



# HC PODRAVKA VS TEAM ESBJERG

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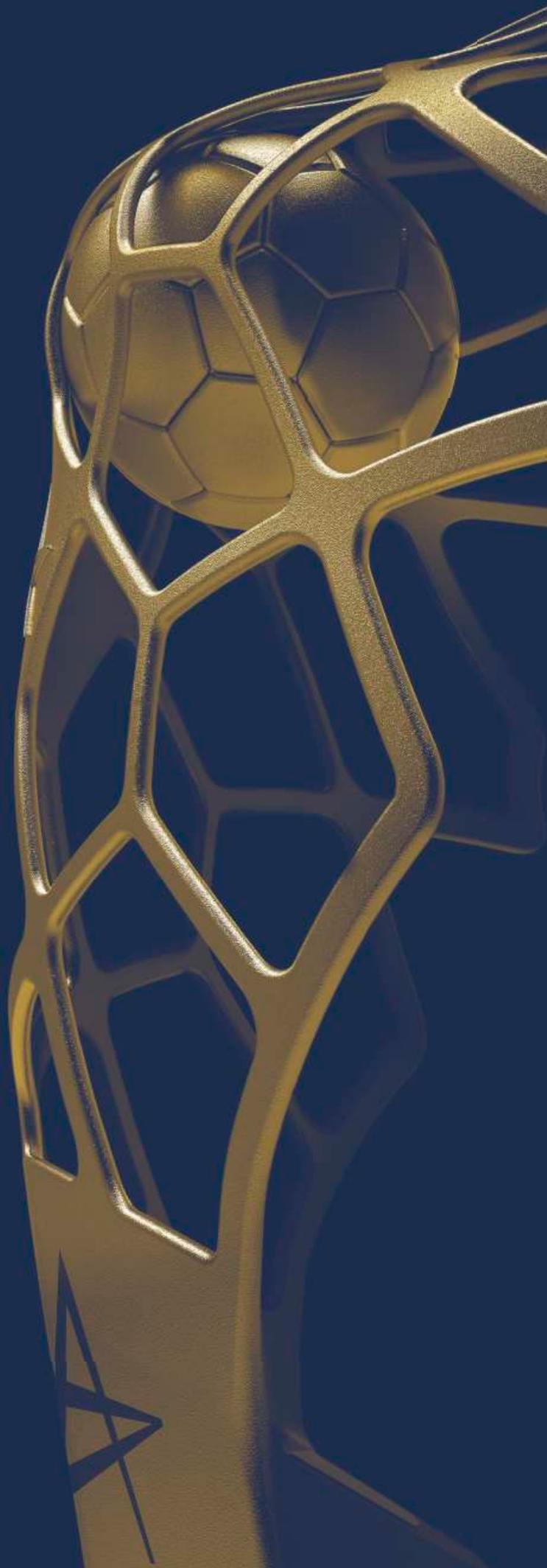
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## **Road to Budapest begins as EHF Champions League 2025/26 reaches play-off round**

After 14 rounds of thrilling matches, the EHF Champions League Women 2025/26 group phase has come to a dramatic conclusion – four teams have fallen by the wayside and four have secured themselves a coveted ticket to the quarter-finals. As for the other eight, they must navigate an extra hurdle on the Road to Budapest and make it through the play-off round to take one of the four quarter-final places still up for grabs.

Two sides who made it all the way to Budapest last season will have to go through the play-offs this time to reach the Raiffeisen Bank EHF FINAL4 2026. Team Esbjerg finished third in group A behind the two sides they faced at the MVM Dome last season; Györi Audi ETO KC and Metz Handball. If they are to reach the last eight, the Danish side must win over two legs against HC Podravka, who finished seventh in group B but qualified for the play-offs with a match to spare.

Esbjerg's domestic rivals Odense Håndbold were runners-up in last season's competition, yet only finished fourth in their group this time, albeit in a tight group B which saw the top four separated by just three points as Brest Bretagne Handball and CSM Bucuresti grabbed the quarter-final tickets. Odense will now take on DVSC Schaeffler, who finished fifth in group A and will be aiming for this to be the Danish club's last trip to Hungary for the season.

