



MEDIA GUIDE

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2020/21
QUARTER-FINALS

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to the beginning of the EHF European League Women knockout phase for 2020/21.

The group phase lived up to all expectations with tough, intense and energetic matches across Europe. This was seen at its best during the final few weeks of the group phase where clubs fought tooth and nail to secure a coveted quarter-final berth. The competitive nature of the EHF European League certainly caught the imagination of fans across the continent with millions of fans watching the action unfold while clubs' continued use of digital content kept fans thorough engaged on social media during the scintillating group phase.

The start of the knockout phase of any competition is exciting and of course this is no different, especially considering the quarter-final line-up is a who's who of top handball clubs that are no strangers to success in European competition. The eight clubs in the draw will all be believing they can make it all the way to the first ever EHF European League Finals in May. The four quarter-final ties certainly highlight the balance in women's club handball with all powerhouses remaining in the hunt for glory come May.

What is guaranteed is that one of those four places at the Finals will be a club representing Romania, as Braila take on Baia Mare in an intriguing intrastate clash. Of the two clubs, Baia Mare, made it through in the most comfortable fashion, winning five of their six matches. However, it is Russia that hold the strongest hand in the quarter-finals, with three clubs aiming to make it through. HC Lada, Zvezda Zvenigorod and Astrakhanochka were all made to sweat on their progress with the trio all finishing in second place in the group phase.

As far as the quarter-final ties are concerned Zvezda, who of course won the 2008 EHF Champions League title, face Nantes in a mouth-watering match-up while Lada – the multiple European Cup winners – face another serious trophy contender in Herning-Ikast from Denmark, themselves perennial winners of silverware in European competition. But all eyes will be on pre-season favourites Siófok KC, who have shown remarkable composure and consistency in the last two months and go into the quarter-finals aiming to keep up a remarkable unbeaten record when they face Astrakhanochka.

The Women's EHF Cup winners in 2018/19 season, have embarked on a five-game winning streak, boasting an impressive attack and a strong defence and possess experienced players including Katarina Jezic, the captain of the Croatian team that won the bronze medal at EHF EURO 2020, as well as Tamara Horacek, Gnonsiane Niombla and Zsuzsanna Tomori. It will be interesting to see whether this form can be maintained now we're in knockout handball.

We are looking forward to another chapter of our successful cooperation.



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WOMEN'S EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE

2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



Qualification

Draw required

Round 1

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Round 2

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Round 3

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* Number of clubs involved in Qualification rounds t.b.d., although 12 teams will qualify for the Group Phase.

Group Phase

Draw required

4 teams directly qualify for the Group Phase

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Quarter-finals

No draw required

2nd v 1st

B2	V	A1
A2	V	B1
D2	V	C1
C2	V	D1



Finals

Draw required

Semi-finals

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3rd place match

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FINAL

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- R1 1st leg - 12.-13.09.2020
- R1 2nd leg - 19.-20.09.2020
- R2 1st leg - 10.-11.10.2020
- R2 2nd leg - 17.-18.10.2020
- R3 1st leg - 14.-15.11.2020
- R3 2nd leg - 21.-22.11.2020

- R1 - 09.-10.01.2021
- R2 - 16.-17.01.2021
- R3 - 23.-24.01.2021
- R4 - 06.-07.02.2021
- R5 - 13.-14.02.2021
- R6 - 20.-21.02.2021

- 1st leg - 27.-28.03.2021
- 2nd leg - 03.-04.04.2021

08.-09.05.2021

I FROM 1 TO 2,204: THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE QUARTER-FINAL

FACTS AND FIGURES: THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOLLOWING THE GROUP PHASE

Over the next two weekends, the quarter-final matches of the inaugural EHF European League Women season will be played.

After 48 group matches, the eight best teams have proceeded to the next phase - including one former EHF Champions League winner and three other EHF club competition winners. The quarter-final will determine the four teams competing at the EHF European League Finals on 8/9 May.

Here are the most important and interesting facts and figures on the group phase and the eight teams still part of the competition.

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quarter-final pairing pits two clubs from the same country against each other: Romanian sides HC Dunarea Braila and CS Minaur Baia Mare.

1 coach of the eight quarter-finalists also works as a national team coach: Alexej Alexeev, who coaches Lada and Russia.

1 quarter-finalist have proceeded all the way through both qualification rounds and the group phase: Braila.

1 former EHF Champions League top scorer is part of the group phase: Siófok's Andrea Kobetic (Penezic) scored 102 times for Vardar in 2014/15, sharing the top scorer title with Cristina Neagu.

1 coach won the Olympic title as a player: Siófok's Zdravko Zovko won gold with Yugoslavia in 1984.

2 quarter-finalists reached the EHF Cup semi-finals last season: Siófok and Lada.

2 former CSM Bucuresti coaches missed qualification for the quarter-finals: Lublin's Kim

Rasmussen, who won the CL title with CSM in 2016, and Kastamonu's Helle Thomsen.

2 group matches included 70 or more goals.

3 clubs from three different countries won the EHF Cup in 2017-18-19, all three countries are also represented in the 2020/21 quarter-final: Rostov (RUS), Craiova (ROU) and Siófok (HUN).

3

quarter-finalists also played in the quarter-finals of the EHF Cup last season: Siófok, Herring-Ikast and Lada.

3 group matches ended in a draw.

3 EHF EURO 2020 medallists are playing in the quarter-finals: Norway's gold medallist Stine Skogrand (Herring), and Croatian bronze medallists Katarina Jezic (Siófok) and Ana Debelic (Astrakhanochka), who was the All-star line player.

4 quarter-finalists have won EHF competitions in the past: Zvezda (Champions League 2008, EHF Cup 2007), Lada (Cup Winners Cup 2002, EHF Cup 2012 and 2014), Herring-Ikast (EHF Cup 2001 and CWC 2004 as Ikast-Bording and EHF Cup 2011 and CWC 2015 as FC Midtjylland) and Siófok (EHF Cup 2019).

4 nations are represented by the four group winners: Denmark, France, Romania and Hungary - all three Russian teams that progressed, finished second.

5 group matches that were played, ended with a goal difference of 10 or more.

5 nations are represented in the quarter-final: Russia (3 teams), Romania (2), France, Denmark and Hungary (each 1).

11 points in six matches were earned by Siófok, the only unbeaten team in the group phase; Baia Mare and Herning-Ikast were defeated each once.

12 knockout matches are coming up: eight quarter-finals and four duels at the finals tournament.

13 goals marked the biggest winning margin in the group match, when Baia Mare won 40:27 against Storhamar.

14 matches that were played in the group phase ended in a win for the away team.

15 matches in the group phase saw 60 or more goals scored.

21 matches that were played in the group phase ended in a win for the home team.

40 was the lowest number of goals in a group match, when Kastamonu and Lublin tied 20:20.

46 goals were scored in the group phase by Norwegian Kastamonu right back Amanda Kurtovic (on loan from Győr), who leads the top scorer list.

60 matches have already been played in the European League: 22 qualification matches and 38 group matches.

77 marked the highest amount of goals in a group match, when Thüringer HC beat Storhamar 41:36.

83 was the highest number of goals in any European League Women match in this season, when Vac (HUN) defeated Banik Most (CZE) 42:41 in qualification.

198 group phase goals were scored by Herning-Ikast, followed by Siófok (181) and Braila (170).

2,204 goals were scored in the 38 group matches, which means an average of 58.0 per match.

