



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

MOTW Round 5: Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO) VS VIPERS KRISTIANSAND (NOR)

GROUP B



Saturday 21 October 2023, 18:00 CEST



Playing hall

Hala Tivoli
Celovška cesta 25
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia

Capacity: 4,000

ROUND 5



Most games vs Vipers Kristiansand:

Nina Žabjek	9
Nataša Ljepoja	8
Jovana Rišović	8
Alja Varagić (Koren)	8
Valentina Klemenčič	7
Tjaša Stanko	7

Most goals vs Vipers Kristiansand:

Tjaša Stanko	29
Nataša Ljepoja	19
Tamara Mavsar	18
Mirjeta Bajramoska	17
Alja Varagić (Koren)	17

- The EHF Champions League Women returns from its two-week national team break with round 5, which includes the Match of the Week between two clubs that have won the title a combined five times.

- Krim Mercator Ljubljana won the CL twice, most recently 20 years ago; reigning champions Vipers Kristiansand are only the second women's team in history to lift the CL trophy three years in a row.

- Krim started the season with three straight wins before losing 33:32 against Ikast Håndbold.

- Vipers are also coming off a defeat in round 4, losing 38:37 against Team Esbjerg – their second defeat this season against a team from Denmark.

- In 2022/23, Vipers lost only two matches in their entire CL season.

- With 104 goals conceded, Krim have the strongest defence of all teams in group B; Vipers have conceded 114 goals in the first four rounds.

- Vipers have never lost against Krim in the CL; their only defeat in the 12 previous duels came in a Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final match in 2016.

- The MOTW is Krim's 305th CL match; only WHC Buducnost BEMAX have played more matches (309) in Europe's topflight handball competition.

- Krim are playing in the CL for the 29th time; Vipers are in their seventh CL season.

- Vipers goalkeeper Katrine Lunde is the only female player in history with seven CL titles: two times each with Viborg HK and Györi Audi ETO KC, and three times with Vipers.

- Lunde was named MVP of the 2022/23 season at the inaugural EHF Excellence Awards last June.

- Vipers right wing Jana Knedlíková is the first handball player, female or male, who have won the CL six seasons in a row: in 2017-19 with Györ, and in 2021-23 with Vipers (no title was awarded in 2020).

- Two Russian Olympic champions (2016) and silver medalists (2021) meet in the MOTW: Krim's Daria Dmitrieva and Vipers' Anna Vyakhireva.

- Vipers' Océane Sercien-Ugolin played two seasons for Krim before moving to Norway in 2022; the right back faces a fellow French international in the MOTW: Krim centre back Allison Pineau.

- Krim right wing Jovanka Radičević is the all-time top scorer of the CL, with 1,084 goals.

- At an average of 1.794 metre, Krim have the tallest squad of all 16 teams in the group phase; the average height of Vipers players is 1.760 metre.

Most games vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Sunniva Andersen	10
Marta Tomac	10
Katrine Lunde	9
Jana Knedlíková	8
Ragnhild Valle Dahl	8

Most goals vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana:

Ragnhild Valle Dahl	34
Markéta Jeřábková	28
Jana Knedlíková	28
Nora Mørk	27
Sunniva Andersen	27

Domestic league

1. A DRL - ženske

Last 3 games:

05/10 vs Litija	W36:15
04/10 @ Velenje	W25:32
25/09 vs Izola	W45:18

Next game:

28/10 vs MRK Krka

Standings as of 20/10:

1. Krim	3	113:58	6
2. Ajdovščina	2	62:52	4
3. Celje	2	56:55	2
4. Ptuj	2	51:53	2
5. Izola	2	45:65	2
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8. Velenje	2	48:61	0

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games:

18/10 @ Ravens	W22:35
07/10 @ Molde	W25:41
04/10 vs Storhamar	W28:26

Next game:

01/11 vs Oppsal Håndball

Standings as of 20/10:

