Handball Player of Year (2011)
- famous daughter in a big handball family as both of her siblings are professional players and all of them are line players
- in 2011 she took the title with Larvik as the CL top scorer, and in 2012 she only narrowly missed it with Győr only to achieve it one year later
- member of the All-Star teams at the London Olympics, 2011 WCh and EHF EURO 2010, 2012 & 2014

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2013, 2014
OG: G 2012, WCh: G 2011, EHF EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, S 2012



Susann Müller right back

- after a spell in Krim she returned back to her handball roots to Leipzig for the 2013/14 season
- also played in Denmark for Aarhus and Randers
- big shoes to fill for the second season in a row as one of her predecessors on the right back position in Leipzig was Grit Jurack, one year later in Győr it was void after Katarina Bulatovic left
- top scorer (62 goals) and All-Star Team right back at the WCh 2013

Junior WCh: G 2008



Bernadett Bognar-Bodi right wing

- debuted for Győr in the 2002/03 season
- returned in 2013 after spending time with Randers in Denmark and various Hungarian teams
- filled up the gap left by Jovanka Radicevic at right wing
- her personal best in the CL is 26 goals she recorded twice (2006/07 and 2013/14)

EC trophies: CL 2014

GROUP 2



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Larvik HK (NOR)

Much Like Györi Audi ETO KC, Norwegian giants Larvik need no special introduction. One of Europe's teams had a poor EHF Champions League campaign last term by their standard as they failed to reach the MVM EHF FINAL4, but the current one promises to be a very different story since they also romped into the main round with a maximum eight points.

Although they rode their luck at times in the preliminary group stage and got away with several close calls, there is little doubt that Larvik are one of the prime candidates to win their second title in Europe's elite club competition after lifting the trophy in 2011.

They have been the core of Norway's national team for some time now and having won EHF EURO 2014 with some aplomb, the challenge of adding the elusive Champions League title cannot come soon enough for a bulk of players who were crowned in Hungary a little over a month ago.

Larvik, whose transition from defence to attack and the ability to score an avalanche of easy goals from fast breaks is unmatched, have only one foreigner in their ranks but the arrival of left back Alina Wojtas from Polish champions Selgros Lublin has boosted an already impressive roster.

Right wing Nora Mørk is their leading scorer with 35 goals followed by Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren on 28 but neither of them being in the top 10 belies the fact that Larvik are a team with an arsenal of attacking options comprising a balanced and highly effective unit at both ends of the court.

GROUP D FINAL STANDINGS

1. Larvik	6	6	0	0	169:141 (28)	12
2. Metz Handball	6	2	1	3	164:163 (1)	5
3. HCM Baia Mare	6	2	0	4	154:160 (-6)	4
4. MKS Selgros Lublin	6	1	1	4	159:182 (-23)	3

Group Matches results:

vs Metz Handball	W25:20 (11:11)
@ MKS Selgros Lublin	W28:23 (13:14)
@ HCM Baia Mare	W24:23 (12:13)
vs HCM Baia Mare	W31:26 (16:11)
@ Metz Handball	W26:25 (13:13)
vs MKS Selgros Lublin	W35:24 (20:10)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Norwegian champions

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 16
Winners (1): 2010/11
Runners-up (1): 2012/13
Semi-final (4): 2001/02, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2011/12
Quarter-final (3): 2000/01, 2002/03, 2006/07
Main Round (1): 2013/14
Group Matches (5): 1994/95, 1997/98, 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2004/05, 2007/08, Semi-final 1996/97, 2005/06
EHF Cup: Runners-up 2005/06

Norwegian league: 16 titles (1994, 1997, 2000-03, 2005-2014)
Norwegian cup: 14 titles

Larvik HK (NOR)



Biggest win:	41:20 (24:9) v Dinamo RUS (h), 12.02.2011
Biggest defeat:	29:17 (17:7) v RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO (a), 10.03.2001
Longest winning run:	6 matches (17.04.2010 – 13.11.2010) 6 matches (05.03.2011 – 07.05.2011) 6 matches (28.10.2012 – 10.02.2013) 6 matches (18.10.2014 – 22.11.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (17.04.2010 – 13.11.2010) 6 matches (05.03.2011 – 07.05.2011) 6 matches (28.10.2012 – 10.02.2013) 6 matches (18.10.2014 – 22.11.2014)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (03.11.2007 – 05.01.2008)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (16.11.2013 – 01.03.2014)
Most goals:	41 v Dinamo RUS 41:20W (h), 12.02.2011
Most goals opponent:	35 v HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS 35:25L (a), 10.11.2007
Most goals both teams:	70 v IK Sävehof SWE 39:31W (h), 13.10.2012
Fewest goals:	13 v Buducnost MNE 23:13L (a), 08.04.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	16 v Oltschim Valcea ROU 22:16W (h), 10.02.2001 16 v Buducnost MNE 28:16W (h), 16.03.2013
Fewest goals both teams:	35 v HC Dinamo RUS 18:17W (h), 08.11.2009

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Larvik HK NOR	6	2	1	3	141:144	-3	5		3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Larvik HK NOR	6	3	0	3	165:150	+15	6		3rd Gr. C
2000/01 Larvik HK NOR	8	5	0	3	193:181	+12	10		1/4-finals
2001/02 Larvik HK NOR	10	7	1	2	262:253	+9	15		1/2-finals
2002/03 Larvik HK NOR	8	4	1	3	216:193	+23	9		1/4-finals
2003/04 Larvik HK NOR	10	5	1	4	287:262	+25	11		1/2-finals
2005/06 Larvik HK NOR	6	3	0	3	153:154	-1	6		3rd Gr. A
2006/07 Larvik HK NOR	8	5	0	3	236:211	+25	10		1/4-finals
2007/08 Larvik HK NOR	6	2	0	4	166:179	-13	4		3rd Gr. C
2008/09 Larvik HK NOR	6	3	0	3	179:169	+10	6		3rd Gr. C
2009/10 Larvik HK NOR	14	10	0	4	365:339	+26	20		1/2-finals
2010/11 Larvik NOR	16	13	0	3	469:376	+93	26		Winner
2011/12 Larvik NOR	14	6	2	6	336:330	+6	14		1/2-finals
2012/13 Larvik NOR	16	10	0	6	435:379	+56	20		Runner-up
2013/14 Larvik NOR	12	5	2	5	304:280	+24	12		3rd MR Gr. 2
Total	146	83	8	55	3907:3600	+307	174		