Group matches with the most goals:

77 - Thüringer HC vs Storhamar 41:36

70 - Zvezda vs Herning-Ikast 31:39

68 - Herning-Ikast vs Vac 39:29

68 - Braila vs Kuban 36:32

Group matches with the fewest goals:

40 - Kastamonu vs Lublin 20:20

46 - Nantes vs Lublin 25:21

48 - Herning-Ikast vs Paris 25:23

Biggest winnings margin in group phase:

+13: Storhamar vs Baia Mare (27:40)

+12: Vac vs Herning-Ikast (26:38)

+11: Fleury vs Siófok (24:35)

Most points in group phase:

11 - Siófok

10 - Baia Mare

10 - Herning-Ikast

Most goals in group phase:

198 - Herning-Ikast

181 - Siófok

170 - Dunarea Braila

Top scorers group phase:

46 goals: Amanda Kurtovic (Kastamonu)

36 goals: Bruna de Paula (Nantes)

36 goals: Tamara Horacek (Siófok)

Overall top scorers (incl. qualification):

46 goals: Amanda Kurtovic (Kastamonu)

44 goals: Bruna de Paula (Nantes)

44 goals: Aneta Udristioiu (Braila)

43 goals: Marina Dmitrovic Braila)



PAIRINGS

I ASTRAKHANOCHKA (RUS) VS SIOFOK KC (HUN)



First leg: Friday, 2 April at 19:00 CEST, Siófok (HUN)

Second leg: Sunday, 4 April at 16:00 CEST, Siófok (HUN)



- Siófok reached the quarter-finals after ranking first in group D with 11 points, while Astrakhanochka finished second in group C with eight points
- the Hungarian side were unbeaten in the group phase, taking five wins and drawing in their round 1 match
- Astrakhanochka played four games in the group phase, and two of their matches were assessed. Of the matches played, they won two and lost two
- Siófok won the EHF Cup in 2018/19 and were set to contest the semi-finals in the former competition last season before the premature end due to Covid-19
- in 2020/21, Astrakhanochka returned to the group phase of a European competition of the first time since they reached the EHF Champions League 2016/17 main round.
- The Russian team's best European record was when they reached the EHF Cup semi-finals in 2013/14
- Siófok scored the second highest number of goals in the group phase — 181. Tamara Horacek (36 goals) and EHF EURO 2020 bronze medallist Katarina Jezic (30 goals) are the top scorers for Siófok and of all the players in this quarter-final tie

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Astrakhanochka vs Siófok KC 1-0-1 (63:59) 2:2

10.11.2012	Astrakhanochka vs Siófok KC-Galerius Fördö, EHF Cup – Round 3	41:28 (22:14)
17.11.2012	Siófok KC-Galerius Fördö vs Astrakhanochka, EHF Cup – Round 3	31:22 (17:11)

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Player short: black
GK shirt: blue

Dark

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Player short: black
GK shirt: red



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ASTRAKHANOVCHKA



FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. CS Minaur Baia Mare	6	5	0	1	150 : 116	34	10
2. Astrakhanochka	6	4	0	2	137 : 112	25	8
3. Storhamar Handball Elite	6	2	0	4	157 : 182	-25	4
4. Thüringer HC	6	1	0	5	93 : 127	-34	2

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

@ Thüringer HC	W22:29 (10:20)
@ Storhamar Handball Elite	L33:29 (18:14)
vs CS Minaur Baia Mare	W33:27 (14:8)
@ CS Minaur Baia Mare	L30:27 (13:15)
vs Thüringer HC	W10:0
vs Storhamar Handball Elite	W10:0

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Elizaveta Malashenko (RUS)	21
2. Yevheniia Levchenko (UKR)	19
3. Irina Nikitina (RUS)	16
4. Kristina Tarasova (RUS)	10
Karina Sabirova (RUS)	10
Ana Debelic (CRO)	10

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Main round (1): 2016/17

Cup Winners' Cup:

Quarter-finals (1): 2006/07

EHF Cup:

Semi-finals (1): 2013/14
Quarter-finals (3): 2012/13, 2014/15, 2015/16

Russian league: 1 title (2015/16)

Russian cup: -



Vlatko Dzonovich

Coach

- Montenegro became Astrakhanochka's head coach in February 2019
- prior to that, the former goalkeeper spent one year working at Hungary's Kisvardai KC
- started his coaching career at men's handball, working at clubs and also as a goalkeeper coach in Montenegro national team
- later switched over to women's game, becoming Dragan Adzic's long-term assistant both at Buducnost and Montenegro team
- in this role, helped Buducnost to win the CL in 2012 and 2015, and Montenegro to win EHF EURO 2012

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Anastasiia	Riabtseva	RUS	Goalkeeper	17.01.1996	Krasnodar, RUS	178
3	Kseniia	Zakordonskaia	RUS	Line Player	04.03.2003	Astrakhan, RUS	174
5	Ekaterina	Fanina	RUS	Left Wing	27.11.1989	Volgograd, RUS	165
7	Karina	Sisenova	RUS	Right Back	25.06.1996	Astrakhan, RUS	180
8	Dariia	Samokhina	RUS	Left Wing	12.08.1992	Togliatti, RUS	175
10	Iuliia	Gariaeva	RUS	Back	24.05.1996	Primorsko-Axtarsk, RUS	180
11	Karina	Sabirova	RUS	Left Back	23.03.1998	Astrakhan, RUS	180
13	Anna	Shaposhnikova	RUS	Right Back	13.02.1999	Astrakhan, RUS	174
14	Ekaterina	Levsha	RUS	Right Wing	06.04.1993	Maykop, RUS	170
16	Evelina	Anoshkina	RUS	Goalkeeper	26.06.1994	Samara, RUS	175
17	Ekaterina	Zelenkova	RUS	Right Back	28.02.1999	Yaroslavl, RUS	186
18	Julija	Baeva	RUS	Right Back	24.05.2003	Maykop, RUS	185
21	Iryna	Stelmakh	UKR	Line Player	18.08.1993	Ternopilska obl., UKR	192
27	Yevheniia	Levchenko	UKR	Right Wing	09.11.1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	172
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09.01.1994	Rijeka, CRO	183
34	Elizaveta	Malashenko	RUS	Back	26.02.1996	Togliatti, RUS	182
44	Kira	Trusova	RUS	Goalkeeper	28.06.1994	Togliatti, RUS	182
71	Anna	Kainarova	RUS	Right Wing	27.10.2002	Astrakhan, RUS	178
C 73	Karyna	Yezhykava	BLR	Left Back	07.08.1990	Babruysk, BLR	180
77	Irina	Nikitina	RUS	Left Back	21.03.1990	Togliatti, RUS	178
87	Irina	Korneeva	RUS	Right Back	07.06.1995	Volgograd, RUS	182
91	Kristina	Tarasova	RUS	Left Wing	05.10.1991	Astrakhan, RUS	174



Kira Trusova

Goalkeeper

- born in Togliatti, she started career at Zvezda Zvenigorod
- moved to Astrakhanochka in 2012 and became Russian champion in 2016
- played in the Women's EHF Champions League in 2016/17
- played for Russia's national team at EHF EURO 2016 and 2018

EURO: S 2018



Dariia Samokhina

Left wing

- born in Togliatti and started career at local club Lada; joined Astrakhanochka in 2017
- made her debut in Russia national team in 2016
- missed the 2019/20 season due to maternity leave as she gave birth to son Yaroslav in March 2020, but was back with the national team for the EHF EURO 2020
- became Russia's top scorer at the World Championship 2017 with 32 goals

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

EURO: S 2018



Karina Sabirova

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Centre back

- born in Astrakhan and started playing handball at the age of nine; also played basketball
- made her debut for Astrakhanochka's senior team at the age of 13
- winner and MVP of 2016 IHF Youth World Championship
- Astrakhanochka's best scorer in their maiden campaign in the CL in 2016/17
- with Russian national team, took part in three major tournaments but is yet to win a medal



Ana Debelic

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Line player

- joined Astrakhanochka from HC Podravka Vegeta in January 2020
- before that, played only in her home country Croatia for RK Zamet Rijeka, RK Lokomotiva Zagreb and Podravka
- with Croatia national team, participated in three EHF EURO tournaments in 2016, 2018 and 2020
- included into the All-Star team of the tournament at the EHF EURO 2020

EURO: B 2020

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Capacity: 1,500

SIÓFOK KC



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2. H.C. Dunarea Braila	6	3	1	2	170 : 167	3	7
3. Kuban	6	2	2	2	130 : 120	10	6
4. Fleury Loiret Handball	6	0	0	6	104 : 144	-40	0

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs Kuban	D28:28 (15:18)
@ Fleury Loiret Handball	W24:35 (10:20)
@ H.C. Dunarea Braila	W25:27 (14:11)
vs H.C. Dunarea Braila	W31:24 (17:14)
@ Kuban	W25:31 (10:14)
vs Fleury Loiret Handball	W29:28 (13:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Tamara Hoacek (FRA)	36
2. Katarina Jezic (CRO)	30
3. Gabriella Tóth (HUN)	24
4. Gnonsiane Niombla (FRA)	16
5. Nelli Such (HUN)	15
5. Simone Böhme (DEN)	15

