



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

# Media Guide

Women's EHF Champions League Season 2014/15 Quarter-finals

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# **Foreword**



Dear media representative,

As we count down to the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4 in Budapest on 9/10 May 2015, the next exciting phase of the Women's EHF Champions League is upon us. There are 116 matches behind us and what remains is a great interfusion of contenders with eight teams from eight countries: Denmark, Germany, Hungary, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, and Russia. The only hurdle standing between the teams and their ticket to Budapest is the quarter-final.

Having been a firm fixture of the competition from the early seasons, the teams of Viborg HK A/S and Buducnost will face each other once again; each team comes to the quarter-final as a champion with two decades of experience playing top level handball. Thüringer HC is currently relishing its fourth season in the Champions League; reaching the quarter-finals is the greatest achievement of the club so far, but how will the team fare against Larvik, a team with a wealth of experience and a title under its belt?

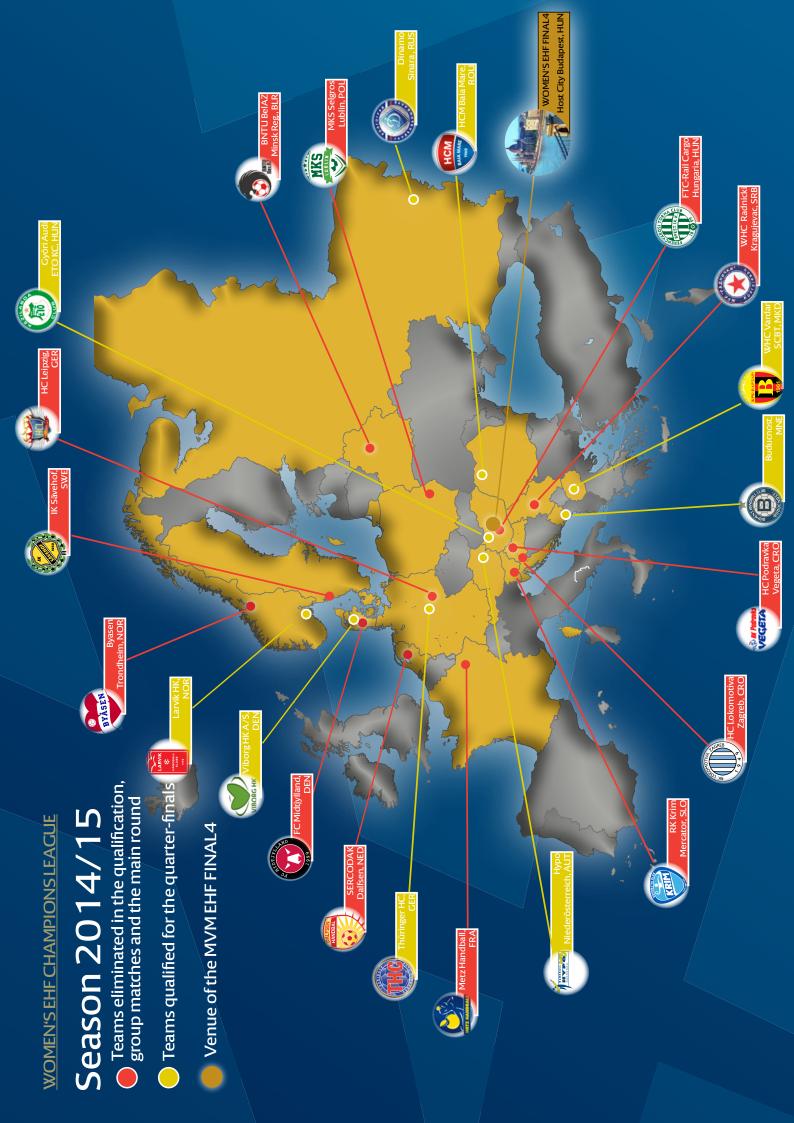
When the players of HCM Baia Mare meet their counterparts from Dinamo-Sinara, it will be a match where both teams are both on relatively equal footing. Being a veteran of the Champions League, Dinamo performed slightly better in the previous round and this will be the second time that the team has been under the last eight; the team from Romania has entered the quarter-final for the first time. For both teams, winning is everything, as one team will advance further than ever before; and for the other the campaign will end. With the experience of being in a final tournament still fresh in their minds, the players of WHC Vardar SCBT face an uphill battle facing the defending champion, Györi Audi ETO KC; this match is guaranteed to have many moments that are not to be missed.

With the teams paired off, the first leg of the all four matches will throw off over the weekend of 4/5 April and the final four will be known a week later when the quarter-final concludes on 12 April.

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, 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.

Jean Brihault

EHF President



# **Media information**

# Team line-ups and match reports

From the opening matches of the season, the complete team lineup 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 <a href="http://members.ehf.eu">http://members.ehf.eu</a>

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 Quarter-finals**

The written media and photographer's accreditation procedure in the Quarter-finals 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 ehfTV.com

Regulations of the Women's EHF Champions League

Twitter: <u>@ehfmedia</u>, <u>@ehfcl</u> Facebook: <u>ehf.champions.league</u>

# 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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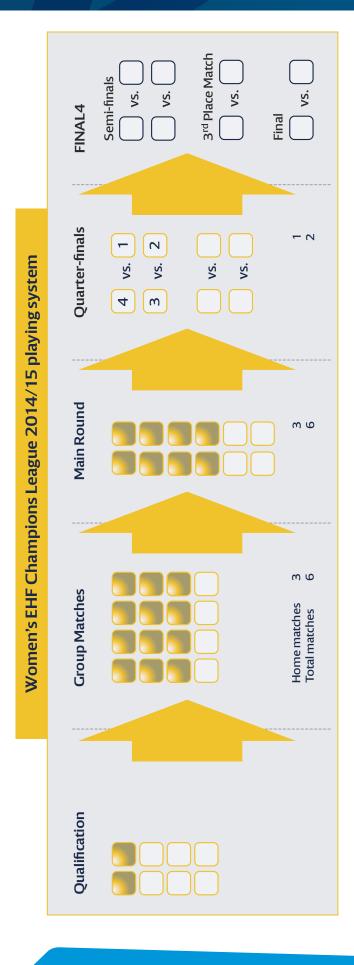
# **Viborg HK**

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	Qualification Tournaments	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarterfinals	FINAL4
TILE	Tournaments	4 groups with 4 teams	12 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION	20./21.09.2014 tournaments played in semi finals and finals	1719.10.2014 (1) 2426.10.2014 (2) 31.1002.11.2014 (3) 0709.11.2014 (4) 1416.11.2014 (5) 2123.11.2014 (6)	30.01-01.02.2015 (1) 0608.02.2015 (2) 1315.02.2015 (3) 27.0201.03.2015 (4) 0608.03.2015 (5) 1315.03.2015 (6)	0305.04.2015 first leg 1012.04.2015 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 2 MNE 1 3 NOR 1 4 SLO 1 5 DEN 1 6 ROU 1 7 GER 1 8 RUS 1 9 MKD 1 10 FRA 1 11 AUT 1 12 CRO 1 13 SWE 1 14 POL 1 15 HUN 2 16 DEN 2 17 NOR 2 18 GER 2 19 CRO 2 20 BLR 1 21 NED 1 22 SRB 1	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria FC Midtjylland Byasen Trondheim HC Leipzig HC Podravka Vegeta HC BNTU-BELAz Minsk Sercodak/Dalfsen ZRK Radnicki Kragujevac	Minners of the 2  Which are the 2  Which are the 3  Winners of the 4  Wiborg HK  HCM Baia Mare  Thüringer HC  Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd  Which vardar SCBT  Metz Handball  Hypo Niederösterreich  RK Lokomotiva-Zagreb  IK Sävehof  MKS Selgros Lublin	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 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



# Season 2014/15 playing dates

Qualification	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarter-finals	FINAL4
8 teams	1719.10.2014	30.0101.02.2015	first leg 0405.04.2015	09./10.05.2015
2 tournaments with	31.1002.11.2014	1315.02.2015		
semi-finals and finals	0709.11.2014	27.0201.03.2015	secondleg	
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20/21.09.2014	2123.11.2014	1315.03.2015		

# Energy giant MVM takes up title sponsorship for WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4



The Hungarian energy company MVM Magyar Villamos Művek Zrt. has signed a contract with the organisers of the WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, becoming the event's title sponsor for the second year in a row. The event's official name will be the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4.