Finishing ahead of Odense but missing out on the quarter-finals by the finest of margins were FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, another side who know what it takes to reach the EHF FINAL4. Their reward for a third-place finish in group B is a head-to-head with BV Borussia Dortmund, who have reached this stage for the first time since 2022.

Last but not least, Ikast Håndbold will be facing Gloria Bistrita in a meeting of the two most recent silver medallists in the EHF European League Women. The two clubs are not only proving the strength in depth of the women's club game, but certainly going in the right direction and sure to provide a great contest for the quarter-final berth.

The goals are sure to be flying in, but when knockout handball starts on the Road to Budapest, every area of both the attack and defence must be perfect in order to reach the next rounds. Now, it's time for eight teams to show what they're made of as we throw-off the play-off round.

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## HC Podravka (CRO)



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BARIŠIĆ TINA  
BEŠEN LUCIJA  
BIRTIC KLARA  
BRKIC MIA  
DEBELIC ANA  
ĐOLONGA ANA  
DRAMAC KRISTINA

FRATNIK IVANA  
JURLINA TENA  
KOSOVAC KALA  
KRAGULJ NIKOLINA  
MAMIC JOSIPA  
MARINOVIC PETRA  
OLEK ALEKSANDRA  
PANDZA ANA

PANDŽA KATARINA  
PLETIKOSIC MATEA  
PRKACIN KRISTINA  
ŠENVALD SARA  
ŠIMARA ANDREA  
TUCAKOVIĆ ANTONIA  
VUKOVIĆ KATJA  
VULJAK HANNAH

### *Officials*

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MARIO POSARIĆ

MARKO BREZIĆ  
ASJA CESTAR

JOVAN NOVAKOVIĆ  
DORIAN ROJČEVIĆ



## Team Esbjerg (DEN)



### Squad

DEKKER SARAH  
EMMENEGGER MIA SOFIA  
FILTER KATHARINA JOHANNA  
HANSEN HELENE KINDBERG  
HANSSON ELIN  
HAUGSTED LINE  
HEINDAHL KATHRINE BROTHMANN

IVERSEN RIKKE  
JACOBSEN MARIT RØSBERG  
KOPPANG NINA BEATE  
KRISTENSEN ANNA OPSTRUP  
LÖFQVIST OLIVIA  
MØLLER MICHALA ELSBERG  
MØRK NORA