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Winners (1): 2018/19

Hungarian league: -
Hungarian cup: -



Zdravko Zovko

Coach

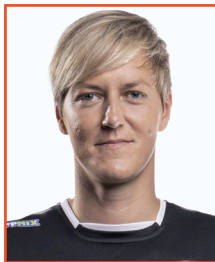
- legendary former player, winner of the gold medal at the Olympic Games 1984 with Yugoslavia
- also won the Men's European Champions Cup as a coach with Zagreb in 1992 and 1993 and the bronze medal with the Croatian national team at the EHF EURO 1994
- started coaching 30 years ago and has plied his trade in Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Germany, Italy and Russia
- prior to signing for Siofok in October 2020, he served as an assistant to Gabor Danyi at Györi Audi ETO KC
- named best Croatian handball coach three times, in 1994, 1995 and 2002

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016

EURO: B 1994, WCh: S 1995 (all as coach), OG: G 1984 (as player)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
7	Melinda	Szikora	HUN	Goalkeeper	19.11.1988	Kiskunhalas, HUN	175	
8	Simone	Böhme	DEN	Right Wing	17.08.1991	Randers, DEN	169	
9	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12.11.1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	168	
10	Fanni	Juhász	HUN	Centre Back	10.01.2002	Mohács, HUN	168	
11	Tamara	Horacek	FRA	Left Back	05.11.1995	Pozega, CRO	178	
13	Camille	Aoustin	FRA	Left Wing	13.02.1990	Cherbourg, FRA	170	
17	Katarina	Ježić	CRO	Line Player	19.12.1992	Rijeka, CRO	173	
18	Zea	Kadlicsek	HUN	Right Wing	17.07.2001	Budapest, HUN	173	
21	Csilla	Mazak-Németh	HUN	Right Back	21.01.1989	Budapest, HUN	178	
23	Nelli	Such	HUN	Right Wing	12.05.1992	Bekescsaba, HUN	178	
23	Nikoletta	Kiss	HUN	Right Back	23.07.1996	Budapest, HUN	180	
24	Hanga	Balogh	HUN	Left Back	23.04.2002	Miskolc, HUN	182	
27	Fanni	Mistina	HUN	Goalkeeper	07.02.2002	Békéscsaba, HUN	174	
29	Gnonsiane	Niombla	FRA	Centre Back	09.07.1990	Villeurbanne, FRA	172	
30	Kira	Kolumban	HUN	Line Player	06.04.2005	Székesfehérvár, HUN	172	
31	Szilvia	Kocsis	HUN	Left Back	22.07.2004	Budapest, HUN	173	
32	Andrea	Kobetic	CRO	Left Back	13.11.1985	Zagreb, CRO	186	
C 33	Zsuzsanna	Tomori	HUN	Left Back	18.06.1987	Budapest, HUN	187	
44	Laura	Lapos	HUN	Left Back	12.02.2002	Siófok, HUN	176	
77	Kincső	Csapó	HUN	Goalkeeper	11.12.2001	Dunaujváros, HUN	178	
96	Gabriella	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	23.09.1996	Berettyóújfalu, HUN	175	

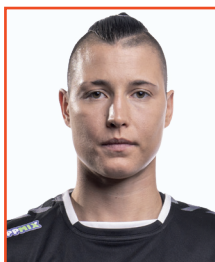


Zsuzsanna Tomori

Left back

- the left back has been playing handball since she was 12 and made her debut in the first league when she was only 17
- had two stints playing for Győr, between 2007 and 2010 and between 2015 and 2019, winning six domestic leagues and three CL trophies
- awarded the Hungarian player of the year award three times, in 2012, 2015 and 2016
- the DELO EHF Champions League top scorer in 2012/2013, with 95 goals

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019, EHF Cup 2019, Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012
EURO: B 2012



Katarina Jezic

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Line player

- has played for four teams in her career, Lokomotiva Zagreb, Buducnost, Minaur Baia Mare and Siofok
- Croatia's captain at the EHF EURO 2020, when the Croatian side won their first ever medal, a bronze
- CL finalist with Buducnost in the 2013/14 season, but lost against Győr
- has been playing for Siofok since 2017 and won the EHF Cup in the 2018/19 season with the Hungarian side

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019
EURO: B 2020



Andrea Kobetic

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Left back

- has been the CL top scorer in 2015 and the top scorer of the EHF Cup in 2019
- played for five teams in her career, Lokomotiva Zagreb, Podravka Vegeta, RK Krim Mercator, Vardar Skopje and Siofok
- lost the DELO EHF Champions League final two times with Vardar, in 2017 and 2018
- All-Star left back of the WCh in 2011, but retired from the national team since 2016
- named best player in Croatia between 2008 and 2013

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



Simone Böhme

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Right wing

- has played for five clubs in her career, three in Denmark before joining CSM Bucuresti in January 2017, prior to moving to Siofok next summer
- named the best player in the Danish league in 2013, when she was playing for Silkeborg-Voel
- has played for the Danish national team in 33 games since 2015, but failed to make the cut for the EHF EURO 2020, where Denmark finished fourth

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010, 2019

I HC ZVEZDA (RUS) VS NANTES ATLANTIQUE HANDBALL (FRA)



First leg: Saturday, 27 March at 18:00 CET, Chekhov (RUS)

Second leg: Sunday, 4 April at 14:00 CEST, Nantes (FRA)



- Nantes finished first in group B while Zvezda finished second of group A
- Nantes lost 32:29 to another Russian team, Lada, in the group phase
- Norwegian left back Mari Finstad Bergum has arrived in Nantes ahead of her contract for the 2021/22 season, but she is not eligible to play in the quarter-final
- Nantes have reached a European quarter-final for the second time after 2017, when they were among the last eight teams in the EHF Cup
- Zvezda lost six of their last eight domestic and European matches, while Nantes lost three of their last four games in the French league

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HC Zvezda vs Nantes Atlantique Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: multicolour

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: multicolour



Playing hall

Sport Hall "Olimpiyskiy"
Chekhov
Poligrafistov Str. 30
142300 Chekhov
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Capacity: 3,000

HC ZVEZDA



FINAL RANKING GROUP A

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Herning-Ikast Handbold	6	5	0	1	198 : 160	38	10
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3. Paris 92	6	3	0	3	93 : 101	-8	6
4. Vaci NKSE	6	1	0	5	150 : 180	-30	2

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

@ Super Amara Bera Bera	D27:27 (16:15)
vs Super Amara Bera Bera	W29:24 (15:11)
@ Herning-Ikast Handbold	L34:25 (15:13)
vs Vaci NKSE	L29:33 (12:17)
@ Paris 92	W0:10
vs Paris 92	W10:0
vs Herning-Ikast	L31:39 (13:18)
@ Vaci NKSE	W29:30 (15:17)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Natalia Nikitina (RUS)	30
2. Albina Murzalieva (RUS)	28
3. Anna Nikolaeva (RUS)	20
4. Yulia Chernova (RUS)	17
5. Stanislava Gerasimova	13

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 2007/08

EHF Cup:

Winners (1): 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup:

Runners-up (1): 2013/14

Champions Trophy:

Winners (1): 2007/08

Russian league: 1 title (2006/07)

Russian cup: 4 titles (2009, 2010, 2011, 2014)



Alexey Gumyanov Coach

- this is his sixth season at Zvezda's helm
- started coaching career in the 1990s working with men's Viktor-SKA Stavropol and Lada Togliatti
- later switched to women's handball; coached Lada and Kuban
- with Lada, won the Russian league in 2008 and reached the CL final in 2007
- was Evgenii Trefilov's assistant in Russia national team between 2018 and 2019; now coaches Russia youth national team