The final weekend of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League and pinnacle event of women's club handball will take place on 9/10 May 2015 in the Papp László Sportaréna in Budapest. One year ago, Hungarian side Győri Audi ETO KC lifted the trophy after a thrilling final victory against Montenegrin club Buducnost in front of 10,000 fans.

Commenting on the agreement, Peter Vargo, Managing Director of EHF Marketing, said: "The fact that MVM has become the event's title sponsor underlines its prestige and the reputation that women's handball has in Europe."

Csilla Nagy, Deputy Communications Director of MVM, said: "Last year's MVM EHF FINAL4 was a huge success as 10,000 fans celebrated women's handball together with the participating teams.

"We continue in our efforts to give 'a lot of energy' to the best European handball teams and we are proud to be the title sponsor of the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4. We believe the event will increase the rank of both Hungary and our company on the national as well as on the international level."

The Hungarian Handball Federation, as co-hosts of the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4, welcomes the title sponsor.

"With the successful organisation of the 2014 MVM EHF FINAL4 we have proven that Hungary is a perfect venue for Europe's biggest women's club handball event," said Iván Vetési, President of Hungarian Handball Federation (HHF).

# 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4

2015 is the second consecutive year that the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League culminates in an EHF FINAL4-weekend and is not decided by home and away matches between the two eventual finalists.

After the successful premiere last year with 10,000 fans following the matches in a sold-out Papp László Sportaréna, the EHF and EHF Marketing reached an agreement with the Hungarian Handball Federation as local organisers until 2016.

The four participating teams are known once the quarter-finals will have been played by 12 April 2015. Two days later, on 14 April, the draw for the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4 will take place. On this occasion a new trophy for the eventual winners, designed by graduates of the renowned Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design Budapest, will be presented.

The semi-finals at the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4 will be played on Saturday, 9 May; the match for third place and the final on Sunday, 10 May. The exact throw-off times will be communicated in due time.

More information and tickets at: www.ehfFINAL4.com

# **MVM EHF FINAL4 Draw**

The semi-final draw and the press conference for the 2015 MVM EHF FINAL4 will take place on Tuesday, 14 April 2015 at the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME) in Budapest.

The event will include a presentation the new trophy for the Women's EHF Champions League.

The draw event is scheduled to begin at 11:00 hrs.

# Media Accreditation for the MVM EHF FINAL4

Accreditation requests from media representatives are now being accepted. Written media, photographers, TV and radio representatives can now submit their request for accreditation <u>via an online form at www.ehfFINAL4.com</u>, the event's official website. Requests can only be made online.

Requests for media accreditation have to be made until Friday, 17 April at 15.00 hrs. Media accreditation is only open to professional media representatives working at the event. Freelance media representatives may be asked to provide additional evidence of their work. There are limited places and it may not be possible to accept all requests for an accreditation.

# Facts and figures of the main round

# Larvik, Buducnost and Kudlacz top the rankings

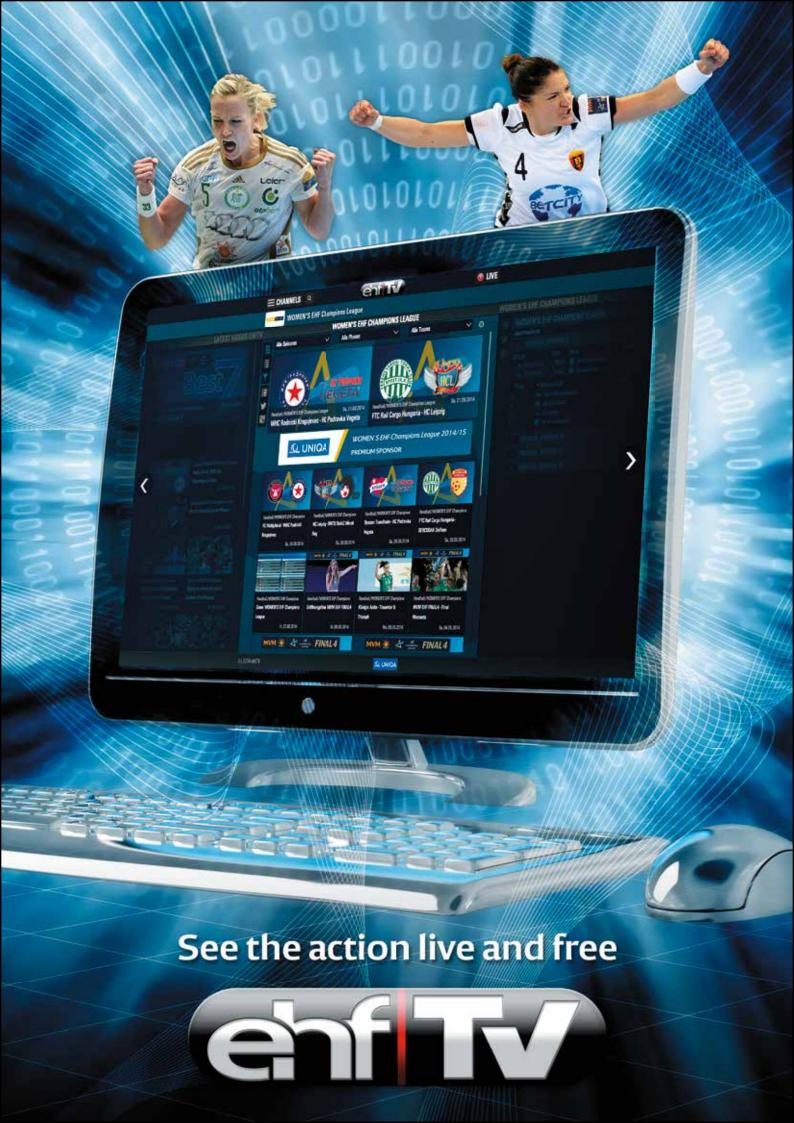
After 36 matches, the main round of the Women's EHF Champions League came to an end on Sunday 15 March.

The eight participants of the competition's first quarter-finals are confirmed and we can now look upon the most important statistics, facts and figures of this phase, in which the overall ranking also includes 24 group matches between qualified

Buducnost and Larvik HK lead the points ranking after winning all respective main round matches, defending champions Györ were beaten twice by Larvik, while Baia Mare and Thüringer made remarkable turnarounds by taking eight points after starting the round without a win.

- 1 team, Larvik, have won all their matches so far this season.
- 1 team, Krim, did not score a single point in the main round.
- 1 team, Baia Mare, arrived in the main round with zero points on their account, but made it to the quarter-finals by winning four of six main round matches.
- 1 main round match (Dinamo vs Thüringer HC) ended with a draw (three in all relevant 60 matches).
- 2 defeats in the same stage of the competition occurred to Györ for the last time in the group matches of the 2011/12 season (against Randers and Hypo). Two defeats against the same opponent, as suffered in the main round against Larvik, happened to Györ for the last time in the 2006/07 semi-finals against Slagelse (25:31, 22:30).
- 4 former Women's EHF Champions League winners are still in the competition, representing seven titles: Viborg (2006, 2009, 2010), Györ (2013, 2014), Larvik (2011) and Buducnost (2012). This means that all winners of the past six seasons are among the eight quarter-finalists.
- 5 teams, which had been among the top eight (main round) of the previous season, are still in competition. They are Women's EHF FINAL4 participants Györ, Buducnost and Vardar plus Larvik and Thüringer HC. Dinamo, Viborg and Baia Mare were not among the eight in 2013/14, Midtjylland, Sävehof and Krim are out.
- 5 of the 36 main round matches ended with the smallest possible margin of one goal one match in Group 1 and four in Group 2.
- 8 nations are represented by the eight quarter-finalists: Norway, Hungary, Romania, Denmark, Montenegro, Russia, Germany and FYR Macedonia. Compared to last season, Russia and Romania have replaced Slovenia and Sweden among the top eight teams.