1. Vipers	8	278:191	16
2. Storhamar	8	266:188	14
3. Larvik	7	206:197	10
4. Fredrikstad	7	203:203	10
5. Sola	8	245:214	10
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14. Follo	7	186:209	2

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand 1-0-11 (305:359) 2:22

20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:27 (15:15)
27.02.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:20 (14:8)
26.01.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:25 (8:10)
23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (14:14)
12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (9:14)
13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (16:15)
30.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:27 (16:10)
12.02.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	37:20 (17:9)
01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:32 (10:14)
07.05.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:24 (17:12)
18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group A	21:27 (11:13)
04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group A	36:31 (20:15)

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 36:31 (20:15) 04.02.2023 (Kristiansand, NOR)

(EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 – Group A)

Referees: Georgi Doychinov/Yulian Goretsov (Bulgaria).

Suspensions: 10' – 6' (Roberts 2', Tchaptchet 4', Debelić 4' – Dmitrieva 2', Klemenčič 2', Ngombele 2').

Number of 7m: 6/3 – 8/5.

Attendance: 1,583.

	Sofie Börjesson			Barbara Arenhart		
	Katrine Lunde			Jovana Risović -> Craiova/ROU		
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	Océane Sercien-Ugolin	(1)	(4)	Sanja Radosavljević -> Kristianstad/SWE		
	Martine Andersen			Manca Jurič		
	Karine Dahlum		(4)	Jovanka Radičević		
	Jamina Roberts	(7)	(4)	Tjaša Stanko		
	Silje Waade		(2)	Ema Abina		
	Anna Vyakhireva	(8)		Nina Žabjek		
	Tuva Høve		(3)	Daria Dmitrieva		
	Mina Hesselberg	(1)	(3)	Valentina Klemenčič		
	Lysa Tchaptchet		(2)	Nataša Ljepoja -> Ramnicu Valcea/ROU		
	Ragnhild Valle Dahl -> Odense/DEN	(3)	(3)	Alja Varagič		
	Sunniva Andersen	(4)		Betchaïdelle Ngombele		
	Ana Debelić		(3)	Barbara Lazović		
	Jana Knedlíková	(4)	(3)	Aleksandra Rosiak		
	Markéta Jeřábková -> Ikast/DEN	(8)		Maja Svetik -> BT-Füchse/AUT		

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS NORWEGIAN CLUBS 14-0-24



Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1999/00	Baekkelagets Oslo		24:27	ECh for Club Teams – Semi-final
1999/00	Baekkelagets Oslo	25:22	23:32	EHF Champions League – Group B
2000/01	Larvik HK	29:17	20:24	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2001/02	Nordstrand 2000, Oslo		34:21	ECh for Club Teams – Place 3/4
2002/03	Larvik HK	30:25	21:22	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2003/04	Larvik HK	27:19	33:30	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2004/05	Tertnes Bergen	32:18	24:22	EHF Champions League – Group D
2005/06	Larvik HK	24:19	23:29	EHF Champions League – Group A
2009/10	Larvik HK	30:34	23:30	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2011/12	Larvik	19:22	19:31	EHF Champions League – Group B
2012/13	Larvik	19:27	24:22	EHF Champions League – Semi-final
2013/14	Larvik	24:18	22:28	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	Larvik	21:37	28:32	EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	Vipers Kristiansand	30:20	27:29	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2016/17	Larvik	24:22	36:31	EHF Champions League – Group D
2018/19	Vipers Kristiansand	24:25	21:29	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	Vipers Kristiansand	26:27	30:37	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Vipers Kristiansand	26:27	20:37	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	Vipers Kristiansand	25:32	24:33	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2022/23	Vipers Kristiansand	21:27	31:36	EHF Champions League – Group A

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND VS SLOVENIAN CLUBS 11-0-1

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2015/16	RK Krim Mercator	29:27	20:30	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2018/19	RK Krim Mercator	29:21	25:24	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	RK Krim Mercator	37:30	27:26	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	37:20	27:26	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	33:24	32:25	EHF Champions League – Quarter-final
2022/23	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31	27:21	EHF Champions League – Group A