Departures during the season

Anastasia Shavman (RUS)
Polina Kaplina (RUS)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
3	Yulia	Chernova	RUS	Left Back	09.11.1992	Togliatti, RUS	180	
4	Nadezhda	Osipova	RUS	Centre Back	08.12.1990	Novokuznetsk, RUS	172	
5	Alisa	Dvortsevaya	RUS	Left Back	10.06.1999	Krasnodar, RUS	178	
8	Vikoria	Klimantseva	RUS	Left Wing	26.09.1989	Moscow, RUS	168	
10	Mariana	Egorova	RUS	Left Wing	06.08.1997	Maykop, RUS	172	
11	Anastasia	Suslova	RUS	Left Back	11.10.1996	Volgograd, RUS	183	
12	Ekaterina	Kirikias	RUS	Goalkeeper	05.10.1989	Izhevsk, RUS	179	
15	Alina	Triobchuk	RUS	Right Wing	11.05.1999	Saint Petersburg, RUS	176	
20	Valeriya	Ganicheva	RUS	Right Back	28.12.1996	Volgograd, RUS	180	
22	Irina	Antonova	RUS	Line Player	02.07.1986	Naro-Fominsk, RUS	177	
23	Alina	Sinel`nikova	RUS	Line Player	12.01.2001	Krasnodar, RUS	178	
33	Anna	Nikolaeva	RUS	Right Back	06.04.2000	Chehov, RUS	182	
37	Dar`ja	Kurmaz	RUS	Right Wing	16.12.2001	Krasnodar, RUS	170	
39	Stanislava	Gerasimova	RUS	Line Player	04.09.2000	Moscow, RUS	182	
40	Elizaveta	Sobina	RUS	Line Player	07.12.1995	Krasnodar region, RUS	185	
44	Anastasiya	Shavman	RUS	Left Back	04.07.1999	Bryansk, RUS	175	
48	Yuliya	Dolgikh	RUS	Goalkeeper	31.05.2001	Saint Petersburg, RUS	180	
50	Lada	Samoilenko	RUS	Left Back	10.06.1998	Tikhoretsk, RUS	174	
55	Natalia	Nikitina	RUS	Left Back	20.01.1996	Alma-Ata, RUS	176	
C 63	Anastasiia	Tserkovniuk	RUS	Centre Back	18.09.1994	Protvino, RUS	169	
64	Serafima	Tikhanova	RUS	Goalkeeper	11.10.1998	Moscow, RUS	185	
77	Albina	Murzalieva	RUS	Right Wing	05.10.1996	Astrakhan, RUS	167	
81	Ksenya	Dyachenko	RUS	Left Back	07.12.1994	Krasnodar, RUS	180	
88	Snezhana	Vertushkova	RUS	Left Back	07.09.2003	Naro-Fominsk, RUS	179	
95	Aleksandra	Karpova	RUS	Left Wing	06.07.2001	Krasnodar, RUS	170	
99	Polina	Kaplina	RUS	Goalkeeper	16.08.1999	Irkutsk, RUS	181	



Ekaterina Kirikias

Goalkeeper

- one of the most experienced players of Zvezda
- born in Izhevsk and started career at local club Universitet
- also had a spell at Kuban in 2015/16
- one of the heroines in qualification round 3 matches against Super Amara Bera Bera

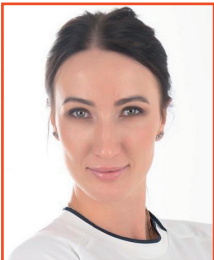


Irina Antonova

Line player

- the 34-year-old joined Zvezda from Astrakhanochka in 2020
- this is her third spell at Zvenigorod, where she already played in 2005-10 and 2011-16
- also had spells at Veshnyaki Moscow and Kuban
- born in Russia, but plays for Kazakhstan national team; won Asian Championship in 2010

Asian championship: G 2010



Natalia Nikitina

Left back

- one of Zvezda's leaders during this season, she both scores and assists a lot
- universal player who can also perform as centre back and right back
- born in Kazakhstan, but moved to Russia at the age of 18 and played several games for the Russia national team
- had a short spell at Rostov-Don at the start of her career, but then moved to Zvezda



Lada Samoilenko

Right back

- universal player who can also perform as centre back, left back or line player
- on loan from CSKA, where she played last season
- started career at Kuban, where she worked with the famous Evgenii Trefilov
- her hobby is watching football; supports FC Krasnodar in the Russian league

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Kit colours

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Player short: purple
GK shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: purple/pink
Player short: purple
GK shirt: yellow



Playing hall

H Arena

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44200 Nantes
France
Capacity: 5,902

NANTES ATLANTIQUE HANDBALL



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Nantes Atlantique Handball	6	4	0	2	149 : 141	8	8
2. Handball Club Lada	6	3	0	3	147 : 139	8	6
3. MKS Perla Lublin	6	2	1	3	154 : 155	-1	5
4. Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	6	2	1	3	156 : 171	-15	5

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs SCM Gloria Buzau	W23:16 (11:9)
@ SCM Gloria Buzau	L27:21 (10:7)
@ Handball Club Lada	L32:29 (14:14)
vs Kastamonu Belediyesi	W35:26 (18:10)
@ MKS Perla Lublin	W26:31 (12:15)
vs MKS Perla Lublin	W25:21 (11:12)
@ Kastamonu Belediyesi	W26:29 (15:12)
vs Handball Club Lada	L0:10

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Bruna De Paula (BRA)	44
2. Lotte Grigel (DEN)	28
3. Déborah Kpodar (FRA)	25
4. Gordana Mitrovic (SRB)	18
5. Camille Aygllon Saurina (FRA)	17

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Quarter-final (1): 2016/17

National league: -

National cup: -



Guillaume Saurina Coach

 @guillaumesaurina

- aged 39, stopped his player career in 2018, immediately to become an assistant-coach in Nantes before becoming head coach this season
- as a left-back, was twice crowned best scorer of the French first division
- married to Camille Ayglon-Saurina, who he has got a son with

Arrivals during the season

Mari Finstad Bergum (NOR)

Kaba Gassama Cissokho (ESP)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Bruna Almeida De Paula		BRA	Back	26.09.1996	Campestre/MG, BRA	170
3	Lauryn	Cossou	FRA	Back	17.07.2002	Schoelcher, FRA	178
4	Nathalie	Hagman	SWE	Right Wing	19.07.1991	Farsta, SWE	167
5	Manon	Loquay	FRA	Line Player	06.01.1999	StSebastien sur Loire, FRA	176
7	Emilie	Bellec	FRA	Right Wing	07.05.1999	Libreville, GAB	165
8	Clara	Vaxes	FRA	Back	21.05.2002	Marseille, FRA	176
11	Camille	Ayglon Saurina	FRA	Right Back	21.05.1985	Avignon, FRA	180
12	Floriane	Andre	FRA	Goalkeeper	30.05.2000	Saint Chamond, FRA	180
13	Blandine	Dancette	FRA	Right Wing	14.02.1988	Firminy, FRA	169
4	Mari	Finstad Bergum	NOR	Left Back	16.03.1998	Gjøvik, NOR	178
15	Kaba Gassama Cissokho		ESP	Line Player	16.08.1997	Granollers, ESP	180
17	Stine Bodholt	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	08.11.1989	Aabenraa, DEN	180
18	Naemi	Arduoin	FRA	Left Wing	18.11.2002	StSebastien sur Loire, FRA	179
19	Charlotte	Kieffer	FRA	Line Player	21.02.1998	Schiltigheim, FRA	185
20	Orlane	Ahanda	FRA	Right Back	20.11.1998	Nantes, FRA	176
21	Gordana	Mitrovic	SRB	Back	10.09.1996	Attendorn, GER	176
23	Déborah	Kpodar	FRA	Left Back	03.06.1994	Iles d'Espagnac, FRA	171
24	Adriana	Placzek	POL	Goalkeeper	10.12.1993	Leszno, POL	174
26	Maëlle	Le Roy	FRA	Left Back	19.05.2001	Bordeaux, FRA	175
C 27	Marion	Maubon	FRA	Left Wing	27.07.1989	Bordeaux, FRA	165
29	Inès	Godet	FRA	Line Player	09.05.2001	Saint Herblain, FRA	184
30	Lorine	Boudekhane	FRA	Goalkeeper	12.03.2002	Caen, FRA	180
33	Beatrix	Escribano	ESP	Back	04.05.1990	Alcazar de San Juan, ESP	178
34	Lotte	Grigel	DEN	Back	05.04.1991	Esbjerg, DEN	165
42	Dyénaba	Sylla	FRA	Left Wing	04.04.1997	Noisy le Sec, FRA	175
44	Marnie	Valette	FRA	Back	13.01.2001	Montpellier, FRA	168
69	Lorine	Perrot	FRA	Back	13.07.2001	Montpellier, FRA	176
72	Laurie Fontaine-Carretero		FRA	Goalkeeper	03.11.1995	Nimes, FRA	179