Larvik HK (NOR)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right Back	5.4.1991	Oslo, NOR	167	35
11	Linn-Kristin	Koren Riegelhuth	NOR	Right Wing	1.8.1984	Lorenskog, NOR	175	28
28	Alina	Wojtas	POL	Left Back	21.3.1987	Nowy Sacz, POL	191	24
22	Sanna Charlotte	Solberg	NOR	Left Wing	16.6.1990	Bærum, NOR	178	19
5	Isabel	Blanco	NOR	Line Player	10.5.1979	Bergen, NOR	175	18
10	Gro	Hammerseng-Edin	NOR	Back	10.4.1980	Gjovik, NOR	180	17
3	Anja	Hammerseng-Edin	NOR	Back	5.2.1983	Porsgrunn, NOR	179	14
15	Linn Jorum	Sulland	NOR	Right Back	15.7.1984	Oslo, NOR	178	9
8	Karoline Dyhre	Breivang	NOR	Back	10.5.1980	Oslo, NOR	172	3
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23.8.1993	Oslo, NOR	191	2
6	Tine Rustad	Albertsen	NOR	Back	12.2.1980	Lorenskog, NOR	172	
20	Frida Helene	Bjaaland	NOR	Left Back	5.7.1995	Porsgrunn, NOR	179	
4	Marit Malm	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25.11.1985	Tromsø, NOR	182	
13	Vilde Ingeborg	Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25.7.1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182	
2	Tonje	Larsen	NOR	Back	26.1.1975	Tonsberg, NOR	185	
18	Lise	Loke	NOR	Line Player	21.9.1984	Tønsberg, NOR	171	
21	Sofie Heide	Lund	NOR	Left Wing	7.3.1994	Bærum, NOR	163	
19	Thea	Mørk	NOR	Left Wing	5.4.1991	Oslo, NOR	168	
7	Mari Kristine	Søbstad Molid	NOR	Back	8.8.1990	Trondheim, NOR	178	
17	Tine	Stange	NOR	Back	14.5.1986	Tonsberg, NOR	179	
77	Cecilie	Leganger	NOR	Goalkeeper	12.3.1975	Bergen, NOR	181	
1	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18.10.1989	Gribskov, DEN	176	
12	Alma	Hasanic	NOR	Goalkeeper	13.5.1989	Sije, BIH	176	





Ole Gustav Gjekstad coach

- former Norwegian international (149 caps) quit his playing career in 1996
- became coach of Larvik for the first time in 1998
- after seven years on the bench he became sports director of the club and later-on coach of Norwegian men's club team Drammen HK
- in 2011, after Larvik had become CL winners returned to their bench and only narrowly missed the trophy after their defeat by Győr in 2012/13



Sandra Toft goalkeeper

- her 25th birthday on 18 October 2014 marks also her debut in the CL (against Metz Handball)
- 2014/15 is her first season outside her native country Denmark after she came from Holstebro
- became number one for Denmark when Karin Mortensen and Christina Nymand Pedersen quit the national team after the London Olympics 2012
- broke a neck vertebra in a car accident in 2009 and was close to being paralysed from the neck down – she was back on the court in five months



Sanna Solberg left wing

- joined Larvik from Norwegian league colleagues Stabaek in the summer of 2014.
- 2014/15 is her first CL season, she has European experience from the Cup Winners' Cup with Stabaek, though.
- her twin sister Silje plays for Danish league club Team Tvis Holstebro as a goalkeeper
- Silje had played 36 internationals already, when Sanna had her debut in the autumn of 2013.



Gro Hammerseng-Edin left back

- World Handball Player of the year (2007)
- excluding the 2011 WCh title and the 2012 Olympic gold - she has the same medals as Riegelhuth-Koren
- several times the 32-year-old Norwegian was nominated for All-Star Teams at major tournaments
- in 2011 she was a key part of Larvik's CL winning team
- in 2013 she retired from the national team

EHF EURO: G 2014

EC trophies: CL 2011, Cup Winners' Cup 2004
OG: G 2008, WCh: S 2001, 2007, EHF EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2010, S 2002



Anja Hammerseng-Edin centre back

- awarded the MVP at the EHF EURO 2012 after she led Norway to the silver medal
- also for her club team she has proven to be extremely valuable – at orchestrating Larvik's attacking play
- played in Gerpen and Storhamar before she joined Larvik in 2012
- in the 2013 summer she got married to her teammate Gro Hammerseng.



Isabel Blanco line player

- after a glorious career in Danish top club Ikast/FC Midtjylland, she returned home to Norway to join Larvik in the summer of 2011
- highly skilled painter and photographer with several exhibitions behind her
- her father Fernando was a Spanish football player, who played for Bran Bergen in the 70s
- spent one season in Spain playing for Ferrobuss Mislata

EHF EURO: S 2012, WCh: B 2009

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2002, 2011
EHF EURO: G 2004, 2008



Nora Mørk right back

- best scorer of the Norwegian team at the EHF EURO 2014 (41 goals)
- voted the best right back of the EHF EURO 2014
- can also play on the right wing, her twin sister and teammate Thea plays on the left wing
- joined Larvik in the 2009/10 season and debuted in the national team in 2010 as 19-year-old
- in 2013/14 she had her record-breaking CL season so far with 71 goals



Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren right wing

- one of the most decorated players in the handball history
- World Handball Player of the Year (2008)
- All-Star Team member at EHF EURO 2008 and WCh 2009
- EHF EURO 2008 topscorer (51 goals)
- scored over 900 goals for Norway's national team
- married to Norwegian international Einar Koren.

EC trophies: CL 2011
EHF EURO: G 2010, 2014

EC trophies: CL 2011, Cup Winners' Cup 2005, 2008
OG: G 2008, 2012, WCh: G 2011, S 2007, EHF EURO: G '04, '06, '08, '10, '14, S 2012

GROUP 2



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow

Player short: blue

Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

Player shirt: black

Player short: black

Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Metz Handball (FRA)

The pride of French women's handball clinched a main round berth in the most dramatic fashion, beating Romanians HCM Baia Mare 24:23 away in the last group match to leapfrog them and the Polish side Selgros Lublin.

Metz Handball are a fine blend of quality French players and imports from several European countries, with international left wing Paule Baudouin the team's driving force as epitomised by her impressive 35-goal tally in the preliminary group stage.

Although they needed a last-gasp win to advance, Metz have taken a massive four points into the main round as they twice beat Baia Mare and now sit third in the newly-formed section with a fair chance of achieving their biggest success in Europe's top competition.

In order to further delight their fans, Metz will need more than just Baudouin to hit top gear and the attention will in all likelihood also turn to Serbian playmaker Kristina Liscevic, who is in her fifth season with the club.

Having suffered a niggling injury prior to EHF EURO 2014, Liscevic should be a valuable asset now that she has recovered and will hope to rediscover some of her 2011/12 Champions League form, when she netted 31 goals for Metz.