- 8 of 36 matches ended with 60 or more goals, five of them in Group 1, only three in Group 2.
- 9 straight times Györ managed to be among the eight best teams of the competition, while it is the sixth straight time for Larvik.
- 12 points in six matches (the optimum) were reached by the two group winners Larvik and Buducnost in the main round.
- 13 matches in the main round were attended by 3,000 or more spectators.
- 17 main round matches ended with a win for the away team (27 in all 60 relevant matches).
- 18 of the 36 main round matches ended with a win of the home team (30 in all 60 relevant matches).
- 19 goals was the biggest winning margin in those 36 main round matches, when Buducnost beat Krim 39:20.
- 20 points in ten relevant matches was the top result, managed by Larvik, the only team which won all 12 matches. Buducnost (one group match draw against Vardar) are unbeaten as well with 19 points in those ten relevant matches and 23 points in total.
- 40 was the lowest number of goals in a single main round match, when Larvik beat Györ 21:19.
- 76 goals were scored in the match Krim vs Vardar (29:47) which was the highest scoring.
- +77 is the impressive goal difference of Buducnost after the ten relevant matches.
- 87 goals were scored in the duels of Larvik vs Sävehof (25:20, 25:17) and was the lowest aggregate score between two teams.
- 147 goals were scored in the two duels of Krim vs Vardar (30:41, 29:47) and was the highest aggregate score.
- 193 goals were conceded by Buducnos, the best defensive record.
- 282 goals were scored by Györ in all relevant ten matches to have the best attacking record.
- 4,807 spectators was the average attendance of the three main round matches in Metz to top the ranking.
- 5,098 spectators was the highest attendance at a main round match, when Metz hosted Viborg.



# Extended women's coverage on ehfTV.com

#### All matches of new season live

Handball fans across Europe will not miss a single match in this season of both elite European club competitions. All matches starting from Group Phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League and Group Matches of the Women's EHF Champions League have been broadcast live and free of charge on ehfTV.com and the videos of all matches will be also on demand (subject to geo-blocking restrictions).

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 <a href="https://en.aphro.com">ehfTV.com</a> 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.

During the 26 minute long programme fans are also introduced to a rookie of the round followed by best scenes of the three biggest stars of the round.



# Fan vote for All-star team starts

Europe's handball fans cannot go wrong and this is why the European Handball Federation for the second year in a row puts its trust in its most loyal fans, giving them the chance to vote online for the Women's EHF Champions League All-star team of the 2014/15 season.

Last season more than 18,000 fans participated in the week leading up to the 2014 MVM EHF FINAL4 at the beginning of May, the final weekend of the Women's EHF Champions League. Following this huge success voting will start much earlier with the poll opening on 1 April and voting lasting until Sunday, 3 May 2015. Fans can choose their Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 team online and via the ehfCL.com website.

And with a new chance to vote come new developments as for the first time fans have the chance not only to vote for the best player in each position and the best defender – there will be five nominees each –, but also for the best young player (born in 1992 or younger) and the best coach. This means that all in all there are 50 players and coaches that have been preselected by the EHF. These players represent 18 different nations and 12 clubs from the current Women's EHF Champions League season. The fans' choice for the All-star team will be announced during the MVM EHF FINAL4 in Budapest on 9 and 10 May 2015.

Players have been nominated on the basis of their comprehensive performance throughout the season so far; not just their goal-getting prowess, but also their performance in defence, the number of blocks, assists and reaction in crucial moments during each match.

The players nominated for the 2014/15 season are:

#### Goalkeepers:

Marta Zderic (CRO) – Buducnost (MNE) Sandra Toft (DEN) – Larvik HK (NOR) Anna Sedoykina (RUS) Dinamo-Sinara (RUS) Amandine Leynaud (FRA) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD) Katja Schülke (GER) – HC Leipzig (GER)

# Left wings:

Tamara Mavsar (SLO) – RK Krim Mercator (SLO) Paule Baudouin (FRA) – Metz Handball (FRA) Valentina Ardean (ROU) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU) Siraba Dembele (FRA) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD) Maria Fisker (DEN) – Viborg HK A/S (DEN)



#### Left backs:

Cristina Neagu (ROU) – Buducnost (MNE) Nadja Nadgornaja (GER) – Thüringer HC (GER) Andrea Penezic (CRO) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD) Alina Wojtas (POL) – Larvik HK (NOR) Olga Akopian (RUS) – Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)

#### Line players:

Heidi Loke (NOR) – Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN) Luisa Schulze (GER) – HC Leipzig (GER) Danick Snelder (NED) – Thüringer HC (GER) Dragana Cvijic (SRB) – Buducnost (MNE) Nina Kamto (FRA) – Metz Handball (FRA)

#### Centre backs:

Karolina Kudlacz (POL) – HC Leipzig (GER) Ida Oden (SWE) - IK Sävehof (SWE) Isabelle Gulldén (SWE) – Viborg HK A/S (DEN) Aniko Kovacsics (HUN) – Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN) Andrea Lekic (SRB) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)

#### Right backs:

Ana Gros (SLO) – Metz Handball (FRA) Anna Kochetova (RUS) – Dinamo-Sinara (RUS) Nora Mørk (NOR) – Larvik (NOR) Katarina Bulatovic (MNE) – Buducnost (MNE) Susann Müller (GER) – Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)

#### Right wings:

Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren (NOR) – Larvik (NOR) Katrin Engel (AUT) – Thüringer HC (GER) Radmila Petrovic (MNE) – Buducnost (MNE) Alexandra Do Nascimento (BRA) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU) Jovanka Radicevic (MNE) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)

## **Best defenders:**

Rikke Skov (DEN) – Viborg HK A/S (DEN) Anja Althaus (GER) – WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD) Marit Malm Frafjord (NOR) – Larvik HK (NOR) Gabriella Szücs (HUN) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU) Dorina Korsos (HUN) – Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)

Best young players (born in 1992 or younger):
Daria Dmitrieva (RUS) – Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)
Eliza Iulia Buceschi (ROU) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU)
Elizabeth Omoregie (BUL) – RK Krim Mercator (SLO)
Louise Sand (SWE) – IK Sävehof (SWE)
Lois Abbingh (NED) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU)

# **Best coaches**

Ambros Martin (ESP) – Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN) Ole Gustav Gjekstad (NOR) – Larvik HK (NOR) Dragan Adzic (MNE) – Buducnost (MNE) Viktor Ryabykh (RUS) – Dinamo-Sinara (RUS) Tone Tiselj (SLO) – HCM Baia Mare (ROU)

# **Important regulations**

# Scoring of the matches and ranking

#### **QUARTER-FINALS**

If, after completion of the two matches, both teams have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria: a) goal difference b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match c) penalty throws.

# RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



# Viborg HK A/S vs Buducnost



**First leg**Sunday 5 April, 16:50 hrs. local time

**Second leg**Sunday 12 April, 17:00 hrs. local time



Buducnost fly to Denmark as obvious favourites before the first leg of their quarter-final tie against Viborg, but they will be facing a reinforced Danish team Sunday.

If you look at the results achieved by the teams so far in the Women's EHF Champions League, there is no doubt that Buducnost are clear favourites before meeting Viborg HK in the quarter-finals with the first leg in Viborg Stadionhal in the last afternoon Easter Sunday.

Having gone through group phase as well as main round as undefeated, only losing one point on the way, the Montenegrin champions cannot possibly escape the role as favourites against Viborg who secured the quarter-final berth from fourth position in their main round group on the very last match day.

However, will be a Viborg team, who are considerably strengthened compared to their main round matches who will be entering the court Sunday afternoon.

The injury list, which was extremely long for quite some time, has become shorter lately.

Key players such as playmaker Isabelle Gulldén and line player Mette Gravholt are back.

"It means a lot to our team that they are back – also because it means that some of us can get a rest on the bench from time to time. That will mean a lot against a team like Buducnost," finds another key player by Viborg, Rikke Skov who is not afraid of the prominent opponent.