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



Krim Mercator Ljubljana: current run – lost one

01.10.2023	Ikast DEN	@ Ikast Handbold DEN	L 33:32
23.09.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 32:26
17.09.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs Team Esbjerg DEN	W 33:27
09.09.2023	Lubin POL	@ MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 18:36
26.03.2023	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	L 30:24
19.03.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 29:24
12.02.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs CSM Bucuresti ROU	W 28:26
04.02.2023	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 36:31
22.01.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs DHK Banik Most CZE	W 42:31
14.01.2023	Érd HUN	@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	L 37:26



Vipers Kristiansand: current run – lost one

30.09.2023	Kristiansand NOR	vs Team Esbjerg DEN	L 37:38
23.09.2023	Lubin POL	@ MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 20:34
16.09.2023	Kristiansand NOR	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 37:26
09.09.2023	Ikast DEN	@ Ikast Handbold DEN	L 30:26
04.06.2023	Budapest HUN	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 28:24
03.06.2023	Budapest HUN	@ Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	W 35:37
06.05.2023	Kristiansand NOR	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 40:31
30.04.2023	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 25:31
11.02.2023	Brest FRA	@ Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	W 29:36
04.02.2023	Kristiansand NOR	vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	W 36:31

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS VIPERS KRISTIANSAND

Mirjeta Bajramoska	11	20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:27
Matea Pletikosić	11	13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	37:30
Tjaša Stanko	8	23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:21
Samara Vieira	8	12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Ana Gros	8	01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	25:32
Ana Gros	8	07.05.2022	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	33:24
Daria Dmitrieva	8	18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	21:27

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR VIPERS KRISTIANSAND VS KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

Ragnhild Valle Dahl	11	13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	37:30
Nora Mørk	11	30.10.2021	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Heidi Løke	9	12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand	26:27
Lynn Knippenborg	8	20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator	29:27
Ana Debelić	8	01.05.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	25:32
Markéta Jeřábková	8	18.09.2022	Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Vipers Kristiansand	21:27
Markéta Jeřábková	8	04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31
Anna Vyakhireva	8	04.02.2023	Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana	36:31

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Océane Sercien-Ugolin 8 matches, 13 goals w/Krim 6/12 (2020-2022), w/Kristiansand 2/1 (2022-2023)

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Océane Sergien-Ugolin w/Krim (2020-2022), w/Kristiansand (2022-2023)

'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TROPHY AWARDED AFTER EACH MOTW

The Match of the Week 'Player of the Match' trophy, introduced by EHF Marketing GmbH in the 2017/18 season, is awarded at all MOTWs in the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 season.

The award is handed over on court shortly after the match.

Awarded players in 2023/24 season:

- Round 1: Irma Schjött (Ikast Håndbold)
- Round 2: Katharina Filter (Brest Bretagne Handball)
- Round 3: Kari Brattset Dale (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 4: Andrea Lekić (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 5: ...



KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST VIPERS

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	6	0	0	6	0	0,00	0	0
Dijana Đajic	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Maja Vojnovič	SLO	3	0	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Ema Abina	SLO	5	0	0	5	5	1,00	3	0
Tatjana Brnović	MNE	8	1	0	7	12	1,50	4	12' (D)
Daria Dmitrieva	RUS	8	2	0	6	45	5,63	8	10'
Elena Erceg	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Itana Grbić	MNE	8	3	0	5	18	2,25	4	4'
Manca Jurič	SLO	6	1	0	5	1	0,17	1	0
Valentina Klemenčič	SLO	7	0	0	7	7	1,00	3	2'
Barbara Lazović	SLO	6	1	0	5	18	3,00	7	2'
Tamara Mavsar	SLO	4	1	0	3	18	4,50	6	2'
Betchaidelle Ngombebe	CGO	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	4'
Allison Pineau	FRA	7	1	0	6	19	2,71	7	6'
Jovanka Radičević	MNE	5	1	0	4	22	4,40	8	2'
Aleksandra Rosiak	POL	2	0	0	2	6	3,00	3 (2)	0
Nina Spreitzer	SLO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Tjaša Stanko	SLO	10	1	0	9	36	3,60	8	8'
Alja Varagić	SLO	8	1	0	7	17	2,13	5	2'
Nina Zulić	SLO	5	1	0	4	3	0,60	2	2'