The club has also welcomed Montenegrin 19-year old prospect Olivera Vukcevic, who joined Metz from Buducnost Podgorica earlier this month as a future asset but one that could also be a trump card up coach Jeremy Roussel's sleeve during the current campaign.

GROUP D FINAL STANDINGS

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2. Metz Handball	6	2	1	3	164:163 (1)	5
3. HCM Baia Mare	6	2	0	4	154:160 (-6)	4
4. MKS Selgros Lublin	6	1	1	4	159:182 (-23)	3

Group Matches results:

@ Larvik	L20:25 (11:11)
vs HCM Baia Mare	W34:24 (13:10)
@ MKS Selgros Lublin	L31:35 (16:17)
vs MKS Selgros Lublin	T30:30 (14:13)
vs Larvik	L25:26 (13:13)
@ HCM Baia Mare	W24:23 (10:12)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: French champions

Late entry:

Olivera Vukcevic (ZORK Jagodina/SRB)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 17

Main Round (1): 2011/12

Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Last 32 (1): 1993/94

Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14

Qualification (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2012/13, quarter-final 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08

Cup Winners' Cup: semi-final 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

French league: 19 titles (1989, 1990, 1993-1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004-2009, 2011, 2013, 2014)

French cup: 6 titles

Metz Handball (FRA)



Biggest win:	30:20 (20:10) v IK Sävehof SWE (h), 17.11.2013
	34:24 (13:10) v HCM Baia Mare ROU (h), 25.10.2014
Biggest defeat:	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run:	2 matches (30.01.2000 – 05.02.2000)
	2 matches (09.11.2008 – 15.11.2008)
	2 matches (15.01.2010 – 01.10.2011)
	2 matches (10.11.2013 – 17.11.2013)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (04.01.1998 – 11.01.1998)
	2 matches (30.01.2000 – 05.02.2000)
	2 matches (09.11.2008 – 15.11.2008)
	2 matches (15.01.2010 – 01.10.2011)
	2 matches (10.11.2013 – 17.11.2013)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997)
	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
Most goals:	34 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 34:24W (h), 25.10.2014
Most goals opponent:	37 v Viborg HK DEN 24:37L (h), 01.11.2008
	37 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 30:37L (h), 24.10.2009
Most goals both teams:	67 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 30:37L (h), 24.10.2009
Fewest goals:	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996
Fewest goals opponent:	17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996
Fewest goals both teams:	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	0	2	4	108:137	-29	2		4th Gr. C
1997/98 ASPTT Metz HB FRA	6	1	1	4	135:166	-31	3		4th Gr. B
1999/00 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	3	0	3	130:121	+9	6		3rd Gr. A
2002/03 Handball Metz Metropole FRA	6	1	0	5	142:176	-34	2		4th Gr. D
2008/09 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4		3rd Gr. D
2009/10 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	1	3	163:174	-11	5		3rd Gr. B
2011/12 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	298:322	-24	7		4th MR Gr. 2
2013/14 Metz Handball FRA	6	3	0	3	149:144	+5	6		3rd Gr. C
Total	54	15	5	34	1298:1428	-130	35		

Metz Handball (FRA)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
9	Paule	Baudouin	FRA	Left Wing	25.10.1984	Saint-Denis, FRA	172	35
6	Ana	Gros	SLO	Right Back	21.1.1991	Ljubljana, SLO	186	34
7	Grace	Zaadi Deuna	FRA	Left Back	7.7.1993	Courcouronnes, FRA	171	23
30	Jurswailly	Luciano	NED	Right Wing	25.3.1991	Curacao, NED	171	19
4	Nina	Kamto Njitam	FRA	Line Player	5.6.1983	Yaounde, SEN	178	16
71	Kristina	Liscevic	SRB	Centre Back	20.10.1989	Sombor, SRB	173	10
17	Ekaterina	Andryushina	RUS	Centre Back	17.8.1985	Moscow, RUS	186	6
14	Yvette	Broch	NED	Line Player	21.12.1990	Monster, NED	185	6
8	Claudine	Mendy	FRA	Right Back	8.1.1990	Mantes Le Joile, FRA	182	5
5	Laura	Flippes	FRA	Right Back	13.12.1994	Starsbourg, FRA	171	4
22	Lara	Gonzales Ortega	ESP	Left Back	22.2.1992	Santa Pola, ESP	184	4
11	Tamara	Horacek	CRO	Right Back	5.11.1995	Pozega, CRO	180	2
66	Lindsay	Burlet	FRA	Right Back	6.6.1994	Villepinte, FRA	180	
19	Fiona	Carrara	FRA	Centre Back	16.5.1996	Pontault Combault, FRA	169	
25	Raissa	Dapina	FRA	Right Wing	27.9.1995	Paris, FRA	171	
27	Manon	Entringer	FRA	Left Wing	5.3.1997	Thionville, FRA	168	
21	Aude	Euphrasie	FRA	Back	20.2.1996	Trinité, FRA	166	
28	Manon	Hemmerlin	FRA	Back	27.4.1995	Saint-Louis, FRA	180	
33	Deborah	Kpodar	FRA	Left Back	3.6.1994	Iles d'Espagnac, FRA	171	
15	Hawa	N'Diaye	FRA	Line Player	24.7.1995	Strasbourg, FRA	176	
29	Helene	Sajka	FRA	Left Back	13.9.1997	Nancy, FRA	185	
23	Julie	Sias	FRA	Back	27.11.1997	Freming-Merleback, FRA	167	
14	Lilla	Toth	FRA	Centre Back	28.2.1995	Budapest, HUN	185	
17	Olivera	Vukcevic	MNE	Left Wing	6.3.1995	Podgorica, MNE	173	
46	Margaux	Cintrat	FRA	Goalkeeper	2.11.1995	Starsbourg, FRA	185	
20	Deborah	Dangueuger	FRA	Goalkeeper	28.4.1994	Metz, FRA	174	
1	Laura	Glauser	FRA	Goalkeeper	20.8.1993	Besancon, FRA	178	
12	Gervaise	Pierson	FRA	Goalkeeper	9.7.1986	Neufchâteau, FRA	178	





Jeremy Roussel coach

- one of the youngest coaches (36) on the bench in the women's CL
- his first experience with training women in Metz
- over the last six seasons he has coached men of Aurillac and Aix-en-Provence
- elected second-best league coach in France in 2002



Laura Glauser goalkeeper

- amazed at the EHF EURO 2014 with France
- played with the national team jersey for the first time at 19
- reached the EHF Cup final with Metz in 2013
- is making up for her small size with her speed and her reflexes



Paule Baudouin left wing

- since 1999 played all across France, from Le Havre to Mios Biganos to Issy Paris
- played for Esbjerg, Denmark 2008-2010
- along with Nina Kanto, she is the player with the most important international experience in the team
- voted best left wing in the French league in the 2013/14 season.