"We are really looking forward to meeting one of the best teams in Europe. As underdogs, I think we can play freely, but of course we are playing to win. It would just be so cool to go on in the tournament," says Rikke Skov.

The reinforced Viborg team also causes respect by Buducnost's Danish player, right back Camilla Dalby.

"Viborg have a really strong first seven, and they are a team with an enormous international experience, so we have the greatest respect for them," says Camilla Dalby.

# Head-to-head stats

# Viborg HK A/S vs Buducnost 3-3-5 (307:314) 9:13

09.11.1996	Buducnost Podgorica vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group A	23:23 (10:15)
19.01.1997	Viborg HK vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:21 (18:11)
22.02.1998	Buducnost Podgorica vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	39:30 (16:17)
01.03.1998	Viborg HK vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:27 (13:12)
28.10.2006	Viborg HK A/S vs Buducnost T-Mobile, European Championship for Club Teams – Semi-final	32:26 (14:13)
04.11.2007	Viborg HK A/S vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:29 (20:19)
16.11.2007	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Viborg HK A/S, EHF Champions League – Group D	31:31 (17:16)
17.10.2010	Viborg HK vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Group A	25:34 (16:18)
07.11.2010	'Buducnost' vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group A	32:24 (16:17)
21.10.2012	Viborg HK vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	20:26 (12:14)
18.11.2012	Buducnost vs Viborg HK, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:23 (11:10)

# 4th ranked Group 2





# Playing hall Viborg Stadionhal Tingvej 5 8800 Viborg Denmark Capacity: 2,800

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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

# 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 tournamens, 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 Savehof and a 25:25 away draw against the same opposition.

Viborg hope for full recovery of Serbia left back Sanja Damnjanovic, 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 voted the MVP of the EHF EURO 2014 last December, 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.

In the main round they had no chance of catching up with the Hungarian side and Larvik at the group's summit, but exactly Györ's win at Metz in the last round saved their quarter-final hopes almost ruined by a 10-goal defeat in Baia Mare.

# **GROUP 2 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Larvik	10	10	0	0	263:216 (47)	20
2. Györi Audi ETO KC	10	8	0	2	282:224 (58)	16
3. HCM Baia Mare	10	4	0	6	262:270 (-8)	8
4. Viborg HK A/S	10	3	1	6	252:274 (-22)	7
5. Metz Handball	10	3	0	7	244:253 (-9)	6
6. IK Sävehof	10	1	1	8	227:293 (-66)	3

# **Main Round results:**

vs Metz Handball	W27:26 (12:12)
@ Larvik	L18:31 (10:18)
vs HCM Baia Mare	L30:31 (12:13)
@ Metz Handball	W24:23 (10:12)
vs Larvik	L23:29 (14:12)
@ HCM Baia	L22:32 (11:17)

#### **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)

# **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 opponent: 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	<b>-1</b> 5	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
2	Rikke Erhardsen	Skov	DEN	Left Back	7.9.1980	Viborg, DEN	181	58
9	Isabelle	Gulldén	SWE	Centre Back	29.6.1989	Sävedalen, SWE	178	47
27	Louise Katharina	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17.10.1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178	44
11	Sanja	Damnjanovic	SRB	Left Back	25.5.1987	Beograd, SRB	181	38
19	Louise Knak	Lyksborg	DEN	Right Wing	17.1.1988	Hillerød, DEN	168	34
25	Maria	Fisker	DEN	Left Wing	3.10.1990	Favrskov, DEN	170	32
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	13
8	Kirsten Helene	Balle	DEN	Line Player	22.9.1988	Horsens, DEN	185	9
28	Sarah Dalsgaard	Paulsen	DEN	Centre Back	27.8.1997	Hedensted, DEN	173	8
17	Henriette Møller	Mikkelsen	DEN	Left Wing	21.9.1980	Morsoe, DEN	166	5
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	
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	
16	Signe Esther	Brun	DEN	Goalkeeper	29.4.1997	Slagelse, DEN	182	
24	Astrid	Jakobsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.1.1996	Holbæk, DEN	175	
1	Chana Franciela	Masson De Souza	BRA	Goalkeeper	18.12.1978	Capinzal, BRA	182	
12	Rikke Vestergaar	d Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20.4.1986	Vinderup, DEN	177	1





# Christian Dalmose coach

- former excellent playmaker of Copenhagenbased 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



# 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



# Isabelle Gullden centre back

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

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



# Louise Katharina Burgaard right back

- made her first appearances in the Danish league at 17 with KIF Vejen.
- 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



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# 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



# 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



# 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 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

# 1st ranked Group 1





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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

# **Buducnost (MNE)**

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

With her lethal shooting, Bulatovic added bite in attack as Buducnost 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 Byzdra and Romania's top player Cristina Neagu, have provided a welcome share of the workload at both ends of the court.

Buducnost 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. Experienced campaigners Majda Mehmedovic, Milena Knezevic, Radmila Petrovic and Biljana Pavicevic have ensured 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 Buducnost a team with an almost impregnable defence and a fearsome attack.

Unbeaten this season last year's finalist also earned some impressive victories in the main round with up to a 19-goal-difference as in their home match against RK Krim Mercator.

# **GROUP 1 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Buducnost	10	9	1	0	270:193 (77)	19
2. Dinamo-Sinara	10	5	1	4	267:260 (7)	11
3. WHC Vardar SCBT	10	5	1	4	277:254 (23)	11
4. Thüringer HC	10	5	1	4	258:251 (7)	11
5. HC Leipzig	10	3	0	7	245:282 (-37)	6
6. RK Krim Mercator	10	1	0	9	248: 325 (-77)	2

#### **Main Round results:**

@ Dinamo-Sinara	W25:18 (12:11)
vs HC Leipzig	W28:21 (16:7)
@ RK Krim Mercator	W23:20 (16:8)
vs Dinamo-Sinara	W26:18 (13:9)
@ HC Leipzig	W32:19 (15:6)
vs RK Krim Mercator	W39:20 (19:8)

## **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)

# **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:** 39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015

**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:
 12 matches (19.10.2014 – 15.03.2015)

 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), 04.03.2011Most goals opponent:40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998Most goals both teams:76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 40:36W (a), 04.03.2011Fewest goals:16 v Dunaferr 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 Dunaferr 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. Brillant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13	1/2-finals
2001/02 Bud. Brillant 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	82
32	Katarina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Back	15.11.1984	Kragujevac, SRB	186	41
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15.3.1990	Beograd, SRB	184	39
2	Radmila	Petrovic	MNE	Right Wing	19.4.1988	Niksic, MNE	175	38
88	Biljana	Pavicevic	MNE	Left Wing	12.5.1988	Podgorica, MNE	169	33
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25.5.1990	Bar, MNE	170	32
90	Milena	Knezevic	MNE	Centre Back	12.3.1990	Podgorica, MNE	176	24
89	Kinga	Byzdra	POL	Back	9.1.1989	Pulawy, POL	182	12
20	Camilla	Dalby	DEN	Right Back	15.5.1988	Randers, DEN	178	11
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28.11.1996	Berane, MNE	185	7
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Left Back	30.4.1994	Podgorica, MNE	180	6
14	Zeljka	Nikolic	SRB	Right Wing	12.7.1991	Priboj, SRB	164	6
92	Suzana	Lazovic	MNE	Line Player	28.1.1992	Podgorica, MNE	177	2
39	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	9.12.1996	Cetinje, MNE	171	
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

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



# 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



# **Marta Zderic** goalkeeper

- playing her ninth consecutive CL season, and her second with Buducnost, after she moved from Podravka in 2013
- started as a back, but soon she moved into goal
- in Buducnost she chose number 43, the decision to use that unusual number for a goalkeeper was made by her niece Lara
- despite an early exit at the EHF EURO 2014 on home court in Varazdin she has had an impressive season in the Buducnost goal so far



# 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)

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



# **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

EHF EURO: B 2010



# Katarina Bulatovic right back

- Serbia-born shooter arrived to Buducnost in 2014 after one-year stints with Oltchim and Györ
- 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 Györ
- · 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



EC trophies: CL 2012 WCh: S 2013

# **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

# Thüringer HC vs Larvik



First leg
Saturday 4 April, 14:00 hrs. local time

**Second leg**Saturday 11 April, 18:30 hrs. local time



As Larvik have been unstoppable in the Women's EHF Champions League so far, they are obviously also favourites in the quarter-finals against Thüringer HC, but goalkeeper Sandra Toft issue a word of warning against the experienced German champions.