Tatjana Brnović (Buducnost 2017/18, Buducnost 2018/19, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23);
 Daria Dmitrieva (Handball Club Lada 2016/17, Handball Club Lada 2017/18, CSKA 2020/21, CSKA 2021/22);
 Itana Grbić (Buducnost 2017/18, Buducnost 2018/19, CSM Bucuresti 2019/20, Brest Bretagne Handball 2022/23);
 Barbara Lazović (CSM Bucuresti 2018/19, CSM Bucuresti 2020/21); Allison Pineau (Brest Bretagne Handball 2017/18);
 Jovanka Radičević (CSM Bucuresti 2018/19, Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2021/22);
 Tjaša Stanko (HC Podravka Vegeta 2019/20, Metz Handball 2020/21); Nina Zulić (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK 2021/22).

VIPERS KRISTIANSAND PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KRIM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Sofie Börjesson	SWE	6	4	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Katrine Lunde	NOR	23	20	0	3	0	0,00	0	0
Julie Stokkendal	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Lois Abbingh	NED	4	4	0	0	14	3,50	9	2'
Martine Andersen	NOR	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Paula Arcos	ESP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karine Dahlum	NOR	7	7	0	0	8	1,14	7	2'
Ana Debelić	CRO	8	6	1	1	21	2,63	8	16'
Mina Hesselberg	NOR	4	4	0	0	3	0,75	1 (3)	0
Tuva Høve	NOR	6	6	0	0	3	0,50	3	0
Vilde Jonassen	NOR	5	4	0	1	11	2,20	4	0
Jana Knedlíková	CZE	16	16	0	0	49	3,06	6	2'
Sunniva Andersen	NOR	10	10	0	0	27	2,70	4 (3)	0
Tuva Pharo	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jamina Roberts	SWE	8	4	1	3	46	5,75	10	8'
Luisa Schulze	GER	6	2	1	3	20	3,33	6	12'
Océane Sercien-Ugolin	FRA	2	2	0	0	1	0,50	1	0
Lysa Tchaptchet	ESP	6	6	0	0	3	0,50	1 (3)	10'
Marta Tomac	NOR	10	9	0	1	14	1,40	4	2'
Anna Vyakhireva	RUS	8	4	1	3	37	4,63	10	0
Silje Waade	NOR	7	7	0	0	7	1,00	5	4'

Lois Abbingh (HCM Baia Mare 2015/16, Odense Håndbold 2021/22, Odense Håndbold 2022/23 – DNP);
 Sofie Börjesson (IK Sävehof 2019/20, IK Sävehof 2021/22); Ana Debelić (HC Podravka Vegeta 2018/19);
 Jana Knedlíková (Györi Audi ETO KC 2016/17, Györi Audi ETO KC 2017/18, Györi Audi ETO KC 2018/19, Györi Audi ETO KC 2019/20);
 Katrine Lunde (Aalborg DH 2005/06, Aalborg DH 2006/07, Viborg HK 2008/09, Györi Audi ETO KC 2010/11, Györi Audi ETO KC 2012/13, Györi Audi ETO KC 2013/14, Rostov-Don 2015/16); Jamina Roberts (IK Sävehof 2013/14, IK Sävehof 2016/17, IK Sävehof 2021/22); Luisa Schulze (HC Leipzig 2009/10, HC Leipzig 2013/14 – DNP, HC Leipzig 2014/15, SG BBM Bietigheim 2020/21); Anna Vyakhireva (Zvezda Zvenigorod 2012/13, Rostov-Don 2017/18, Rostov-Don 2020/21).



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