



# MEDIA INFORMATION

**EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23**

MOTW Play-offs, Leg 1: Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CS Rapid Bucuresti

# KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO) VS CS RAPID BUCURESTI (ROU)

## PLAY-OFFS



Sunday 19 February 2023, 14:00 CET



### Playing hall

**Arena Stožice**  
Vojkova cesta 100  
1000 Ljubljana  
Slovenia

Capacity: 6,000

## LEG 1



### Leading goal scorers in EHF Champions League Women 2022/23:

Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	78
Daria Dmitrieva (RUS)	76
Barbara Lazovic (SLO)	51
Aleksandra Rosiak (POL)	37
Tjaša Stanko (SLO)	36
Valentina Klemencic (SLO)	21
Nataša Ljepoja (SLO)	20
Sanja Radosavljevic (SRB)	18
Maja Svetik (SLO)	16
Alja Vagaric (SLO)	12
Allison Pineau (FRA)	11

- The MOTW in the first leg of the EHF Champions League Women play-offs features one of the most experienced teams – Krim Mercator Ljubljana – and first-time participants CS Rapid Bucuresti.

- Krim, who are two-time champions (2001, 2003), are playing in their 28th CL season.

- The teams have never played each other before; Rapid have not yet met any opponents from Slovenia.

- Krim booked their play-off ticket only in the last round of the group phase, when a late 28:26 win over CSM Bucuresti earned them fifth position in group A.

- Rapid finished fourth in group B with nine wins, two draws, and three defeats – all in away matches.

- The winners of this play-off tie will meet two-time defending champions Vipers Kristiansand in the quarter-finals for a place at the EHF FINAL4 2023.

- No member of Krim's squad has played against Rapid before, and only a few Rapid players have previously met Krim with their former teams.

- However, Rapid goalkeeper Ivana Kapitanovic has played against Krim seven times during her years with HC Podravka Vegeta and Metz Handball.

- Rapid changed their coach between the end of the group phase and the start of the play-offs: Kim Rasmussen replaced Carlos Viver; back in 2016, Rasmussen led Rapid's local rivals CSM to the CL title.

- The head coaches of both MOTW teams are also in charge of a national team: Krim's Dragan Adzic leads Slovenia; Rapid's Kim Rasmussen South Korea.

- Both have previously coached Montenegro, where Rasmussen succeeded Adzic in 2020.

- In seven of the last eight CL seasons, Krim played against a team from Romania; Krim have won only two of those 14 matches – both times against CSM.

- Krim's French international Allison Pineau is recovering from back surgery and misses the MOTW.

- Krim's Jovanka Radicevic became the all-time CL top scorer during the group phase; meanwhile, the Montenegrin star has raised her tally to 1,056 goals.

- Radicevic is also Krim's top scorer this CL season with 78 goals; Eliza Buceschi leads for Rapid with 56.

- Rapid's mid-season arrival Estavana Polman, who joined from Nykøbing Falster Håndbold after the EHF EURO 2022, has scored 27 times in her seven matches for the Romanian team.

- Rapid have eight different nationalities in their squad; Krim have even one more: nine.

### Leading goal scorers in EHF Champions League Women 2022/23:

Eliza Buceschi (ROU)	56
Sorina Grozav (ROU)	51
Orlane Kanor (FRA)	42
Dorina Korsós (HUN)	37
Alexandra-Diana Badea (ROU)	34
Lorena Ostase (ROU)	34
Jennifer Gutiérrez (ESP)	31
Ainhoa Hernández (ESP)	29
Marta Lopez (ESP)	28
Estavana Polman (NED)	27
Alicia Fernandez (ESP)	26
Irene Espinola (ESP)	22

### Domestic league

#### 1. DRL

Last 3 games:

11/03 @ Izola (QF, leg 2) W16:37

06/03 vs Izola (QF, leg 1) W47:17

17/02 @ Litija W22:40

Next game:

vs Velenje or Krka (semi-finals)

Final standings, group A:

<b>1. Krim</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>525:295</b>	<b>28</b>
2. Ajdovscina	14	446:320	24
3. Celje	14	408:329	19
4. Krka	14	340:393	12
5. Velenje	14	322:389	12
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8. Izola	14	291:416	0