Lara Gonzales left back

- member of the Spanish national team signed with Metz in 2012
- according to her flatmate Grace Zaadi (the team's centre back), she is as good at making "delicious fajitas" as she is on the court.
- top scorer of the 2011/12 Spanish league with 220 goals for Club Balonmano Elche
- fourth top scorer of the Junior World Championship 2012 with Spain

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2012
WCh: S 2009, 2011 EHF EURO: B 2006

EHF EURO: S 2014



Kristina Liscevic centre back

- signed with Metz in January 2012 to replace Allison Pineau, who was seriously injured
- Serbian international has become a fans' favourite and was one of the key players when the team won the French championship in 2013/14
- voted best player of the year in France in 2013
- two championship titles in the Macedonian league in 2011 and 2012 with WHC Metalurg



Yvette Broch line player

- Dutch international is also known for being the runner-up in Holland's Next Top Model in 2008
- modelled in fashion shows during Amsterdam Fashion Week.
- left this world for handball when she signed with Amsterdam in 2009 but plan to return to the fashion industry after her handball career will be over
- before Metz, she also played for Spain's Alcobendas

WCh: S 2013



Ana Gros right back

- despite being only 23, the Slovenian became a CL regular in Metz
- played in Germany (Thüringer HC), Hungary (Győr) and also in Slovenia with Krim and Olimpija
- came to Metz in January 2014 and immediately showed her potential by scoring nine goals in her first match.
- has become a key player in Jeremy Roussel's squad, often scoring more than five goals.



Jurswailly Luciano right wing

- a right winger from the Netherlands is not something the French teams are used to, but Luciano has become a sensation since she arrived in 2011
- learned alongside French national player Katty Piejos and reached the spotlight in 2013
- at only 23, she's still got plenty of room for progression

GROUP 2



Viborg HK A/S (DEN)

Viborg were the unpleasant shock of last season's EHF Champions League when they crashed out of the competition in the qualification tournaments, allowing local rivals FC Midtjylland to carry Denmark's flag and overachieve by reaching the FINAL4.

The tables turned this term, with FC Midtjylland stopped in their tracks during the qualifying rounds while Viborg advanced into the main round from a tough group headed by Györi Audi ETO KC. They took a modest three points with them into the second stage, courtesy of a 38:25 home win over Swedish rivals IK Sävehof and a 25:25 away draw against the same opposition, meaning that progressing into the last eight will be a formidable task.

Viborg will welcome the full recovery of Serbia left back Sanja Damjanovic, who was instrumental in last season's success of clinching the Cup Winners' Cup having scored 32 goals in Europe's second-tier competition.

Maria Fisker, the club's top scorer in this season's Champions League, netted as many in the six group matches while versatile Swede Isabelle Gulden, who was recently voted the MVP of the EHF EURO 2014, followed with 28.

Nurturing a typically Scandinavian style of play based on strong defence and bursts of speed resulting in a barrage of fast-breaks, Viborg showed their potential in a narrow 22:20 defeat at Györ, when they led 11:9 at halftime. While they have almost no chance of catching up with the Hungarian side and Larvik at the group's summit, a top-four finish should be within their reach.

GROUP C FINAL STANDINGS

1. Györi Audi ETO KC	6	6	0	0	183:127 (56)	12
2. Viborg HK A/S	6	3	1	2	162:144 (18)	7
3. IK Sävehof	6	0	3	3	146:188 (-42)	3
4. HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	6	0	2	4	132:164 (-32)	2



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black, white or orange

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black, white or orange

Group Matches results:

vs IK Sävehof W38:25 (16:15)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W25:18 (14:9)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC L25:30 (13:17)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC L20:22 (11:9)
@ IK Sävehof T25:25 (12:10)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb W29:24 (11:12)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Danish champions

Late entries:

Henriette Moller Mikkelsen
Heidi Holme Astrup
Kirsten Balle (Pilka Reczna Koszalin/POL)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 19
Winners (3): 2005/06, 2008/09, 2009/10
Runners-up (2): 1996/97, 2000/01
Semi-finals (1): 2002/03
Quarter-finals (3): 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07
Last 16 (1): 1994/95
Main Round (1): 2007/08
Group Matches (6): 1995/96, 1999/00, 2001/02, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13
Qualification (1): 2013/14

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1993/94, 1998/99, 2003/04
Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2011/12

Danish league: 13 titles (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010)
Danish cup winners: 8 titles

Viborg HK A/S (DEN)



Biggest win:	34:16 (18:7) v Jomsa Rimini ITA (h), 16.11.1997
Biggest defeat:	32:20 (14:8) v HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN (a), 23.02.2003
	31:19 (13:7) v Larvik HK NOR (a), 20.01.2007
Longest winning run:	5 matches (03.01.2009 – 14.02.2009)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (03.01.2009 – 14.02.2009)
	5 matches (28.02.2009 – 18.04.2009)
	5 matches (14.11.2009 – 13.02.2010)
Longest losing run:	7 matches (13.11.2011 – 18.11.2012)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (13.11.2011 – 18.11.2012)
Most goals:	42 v 1. FC Nürnberg Handball GER 28:42W (h), 03.01.2009
Most goals opponent:	41 v Dinamo RUS 41:33L (a), 24.10.2010
Most goals both teams:	74 v Dinamo RUS 41:33L (a), 24.10.2010
Fewest goals:	15 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16L (h), 04.01.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	10 v Granicar Djordjevac CRO 27:10W (h), 05.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams:	31 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16L (h), 04.01.1998

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1995/96 Viborg HK DEN	6	2	0	4	140:141	-1	4		3rd Gr. B
1996/97 Viborg HK DEN	12	8	1	3	302:270	+32	17		Runner-up
1997/98 Viborg HK DEN	8	4	1	3	198:187	+11	9		1/4-finals
1999/00 Viborg HK DEN	6	2	1	3	138:149	-11	5		4th Gr. A
2000/01 Viborg HK A/S DEN	12	8	1	3	310:282	+28	17		Runner-up
2001/02 Viborg HK A/S DEN	6	2	0	4	163:178	-15	4		4th Gr. C
2002/03 Viborg HK A/S DEN	10	5	1	4	281:266	+15	11		1/2-finals
2004/05 Viborg HK A/S DEN	8	5	0	3	226:194	+32	10		1/4-finals
2005/06 Viborg HK A/S DEN	12	8	0	4	336:313	+23	16		Winner
2006/07 Viborg HK A/S DEN	8	4	1	3	253:252	+1	9		1/4-finals
2007/08 Viborg HK A/S DEN	12	6	1	5	375:348	+27	13		3rd MR Gr. 2
2008/09 Viborg HK DEN	16	12	1	3	526:439	+87	25		Winner
2009/10 Viborg HK DEN	16	11	1	4	474:414	+60	23		Winner
2010/11 Viborg HK DEN	6	3	0	3	192:193	-1	6		3rd Gr. A
2011/12 Viborg HK DEN	6	2	2	2	161:161	0	6		3rd Gr. B
2012/13 Viborg HK DEN	6	0	0	6	143:163	-20	0		4th Gr. D
Total	150	82	11	57	4218:3950	+268	175		