Having gone through the Women's EHF Champions League as the only team who has not lost a single point in neither group matches nor main round, Larvik appear as favourites in the quarter-finals against Thüringer HC ahead of the first leg in the Wiedigsburghalle in Nordhausen Saturday afternoon.

However, the German champions reached 11 points in the main round group, and that is a considerable amount for a fourth placed team.

The team under the tactically clever coach Herbert Müller have even taken points from some of the teams who finished ahead of them in Main Round Group 1.

That calls for a certain respect in Larvik.

"Of course, we are favourites, but we have to be aware of Thüringer who have a very experienced team and a lot of good players, and who have done really well in the competition this far," Larvik's Danish goalkeeper Sandra Toft tells ehfCL.com.

"They are particularly good in their own hall, where they always get the support from a lot of people, so for us, it is a question of getting a good result down there. However, a good result would still be a win. Of course, we aim to win every time we play," adds Sandra Toft.

"Of course, it would be crazy not to accept our role as favourites, and I do believe we can win over two matches. It would mean so much to us to get to the MVM EHF FINAL4. Anyway, we are really looking forward to these quarter-finals," says Sandra Toft.

# Head-to-head stats

no previous encounters in the European Cup competitions

# 4th ranked Group 1





# Playing hall

Wiedigsburghalle Nordhausen August-Bebel-Platz 6 99734 Nordhausen Germany Capacity: 2,218

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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.

Electrifying left back Nadja Nadgornaja will be sorely missed in the quarter-final after being the team's driving force in the main round. The Ukrainian-born netted 34 goals already in the preliminary group stage and added another 38 in the main round.

With three rounds to go it was clear that the race for the final ticket will go down to the wire between Thüringer and their German rivals HC Leipzig, but all was decided even before their internal clash in the last round.

#### **GROUP 1 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Buducnost	10	9	1	0	270:193 (77)	19
2. Dinamo-Sinara	10	5	1	4	267:260 (7)	11
3. WHC Vardar SCBT	10	5	1	4	277:254 (23)	11
4. Thüringer HC	10	5	1	4	258:251 (7)	11
5. HC Leipzig	10	3	0	7	245:282 (-37)	6
6. RK Krim Mercator	10	1	0	9	248: 325 (-77)	2

# **Main Round results:**

@ RK Krim Mercator	W26:23 (13:15)
vs Dinamo-Sinara	L30:33 (13:14)
@ HC Leipzig	W34:25 (14:11)
vs RK Krim Mercator	W33:21 (17:10)
@ Dinamo-Sinara	T30:30 (13:16)
vs HC Leipzig	W27:23 (11:11)

#### **Group Matches results:**

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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)

### **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)

3 matches (15.11.2014 - 31.01.2015)

 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), 9.11.2014Fewest goals opponent:20 v Buducnost MNE 24:20W (h), 28.10.2012Fewest 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	72
19	Katrin	Engel	AUT	Right Wing	2.5.1984	Mistelbach, AUT	173	59
14	Danick	Snelder	NED	Line Player	22.5.1990	Pijnacker, NED	178	40
30	Svenja	Huber	GER	Right Wing	23.10.1985	Mannheim, GER	168	31
31	Kerstin	Wohlbold	GER	Centre Back	11.1.1984	Friedrichshafen, GER	170	28
28	Lydia	Jakubisova	SVK	Right Wing	14.10.1981	Bojnice, SVK	168	17
5	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Left Wing	22.4.1993	Wien, AUT	169	22
26	Franziska	Mietzner	GER	Left Back	20.12.1988	Bad Saarow, GER	192	19
13	Meike	Schmelzer	GER	Line Player	19.7.1993	Wiesbaden, GER	178	12
8	Martine	Smeets	NED	Left Wing	5.5.1990	Geesteren, NED	172	9
18	Iveta	Luzumova	CZE	Centre Back	3.4.1989	Pisek, CZE	175	7
25	Yuliya	Snopova	UKR	Right Back	30.11.1985	Kherson, UKR	183	5
17	Petra	Popluharova	SVK	Left Back	23.8.1988	Partizanske, SVK	176	2
23	Marieke	Blase	GER	Left Wing	6.1.1994	Oldenburg, GER	178	
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	
11	Katharina	Mack	GER	Left Wing	14.10.1996	Giessen, GER	169	
15	Larissa	Platen	GER	Right Back	14.10.1996	Giessen, GER	173	
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



# 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



# 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



# Dinah Eckerle goalkeeper

- stepped in for the CL quarter-finals after German international Jana Krause suffered a knee injury
- transferred to the THC youth college from her home club Ditzingen at the age of 14
- had her bundesliga debut at the age of 16 as the youngest THC Bundesliga player ever
- played her first CL match at the age of 17
- on loan for Bad Wildungen in 2013/14, returned to THC, when Maike März ended her career
- best goalkeeper of the 2014 U20 WCh in Croatia



# Franziska Mietzner left back

- following Nadgornaja's injury the first option of THC for the left back position in the quarter-finals
- daughter of Katrin Mietzner, 260 times handball international for former GDR, 1978 World Champion and 1980 bronze medallist at the Olympic Games
- tallest player in the current squad (1,92 m)
- awarded best Bundesliga player in the 2008/09 season at the age of only 21 years
- will transfer to HC Leipzig after this season

Junior WCh: G 2008



# 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



# Katrin Engel right back

- started her career at Hypo and had her first appearance in the women's team at the age of 16
- has won already ten national championships five with Hypo in Austria, one with Nürnberg and four consecutive (2011-2014) with THC in Germany
- top scorer of the 2009 WCh in China
- scored 785 goals in 195 matches for the Austrian national team so far



# Svenja Huber right wing

- arrived at Thüringer HC in December 2013 after the German champions had a long list of injured left handed players
- played her first major tournament the EHF EURO 2014 in Croatia and Hungary at the age of 29
- expert for fast breaks and penalty shots.
- born in the same city as German male national team captain Uwe Gensheimer Mannheim.
- in business life worked as a sports journalist

# 1st ranked Group 2





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# Kit colours

#### Light

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

#### Darl

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 quarter-finals with a maximum 20 points.

Although they rode their luck at times both in the preliminary group stage and the main round 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 last December.

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 64 goals followed by Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren on 59 but neither of them being in the top eight 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 2 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Larvik	10	10	0	0	263:216 (4	47)	20
2. Györi Audi ETO KC	10	8	0	2	282:224 (5	58)	16
3. HCM Baia Mare	10	4	0	6	262:270 (-	-8)	8
4. Viborg HK A/S	10	3	1	6	252:274 (-	-22)	7
5. Metz Handball	10	3	0	7	244:253 (-	-9)	6
6. IK Sävehof	10	1	1	8	227:293 (-	-66)	3
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#### **Main Round results:**

@ Gyori Audi ETO KC	W26:25 (14:11)
vs Viborg HK A/S	W31:18 (18:10)
@ IK Sävehof	W25:20 (13:11)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC	W21:19 (12:9)
@ Viborg HK A/S	W29:23 (12:14)
vs IK Sävehof	W25:17 (12:8)

# **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)
@ Metz Handball	W26:25 (13:13

# **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

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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:
 12 matches (18.10.2014-14.03.2015)

 Longest unbeaten run:
 12 matches (18.10.2014-14.03.2015)

 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), 10.11.2007Most goals both teams:70 v IK Sävehof SWE 39:31W (h), 13.10.2012Fewest goals:13 v Buducnost MNE 23:13L (a), 08.04.2012Fewest goals opponent:16 v Oltchim 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	Т	L	GF GA	GD	PTS	Stage
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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	<b>-13</b>	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	64
11	Linn-Kristin	Koren Riegelhuth	NOR	Right Wing	1.8.1984	Lorenskog, NOR	175	59
28	Alina	Wojtas	POL	Left Back	21.3.1987	Nowy Sacz, POL	191	45
22	Sanna Charlotte	Solberg	NOR	Left Wing	16.6.1990	Bærum, NOR	178	32
10	Gro	Hammerseng-Edin	NOR	Back	10.4.1980	Gjovik, NOR	180	24
3	Anja	Hammerseng-Edin	NOR	Back	5.2.1983	Porsgrunn, NOR	179	25
5	Isabel	Blanco	NOR	Line Player	10.5.1979	Bergen, NOR	175	18
4	Marit Malm	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25.11.1985	Tromso, NOR	182	16
15	Linn Jorum	Sulland	NOR	Right Back	15.7.1984	Oslo, NOR	178	14
8	Karoline Dyhre	Breivang	NOR	Back	10.5.1980	Oslo, NOR	172	11
19	Thea	Mørk	NOR	Left Wing	5.4.1991	Oslo, NOR	168	9
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23.8.1993	Oslo, NOR	191	5
13	Vilde Ingeborg	Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25.7.1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182	4
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	
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	
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

- 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 Györ 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.

