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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 Zagłębie 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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- #4 Julie Scaglione
- #7 Stine Skogrand
- #8 Simone Böhme
- #9 Melissa Petrén
- #11 Sarah Aaberg Iversen
- #12 Filippa Idehn
- #14 Emma Lindqvist
- #15 Emma Friis
- #16 Andrea Austmo
- #17 Simone Petersen
- #18 Maria Lykkegaard
- #19 Amanda Loft
- #21 Ingvild Bakkerud
- #23 Trine Mortensen
- #51 Marketa Jerabkova
- #77 Line Mai Hougaard

- Kasper Christensen
- Christian Knutzon Køhler
- Malene Andersen
- Søren Rasmussen
- Emma Ravnmosé
- Pernille Mosegaard
- Michelle Mortensen



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- #4 Kaba Gassama Cissokho
- #5 Antje Döll
- #7 Klara Birtic
- #10 Inger Smits
- #14 Karolina Kudlacz–Gloc
- #19 Anne With Johansen
- #20 Sofia Hvenfelt
- #21 Kelly Dulfer
- #22 Xenia Smits
- #23 Isabelle Anderson
- #28 Sarah Nørklit Lønborg
- #30 Jenny Behrend
- #45 Noēmi Háfra
- #48 Doróttya Faluvégi
- #67 Veronika Mala
- #94 Gabriela Concalves Dias Moreschi



Jakob Vestergaard



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We are not going to bring a lot of new things to the table, we are trying to run the game the way, we think are best. There were too many parameters that we succeed in Germany and that is our task at home. If we play as well as we can and as we have proven many times this season, we can beat the very best teams in Europe, including Bietigheim. So it is very much about us finding our own level.





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