Bruna Almeida de Paula

 @brunapaula96

Centre back

- her super-spectacular style owed her the MVP title of the French league last season
- despite being chased by many top clubs in Europe, chose to sign to Nantes in 2020
- before that, had played for four seasons in Fleury
- despite only being 24, has become a regular fixture in the Brazil national team
- will leave the club next summer to join Metz Handball



Camille Ayglon-Saurina

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Right back

- aged 35, she moved to Nantes in 2018 after playing for Nîmes for most of her career, and two seasons for CSM Bucuresti
- took part twice in the EHF FINAL4, in 2017 and 2018 with CSM
- played 270 times with the France national team but was not called by Olivier Krumbholz for the EHF EURO 2020

EURO: G 2018, S 2016, OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011



Adrianna Placzek

Goalkeeper

- aged 27, arrived in Nantes in 2019, after playing for two seasons for fellow French side Fleury
- regular fixture in the Polish national team, played at the last EHF EURO 2020
- played the Challenge Cup final in 2015 with SPR Pogoń Szczecin



Blandine Dancette

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Right wing

- after playing in Nîmes for ten seasons, moved to Chambray before joining Nantes in 2017
- in Nantes reunited with another left hander from Nîmes Camille Ayglon-Saurina
- at 32, is one of the most experienced players in the team
- announced two months ago that she would retire at the end of the season

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017, S 2011, 2009

I HANDBALL CLUB LADA (RUS) VS HERNING–IKAST HANDBOLD (DEN)



First leg: Saturday, 27 March at 14:00 CET, Togliatti (RUS)

Second leg: Saturday, 3 April at 14:00 CEST, Ikast (DEN)



- last season, the clubs met in the EHF Cup group phase and exchanged away wins; ultimately both sides reached the quarter-final
- this year, Lada struggled in the group phase but squeezed into the quarter-final following a win against MKS Perla Lublin in the last match
- Herring-Ikast were dominant in group B, winning five of their six matches and finishing on top with 10 points
- the Danish team defeated another Russian team, Zvezda, twice in the group phase: 34:25 and 39:31
- three Lada players – Olga Fomina, Veronika Nikitina and Valeriia Kirdyasheva – helped Russia qualify for the Tokyo Olympics last week

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

Handball Club Lada vs Herring-Ikast Handbold 1-0-1 (58:53) 2:2

11.01.2020	Handball Club Lada vs Herring-Ikast Handbold, EHF Cup – Group D	20:25 (11:14)
09.02.2020	Herring-Ikast Handbold vs Handball Club Lada, EHF Cup – Group D	28:38 (12:18)

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue
 Player short: blue
 GK shirt: black

Dark

Player shirt: white
 Player short: grey
 GK shirt: blue



Playing hall

Sportkomplex USK
 "Olimp"
 Primorsky bulvar 49
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 Russia
 Capacity: 2,700

HANDBALL CLUB LADA



FINAL RANKING GROUP B

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4. Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	6	2	1	3	156 : 171	-15	5

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs Nantes Atlantique Handball W32:29 (14:14)
 @ MKS Perla Lublin L28:23 (16:10)
 @ Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK L29:25 (13:14)
 vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK L27:29 (13:14)
 vs MKS Perla Lublin W30:24 (17:13)
 @ Nantes Atlantique Handball W0:10

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Veronika Nikitina (RUS) 26
 2. Valeriia Kirdiasheva (RUS) 25
 3. Olga Fomina (RUS) 20
 4. Olga Shcherbak (RUS) 17
 5. Vitoryya Shamanouskaya (BLR) 16

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Finalists (1): 2006/07

EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 2011/12, 2013/14

Cup Winners' Cup:

Winners (1): 2001/02

National league: 6 titles (2002-06, 08)

National cup: 1 title (2006)



Alexey Alexeev Coach

- played for Kuntsevo Moscow between 1981 and 1992
- was head coach of Luch Moscow for 15 years before joining Lada in 2019
- since 2016, worked at Russia national team as assistant coach to Evgenii Trefilov and then to Ambros Martin
- after Martin was fired during the EHF EURO 2020, took over as caretaker coach for the 5th place match against the Netherlands and in early 2021 was promoted to the head coach position

Arrivals during the season

Valeriya Ganicheva (RUS)
Iana Zhilinskaite (RUS)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height	Weight
1	Anastasiia	Lagina	RUS	Goalkeeper	11.08.1995	Yaroslavl, RUS	178	
2	Olga	Fomina	RUS	Right Wing	17.04.1989	Samara, RUS	175	
5	Oksana	Ustimchuk	RUS	Right Wing	16.07.2001	Togliatti, RUS	162	
C 7	Iuliia	Kakmolia	RUS	Line Player	08.03.1986	Togliatti, RUS	174	
10	Viktoryia	Shamanouskaya	BLR	Line Player	08.08.1993	Minsk, BLR	172	
13	Alena	Osipova	RUS	Centre Back	22.04.2004	Omsk, RUS	175	
14	Veronika	Nikitina	RUS	Left Back	16.05.1992	Togliatti, RUS	175	
15	Ekaterina	Terletckaia	RUS	Centre Back	29.09.2003	Togliatti, RUS	174	
19	Iana	Zhilinskaite	RUS	Line Player	06.03.1989	Uray, RUS	185	
22	Natalya	Reshetnikova	RUS	Left Wing	16.04.1991	Izhevsk, RUS	163	
23	Anna	Golubeva	RUS	Left Back	14.12.1993	Togliatti, RUS	182	
24	Tatiiana	Utkina	RUS	Line Player	16.08.2000	Togliatti, RUS	179	
25	Olga	Shcherbak	RUS	Right Back	14.03.1998	Sevastopol, RUS	177	
28	Alena	Blokhina	RUS	Left Wing	09.09.1993	Togliatti, RUS	174	
29	Valeriya	Ganicheva	RUS	Right Back	28.12.1996	Volgograd, RUS	180	
31	Daria	Dereven	RUS	Goalkeeper	02.03.1992	Togliatti, RUS	183	
33	Zlata	Fedosova	RUS	Left Back	27.02.2003	Togliatti, RUS	184	
35	Valeriia	Kirdiasheva	RUS	Centre Back	28.11.2000	Buzuluk, RUS	176	
36	Anastasiya	Portyagina	RUS	Left Back	09.04.1995	Togliatti, RUS	190	
41	Alina	Sokova	RUS	Left Wing	22.01.2004	Togliatti, RUS	166	
45	Polina	Masalova	RUS	Right Back	09.01.2000	Togliatti, RUS	174	
47	Valentina	Barynina	RUS	Left Wing	22.10.1996	Togliatti, RUS	171	
75	Alena	Amelchenko	RUS	Line Player	07.07.1995	St.-Petersburg, RUS	183	
77	Anastasiia	Novoselova	RUS	Right Wing	11.04.1990	Togliatti, RUS	170	
80	Martina	Borisova	RUS	Left Back	17.01.2002	Togliatti, RUS	182	
88	Liubov	Arishina	RUS	Centre Back	07.05.1988	Togliatti, RUS	178	
93	Irina	Mikhailiuta	RUS	Goalkeeper	16.06.1993	Pavlovskaya, RUS	186	



Anastasia Lagina

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Goalkeeper

- born in Yaroslavl and started playing handball at the age of nine; was a line player before becoming a goalkeeper
- her first professional team was Zvezda, where she stayed between 2012 and 2016
- later spent one season at Luch Moscow, where working with goalkeeper coach Pavel Sukosyan helped her a lot
- joined Lada in 2017; first-choice goalkeeper since 2019 after Elena Utkina left for CSKA
- made her debut in Russia's national team in 2019

WCh: B 2019



Olga Fomina

Right wing

- born in Samara, she spent eight seasons at Lada before moving to Vardar in 2014
- played two years in Skopje and one more at Rostov-Don before taking a break in her career in 2017
- returned on the court and signed with her home team Lada two years later after giving birth to her son Miron
- since 2010, played for Russia's national team at seven major tournaments, Lada's only player to take part in EHF EURO 2020

