



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

MOTW Round 12: Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg

METZ HANDBALL (FRA) VS TEAM ESBJERG (DEN)

GROUP B



Sunday 4 February 2024, 16:00 CET



Playing hall

**Palais Des Sports
Jean Weille**
14 Rue Cap. Guynemer
54000 Nancy
France

Capacity: 5,550

ROUND 12



Most games vs Team Esbjerg:

Louise Burgaard	8
Sarah Bouktit	6
Orlane Kanor	6
Debbie Bont	5
Astride N'gouan	5
Méline Nocandy	5
Hatadou Sako	5

Most goals vs Team Esbjerg:

Louise Burgaard	26
Méline Nocandy	19
Kristina Jørgensen	16
Orlane Kanor	16
Bruna de Paula	14
Sarah Bouktit	14
Astride N'gouan	14

- The MOTW in round 12 of the EHF Champions League Women is a direct duel for the top position in group B, as Metz Handball and Team Esbjerg are sharing the lead with 18 points each.

- Metz are on an eight-game winning streak; their last defeat came in the away match against Esbjerg (29:27) in round 3 in September.

- The result of that reverse fixture was Esbjerg's third win in eight matches against the French side.

- Esbjerg had their own eight-game winning streak until they lost to Vipers Kristiansand in round 11.

- Metz have not lost to Esbjerg in three previous home matches, getting two wins and a draw.

- Both teams played at the EHF FINAL4 Women in Budapest two times in the past – Metz in 2019 and 2022, Esbjerg in 2022 and 2023, but they failed to reach the final on all four occasions.

- At the 2022 edition, they played each other in the third-place match, which Metz won 32:26.

- Metz and Ikast Handbold have scored the most goals of all 16 teams in the CL group phase: 375; Esbjerg have netted 356 times so far.

- Five players involved in this MOTW have scored more than 60 goals so far this CL season: Metz's Kristina Jørgensen (68), Sarah Bouktit (67), and Chloé Valentini (63); and Esbjerg's Kristine Breistøl (65) and Nora Mørk (61).

- Metz play in the CL for the 25th season; Esbjerg are in their seventh campaign in Europe's top flight.

- Both clubs won their domestic league and the national cup title last season.

- The two coaches have won several medals at major national team championships: Esbjerg's Jesper Jensen won bronze at the 2021 and 2023 WCh's, and silver at the EHF EURO 2022 with Denmark; Metz's Emmanuel Mayonnade was head coach of the Netherlands when they won the world title in 2019.

- Jensen will leave Esbjerg and fully focus on the Danish national team after the 2023/24 season.

- A total of 14 players in the squads of Metz and Esbjerg won a medal at the 2023 WCh last December.

- Three of those players made the All-star Team: Metz's Chloé Valentini (France) as the left wing and Louise Burgaard (Denmark) as the right back, and Esbjerg's Henny Reistad (Norway) as the MVP.

- Henny Reistad was the second-best scorer of the 2023 WCh with 52 goals; Kristina Jørgensen was third with 47 goals for Denmark.

Most games vs Metz Handball:

Kristine Breistøl	8
Marit Røsberg Jacobsen	7
Rikke Poulsen (Vestergaard)	7
Vilde Ingstad	6
Kaja Kamp	6
Sanna Solberg-Isaksen	6

Most goals vs Metz Handball:

Henny Reistad	33
Kristine Breistøl	30
Marit Røsberg Jacobsen	28
Mette Tranborg	22
Sanna Solberg-Isaksen	18

Domestic league

Ligue Butagaz Énergie

Last 3 games:

24/01 @ Nice	W20:37
17/01 vs Brest	L22:23
10/01 @ Besançon	W27:31

Next game:

07/02 vs Saint-Amand Handball

Standings as of 02/02:

1. Metz	14	507:303	40
2. Brest	13	391:298	39
3. Nantes	14	464:356	36
4. Paris 92	14	419:382	34
5. Chambray	14	371:369	30
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14. Saint-Maur	14	326:417	16