Viborg HK A/S (DEN)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
25	Maria	Fisker	DEN	Left Wing	3.10.1990	Favrskov, DEN	170	32
9	Isabelle	Gulldén	SWE	Centre Back	29.6.1989	Sävedalen, SWE	178	28
27	Louise Katharina	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17.10.1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178	22
2	Rikke Erhardsen	Skov	DEN	Left Back	7.9.1980	Viborg, DEN	181	22
11	Sanja	Damnjanovic	SRB	Left Back	25.5.1987	Beograd, SRB	181	20
19	Louise Knak	Lyksborg	DEN	Right Wing	17.1.1988	Hillerød, DEN	168	18
6	Mette Bjorholm	Gravholt	DEN	Line Player	12.12.1984	Egtved, DEN	172	17
15	Sarah Sörensen	Andreassen	DEN	Left Wing	28.4.1996	Favrskov, DEN	177	3
29	Cecilie Dalmose	Larsen	DEN	Left Back	12.12.1997	Koebenhavn, DEN	182	
3	Nikoline Skals	Lundgreen	DEN	Right Back	7.1.1998	Faaborg-Midtfyn, DEN	187	
4	Helena Egelund	Mikkelsen	DEN	Right Back	24.6.1996	Viborg, DEN	174	
28	Sarah Dalsgaard	Paulsen	DEN	Centre Back	27.8.1997	Hedensted, DEN	173	
12	Rikke Vestergaard	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.4.1986	Vinderup, DEN	177	
10	Sille Guldbaek	Thomsen	DEN	Line Player	18.2.1992	Koge, DEN	170	
18	Mette Soerensen	Thyrsted	DEN	Centre Back	10.2.1996	Favrskov, DEN	178	
20	Heidi Holme	Astrup	DEN	Centre Back	31.5.1972	Viborg, DEN	175	
8	Kirsten Helene	Balle	DEN	Line Player	22.9.1988	Horsens, DEN	185	
17	Henriette Møller	Mikkelsen	DEN	Left Wing	21.9.1980	Morsoe, DEN	166	
1	Chana Franciela	Masson De Souza	BRA	Goalkeeper	18.12.1978	Capinzal, BRA	182	
16	Signe Esther	Brun	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.4.1997	Slagelse, DEN	182	
24	Astrid	Jakobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.1.1996	Holbæk, DEN	175	





Christian Dalmose coach

- former excellent playmaker of Copenhagen-based clubs Ajax and Virum in the Danish league
- As a coach, took Aalborg DH to the CL semi-final in 2005/06.
- Became temporary coach in Viborg in spring 2013, hired as permanent coach prior to the 2013/14 season
- Reclaimed the Danish championship for Viborg in his first season as head coach (2013/14)

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014



Chana Franciela Masson De Souza goalkeeper

- experienced Brazilian goalkeeper known for her temper and extremely fast reactions
- has played in Spain and Germany, and has also represented FCK Handbold and Randers HK in Denmark
- she joined Viborg from Randers in the summer of 2013
- played a big part in Viborg winning the Danish championship in 2013/14

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014



Maria Fisker left wing

- fast and has a scoring percentage well above 80%
- started playing handball when she was five
- joined Viborg in 2006 from third league club Vissing Hadsten
- transferred to Randers HK in 2009, returned to Viborg in 2011
- studying to be a nurse

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010, Cup Winners' Cup 2014
WCh: B 2013



Sanja Damnjanovic left back

- played for a number of clubs in Serbia, also for Krim and Podravka
- came to Viborg in 2013, haunted by several injuries while with Viborg
- named in the All-star team at the EHF EURO 2012 and WCh 2013 – both played in Serbia
- awarded Handball Player of the Year in Serbia for the 2013/14 season

WCh: S 2013



Isabelle Gullden centre back

- fast, flexible and creative playmaker and a reliable penalty shooter
- started playing at seven-years-old for IK Sävahof
- won the Swedish championship four times in succession with Sävahof (2007 to 2011)
- joined Viborg in 2011 – not only her first foreign adventure, but her first club other than Sävahof
- MVP of the EHF EURO 2014 in Hungary & Croatia

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014
EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Mette Bjorholm Gravholt line player

- joined Viborg in the summer 2014
- previously spent four years (2010-14) with league rivals Team Tvis Holstebro
- celebrates her birthday with the Denmark national team almost every year either at an EHF EURO or a WCh
- also works as a school teacher

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013
WCh: B 2013



Louise Katharina Burgaard right back

- made her first appearances in the Danish league at 17 with KIF Vejle.
- debuted in the Denmark national team at 19 and later became a regular in the squad
- joined Viborg from Team Tvis Holstebro (summer 2013)
- won her first senior Danish titles with Viborg – Danish cup and Danish championship 2013/14

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014
WCh: B 2013



Louise Knak Lyksborg right wing

- fast and technically skilled, developed a lot after joining Viborg (summer 2012)
- before Viborg, she spent two years with German club HC Leipzig
- broke through in the Denmark national team at the EHF EURO 2012 in Serbia, where she got a lot of court time
- previously played for FCK Handbold in the Danish league with Anja Andersen as her coach

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2009, 2014

GROUP 2



Playing hall

Partillebohallen

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: yellow/black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

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

IK Sävahof (SWE)

The joy of winning the EHF EURO 2014 bronze medals will by all means and purposes be a huge incentive for IK Sävahof's sizeable contingent included in Sweden's squad to surpass last season's Champions League accomplishment of reaching the competition's main round.

Having emulated the success, the Swedish champions can now look forward to an exciting campaign in the second group stage although they have it all to do if they are to spring another upset and reach the quarter-finals.

Sävahof have taken only one point from the group matches after a 25:25 home draw with Viborg and to overtake either them or Metz Handball, they need to produce something very special. Any hopes of defying the odds rest massively on the broad shoulders of their instrumental centre back Ida Oden, the competition's fourth-highest scorer with 41 goals, and left back Jenny Alm who amassed 35.

Apart from the duo's individual quality, it is the indomitable fighting spirit that makes Sävahof a handful for any opposition on home court and they are also no pushovers on the road either. Comprising an entirely made-in-Sweden squad bar Iceland's right back Birna Berg Haraldsdottir, Sävahof can also count on the speed and scoring prowess of left wing Louise Sand and the solidity of goalkeeper Filippa Idehn.