WCh: B 2019



Olga Sherbak

Centre back

- one of Lada's most promising and progressing players
- born in Sevastopol, she moved to Togliatti at the age of 16
- also played the piano in her childhood, but chose a handball career
- in September 2020, took part in the training camp of the Russia national team for the first time
- her biggest dream is to become an Olympic champion



Viktoriya Shamanouskaya

Line player

- the 27-year Belarusian is the only foreign player in Lada's roster
- her grandfather was an Olympic bronze medalist in hammer throwing, and her grandmother multiple world and Europe champion in discus throwing
- did equestrian sports as a kid and started playing handball at only 14
- at 17, already played for Arkatron Minsk; in 2013 moved to Gomel and became a three-time Belarussian champion
- joined Lada in the summer of 2019

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Kit colours

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Player short: purple
GK shirt: blue/yellow

Dark

Player shirt: purple
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue/yellow



Playing hall

IBF Arena
Stadion Allé 2b
7430 Ikast
Denmark
Capacity: 2,250

HERNING-IKAST HANDBOLD



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3. Paris 92	6	3	0	3	93 : 101	-8	6
4. Vaci NKSE	6	1	0	5	150 : 180	-30	2

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs HC Zvezda	W34:35 (15:13)
@ Paris 92	L26:23 (14:12)
@ Vaci NKSE	W26:38 (13:21)
vs Vaci NKSE	W39:29 (19:13)
@HC Zvezda	W31:39 (13:18)
vs Paris 92	W25:23 (13:12)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Helene Fauske (NOR)	34
2. Michaela Møller (DEN)	23
3. Ingvild Bakkerud (NOR)	22
4. Naja Krisensen (DEN)	20
5. Stine Skogrand (NOR)	19
5. Emma Friis (DEN)	19

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Fourth place (1): 2013/14
Semi-finals (1): 2002/03
Quarter-finals (4): 1998/99, 2004/05, 2016/17, 2017/18

EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 2001/02, 2010/11
Runners-up (1): 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup:

Winners (2): 2003/04, 2014/15

Champions Trophy:

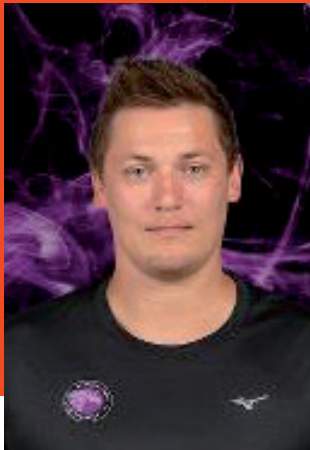
Winners (1): 1997/98

City Cup:

Winners (1): 1997/98
Runners-up (1): 1996/97

Danish league: 4 titles (1998, 2011, 2013, 2015)

Danish cup: 8 titles (1990, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019)



Kasper Christensen

Coach

- took over as head coach from Mathias Madsen in July 2020
- coached SønderjydsKE in the Danish men's league the previous three seasons
- began his coaching career as an assistant at TM Tønder
- previously played for Tønder and was known for being a playmaker with good game vision

Arrivals during the season

Julie Mathiesen Scaglione (DEN)
Mathilde Hoy Troelsen (DEN)

Departures during the season

Wilma Henriette Krautmeyer (DEN)
Emma Caroline Petersen (DEN)
Lív Sveinbjørnsdóttir Poulsen (FAR)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Jessica	Ryde	SWE	Goalkeeper	18.05.1994	Östra Torn, SWE	185
2	Frida Norgaard	Pedersen	DEN	Line Player	16.04.2001	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	169
3	Caroline Dahl	Busk	DEN	Centre Back	26.07.2001	Vejle, DEN	178
4	Michala Elsberg	Møller	DEN	Centre Back	16.02.2000	Aalborg, DEN	175
5	Vilde Ingeborg	Johansen	NOR	Line Player	25.07.1994	Tønsberg, NOR	182
6	Cecilie Højgaard	Brandt	DEN	Right Wing	16.11.2001	Viborg, DEN	169
C 7	Stine Ruscetta	Skogrand	NOR	Right Back	03.03.1993	Bergen, NOR	173
8	Helene Gigstad	Fauske	NOR	Centre Back	31.01.1997	Bærum, NOR	177
10	Naja Nissen	Kristensen	DEN	Left Wing	10.08.1999	Ikast-Brande, DEN	177
11	Sarah	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	10.04.1990	Frederiksberg, DEN	177
12	Mathilde Berner	Romer	DEN	Goalkeeper	19.04.2003	København, DEN	180
15	Emma	Uhrskov Friis	DEN	Left Wing	31.10.1999	Herning, DEN	162
16	Sabine	Englert	GER	Goalkeeper	27.11.1981	Aschaffenburg, GER	183
17	Simone Cathrine	Petersen	DEN	Right Wing	28.08.1997	Ringsted, DEN	177
19	Lin	Johannsen	DEN	Left Wing	08.03.2002	Tinglev, DEN	171
20	Mathilde Hoy	Troelsen	DEN	Left Back	06.07.2003	Holstebro, DEN	181
21	Ingvild Kristiansen	Bakkerud	NOR	Left Back	09.07.1995	Kongsberg, NOR	184
22	Olivia Mathilde	Simonsen	DEN	Left Back	14.08.2000	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	185
23	Liv Sveinbjornsdottir	Poulsen	FAR	Right Wing	27.12.2001	Vestmanna, FAR	173
24	Anne Christine	Bossen	DEN	Goalkeeper	14.10.2003	Aarhus, DEN	176
28	Mie Sophie	Sando	NOR	Line Player	26.10.1993	Tonsberg, NOR	182
29	Nanna Lovig	Rasmussen	DEN	Line Player	03.07.2003	Holstebro, DEN	181
47	Julie Mathiesen	Scaglione	DEN	Left Back	20.08.2004	Aarhus, DEN	175
77	Line Nørgaard	Hougaard	DEN	Right Wing	06.10.1999	Herning, DEN	163
	Emma Caroline	Petersen	DEN		13.11.2001		
	Wilma Henriette	Krautmeyer	DEN		07.03.2002		



Jessica Ryde

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Goalkeeper

- joined from H65 Höör in 2017
- won the Swedish title in 2017 and the Challenge Cup in 2014
- ended 2020 with the top save percentage in the Danish league – 43.2% per cent
- played her first major championship with Sweden at EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2014



Stine Skogrand

@sskogi

Right back

- joined from league rivals and neighbours Silkeborg-Voel KFUM in 2018
- returned from maternity leave for 2019/20 and had the best international season of her career, scoring 40 goals in the EHF Cup and has continued that form this season with 85 goals in the league
- played a understated and vital role in Norway's EHF EURO 2020 gold in defence and right wing in attack
- married to Norwegian international and Skjern right back Eivind Tangen

EURO: G 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Helene Gigstad Fauske

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Centre back

- joined from Norwegian side Stabæk IF in 2017
- flexible and creative playmaker with a fine eye for the game and a good shot
- excluding qualification rounds, Fauske scored 70 goals in the EHF Cup in 2018/19 and 53 goals in 2019/20
- made her national team debut in June 2017 and won WCh silver with Norway six months later

WCh: S 2017



Ingvild Kristiansen Bakkerud

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Left back

- joined from league rivals Odense in the summer of 2020
- made a breakthrough in the 2018/19 season, scoring 43 goals in the EHF Champions League
- the 187cm-tall left back is renowned for her powerful back court shooting
- played her first major championship with Norway in 2019 and was a reserve at EHF EURO 2020

HC DUNAREA BRAILA (ROU) VS CS MINAUR BAI A MARE (ROU)



First leg: Saturday, 27 March at 14:00 CET, Braila (ROU)

Second leg: Saturday, 3 April at 12:00 CEST, Baia Mare (ROU)