### Domestic league

#### Ligue Florilor MOL

Last 3 games:

15/03 @ Zalau W23:25

12/03 vs Cismadieu W36:26

26/02 @ Targu Jiu W26:31

Next game:

30/03 vs Ramnicu Valcea

Standings as of 17/03:

<b>1. CSM Bucuresti</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>594:456</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2. Rapid</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>612:516</b>	<b>46</b>
3. Bistrita	18	564:483	43
4. Braila	18	511:464	37
5. Buzau	18	500:465	37
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14. Galati	18	413:555	1

## PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs CS Rapid Bucuresti 0-0-0

No previous encounters in European competitions

## KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA VS ROMANIAN CLUBS 9-2-19

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1994/95	Chimistul Vilcea	32:22	24:32	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
2007/08	CS Rulmentul-Urban Brasov	27:29	25:27	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2008/09	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea	35:34	30:36	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2010/11	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea	37:30	27:31	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2011/12	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea	25:31	26:30	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2012/13	U Jolidon Cluj	28:27	31:23	EHF Champions League – Group B
2012/13	Oltchim Rm. Valcea	28:24	20:23	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	HCM Baia Mare	27:33	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group A
2015/16	SC Municipal Craiova	27:23	29:30	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
2016/17	CSM Bucuresti	21:24	26:28	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2017/18	CSM Bucuresti	30:33	18:30	EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	CSM Bucuresti	23:22	26:32	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2019/20	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	28:28	16:31	DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2020/21	CSM Bucuresti	23:25	22:22	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2022/23	CSM Bucuresti	28:26	28:30	EHF Champions League – Group A

## CS RAPID BUCURESTI VS SLOVENIAN CLUBS 0-0-0

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
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No previous encounters in European competitions

## LAST 10 GAMES IN THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



### Krim Mercator Ljubljana: current run – won one

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
08.01.2023	Ljubljana SLO	vs SG BBM Bietigheim GER	W 35:28
17.12.2022	Brest FRA	@ Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	W 22:24
11.12.2022	Odense/Fyn DEN	@ Odense Håndbold DEN	L 26:22
04.12.2022	Ljubljana SLO	vs Odense Håndbold DEN	L 23:29
23.10.2022	Ljubljana SLO	vs Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	W 24:22
16.10.2022	Ludwigsburg GER	@ SG BBM Bietigheim GER	L 30:23



### CS Rapid Bucuresti: current run – won one

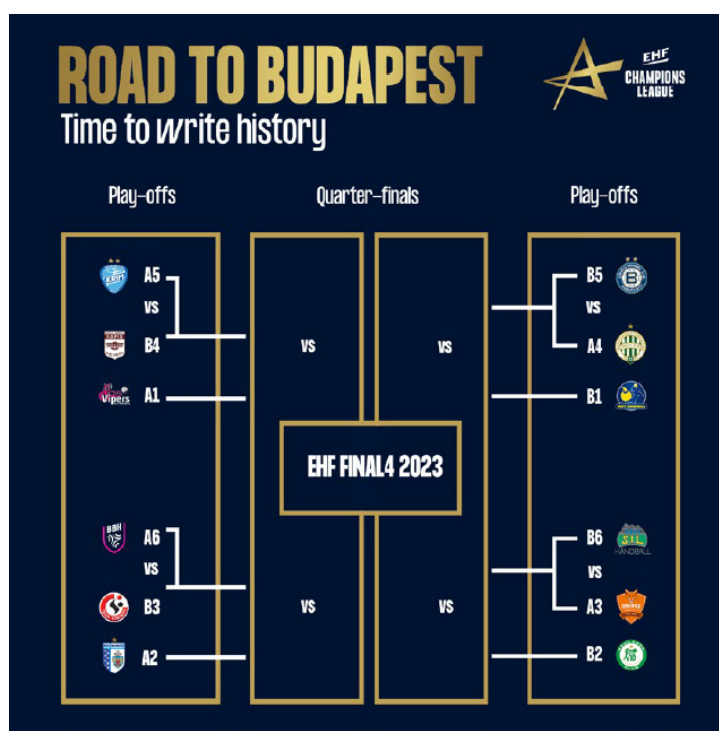
12.02.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	W 27:22
04.02.2023	Metz FRA	@ Metz Handball FRA	L 36:34
22.01.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	W 28:22
15.01.2023	Esbjerg DEN	@ Team Esbjerg DEN	L 35:30
08.01.2023	Bucharest ROU	vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 39:29
17.12.2022	Hamar NOR	@ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	W 29:36
11.12.2022	Bucharest ROU	vs Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	W 30:27
03.12.2022	Györ HUN	@ Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	L 32:30
23.10.2022	Bucharest ROU	vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	W 27:25
15.10.2022	Podgorica MNE	@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	D 30:30

## KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA'S RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 2-0-2

06.03.2021	Ljubljana SLO	RK Krim Mercator SLO vs CSKA RUS	25:20
13.03.2021	Moscow RUS	CSKA RUS vs RK Krim Mercator SLO	27:21
26.03.2022	Ljubljana SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	33:26
02.04.2022	Érd HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	26:22

## CS RAPID BUCURESTI'S RECORD IN PLAY-OFFS (LAST 16) 0-0-0

N/A



## '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 2022/23 season.

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

### Awarded players in 2022/23 season:

- Round 1: Markéta Jeřábková (Vipers Kristiansand)
- Round 2: Melinda Szikora (SG BBM Bietigheim)
- Round 3: Djurdjina Jaukovic (Brest Bretagne Handball)
- Round 4: Cristina Neagu (CSM Bucuresti)
- Round 5: Henny Reistad (Team Esbjerg)
- Round 6: Barbara Arenhart (Krim Mercator Ljubljana)
- Round 7: Cristina Neagu (CSM Bucuresti)
- Round 8: Dione Housheer (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 9: Armelle Attingré (WHC Buducnost BEMAX)
- Round 10: Camille Depuiset (Metz Handball)
- Round 11: Anna Vyakhireva (Vipers Kristiansand)
- Round 12: Malin Aune (CSM Bucuresti)
- Round 13: Angela Malestein (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 14: Estelle Nze Minko (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Play-offs, Leg 1:



## KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST CS RAPID BUCURESTI

Goalkeeper	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A								
Player	GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
N/A								

## CS RAPID BUCURESTI PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Diana Ciuca	ROU	2	1	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ivana Kapitanovic	CRO	7	3	2	2	1	0,14	1	0
Denisa Sandru	ROU	2	1	1	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Alexandra-Diana Badea	ROU	2	1	1	0	1	0,50	1	0
Alicia Fernandez	ESP	1	1	0	0	3	3,00	3	0
Orlane Kanor	FRA	3	2	1	0	6	2,00	4	12' (D)
Dorina Korsós	HUN	4	4	0	0	3	0,75	2	0
Marta Lopez	ESP	2	1	1	0	8	4,00	4 (2)	0
Gabriela Perianu	ROU	3	2	1	0	5	1,67	3	6'
Estavana Polman	NED	2	1	0	1	8	4,00	6	0

Alexandra-Diana Badea (SCM Ramnicu Valcea 2019/20); Alicia Fernandez (SCM Ramnicu Valcea 2019/20); Orlane Kanor (Metz Handball 2020/21, Metz Handball 2021/22); Ivana Kapitanovic (HC Podravka Vegeta 2010/11 – DNP, HC Podravka Vegeta 2011/12, HC Podravka Vegeta 2012/13, Metz Handball 2020/21, Metz Handball 2021/22); Dorina Korsós (Györi Audi ETO KC 2012/13, Györi Audi ETO KC 2013/14, Györi Audi ETO KC 2016/17 – DNP); Marta Lopez (SCM Ramnicu Valcea 2019/20); Gabriela Perianu (HCM Baia Mare 2015/16, CSM Bucuresti 2020/21); Estavana Polman (Team Esbjerg 2016/17, Team Esbjerg 2020/21 – DNP); Denisa Sandru (CSM Bucuresti 2020/21).

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