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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

It is an honour for me to welcome all supporters, players, officials and partners to the play-off round of the EHF Champions League Women for 2023/24 where, after a tremendous group phase, the competition is starting to reach its business end!

Fourteen rounds of group phase fixtures were played between September and February across the continent, and though we still have the entirety of the knockout phases to come, we at the EHF and EHF Marketing know that we are, yet again, delivering a showpiece club competition that remains the leading women's indoor sports competition in Europe. None of that would be possible without our excellent partners, our brilliant players and - most importantly - you, our terrific fans.

This season's EHF Champions League Women continues with the format that we introduced before the start of the 2019/20 season. Now the 16-team group phase has concluded, the top two clubs in each group have qualified directly for the quarter-finals. Four more teams (ranked 3rd-6th) in each group have advanced to the play-offs, but the teams finishing in seventh and eighth place will be eliminated. Before we reach the EHF FINAL4 WOMEN 2024 in Budapest, the knockout phase will consist of the play-offs and the quarter-finals. Fans can continue enjoying seeing their favourite team's matches played on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season.

I must reiterate the point I made when I last addressed you all, midway through the group phase - a mark of a strong competition in any sport is how evenly-matched the teams are. Across the 14 rounds of matches in the EHF Champions League Women group phase, every team was beaten at least twice! There are no easy matches at this level, which speaks to the quality of women's club handball across Europe. Congratulations to Györi Audi ETO KC, Odense Håndbold, Metz Handball and Team Esbjerg for finishing in the top two in their respective groups and thus progressing directly to the quarter-finals. However, we must say farewell to WHC Buducnost BEMAX, IK Sävehof, CS Rapid Bucuresti and KGHM MKS Zaglebie Lubin who were eliminated after the group phase.

That leaves eight teams to contest the play-off round in the hope of grabbing one of the four remaining tickets to the quarter-finals. Three of the four sides already through to the quarter-finals have never won the competition, while as Vipers and FTC have found the going tougher this season, the likes of DVSC and Ikast have risen to new heights.

Stories such as these are indicators of how tough this year's competition is, and how the EHF Champions League Women and women's European club handball more broadly, are going from strength to strength. It is no wonder that we have all been treated to some incredible action on the court over the group phase and many teams are still in with a great chance of going a very long way in this season's competition.

What is for certain is that there will be plenty of twists and turns before we reach the EHF FINAL4 Women 2024 on 1/2 June 2024 at the MVM Dome in Budapest, Hungary!

For the EHF and our broadcast partners, it is a pleasure to bring you the thrilling action from the EHF Champions League Women knockout rounds, from the play-offs until the EHF FINAL4 WOMEN 2024 is played on 1/2 June 2024 at the brilliant MVM Dome in Budapest, Hungary, with every match shown live on EHFTV. We know that the clubs and players will continue to provide everyone with an exceptional group phase.

On behalf of the EHF and EHF Marketing, I hope that you enjoy the play-off round and beyond in the 2023/24 EHF Champions League Women.

Yours in sport,

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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DVSC SCHAEFFLER

This will be only the second season in history for the Hungarian side in the European premium competition, after they made their debut in the 2010/11 season. In their previous appearance, DVSC SCHAEFFLER only won a single game, at home, against Hypo losing other five. DVSC last qualified for the knockout phase of an European competition in 2011/12 season, when they reached the quarter-finals of the Cup Winner's Cup. Debrecen brought in five new players, including line player Tamara Haggerty from HH Elite and rightback Elinore Johansson from Storhamar, with six other players leaving over the summer. Several young talented Hungarian players, like Gréta Kácsor and Petra Füzi-Tóvizi are the cornerstones of DVSC and crucial to the team's success.

Past achievements:

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2023/24 season): 3

Group Matches (1): 2010/11

Qualification (1): 2011/12

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 1995, 1996

Hungarian league: 2 titles (1955, 1987)

Hungarian cup: 5 titles (1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991)