Crucial to Sävahof's ambitions will be the first main round match at home to Romanian side Baia Mare, with no room for error if they are to stay in the hunt for a knockout stage berth.

GROUP C FINAL STANDINGS

1. Györi Audi ETO KC	6	6	0	0	183:127 (56)	12
2. Viborg HK A/S	6	3	1	2	162:144 (18)	7
3. IK Sävahof	6	0	3	3	146:188 (-42)	3
4. HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	6	0	2	4	132:164 (-32)	2

Group Matches results:

@ Viborg HK A/S	L25:38 (15:16)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC	L21:38 (8:20)
vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	T29:29 (15:15)
@ HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	T23:23 (15:10)
vs Viborg HK A/S	T25:25 (10:12)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC	L23:35 (14:16)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Swedish champions

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 7
Main Round (1): 2013/14
Group Matches (3): 2007/08, 2010/11, 2012/13
Qualification (2): 2006/07, 2011/12

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16: 2011/12

Swedish league: 10 titles (1993, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

IK Sävehof (SWE)



Biggest win:	30:23 (14:13) v HC Leipzig GER (h), 03.11.2013
Biggest defeat:	24:37 (13:19) v Viborg HK DEN (h), 10.10.2010 25:38 (15:16) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.10.2014
Longest winning run:	3 matches (12.10.2013 – 03.11.2013)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (12.10.2013 – 10.11.2013)
Longest losing run:	12 matches (12.01.2008 – 11.11.2012)
Longest run without win:	14 matches (18.11.2007 – 11.11.2012)
Most goals:	36 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007
Most goals opponent:	39 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
Most goals both teams:	70 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007 70 v Viborg HK DEN 37:33L (a), 14.11.2010 70 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
Fewest goals:	18 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 24:18L (a), 16.03.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	23 v HC Leipzig GER 30:23W (h), 03.11.2013
Fewest goals both teams:	42 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 24:18L (a), 16.03.2014

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2007/08 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	1	4	172:191	-19	3		4th Gr. B
2010/11 IK Sävehof SWE	6	0	0	6	163:212	-49	0		4th Gr. A
2012/13 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	0	5	174:192	-18	2		4th Gr. C
2013/14 IK Sävehof SWE	12	3	3	6	318:339	-21	9		4th MR Gr. 1
Total	30	5	4	21	827:934	-107	14		

IK Sävehof (SWE)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
6	Ida	Oden	SWE	Centre Back	14.4.1987	Borås, SWE	172	41
15	Jenny	Alm	SWE	Left Back	10.4.1989	Uddevalla, SWE	183	35
10	Jenny	Wikensten	SWE	Right Wing	1.8.1988	Göteborg, SWE	169	18
4	Louise	Sand	SWE	Left Wing	27.12.1992	Göteborg, SWE	160	14
13	Elin	Karlsson	SWE	Centre Back	4.1.1989	Göteborg, SWE	180	13
8	Elin	Enhöring	SWE	Line Player	13.3.1990	Uddevalla, SWE	176	9
11	Edijana	Dafe	SWE	Left Wing	27.5.1990	Göteborg, SWE	164	8
9	Julia	Eriksson	SWE	Left Back	7.7.1994	Göteborg, SWE	181	3
2	Birna Berg	Haraldsdottir	ISL	Right Back	21.6.1993	Reykjavik, ISL	183	3
5	Joanna	Lindvall-Haggren	SWE	Right Wing	28.6.1994	Göteborg, SWE	175	2
1	Johanna	Bundsen	SWE	Goalkeeper	3.6.1991	Uddevalla, SWE	183	
17	Linnea	Efraimsson	SWE	Right Wing	30.8.1995	Ulricehamn, SWE	167	
20	Mimmi	Eliasson	SWE	Centre Back	3.1.1997	Göteborg, SWE	178	
27	Hanna	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	23.2.1996	Ludvika, SWE	176	
7	Johanna	Forsberg	SWE	Line Player	16.10.1995	Göteborg, SWE	177	
16	Jennifer	Hama	SWE	Goalkeeper	16.10.1995	Göteborg, SWE	174	
18	Linn	Hansson	SWE	Left Wing	18.9.1997	Göteborg, SWE	169	
12	Filippa	Idehn	SWE	Goalkeeper	15.8.1990	Jönköping, SWE	183	
22	Thess	Krönell	SWE	Line Player	30.5.1996	Umeå, SWE	177	
23	Louise	Lilja	SWE	Line Player	21.8.1996	Göteborg, SWE	170	
24	Hanna	Örtorp	SWE	Left Back	20.12.1997	Göteborg, SWE	162	
25	Tilda	Olsson	SWE	Left Back	15.3.1996	Mölnådal, SWE	176	
14	Linnea	Petterson	SWE	Centre Back	28.7.1995	Kiruna, SWE	178	
21	Linnea	Säreborn	SWE	Centre Back	3.1.1996	Vänersborg, SWE	169	
26	Maria	Sundin	SWE	Left Back	13.1.1996	Göteborg, SWE	165	
3	Sofia	Tegstedt	SWE	Line Player	3.1.1991	Göteborg, SWE	177	





Henrik Signell coach

- became the head coach in 2012
- played eight years for the club during his active days which also included one match for Sweden's national team
- after his active career was in charge of the male junior team in Sävehof and later assistant coach for the men's league team
- in between he has also been assistant coach for Finland's female national team



Filippa Idehn goalkeeper

- one out of extremely few goalkeepers at top level who plays in shorts
- started with handball as a 12-year-old
- for the first two years of her career she was a backcourt player, but as both goalkeepers in her team were ill for a training session, she took over the new position and has kept it ever since

EURO: B 2014



Louise Sand left wing

- Loui has been crazy about playing ball all her life and for her confirmation she only wanted a ball as present
- with her 160 cm she is not among the tallest on a court, but she more than compensates for that through her outstanding technique
- joined Sävehof in 2009 after spells with Kärna and Önnareds
- Sweden national team member since 2012

EURO: B 2014



Jenny Alm left back

- started playing handball at five years old for Kroppskultur in Uddevalla.
- Joined Sävehof three years ago (2011)
- part of the Sweden national team
- increased responsibility with the departure of national team player Jamina Roberts
- also works with marketing for Sävehof and its handball school in local schools

EURO: B 2014



Elin Karlsson centre back

- had a foreign adventure at a very young age, even before she was 18, she went to Frederikshavn in Denmark to play for their U18 team
- joined Sävehof in 2012 from BK Heid
- in 2011 participated at the Vasaloppett (90 km cross-country skiing race) two days before a league match (three goals)
- dreams of climbing Kilimanjaro



Elin Enhörning line player

- joined Sävehof from Swedish league colleagues Team Eslöv in the autumn of 2013 as replacement to injured Swedish international Linn Blom.
- decided to end her handball career to give priority to studying, but the offer from Sävehof gave her new motivation.
- As Linn Blom got fit, but changed to Danish Team Tvis Holstebro, extended her contract with Sävehof for another year
- played 28 junior internationals for Sweden, she has never made it to the senior national team yet.