EHF EURO: G 2014



# 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.

EHF EURO: S 2012, WCh: B 2009



# 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

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



# 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

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



# Marit Malm Frafjord line player

- used to play for Larvik's rivals Byasen, but joined Larvik in 2014 after a three year long foreign adventure at Viborg HK
- crucial in the centre of defence as well in the attack, to Larvik and the Norwegian national team
- an Achilles tendon injury kept her out of the last part of last season, and the first half of this one, but since new year, she has been back at full strength

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014

OG: G 2008, 2012, EHF EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, S 2012, WCh: G 2011, S 2007, B 2009



# 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, Cup Winners' Cup 2005, 2008

OG: G 2008, 2012, WCh: G 2011, S 2007, EHF EURO: G '04, '06, '08, '10, '14, S 2012

# **HCM Baia Mare vs Dinamo-Sinara**



# First leg Saturday 4 April, 18:00 hrs. local time

Second leg
Saturday 11 April, 14:00 hrs. local time



There is very little separating HCM Baia Mare and Dinamo-Sinara before their clash in the European top flight's quarter-finals. While Baia Mare is on pace for their best season ever, Dinamo will try to emulate their 1999/00 feat of reaching the last four.

A dreadful season was on the cards for HCM Baia Mare, after the Romanian champions entered the Women's EHF Champions League's Main Round with zero points.

However, the season's greatest turnaround saw Baia Mare place third in Group 2, after winning both legs against Viborg HK and Sävehof IK.

Having reached the last eight for the first time in history, HCM Baia Mare are on the verge to become the second Romanian team to reach the top four after Oltchim Râmnicu Vâlcea.

But if Baia Mare want to emulate Oltchim's achievements, the Romanian champions need a flawless first leg against Dinamo-Sinara.

"I think Dinamo is one of the most interesting teams this season. Theey upped their form and were better game by game. I think that their back line is their most pregnant advantage, but I see this

as a 50%-50% game," said Tone Tiselj, Baia Mare's coach and the mastermind for the amazing comeback.

Dinamo's three-pronged attack of Anna Kochetova, Olga Akopian and Daria Dmitrieva, who scored 60% of the Russian champions' goals in this season is also seen as Dinamo's best weapon by Paula Ungureanu, Baia Mare's goalkeeper.

"They are an experienced team, I wouldn't want to pinpoint their biggest threat, but they have an amazing nine meter line".

The close-fought game will also feature an unexpected reunion, featuring Ksenia Makeeva and her former teammates. The 24-year old line player left Dinamo last summer, after eight seasons, to play for Baia Mare.

More than 3,000 die-hard fans will unleash hell in Baia Mare on Saturday, as Dinamo are expected to cringe under the pressure.

Viktor Ryabykh's side failed to win their seventh Russian championship, after being eliminated in the quarter-final phase by Astrahanochka Astrakhan, after Dinamo's opponents won the final two games (42:41 and 23:19), which took place on Monday and Tuesday.

# Head-to-head stats

no previous encounters in the European Cup competitions

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Group 2





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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

# **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 seemed to be a tall order. However, Tiselj steered the team to four victories in the main round having only lost to the defending champions twice.

Inspirational Dutch centre back Lois Abbingh, who transferred to Romania from Oldenburg proved to be instrumental in a superb main round run of Baia Mare, who fisnihed third in the group at the end and successfully avoided the Group 1 winners Buducnost.

# **GROUP 2 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Larvik	10	10	0	0	263:216 (47)	20
2. Györi Audi ETO KC	10	8	0	2	282:224 (58)	16
3. HCM Baia Mare	10	4	0	6	262:270 (-8)	8
4. Viborg HK A/S	10	3	1	6	252:274 (-22)	7
5. Metz Handball	10	3	0	7	244:253 (-9)	6
6. IK Sävehof	10	1	1	8	227:293 (-66)	3

# **Main Round results:**

@ IK Sävehof	W28:26 (15:14)
vs Györi Audi ETO KC	L18:26 (9:13)
@ Viborg HK A/S	W 31:30 (13:12)
vs IK Sävehof	W 34:24 (18:12)
@ Györi Audi ETO KC	L23:29 (12:10)
vs Viborg HK A/S	W32:22 (17:11)

# **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)
@ MKS Selgros Lublin	W28:22 (10:10

# **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





**Biggest win:** 34:24 (18:12) v IK Sävehof SWE(h), 01.03.2015

32:22 (17:11) v Viborg HK A/S DEN (h), 15.03.2015

**Biggest defeat:** 21:33 (10:16) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (h), 12.10.2013

 Longest winning run:
 2 matches (15.02.2015-01.03.2015)

 Longest unbeaten run:
 2 matches (15.02.2015-01.03.2015)

 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), 06.10.2013Most goals both teams:65 v Thüringer HC GER 36:29L (a), 06.10.2013Fewest goals:18 v Györi Audi ETO KC 18:26L (h), 08.02.2015Fewest goals opponent:19 v Thüringer HC GER 20:19W (h), 10.11.2013Fewest goals both teams:39 v Thüringer HC GER 20:19W (h), 10.11.2013

	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)**

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
7	Eliza Iulia	Buceschi	ROU	Left Back	1.8.1993	Baia Mare, ROU	178	43
3	Alexandra Priscill	aDo Nascimento	BRA	Right Wing	16.9.1981	Sao Paulo, BRA	179	41
15	Valentina Neli	Ardean Elisei	ROU	Left Wing	5.6.1982	Focsani, ROU	171	39
25	Ekaterina	Davydenko	RUS	Right Back	7.3.1989	Togliatti, RUS	184	34
79	Camilla	Herrem	NOR	Left Wing	8.10.1986	Sola, NOR	169	27
18	Elena	Gjeorgjievska	MKD	Right Back	27.3.1990	Struga, MKD	179	25
19	Kseniya	Makeeva	RUS	Line Player	19.9.1990	Ufa, RUS	184	25
22	Luciana Andreea	Marin	ROU	Centre Back	13.10.1988	Slatina, ROU	176	21
10	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Centre Back	13.8.1992	Groningen, NED	177	21
17	Anastasiya	Lobach	BLR	Line Player	25.6.1987	Minsk, BLR	178	15
77	Adriana Nicoleta	Nechita	ROU	Right Wing	14.11.1983	Bailesti, ROU	172	12
23	Timea Judita	Tatar	ROU	Line Player	28.7.1989	Baia Mare, ROU	174	6
95	Bianca Elena	Tiron	ROU	Left Back	31.5.1995	lasi, ROU	178	5
9	Ibolya Gabriella	Szucs	HUN	Left Back	31.8.1984	Oradea, ROU	184	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	
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



### 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
- · 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



## **Lois Abbingh** centre back

- played four years at German side VfL Oldenburg (2010-2014) before she transferred to Baia Mare last
- · made her comeback on the court after an eightmonth injury break in January 2015
- top scorer and member of the All-star team at the 2010 U18 World Championship and top scorer of the 2011 U19 FHF FURO with the Netherlands
- top scorer of the Dutch league in the 2009/10 season at the age of only 18



Gjorgjievska and Melinda Geiger. The latter will make her comeback from injury in February 2015



# **Barbara Arenhart** goalkeeper

- immediately made an impact at her new team, after being transferred from Hypo in the 2014
- 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



# 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



# 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
- share her duties with other three players including Ksenia Makeeva, one of the additions of the last summer for Baia Mare





# Alexandra do Nascimento right wing

- after 11 seasons played for Hypo took a new challenge and accepted Baia Mare's offer
- 2012 World Handball Player of the Year
- with 501 goals scored over 12 seasons one of the top scorers of the CL history
- her husband, the Chilean right wing Patricio Martinez, followed her to Baia Mare and plays for the men's team
- · despite injury worries, do Nascimento missed only one game this season

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2013 WCh: G 2013, Panamerican Games: G 2003, 2007, 2011

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Group 1





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# **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 faced the much tougher opposition in Buducnost, Vardar and Thüringer.