TEAM ROSTER



| No. | First name | Surname | Nat. | Position | Date of birth | Place of birth | cm |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 5 | Konszuéla | Hámori | HUN | Right Back | 04/08/1996 | Salgótarján, HUN | 168 |
| 7 | Elinore | Johansson | SWE | Right Back | 19/03/1996 | Hässleholm, SWE | 180 |
| 10 | Inez | Szijjártó | HUN | Left Wing | 16/03/2005 | Debrecen, HUN | 176 |
| 13 | Petra | Füzi-Tóvizi | HUN | Line Player | 15/03/1999 | Nyíregyháza, HUN | 178 |
| 16 | Gabrijela | Bartulovic | CRO | Goalkeeper | 06/12/1994 | Zagreb, CRO | 175 |
| 18 | Vivien | Grosch | HUN | Right Wing | 17/04/1997 | Budapest, HUN | 168 |
| 22 | Jovana | Jovovic | SRB | Left Back | 04/12/2001 | Vrbas, SRB | 181 |
| 24 | Míra | Vámos | HUN | Left Wing | 23/02/2003 | Ózd, HUN | 170 |
| 25 | Liliána | Csernyánszki | HUN | Centre Back | 25/08/2004 | Debrecen, HUN | 164 |
| 28 | Alexandra | Töpfner | HUN | Right Wing | 08/02/1996 | Szecsárd, HUN | 170 |
| 29 | Nóra | Nagy | HUN | Right Back | 09/03/2004 | Jászberény, HUN | 176 |
| 31 | Csenge | Kiss | HUN | Right Wing | 12/04/2005 | Komárom, HUN | 175 |
| 35 | Lili | Csamangó | HUN | Centre Back | 01/12/2005 | Szeged, HUN | 169 |
| 38 | Petra | Vámos C | HUN | Centre Back | 14/09/2000 | Ózd, HUN | 170 |
| 39 | Laura | Demjén | HUN | Goalkeeper | 20/10/2005 | Budapest, HUN | 180 |
| 40 | Veronika | Fodor | HUN | Line Player | 11/05/2005 | Debrecen, HUN | 168 |
| 43 | Szimonetta | Planeta | HUN | Right Back | 12/12/1993 | Kazincbarcika, HUN | 196 |
| 44 | Gréta | Kácsor | HUN | Left Back | 24/04/2000 | Budapest, HUN | 175 |
| 45 | Réka | Lakatos | HUN | Goalkeeper | 04/03/2005 | Miskolc, HUN | 181 |
| 55 | Tamara | Haggerty | NED | Line Player | 29/04/1996 | Haarlem, NED | 178 |
| 71 | Mirtill | Petrus | HUN | Left Wing | 14/11/2001 | Debrecen, HUN | 169 |
| 83 | Dorina | Kelemen | HUN | Left Back | 05/09/2004 | Mátészalka, HUN | 172 |
| 88 | Mariana | Costa | BRA | Right Wing | 14/10/1992 | Sao Paulo/SP, BRA | 166 |
| 92 | Dóra | Hornyák | HUN | Left Back | 24/01/1992 | Debrecen, HUN | 179 |
| 94 | Catherine | Gabriel | FRA | Goalkeeper | 04/09/1994 | Yaoundé, CMR | 172 |

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND

The reigning European champions are entering their new era. Following the departure of the head coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad after his third CL title with the club, Tomáš Hlavatý and Lene Rantala will try to build their own Vipers legacy while continuing down the same successful path. In another busy summer, Vipers underwent a new makeover of the team. Three players ended their careers, while high-profile players Ragnhild Valle Dahl, Markéta Jeřábková and Katarina Ježić left the club. However, four new signings hope to deliver more good experiences to the club in the quest of another EHF FINAL4.

Main facts:

- > Vipers Kristiansand are only the second club in CL history to lift the trophy three years in a row; Győr were the first to achieve it (2017, 2018 and 2019)
- > the Norwegian powerhouse are heading into their seventh season in Europe's top flight after making their debut in the 2017/18 season
- > the second-best scorer of the 2022/23 season with 118 goals, Marketa Jerabkova left the club and joined Ikast Håndbold
- > the team has players from ten different nations: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, France and Russia

Past achievements:

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2023/24 season): 7

Winners (3): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

Semi-finals (1): 2018/19

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2015/16

EHF Cup: Final: 2017/18; Semi-final: 2003/04; Last 16: 2004/05

Norwegian league: 6 titles (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

Norwegian cup: 6 titles (2018-23)



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|-----------|----------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Sofie | Börjesson | SWE | Goalkeeper | 31/05/1997 | Herrestad, SWE | 186 |
| 6 | Oceane | Sercien-Ugolin | FRA | Right Back | 15/12/1997 | Cherbourg-Octeville, FRA | 175 |
| 7 | Martine | Kårigstad Andersen | NOR | Left Back | 07/05/2002 | Kristiansand, NOR | 175 |
| 8 | Karine | Dahlum | NOR | Right Back | 16/12/1999 | Kristiansand, NOR | 179 |
| 9 | Jamina | Roberts | SWE | Left Back | 28/05/1990 | Bergsjön, SWE | 176 |
| 10 | Vilde | Kaurin Jonassen | NOR | Left Wing | 01/09/1992 | Kristiansand, NOR | 164 |
| 11 | Silje | Waade | NOR | Right Back | 20/03/1994 | Stjørdal, NOR | 183 |
| 12 | Julie | Stokkendal Poulsen | DEN | Goalkeeper | 06/06/2001 | Viborg, DEN | 180 |
| 13 | Anna | Vyakhireva | RUS | Right Back | 13/03/1995 | Volgograd, RUS | 168 |
| 14 | Tuva Ulsaker | Høve | NOR | Right Wing | 11/06/2000 | Trondheim, NOR | 175 |
| 15 | Tuva | Pharo | NOR | Line Player | 07/07/2004 | Bærum, NOR | 176 |
| 16 | Katrine | Lunde C | NOR | Goalkeeper | 30/03/1980 | Kristiansand, NOR | 181 |
| 18 | Mina | Hesselberg | NOR | Left Wing | 20/04/2000 | Langhus, NOR | 177 |
| 20 | Lysa | Tchaptchet | ESP | Line Player | 20/12/2001 | Yaoundé, CMR | 183 |
| 21 | Paula | Arcos | ESP | Back | 21/12/2001 | Petrer (Alicante), ESP | 166 |
| 22 | Marta | Tomac | NOR | Back | 20/09/1990 | Trondheim, NOR | 179 |
| 23 | Lois | Abbingh | NED | Centre Back | 13/08/1992 | Groningen, NED | 177 |
| 27 | Sunniva | Næs Andersen | NOR | Left Wing | 12/11/1996 | Porsgrunn, NOR | 173 |
| 31 | Ana | Debelic | CRO | Line Player | 09/01/1994 | Rijeka, CRO | 183 |
| 33 | Luisa | Schulze | GER | Line Player | 14/09/1990 | Altenburg, GER | 190 |
| 37 | Jana | Knedlikova | CZE | Right Wing | 22/06/1989 | Praha, CZE | 168 |

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