

IKAST HÅNDBOLD VS GLORIA BISTRITA

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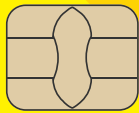


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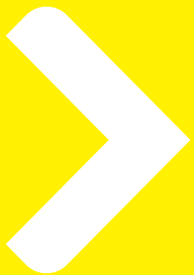
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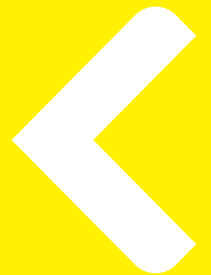
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Road to Budapest begins as EHF Champions League 2025/26 reaches play-off round

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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IKAST HÅNDBOLD TEAM 2025/26

#2 Matilde Nielsen
#4 Julie Scaglione
#5 Emilie Arntzen
#6 Cecilie Brandt
#7 Stine Skogrand C
#8 Jamina Roberts
#9 Olivia Mellegård
#11 Sarah Iversen
#12 Filippa Idéhn
#14 Emma Lindqvist
#15 Karen Klokke
#16 Amalie Milling
#20 Ane Høgseth
#22 Lærke Nolsøe
#23 Lina Lützhøft
#27 Thea Kylberg
#32 Lois van Vliet
#77 Line-Mai Hougaard

A: Claus Mogensen
B: Jesper Fredin
C: Ann-Louise Christensen
D: Birgitte Linnebjerg
D: Sanne Sørensen
E: Søren Rasmussen



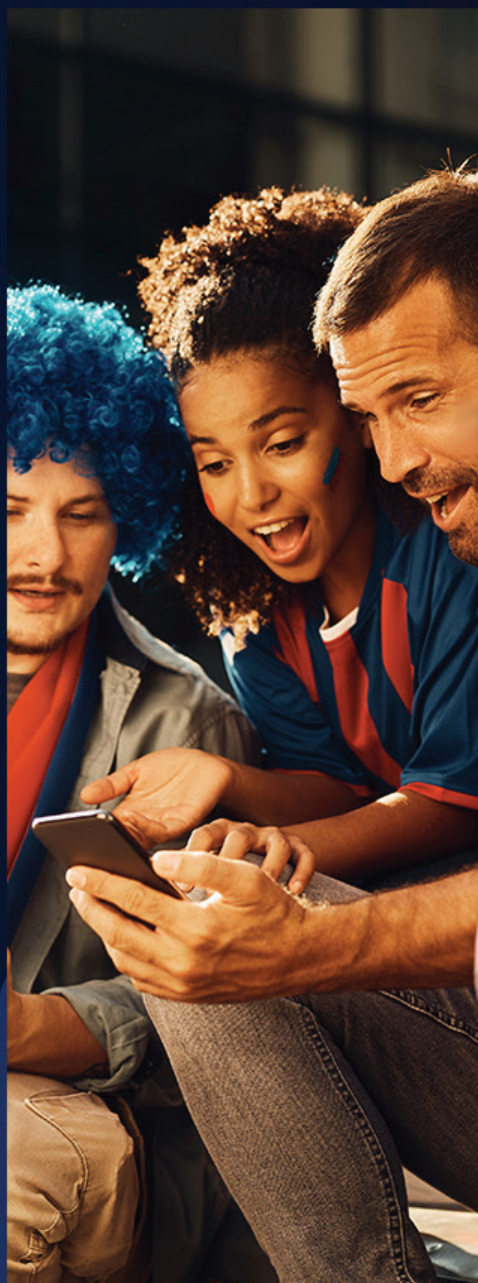
GLORIA BISTRITA



- #1 Ana Maria Perseca
- #3 Yaroslava Burlachenko
- # 9Larrisa Nüsser
- #10 Danila Pinto So Delgado
- #13Cristina Laslo
- #14 Bianca Maria Balzaliu
- #17 Jennifer Gutiérrez
- #18 Daria Citu
- #19 Kaba Gassama
- #23 Paula Poveda Arcos
- #24 Angela Stefania Stoica
- #25 Eva Kerekes
- #30 Sonia Seraficeanu
- #37 Lorena Ostase
- #44 Matilda Forsberg
- #87 Renata De Arruda

Head coach: Carlos Enrique Viver Arza
Assistant coach: Joaquin Soler Teruel

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