- three Braila players – right wing Aneta Udristioiu (44 goals) and backs Marina Dmitrovic (43) and Elena Dache (36) – are in the top 10 of the competition’s goal scorers list
- four Braila players – Udristioiu, Gabriella Szucs, Madalina Zamfirescu and Bianca Tiron – played for Baia Mare in the past
- Baia Mare coach Costica Buceschi was at the helm of Braila between 2015 and 2017
- Braila failed to beat Baia Mare in their past 12 duels since March 2013, with Baia Mare winning the latest confrontation 26:19 last November
- in the past 11 years, Baia Mare won 12 of the 18 duels, opposed to Braila’s four wins

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS

HC Dunarea Braila vs CS Minaur Baia Mare 1-0-1 (54:60) 2:2

05.10.2008	HC 'Dunarea' vs HCM Baia Mare, EHF Cup – Round 2	31:27 (16:11)
12.10.2008	HCM Baia Mare vs HC 'Dunarea', EHF Cup – Round 2	33:23 (19:11)

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Kit colours

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Player shirt: white
Player short: black
GK shirt: blue

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: black
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Playing hall

The Danube Sports Hall
Braila
Alleea Parcului, Nr. 1
Braila
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Capacity: 2,000

HC DUNAREA BRAILA



FINAL RANKING GROUP D

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. Siófok KC	6	5	1	0	181 : 154	27	11
2. H.C. Dunareea Braila	6	3	1	2	170 : 167	3	7
3. Kuban	6	2	2	2	130 : 120	10	6
4. Fleury Loiret Handball	6	0	0	6	104 : 144	-40	0

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs Tertnes Bergen	W28:26 (14:11)
@ Tertnes Bergen	L26:25 (11:13)
vs Viborg	W26:24 (13:12)
@ Viborg	W28:32 (14:17)
vs Fleury Loiret Handball	W29:27 (15:13)
@ Kuban	D25:25 (13:15)
vs Siófok KC	L25:27 (14:11)
@ Siófok KC	L31:24 (17:14)
@ Fleury Loiret Handball	W25:31 (12:17)
vs Kuban	W36:32 (17:13)

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Aneta Udristioiu (ROU)	44
2. Marina Dmitrovic (SRB)	43
3. Elena Dache (ROU)	36
4. Maria Kanaval (BLR)	33
5. Jovana Szadovska (MKD)	26

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Last 16 (2): 2010/11, 2014/15

Challenge Cup:

Semi-final (1): 2007/08

National league: -

National cup: -



Neven Hrupec
Coach

- in his second stint for a Romanian side, after having already coached at CSM Ploiesti
- Hrupec has a vast experience as a coach, with stints at Podravka in Croatia, Lublin and Szczecin in Poland, Salerno in Italy, but also as the Italian women's national team coach qualified with Pogon Szczecin in the Challenge Cup final in 2018/2019, but lost to Rocasa Gran Canaria
- has played handball and football at the lower levels in Croatia, but when he started up coaching, he was an assistant at Podravka and also coached their junior team
- graduated the Kinesiology University

Departures during the season

Sanja Premovic (MNE)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Elena	Serban	ROU	Goalkeeper	15.10.1994	Bucuresti, ROU	182
C 2	Aneta	Udristioiu	ROU	Right Wing	22.06.1989	Dr. Severin, ROU	166
7	Georgiana	Pisica	ROU	Right Wing	16.01.1991	Ploiesti, ROU	175
9	Ibolya	Bucur	ROU	Back	31.08.1984	Oradea, ROU	184
10	Ioana	Balaceanu	ROU	Centre Back	13.02.2001	Constanta, ROU	175
13	Nicoleta	Safta	ROU	Line Player	17.11.1994	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	176
15	Diana	Axinte	ROU	Centre Back	16.01.1996	Braila, ROU	167
16	Ljubica	Nenezic	MNE	Goalkeeper	15.01.1997	Podgorica, MNE	183
18	Bojana	Milic	SRB	Left Back	30.06.1993	Ruma, SRB	183
19	Maria	Kanaval	BLR	Left Back	19.03.1997	Rogachev, BLR	187
20	Iasmina	Ichim	ROU	Right Wing	11.11.2000	Braila, ROU	175
22	Mirabela	Cotet	ROU	Line Player	22.02.2001	Braila, ROU	175
24	Elena	Dache	ROU	Centre Back	24.03.1997	Galati, ROU	180
27	Sanja	Premovic	MNE	Right Back	27.11.1992	Berane, MNE	175
28	Alina	Czeczi	ROU	Left Wing	15.10.1987	Zalau, ROU	163
30	Madalina	Zamfirescu	ROU	Centre Back	31.10.1994	Nicolae Balcescu, ROU	180
31	Bianca Elena	Tiron	ROU	Left Back	31.05.1995	Iasi, ROU	182
71	Jovana	Sazdovska	MKD	Left Wing	27.06.1993	Skopje, MKD	175
77	Tamires Morena Lima de Araujo	BRA	Line Player	16.05.1994	Rio de Janeiro, BRA	182	
98	Stefania	Epureanu	ROU	Left Wing	10.11.1998	Braila, ROU	169
99	Marina	Dmitrovic	SRB	Right Back	23.03.1985	Beograd, SRB	183



Aneta Udristioiu

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Right wing

- the most experienced player in Braila's roster, having plied her trade for HCM Baia Mare and CSM Bucuresti, with four seasons in the CL under her belt
- has retired in 2019 from the Romanian national team, after having played 63 games
- won the Romanian domestic title and the Romanian Supercup twice, while adding five Romanian Cups
- has also played for Dunarea Braila between 2015 and 2017, before leaving to CSM
- has been married with Razvan Udristioiu since 2015, himself a former handball player at Minaur Baia Mare



Bianca Tiron

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Left back

- has started handball in her local town of Iasi, where she also won the Junior Romanian League in 2012, being elected the MVP of the season
- changed five teams in the past seven years, returned to Braila for her second stint in 2019
- has been one of the most consistent scorers in the Romanian league, having never scored less than 91 goals prior to her 67-goal tally in 2019/20
- was called up for the Romanian B team in 2012, but has never been a consistent presence for the Romanian side, despite her good games in the Romanian League



Marina Dmitrovic

Right back

- globetrotter, has played in Serbia, North Macedonia, Turkey, Hungary, before coming back to Romania in 2018
- has scored 12 goals for Vardar in the 2013/2014 season, when the North Macedonian powerhouse finished third in the CL
- has won the silver medal with the Serbian team at the IHF Women's World Championship in 2013 and has scored 170 goals in 105 matches for her national side

WCh: S 2013



Tamires Morena Lima de Araujo

 @tamiresmorena

Line player

- 26-year old line player has reached the CL quarter-finals with Győr in 2015
- won the gold medal at the Pan-American Games with Brazil twice, in 2015 and 2019, and has scored 144 goals for the Brazilian national team in over 100 games played
- has played handball since she was 12, after she started a career in athletics; her sister, Monique, was an Olympic weightlifter for the Brazilian national team
- has played for teams in Brazil, Hungary, France, Norway before coming to Romania, at Braila, in 2019

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Playing hall

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Romania
Capacity: 2,080

CS MINAUR BAIA MARE



FINAL RANKING GROUP C

	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P
1. CS Minaur Baia Mare	6	5	0	1	150 : 116	34	10
2. Astrakhanochka	6	4	0	2	137 : 112	25	8
3. Storhamar Handball Elite	6	2	0	4	157 : 182	-25	4
4. Thüringer HC	6	1	0	5	93 : 127	-34	2

ROAD TO THE QUARTER-FINALS

vs Storhamar Handball Elite W33:29 (14:13)
@ Astrakhanochka L33:27 (14:8)
vs Astrakhanochka W30:27 (13:15)
@ Storhamar Handball Elite W27:40 (11:19)
vs Thüringer HC W10:0
@ Thüringer HC W0:10

CURRENT TOP SCORERS

1. Jovana Kovacevic (SRB) 27
2. Jelena Lavko (SRB) 19
3. Linn Blohm (SWE) 17
Cristina Laslo (ROU) 17
5. Andreea Popa (ROU) 14

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:

Quarter-finals (2): 2014/15, 2015/16
Group matches (1): 2013/14

EHF Cup:

Last 16 (1): 2008/09
Round 4 (1): 2009/10
Round 3 (1): 2007/08

Challenge Cup:

Runners-up (1): 2002/03
Last 16 (1): 2004/05

Romanian league: 1 title (2014)