Ida Oden right back

- one of the most versatile female handball players, not only in Sävehof, but in Swedish handball in general
- although her basic position is the right back, she also functions very well as centre back and as left back
- international debut for Sweden in 2012
- came to Sävehof in 2004 from Borås HK
- works at an IT company



Jenny Wikensten right wing

- moving up as replacement for former first-choice right wing Hanna Fogelström
- was reluctant to extend her contract with the club after last season, but the increased responsibility made her stay
- has won eight Swedish championships with Sävehof
- also works as a school teacher

EURO: B 2014

GROUP 2



HCM Baia Mare (ROU)

Following the dissolution of former Romanian powerhouse Oltchim Ramnicu Valcea, HCM Baia Mare took over as the Balkan country's leading club alongside HCM Constanta.

Their flair and diversity is personified by a wide range of players coming from all over the globe, most notably Brazil's world-famous right wing Alexandra Do Nascimento who joined the club after a decade with Hypo Niederösterreich during which she won 10 Austrian league titles and reached the 2008 EHF Champions League final.

Do Nascimento was joined by her compatriot and fellow world champion Barbara Arenhart, while massive investments by the club's owners enticed a plethora of other stars such as Macedonian right back Elena Gjeorgjievska from Buducnost and Norway's Camilla Herrem from Byasen Trondheim.

Baia Mare reached the group stage of Europe's premier club competition for the first time last season. Higher expectations in this term were hampered by two unlucky home defeats by Larvik and Metz which eventually proved too costly for coach Costica Buceschi, who was replaced by Slovenian Tone Tiselj in early January.

Two wins over Poland's MKS Selgros Lublin opened the main round doors to the Romanian side, but having carried no points from the group matches into the main round, Baia Mare qualifying for the knockout stages will probably be a tall order for the Romanian outfit at the first time of asking.



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: white

GROUP D FINAL STANDINGS

1. Larvik	6	6	0	0	169:141 (28)	12
2. Metz Handball	6	2	1	3	164:163 (1)	5
3. HCM Baia Mare	6	2	0	4	154:160 (-6)	4
4. MKS Selgros Lublin	6	1	1	4	159:182 (-23)	3

Group Matches results:

vs MKS Selgros Lublin	W30:25 (16:12)
@ Metz Handball	L24:34 (10:13)
vs Larvik	L23:24 (13:12)
@ Larvik	L26:31 (11:16)
@ MKS Selgros Lublin	W28:22 (10:10)
vs Metz Handball	L23:24 (12:10)

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 season: Romanian champions

Late entries:

Aneta Pirvut (SCM Craiova, ROU)
Lois Abbingh (VfL Oldenburg, GER)

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 2
Group matches (1): 2013/14

Other

Challenge Cup: runners-up 2002/03

Romanian league: 1 title (2014)
Romanian cup: 2 titles

HCM Baia Mare (ROU)



Biggest win:	28:22 (10:10) v MKS Selgros Lublin POL (a), 16.11.2014
Biggest defeat:	21:33 (10:16) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 12.10.2013
Longest winning run:	1 match (19.10.2013) 1 match (10.11.2013) 1 match (17.10.2014) 1 match (16.11.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (19.10.2013) 1 match (10.11.2013) 1 match (17.10.2014) 1 match (16.11.2014)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (25.10.2014 – 5.11.2014)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (25.10.2014 – 5.11.2014)
Most goals:	30 v MKS Selgros Lublin POL 30:25W (h), 17.10.2014
Most goals opponent:	36 v Thüringer HC GER 36:29L (a), 06.10.2013
Most goals both teams:	65 v Thüringer HC GER 36:29L (a), 06.10.2013
Fewest goals:	20 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 23:20L (a), 02.11.2013 20 v Thüringer HC GER 20:19W (h), 10.11.2013
Fewest goals opponent:	19 v Thüringer HC GER 20:19W (h), 10.11.2013
Fewest goals both teams:	39 v Thüringer HC GER 20:19W (h), 10.11.2013

Women's EHF Champions League record

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2013/14 HCM Baia Mare ROU	6	2	0	4	140:162	-22	4		4th Gr. A
Total	6	2	0	4	140:162	-22	4		

HCM Baia Mare (ROU)

Team roster

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
25	Ekaterina	Davydenko	RUS	Right Back	7.3.1989	Togliatti, RUS	184	20
15	Valentina Neli	Ardean Elisei	ROU	Left Wing	5.6.1982	Focsani, ROU	171	19
7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi	ROU	Left Back	1.8.1993	Baia Mare, ROU	178	19
3	Alexandra Priscilla	Do Nascimento	BRA	Right Wing	16.9.1981	Sao Paulo, BRA	179	15
22	Luciana Andreea	Marin	ROU	Centre Back	13.10.1988	Slatina, ROU	176	15
18	Elena	Gjeorgjievska	MKD	Right Back	27.3.1990	Struga, MKD	179	13
19	Kseniya	Makeeva	RUS	Line Player	19.9.1990	Ufa, RUS	184	13
79	Camilla	Herrem	NOR	Left Wing	8.10.1986	Sola, NOR	169	10
17	Anastasiya	Lobach	BLR	Line Player	25.6.1987	Minsk, BLR	178	8
77	Adriana Nicoleta	Nechita	ROU	Right Wing	14.11.1983	Bailesti, ROU	172	7
95	Bianca Elena	Tiron	ROU	Left Back	31.5.1995	Iasi, ROU	178	5
9	Ibolya Gabriella	Szucs	HUN	Left Back	31.8.1984	Oradea, ROU	184	4
23	Timea Judita	Tatar	ROU	Line Player	28.7.1989	Baia Mare, ROU	174	4
4	Ioana Laura	Oltean	ROU	Centre Back	20.7.1989	Bistrita, ROU	174	2
29	Teodora	Dinis Vartic	ROU	Line Player	2.7.1981	Bistrita, ROU	177	
5	Melinda	Geiger	ROU	Right Back	28.3.1987	Baia Mare, ROU	177	
2	Aneta	Pirvut	ROU	Left Wing	22.6.1989	Dr. Severin, ROU	166	
10	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Centre Back	13.8.1992	Groningen, NED	177	
12	Barbara Elisabeth	Arenhart	BRA	Goalkeeper	4.10.1986	Novo Hamburgo, BRA	184	
30	Paula Claudia	Ungureanu	ROU	Goalkeeper	30.3.1980	Brasov, ROU	181	
16	Claudia Bogdana	Cetateanu	ROU	Goalkeeper	24.6.1976	Baia Sprie, ROU	179	
96	Yuliya	Dumanska	UKR	Goalkeeper	15.8.1996	Gorodenka, UKR	177	