But 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 confirmed potential to reach the last eight. They recorded just two wins to secure the second position behind Buducnost in the Main Round.

### **GROUP 1 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Buducnost	10	9	1	0	270:193 (77)	19
2. Dinamo-Sinara	10	5	1	4	267:260 (7)	11
3. WHC Vardar SCBT	10	5	1	4	277:254 (23)	11
4. Thüringer HC	10	5	1	4	258:251 (7)	11
5. HC Leipzig	10	3	0	7	245:282 (-37)	6
6. RK Krim Mercator	10	1	0	9	248: 325 (-77)	2

#### Main Round results:

vs Buducnost	L18:25 (11:12)
@ Thüringer HC	W33:30 (14:13
vs WHC Vardar SCBT	W33:25 (15:12
@ Buducnost	L18:26 (9:13)
vs Thüringer HC	T30:30 (16:13)
@ WHC Vardar SCBT	L27:28 (13:15)

### **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)

## 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

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)

# **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)

3 matches (9.11.2014 - 23.11.2014)

**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 both teams: 35 v Larvik HK NOR 18:17L (a), 08.11.2009

Fewest goals opponent: 15 v Frederiksberg IF DEN 30:15W (h), 20.01.2001

	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)

No.	First Name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
6	Anna	Kochetova	RUS	Right Back	4.5.1987	Volgograd, RUS	180	76
10	Olga	Akopian	RUS	Left Back	4.3.1985	Volgograd, RUS	176	61
11	Daria	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre Back	9.8.1995	Toljatti, RUS	178	57
8	Anita	Gace	CRO	Right Wing	14.4.1983	Split, CRO	174	26
9	Ekaterina	Fanina	RUS	Left Wing	27.11.1989	Volgograd, RUS	163	23
14	Polina	Vedekhina	RUS	Left Back	6.1.1994	Volgograd, RUS	176	22
66	Asma	El Ghaoui	TUN	Line Player	29.8.1991	Monastir, TUN	174	19
13	Nataliya	Danshina	RUS	Right Back	10.4.1992	Voljski, RUS	183	13
25	Tamara	Chopikyan	RUS	Left Wing	25.5.1993	Moscow, RUS	167	4
21	Evgeniya	Petrova	RUS	Line Player	10.8.1994	Toljatti, RUS	181	3
7	Yaroslava	Frolova	RUS	Centre Back	18.5.1997	Volgograd, RUS	178	3
15	Anastasia	Suslova	RUS	Left Back	11.10.1996	Volgograd, RUS	182	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	2
4	Daria	Belikova	RUS	Line Player	7.3.1997	Volgograd, RUS	181	2
2	Ekaterina	Chernova	RUS	Left Wing	18.1.1994	Toljatti, RUS	171	2
26	Maria	Duvakina	RUS	Goalkeeper	23.3.1998	Maykop, RUS	179	
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	
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	
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	1





# 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
- 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

• after winning the EHF Cup in 2008, opted to move

## 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



EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008

## **Daria Dmitrieva** centre back

- · started her career in the Togliattian handball school and moved at the age of 14 in Volgograd
- at only 18 she played for all three categories of the Russian national team: youth, junior and senior
- gold medallist from the W17 EHF EURO 2011 and W19 EHF EURO 2013
- silver medal from the World U20 Championship 2014 where she was voted as best playmaker
- at the age of 19 has become one of the leading players at Dinamo



# Asma El Ghaoui line player

- Tunisian experiences 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 and 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)

# WHC Vardar SCBT vs Györi Audi ETO KC



# First leg Saturday 4 April, 19:00 hrs. local time

Second leg
Saturday 11 April, 16:30 hrs. local time



Defending EHF Champions League title holders Györi Audi ETO face a stern test of their credentials against Macedonian giants WHC Vardar SCBT, as both teams aim to reach a second successive MVM FINAL4.

Vardar and Györ have managed to stay out of each other's way last season and through the group stages this term, but their eagerly awaited double-header was imminent after the Macedonian champions finished third in their main round group while the holders came second in theirs.

The two-leg tie, with the first leg being played in the Macedonian capital, is bound to produce spectacular handball as the star-studded outfits boasting a stack of household names take centre stage in the EHF Champions League quarter-finals.

Of the four quarter-final double-headers in Europe's premier club competition, the match-up between Vardar and Györ is without a shadow of a doubt the one most likely to keep handball fans around Europe on the edge of their seats throughout both legs.

It will be the first competitive meeting between the two sides after Vardar, boosted by heavy investment from the club's owners, rocketed from the doldrums and became a rising force in women's club handball.

Having reached the MVM EHF FINAL4 last year at the first time of asking, Vardar lost a dramatic semi-final to Buducnost before beating Danish rivals Midtjylland in the third-place match.

### Head-to-head stats

no previous encounters in the European Cup competitions

Györ, on the other hand, went on to win their second successive title and in order to make it a treble, they will have to knock out the most difficult last-eight opposition they could have asked for.

It will be an emotional clash too for some of Europe's handball stars taking part in this double-header, notably for Vardar's centre back Andrea Lekic and right wing Jovanka Radicevic, who both won the 2013 EHF Champions League trophy with Györ before moving on to their present team.

"We were part of this machine and although Györ are the favourites to reach the FINAL4, we hope to spring an upset because no visiting team has found playing in Skopje comfortable and we expect that trend to continue on Saturday," Lekic told a news conference on Thursday.

"We haven't been consistent in the Champions League this season but I expect us to shine against Györ although we mustn't burn out, meaning that we have to keep cool heads," Radicevic added.

Coach Indira Kastratovic added: "The most important thing is that we have no injured players and we must dictate the tempo from the start. We've worked hard and are confident that we can stand our ground."

Györ enjoyed a perfect warm-up for the clash in Skopje, beating traditional rivals FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria 29:23 in the Hungarian Cup final with Aniko Kovacsics scoring a game-high 10 goals (including seven penalties), to cap a blistering individual performance.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Group 1





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### **Kit colours**

#### Light

Player shirt: white Player short: black Goalkeeper shirt: neon green

#### Darl

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 left back Andrea Penezic, Slovenia's right back 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.

Although they were skating on thin ice after dropping five points in the group matches, Vardar showed more than enough depth in them to safely finish in the top four and reach the knockout stages after they gathered four victories out of six matches. They struggled in their away matches in Leipzig and Volgograd, in front of their home crowd though the team, recently bolstered by a new consultant coach, legendary Jan Pytlick, they are yet to beat.

