

HC PODRAVKA VS FTC—RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA

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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

Thrilling start to long Road to Budapest

Each autumn marks another beginning in the women's club competition as the best teams in Europe join the quest for glory. 16 squads line-up for the highly-anticipated 2025/26 season, which brings new challenges for the participants on the Road to Budapest. The competition throws off with the group phase on 6/7 September, the first of 14 rounds set to test the skills and patience of top-class teams.

The end of February will decide the final group standings, leading up to the next steps of the competition: play-offs and quarter-finals. As the rivalries heat up in the spring, four participants will reserve their tickets for the EHF FINAL4 Women on 6/7 June 2026.

Györi Audi ETO KC have defended their place at the top of European handball after clinching their second consecutive title — and seventh overall. It will be no easy job to face the Hungarian powerhouse, who was drawn in group A with seven other clubs looking forward to proving they belong among the best, including Metz Handball. The French side had a perfect start to the season in 2024/25, but ended their journey bitterly after missing out on a medal.

The rest of the group includes bronze medalists Team Esbjerg, alongside Storhamar Handball Elite, DVSC Schaeffler, Gloria Bistrița, OTP Group Buducnost and BV Borussia Dortmund.

Last season, CSM Bucuresti, FTC Rail-Cargo Hungaria and Krim Mercator Ljubljana bid farewell to three handball legends, who played their last matches on the international stage. Cristina Neagu, Andrea Lekic and Jovanka Radicevic leave big shoes to fill, but there are plenty of talented athletes ready to rise to the occasion — who is up for the challenge?

The three sides find themselves once again in the same group and will face other experienced clubs for a ticket to the next rounds. Last year's finalists Odense Håndbold and Brest Bretagne Handball, who made it to the quarter-finals, are also powerful contenders for the top places in the group. They are joined by Ikast Håndbold, HC Podravka and Sola HK in group B, with the latter being part of the starting grid for the first time.

The stage is set for a new chapter in the history of the competition. Enjoy the EHF Champions League Women 2025/26 group phase!

Yours in sport,

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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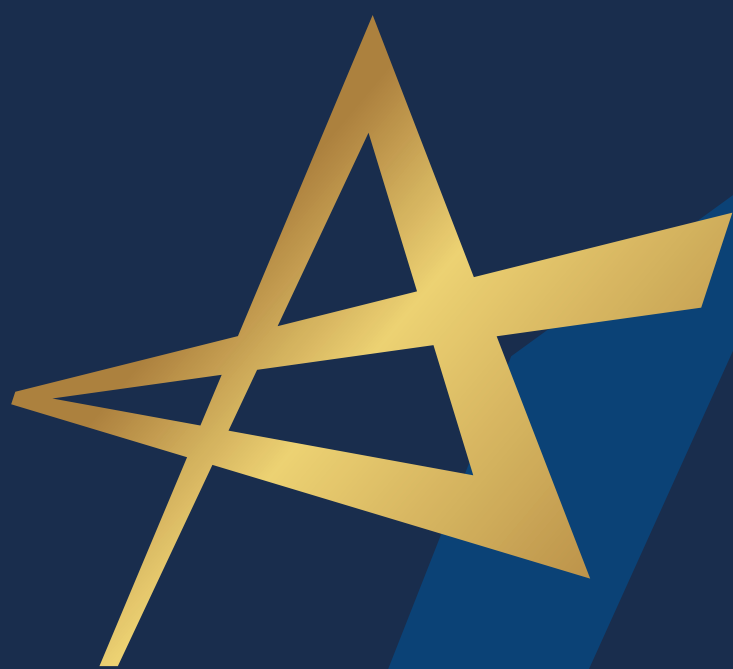
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KATJA VUKOVIĆ
KATARINA PANDŽA
KLARA BIRTIĆ
KALA KOSOVAC
IVANA FRATNIK
MATEA PLETIKOSIĆ

MIA BRKIĆ
PETRA MARINOVIĆ
KRISTINA DRAMAC
VERONIKA BABARA
SARA ŠENVALD
HANNAH VULJAK
ANA DEBELIĆ

TINA BARIŠIĆ
ANDREA ŠIMARA
ANA PANDŽA
KRISTINA PRKAČIN
JOSIPA MAMIĆ
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JOVAN NOVAKOVIĆ
DORIAN ROJČEVIĆ



FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)



Squad

BALÁZS BÍLIA
BALOGH VERONIKA BORBÁLA
BÖDE-BÍRÓ BLANKA
VOGEL EMILY
BORDÁS RÉKA
CVIJIC DRAGANA
DMITRIEVA DARIA
FÁBIÁN ALINA

GLAUSER LAURA
GREBENÁR RÉKA
HÁRSFALVI JÚLIA
INGSTAD VILDE MORTENSEN
JANURIK KINGA
KANOR ORLANE
KAPU ZSÓFI
KLUJBER KATRIN GITTA

MALESTEIN ANTJE ANGELA
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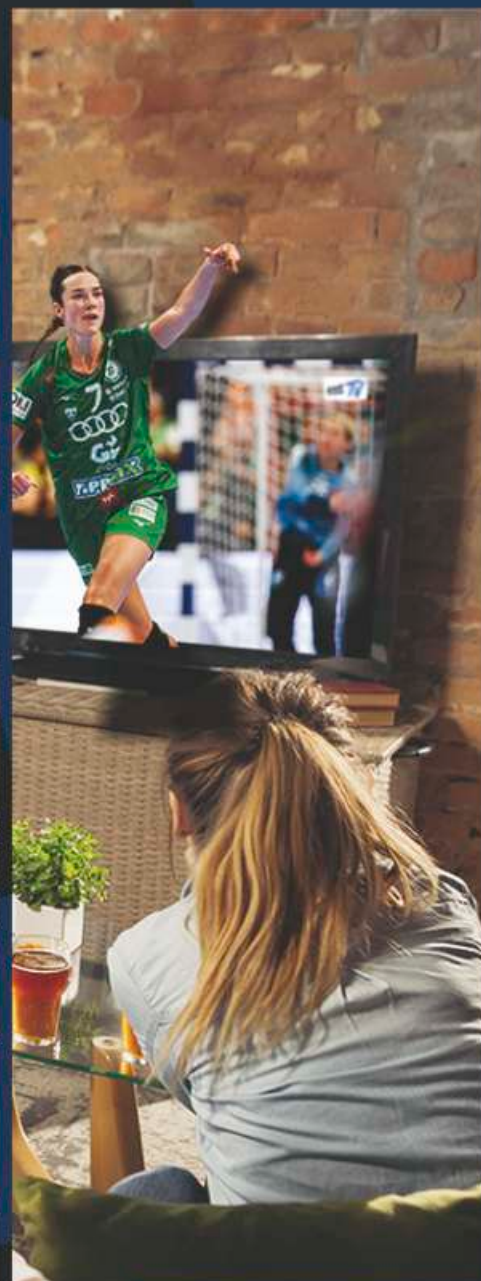
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