Tone Tiselj coach

- the most decorated Slovenian strategist
- won two consecutive CL trophies with Krim and reached the EHF EURO final with men's national team on home court in 2004.
- successes has earned him the moniker »Napoleon«
- draws inspiration from different sporting legends
- replaced Costica Buceschi at the helm of Baia Mare in January 2015

EC trophies: EHFCL 2001, 2003
Men's EHF EURO: S 2004



Barbara Arenhart goalkeeper

- immediately made an impact at her new team, after being transferred from Hypo in the 2014 summer
- Baia Mare is her fourth European team in seven years, after she played for Sagunto in Spain, Byasen in Norway and Hypo in Austria
- voted for the All-Star Team of the WCh 2013
- competes for a spot in the starting roster with Paula Ungureanu

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2013
WCh: G 2013, Pan-American Championship: G 2011, 2013



Valentina Elisei left wing

- one of the most experienced players in Baia Mare's roster
- after a ligament tear, Elisei made a one year break from handball and had a baby, Robert, in January 2013
- signed with Baia Mare after only two weeks
- will split her duties with Norwegian ace Camilla Herrem, who came to Baia Mare in the 2014 summer, from Byasen Trondheim

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2007, Champions Trophy 2007, Challenge Cup 2002
WCh: S 2005, EHF EURO: B 2010



Eliza Buceschi left back

- despite her young age, 21, she has already been selected many times for the Romania national team
- her father Costica was Baia Mare's coach until January 2015
- on the 31st of January 2011, the Buceschi family made history in the Romanian League for Baia Mare as Carmen and Eliza – mother and daughter – played on the same time, while Costica was coaching
- left back spot can be covered also by Belarusian Liliya Artsiukovich or Hungarian Gabriella Szucs



Luciana Marin centre back

- always considered to be a prodigy, never made the step forward in her early 20s
- started playing handball as a 9-year-old, but her career was hampered by several injuries
- her father played football and was a wrestler, while her sister played handball and was a javelin thrower (silver in the Romanian Championships)
- before important matches, she likes to call her family and one of her first coaches, who helped her in difficult situations



Anastasia Lobach line player

- in 11 years Belarusian changed eight teams including Zvezda where she tasted the CL in 2012/13
- her second experience in Romania, after playing one season (2011/2012) at HC Dunarea Braila
- excellent defender, bolstering the Romanian Champions' depth in both defence and offence
- will share her duties with other three players including Ksenia Makeeva, one of the additions of the last summer for Baia Mare



Ekaterina Davydenko right back

- decided to make a change and joined the Romanian champions after eight years spent in Russia, playing for Lada
- the strong defender became one of Baia Mare's best options both in defence and in attack, with a powerful shot from behind the 9m line
- if needed, Baia Mare can cover her with Elena Gjorgjievska and Melinda Geiger. The latter will make her comeback from injury in February 2015

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2012, 2014
EHF EURO: S 2006, B 2008



Adriana Nechita right wing

- one of the most experienced players in the team
- her passion is photography and modeling, acted as a reporter for different Romanian TV stations
- followed by nearly 6,000 people on her official Facebook account
- will battle for a starting spot with Alexandra do Nascimento, the Brazilian World Handball Player of the Year in 2012

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2007, Champions Trophy 2007
EHF EURO: B 2010

Top Scorers

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Acimovic Gorica (AUT)	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	45
2	Kudlacz Karolina (POL)	HC Leipzig (GER)	41
	Lang Saskia (GER)	HC Leipzig (GER)	41
	Neagu Cristina Georgiana (ROU)	Buducnost (MNE)	41
	Oden Ida (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	41
6	Bajramoska Mirjeta (MKD)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	40
7	Penezic Andrea (CRO)	WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)	37
	Tatari Miranda (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	37
9	Dmitrieva Daria (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	36
	Kochetova Anna (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	36
11	Alm Jenny (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	35
	Baudouin Paule (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	35
	Mørk Nora (NOR)	Larvik (NOR)	35
14	Gros Ana (SLO)	Metz Handball (FRA)	34
	Loke Heidi (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	34
	Nadgornaja Nadja (GER)	Thüringer HC (GER)	34
17	Fisker Maria (DEN)	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)	32
18	Amorim Taleska Eduarda (BRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	29
	Mavsar Tamara (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	29
20	Akopian Olga (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	28
	Gega Marta (POL)	MKS Selgros Lublin (POL)	28
	Gulldén Isabelle (SWE)	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)	28
	Koren Riegelhuth Linn-Kristin (NOR)	Larvik (NOR)	28
24	Kovacsics Aniko (HUN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	27

Past seasons' top scorers

Season	Player	Club	Goals
1993/94	Natalia Morskova	Mar Valencia/ESP	102
1994/95	Snežana Petika	Podravka Koprivnica/CRO	72
1995/96	Snežana Petika	Podravka Koprivnica/CRO	77
1996/97	Natalia Morskova	Mar Valencia/ESP	150
1997/98	Natalia Morskova	Mar Valencia/ESP	127
1998/99	Natalia Derepasko	Krim Ljubljana/SLO	120
1999/00	Ausra Fridrikas	Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT	97
2000/01	Ausra Fridrikas	Baekkelagets Oslo/NOR	83
2001/02	Ágnes Farkas	FTC Budapest/HUN	112
2002/03	Natalia Derepasko	Krim Ljubljana/SLO	81
2003/04	Bojana Popović	Slagelse FH/DEN	98
2004/05	Tatjana Logvin	Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT	85
2005/06	Natalia Derepasko	Krim Ljubljana/SLO	86
2006/07	Bojana Popović	Slagelse FH/DEN	96
2007/08	Timea Tóth	Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT	127
2008/09	Grit Jurack	Viborg HK/DEN	113
2009/10	Cristina Vărzaru	Viborg HK/DEN	101
2010/11	Heidi Løke	Larvik HK/NOR	99
2011/12	Anita Görbicz	Győri AUDI ETO KC/HUN	133
2012/13	Zsuzsanna Tomori	FTC Rail Cargo Hungária/HUN	95
2013/14	Anita Görbicz	Győri AUDI ETO KC/HUN	87

Past Winners

1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1997	Mar El Osito L'Eliana Valencia	ESP
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunafer SE	HUN
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts	SLO
2002	Kometal D.P. Skopje	MKD
2003	Krim ETA Kotex Ljubljana	SLO
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2013	Győri Audi ETO KC	HUN
2014	Győri Audi ETO KC	HUN

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