

RK PODRAVKA VEGETA vs KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

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Foreword EHF President

Race for glory starts with 16 elite teams in EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase

Ready, steady, go! A total of 16 elite teams from all over the continent are ready to get another enthralling race to the most coveted trophy in women's club handball underway. Welcome to the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25 group phase!

Last season, that trophy went for a record sixth time, but first time in five years, to Györi Audi ETO KC. The Hungarian powerhouse ended the dream run of HB Ludwigsburg – then playing under their previous club name, SG BBM Bietigheim – as they beat the surprise finalists from Germany in the final in Budapest last June.

The road to the EHF FINAL4 is a long one, and the group phase decides which 12 teams will continue their campaign in the play-offs or the quarter-finals in early 2025. Győr start their title defence in group B – and fans don't have to wait long to see them lock horns with Ludwigsburg again, as the finalists from last season will already meet in the group phase of the new season.

The same section of the competition includes several more teams that have played EHF Champions League finals in the past, most notably three-time winners Vipers Kristiansand, and WHC Buducnost, who have lifted the trophy twice before, as well as Brest Bretagne Handball, the 2021 runners-up.

With Team Esbjerg, the group has another regular EHF FINAL4 contender in the mix, while Odense Håndbold and Rapid Bucuresti have proven their ability to go deep into the competition as well by featuring in the quarter-finals in the past.

Over in group A, the race to the play-off and quarter-final spots will be just as intense, with eight teams that make for a well-balanced section. This line-up also includes three former titleholders: CSM Bucuresti, Krim Mercator Ljubljana, and HC Podravka Vegeta, who return to Europe's top flight after two years.

This trio has to be prepared for stiff competition, with 2023 runners-up FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and EHF FINAL4 regulars Metz Handball among the other contenders in the group.

This section also has a strong Nordic flavour thanks to Storhamar Handball Elite – the winners of the EHF European League last season – and Nykøbing Falster Håndbold. In another interesting duel, Nykøbing will meet the team again they beat in last season's EHF European League final, CS Gloria 2018 BN.

The stage is set for another tantalising season as handball fans across the globe are following their favourite teams and players during the group phase matches, traditionally played on Saturdays and Sundays.

Enjoy the EHF Champions League Women 2024/25!

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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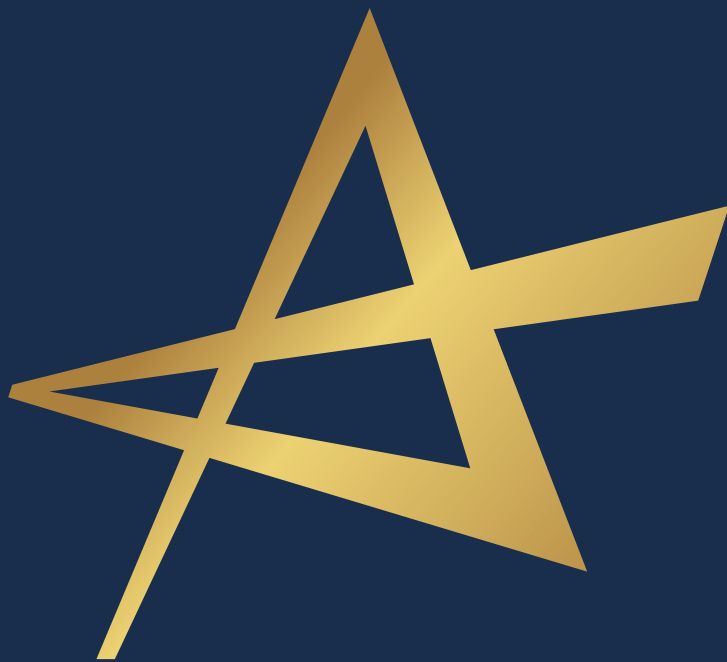
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HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)



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BEŠEN LUCIJA
BIRTIC KLARA
BRKIC MIA
CRNJAK ANA
CURIC TEREZIJA

KRAGULJ NIKOLINA
MAMIC JOSIPA
PANDZA ANA
PANDZA KATARINA
PLETIKOSIC MATEA
POPOVIC ELENA

PRKACIN KRISTINA
ŠENVALD SARA
ŠIMARA ANDREA
TUCAKOVIC ANTONIA
VUKOVIC KATJA
VULJAK HANNAH

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OBRVAN IVICA
CESTAR ASJA

BREZIĆ MARKO
NOVAKOVIC JOVAN

POSARIC MARIO
SAVIC BOJAN



Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)



Squad

ABINA ANA
ABINA EMA
ARENHART BARBARA ELISABETH
BRNOVIC TATJANA
ĐAJIC DIJANA
EGGER PHILOMENA
ERCEG ELENA
GRBIC ITANA
GROS ANA

GUTIÉRREZ BERMEJO JENNIFER MARIA
HORACEK TAMARA
IGNJATOVIC MILICA
JURIC MANCA
MAVSAR TAMARA
N'DIAYE HAWA
NGOMBELE BETCHAIDELLE
PANDŽIC AMRA
POGORELC TEA

RADICEVIC JOVANKA
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VOJNOVIC MAJA
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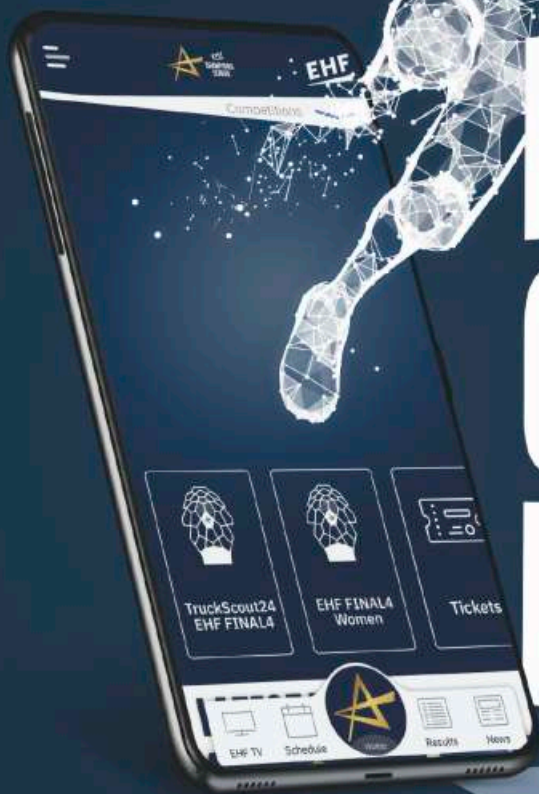


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