#### **GROUP 1 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Buducnost	10	9	1	0	270:193 (77)	19
2. Dinamo-Sinara	10	5	1	4	267:260 (7)	11
3. WHC Vardar SCBT	10	5	1	4	277:254 (23)	11
4. Thüringer HC	10	5	1	4	258:251 (7)	11
5. HC Leipzig	10	3	0	7	245:282 (-37)	6
6. RK Krim Mercator	10	1	0	9	248: 325 (-77)	2

# **Main Round results:**

main mound results.	
@ HC Leipzig	L23:26 (10:13)
vs RK Krim Mercator	W41:30 (21:12)
@ Dinamo-Sinara	L25:33 (12:15)
vs HC Leipzig	W26:20 (10:9)
@ RK Krim Mercator	W47:29 (24:12)
vs Dinamo-Sinara	W28:27 (15:13)

### **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)

# 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:
 2 matches (22.11.2014 - 30.1.2015)

 Longest run without win:
 3 matches (16.11.2014 - 30.1.2015)

 Most goals:
 47 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 47:29W (a), 06.03.2015

 Most goals opponent:
 33 v Dinamo-Sinara RUS 33:25L (a), 15.02.2015

 Most goals both teams:
 76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 47:29W (a), 06.03.2015

**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

	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)**

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	76
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre Back	6.9.1987	Beograd, SRB	178	43
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23.10.1986	Podgorica, MNE	170	39
17	Siraba	Dembele	FRA	Left Wing	28.6.1986	Dreux, FRA	172	38
15	Barbara	Lazovic-Varlec	SLO	Right Back	4.1.1988	Brezice, SLO	183	29
19	Maja	Sokac	CRO	Left Wing	30.5.1982	Split, CRO	178	24
30	Alena	Ikhneva	RUS	Left Back	30.7.1995	Orenburg, RUS	183	23
14	Julija	Nikolic	MKD	Centre Back	20.4.1983	Ternovka, UKR	178	18
20	Anja	Althaus	GER	Line Player	3.9.1982	Magdeburg	175	18
25	Olga	Chernoivanenko	RUS	Right Wing	17.4.1989	Samarsk, RUS	175	16
22	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	5.5.1991	Podgorica, MNE	175	10
5	Simona	Stojanovska	MKD	Centre Back	20.3.1997	Skopje, MKD	175	2
71	Tatiana	Khmyrova	RUS	Right Back	6.2.1990	Volgograd, RUS	178	2
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Left Wing	1.9.1996	Podgorica, MNE	169	1
18	Begona	Fernandez Molinos	ESP	Line Player	22.3.1980	Vigo, ESP	180	
10	Sara	Mitova	MKD	Left Back	5.10.1996	Skopje, MKD	172	
9	Ivana	Gakidova	MKD	Line Player	27.2.1995	Skopje, MKD	180	
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)



# 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 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



# Barbara Lazovic-Varlec right back

- arrived from Krim together with Andrea Penezic in the summer of 2014
- before she joined Vardar she played only for Krim besides a year-long stint in Zaječar, Serbia
- married to Vuk Lazović, a handball player from Serbia
- contemplated a switch to Serbia, but remained loyal to the Slovenian national team
- expected to share more time with Tatiana Khmyrova who is back after a long injury



# 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



# Andrea Penezic left back

- in the summer of 2014 signed a 1+1 year contract
- raised the Slovenian title and cup four times with Krim Mercator
- 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



# 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



# 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 Györ.
- 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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked 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 still 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, Györ 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 at a maternity leave, announced she would leave the club at the end of the season.

With Adrienn Orban injured and inspirational playmaker Anita Görbicz also pregnant, Györ have had to dip into the transfer market during the winter break to reinforce the squad, bringing in Czech right wing Jana Knedlikova and Norwegian goalkeeper Kari Aalvik Grimsbo.

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.

Two narrow defeats against Larvik cost the current title holders Györ the first position in the main round group, but the squad around Ambros Martin remained very impressive against other opposition in the group including ambitious Romanian side from Baia Mare.

### **GROUP 2 FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Larvik	10	10	0	0	263:216 (47)	20
2. Györi Audi ETO KC	10	8	0	2	282:224 (58)	16
3. HCM Baia Mare	10	4	0	6	262:270 (-8)	8
4. Viborg HK A/S	10	3	1	6	252:274 (-22)	7
5. Metz Handball	10	3	0	7	244:253 (-9)	6
6. IK Sävehof	10	1	1	8	227:293 (-66)	3

### Main Round results:

vs Larvik	L25:26 (11:14)
@HCM Baia Mare	W26:18 (13:9)
vs Metz Handball	W31:27 (15:11)
@ Larvik	L19:21 (9:12)
vs HCM Baia Mare	W29:23 (12:10)
@ Metz Handball	W27:20 (12:8)
W MELZ Handban	VV 27.20 (12.0)

# **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)

# **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

# Győri Audi ETO KC (HUN)



**Biggest win:** 41:22 (21:11) v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT (h), 05.10.2013

**Biggest defeat:** 28:39 (12:20) 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

	MP	W	Т	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	

# **Győri Audi ETO KC (HUN)**

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	63
14	Aniko	Kovacsics	HUN	Centre Back	29.8.1991	Nagyatad, HUN	170	59
18	Eduarda Idalina	Amorim Taleska	BRA	Left Back	23.9.1986	Blumenau, BRA	186	29
10	Susann	Müller	GER	Right Back	26.5.1988	Saalfeld-Saale, GER	186	31
11	Dorina	Korsos	HUN	Right Wing	3.9.1995	Kecskemét, HUN	168	27
33	Bernadett	Bognar-Bodi	HUN	Right Wing	9.3.1986	Szeged, HUN	175	27
8	Anna	Sen	RUS	Back	3.12.1990	Krasnodar, RUS	185	22
15	Macarena	Aguilar Diaz	ESP	Centre Back	12.3.1985	Bolanos Calatrava, ESP	170	18
31	Agnes	Boczko-Hornyak	HUN	Back	2.9.1982	Mateszalka, HUN	180	17
13	Anita	Görbicz	HUN	Centre Back	13.5.1983	Veszprem, HUN	173	13
24	lvett	Szepesi	HUN	Left Wing	4.2.1986	Pincehely, HUN	167	11
3	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22.6.1989	Prague, CZE	167	8
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	4
17	Rita	Lakatos	SVK	Centre Back	6.7.1999	Dunajska Streda, SVK		
7	Tamires	Morena	BRA	Line Player	16.5.1994	Rio de Janeiro	182	
12	Kari Aalvik	Grimsbø	NOR	Goalkeeper	4.1.1985	Bergen, NOR	180	
77	Kyra Vivien	Csapo	HUN	Goalkeeper	2.12.1993	Budapest, HUN	180	
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 Martín coach

- born in Lanzarote, Canary Islands
- joined Győr in 2012
- previously coached top Spanish side Estrella Itxako for seven years, winning the EHF Cup in 2009
- also eliminating Györ 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



# 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 Dunaferr, 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



# 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



# 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 Györ 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



# Orsolya Herr goalkeeper

- currently in her second stint with Györ 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



## Anna Sen left back

- joined Györ 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 Györ's new Audi Arena, with 11 goals



# Heidi Loke 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



# Bernadett Bognar-Bodi right wing

- debuted for Györ 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

# **Top Scorers**

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Kudlacz Karolina (POL)	HC Leipzig (GER)	84
2	Neagu Cristina Georgiana (ROU)	Buducnost (MNE)	82
3	Kochetova Anna (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	76
	Penezic Andrea (CRO)	WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD)	76
5	Oden Ida (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	74
6	Gros Ana (SLO)	Metz Handball (FRA)	73
	Mavsar Tamara (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	73
8	Nadgornaja Nadja (GER)	Thüringer HC (GER)	72
9	Mørk Nora (NOR)	Larvik (NOR)	64
10	Loke Heidi (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	63
11	Akopian Olga (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	61
12	Bajramoska Mirjeta (MKD)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	59
	Engel Katrin (AUT)	Thüringer HC (GER)	59
	Koren Riegelhuth Linn-Kristin (NOR)	Larvik (NOR)	59
	Kovacsics Aniko (HUN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	59
16	Skov Rikke Erhardsen (DEN)	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)	58
17	Dmitrieva Daria (RUS)	Dinamo-Sinara (RUS)	57
18	Alm Jenny (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	56
19	Lang Saskia (GER)	HC Leipzig (GER)	52
20	Baudouin Paule (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	49
21	Gulldén Isabelle (SWE)	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)	47
22	Acimovic Gorica (AUT)	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	45
	Wojtas Alina (POL)	Larvik (NOR)	45
24	Burgaard Louise Katharina (DEN)	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)	44

# **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	Dunaferr 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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