Romanian Cup: 3 titles (2013, 2014, 2015)



Costica Buceschi

Coach

- this is Buceschi's third stint at Minaur Baia Mare, while also coaching four other teams in the Romanian league, including the men's team in Baia Mare
- has also been an assistant at the Romanian women's national team for Tomas Ryde in 2019
- won one Romanian league title with Baia Mare in 2014, the only one in the team's history, but was let go later that year
- his daughter, Eliza, also plays handball for Rapid Bucuresti and the Romanian national team, while his wife, Carmen, was a former handball player for Minaur Baia Mare

Arrivals during the season

Caroline De Souza (BRA)
Ionica Munteanu (ROU)

Departures during the season

Cristina Ciausescu (ROU)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Cristina	Enache	ROU	Goalkeeper	01.05.1994	Focsani, ROU	183
3	Jelena	Lavko	SRB	Right Back	06.07.1991	Zrenjanin, SRB	182
4	Yaroslava	Burlachenko	UKR	Line Player	14.05.1992	Kiev, UKR	177
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20.05.1992	Stockholm, SWE	180
6	Petruta Andreea	Argyelan	ROU	Left Wing	25.06.1999	Baia Mare, ROU	166
8	Angela	Cioca	ROU	Centre Back	23.01.1995	Tg. Jiu, ROU	176
9	Ana Maria	Tanasie	ROU	Left Wing	06.04.1995	Hunedoara, ROU	173
11	Karoline Helena	De Souza	BRA	Left Back	24.04.1990	Paranagua, BRA	180
12	Filippa	Idéhn	SWE	Goalkeeper	15.08.1990	Jönköping, SWE	183
13	Cristina	Laslo	ROU	Centre Back	10.04.1996	Cluj-Napoca, ROU	177
16	Cristina	Ciausescu	ROU	Goalkeeper	16.02.2000	Bucuresti, ROU	175
20	Larissa Fais	Munhoz Araujo	BRA	Left Wing	01.07.1992	Curitiba, BRA	167
21	Eva	Kerekes	ROU	Left Wing	07.04.2001	Zetea, ROU	170
C 24	Jovana	Kovacevic	SRB	Left Back	09.04.1996	Belgrade, SRB	180
25	Mikaela	Mässing	SWE	Left Back	13.03.1994	Mölndal, SWE	189
27	Asuka	Fujita	JPN	Right Wing	14.02.1996	Osaka, JPN	166
30	Sonia Mariana	Seraficeanu	ROU	Right Wing	25.07.1997	Hunedoara, ROU	177
55	Oana Doina	Bors	ROU	Right Wing	27.11.2003	Baia Mare, ROU	177
70	Andreea Cristina	Popa	ROU	Centre Back	03.06.2000	Bucuresti, ROU	175
79	Ionica	Munteanu	ROU	Goalkeeper	07.01.1979	Bucharest, ROU	176
98	Andreea	Tecar	ROU	Right Back	21.03.1998	Baia Mare, ROU	179
99	Anca Georgiana	Polocoser	ROU	Left Back	01.05.1997	Suceava, ROU	179



Filippa Idéhn

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Goalkeeper

- joined Baia Mare in the summer of 2020 together with fellow Swedes Linn Blohm and Mikaela Måssing
- goalkeeper with a penchant for scoring goals, she scored 12 times for the Sweden
- Baia Mare is Idéhn's eighth club during her career, after she played for five Swedish clubs and in Denmark for Esbjerg and in France for Brest Bretagne Handball
- played at four EURO tournaments, three WCh and at one edition of the Olympic Games for the Swedish national team

EURO: B 2014

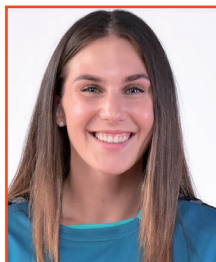


Cristina Laslo

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Centre back

- natural-born playmaker, Laslo has won the Junior WCh with Romania in 2014, being a leader of the team
- despite many players avoiding the number 13, Laslo stated it is her favourite and loves playing with it since she was a junior
- has played for Cluj, Corona Brasov and also had a one-year stint playing for Buducnost
- loves tattoos and has several of them, including one of her twin brother, also a handball player, on her calf
- can also play on the right or left back, but her preferred position is the centre back one



Jovana Kovacevic

Left back

- the Serbian left back has played for Buducnost, Bekescsaba and Érd before signing for Baia Mare
- EHF FINAL4 2016 participant, yet found little playing time, as she was a back-up to Cristina Neagu, scored 25 goals in the 2019/20 season for Érd in the EHF Cup
- has played two EHF EURO tournaments with the Serbian national team, in 2016 and 2018, but failed to make the cut in 2020
- she was modeling when she was younger, alongside her brother, but took up handball when she was 14, after giving up aikido, where she had a brown belt



Linn Blohm

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Line player

- started handball as a left back and made the transition to a line player only when she was 17 and was transferred to Sävehof
- joined Minaur in the summer of 2020 together with Filippa Idéhn and Mikaela Måssing
- played in Sweden (IK Sävehof) and Denmark (TTH, FC Midtjylland, København) before joining the Romanian club last summer
- voted All-star line player at the WCh 2019 and the best Swedish player in 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, CWC 2016
EURO: B 2014

I PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE QUARTER-FINALS

The European Handball Federation has issued an overview on what happens if matches cannot be played in the upcoming quarter-finals of the EHF European League Women due to reasons related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

What is the procedure if a first-leg match is not played on the first weekend, 27/28 March?

If a team reports positive cases of Covid-19 and the match cannot be played, this pairing will be decided by playing both matches (1st and 2nd leg) as a so called 'double game' on the weekend when the return matches are scheduled, 3/4 April 2021.

Matches are intended to be played on Saturday and Sunday unless both teams agree to have a rest day in between.

Following the principle of causation, the home right for both matches will go to the team which did not have the positive Covid-19 cases.

What is the procedure if a second-leg match is not played on the second weekend, 3/4 April?

It is not an option to postpone a match to a date after Sunday, 4 April 2021.

As a consequence of this and following the principle that the party responsible is liable for, in this case, the fact that the match cannot be played, a team which is not in the position to play its scheduled game on the

second weekend will be excluded from the competition regardless of the result in the first-leg game. The opponents would subsequently qualify for the finals.

It is important to underline that this follows the procedure that was in place in such cases already earlier this season, and it is therefore not a newly introduced procedure.

The same procedure will be valid in case a match cannot be played because of sudden and new governmental restrictions which make it impossible to play the game.

The EHF knows that these are very tough procedures, but there is no other option in a knockout round where postponing matches is not possible anymore.

It goes without saying that the EHF hopes that all matches can be played according to schedule, and that all decisions will be taken on court.

Additional issues that prevent a match from being played, such as severe weather conditions, travelling problems or others will be handled according to the regulations.

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO OR MORE TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible. All matches of the EHF European League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

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 until a decision (a winner) is reached, 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 (a winner) 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.

I CURRENT TOP SCORERS

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Amanda Kurtovic (NOR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	46
2	Bruna Almeida De Paula (BRA)	Nantes Atlantique Handball (FRA)	44
	Aneta Udristoiu (ROU)	H.C. Dunarea Braila (ROU)	44
4	Marina Dmitrovic (SRB)	H.C. Dunarea Braila (ROU)	43
5	Nadia Offendal (DEN)	Paris 92 (FRA)	40
6	Alexandra Lacrabere (FRA)	Fleury Loiret Handball (FRA)	37
	Markéta Jerábková (CZE)	Thüringer HC (GER)	37
8	Tamara Horacek (FRA)	Siófok KC (HUN)	36
	Elena Dache (ROU)	H.C. Dunarea Braila (ROU)	36
10	Helene Gigstad Fauske (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	34
	Marta Gega (POL)	MKS Perla Lublin (POL)	34
12	Laura Flippes (FRA)	Paris 92 (FRA)	33
	Maria Kanaval (BLR)	H.C. Dunarea Braila (ROU)	33
14	Guro Nestaker (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	31
15	Katarina Jezic (CRO)	Siófok KC (HUN)	30
	Maja Jakobsen (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	30
	Emilie Hovden (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	30
	Natalia Nikitina (RUS)	HC Zvezda (RUS)	30
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