PETERSEN ANNE TOLSTRUP  
REISTAD HENNY ELLA  
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SOLBERG-ISAKSEN SANNA CHARLOTTE  
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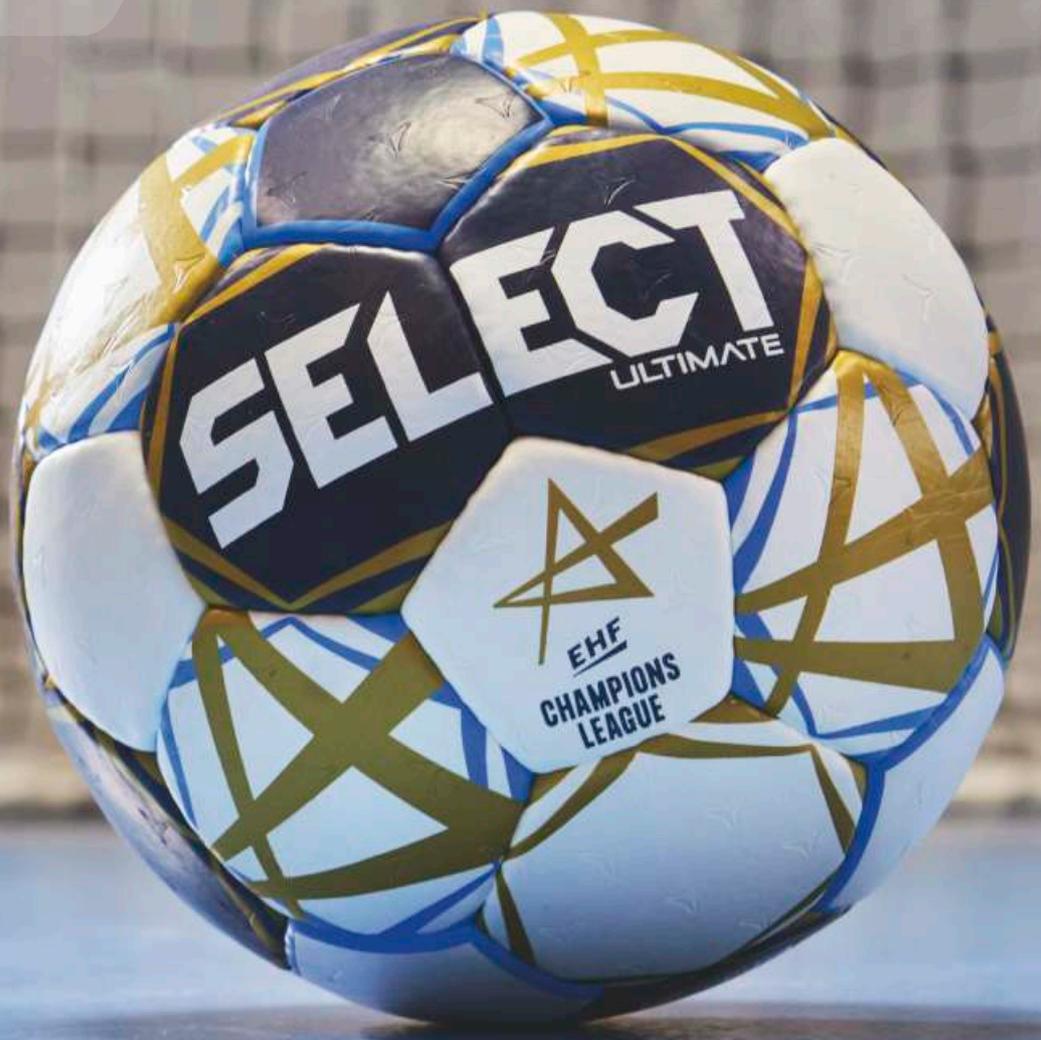
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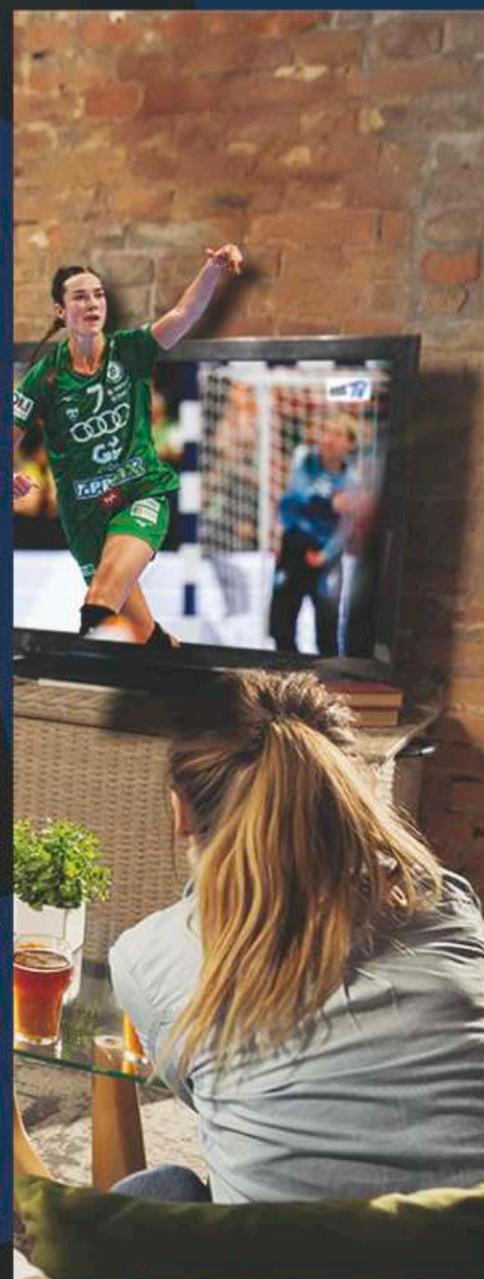
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