Domestic league

Kvindeligaaen

Last 3 games:

31/01 vs Bjerrinbro	W37:20
30/01 @ Horsens	W33:40
27/01 vs SønderjyskE	W29:24

Next game:

07/02 vs Aarhus United

Standings as of 02/02:

1. Esbjerg	18	614:449	36
2. Ikast	18	621:462	32
3. Odense	18	610:455	32
4. Nykøbing	18	542:493	24
5. Silkeborg	18	538:550	20
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14. Ajax	18	402:598	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS

Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg 4-1-3 (232:229) 9:7

09.02.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:31 (15:15)
08.03.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:29 (14:19)
24.10.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:29 (18:14)
22.11.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:28 (16:12)
05.06.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	26:32 (12:18)
16.10.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:28 (18:12)
08.01.2023	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (11:11)
23.09.2023	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:27 (16:17)

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball 29:27 (16:17) 23.09.2023 (Esbjerg, DEN)

(EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 – Group B)

Referees: Cristina Lovin/Simona Raluca Stancu (Romania).

Suspensions: 6' – 2' (Iversen 2', Solberg-Isaksen 2', Reistad 2' – Grijseels 2').

Number of 7m: 6/4 – 1/0.

Attendance: 2,037.



Anna Kristensen
Amalie Milling

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Kaja Kamp	(1)	(1)
Michala Møller		(4)
Luciana Rebelo		(2)
Nora Mørk	(6)	
Kathrine Heindahl		(2)
Rikke Iversen	(2)	
Kristine Breistøl	(7)	(6)
Marit Røsberg Jacobsen		
Sanna Solberg-Isaksen	(5)	(2)
Henny Reistad	(8)	(5)
Anne Tolstrup		(2)
Julie Bøe Jacobsen		(3)

Camille Depuiset
Hatadou Sako

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Alina Grijseels
Chloé Valentini
Anne Mette Hansen
Delia Golvet
Kristina Jørgensen
Mia Brkic
Louise Burggaard
Zaliata Mlamali
Emma Jacques
Sarah Bouktit
Luzie Granier
Djazz Chambertin
Julie Le Blevec



METZ HANDBALL VS DANISH CLUBS 16–2–19



Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
1999/00	Viborg HK	24:18	18:20	EHF Champions League – Group A
2001/02	Horsens Handbold Klub	24:17	21:24	Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16
2003/04	Ikast Bording EH	23:21	25:34	Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final
2006/07	Slagelse DT	22:27	22:31	EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2
2008/09	Viborg HK	24:37	27:35	EHF Champions League – Group D
2008/09	FCK Handbold A/S	20:23	18:23	Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final
2009/10	Aalborg DH	23:18	24:31	EHF Champions League – Group B
2011/12	Randers HK	25:20	27:26	EHF Champions League – Group C
2012/13	Team Tvis Holstebro	28:33	35:31	EHF Cup – Final
2014/15	Viborg HK A/S	23:24	26:27	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2
2015/16	Viborg HK A/S	26:24	21:28	Cup Winners' Cup – Round 3
2018/19	Odense HC	41:26	19:19	EHF Champions League – Group A
2018/19	Kobenhavn Handball	36:24	33:36	EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2019/20	Team Esbjerg	31:31	29:30	DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2020/21	Team Esbjerg	31:29	28:25	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Odense Håndbold	38:31	27:21	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2021/22	Team Esbjerg		32:26	EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4
2022/23	Team Esbjerg	26:24	28:35	EHF Champions League – Group B
2023/24	Ikast Handbold	36:39		EHF Champions League – Group B
2023/24	Team Esbjerg		27:29	EHF Champions League – Group B

TEAM ESBJERG VS FRENCH CLUBS 7–2–7

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2018/19	Paris 92	29:28	31:25	EHF Cup – Qualification Round 3
2019/20	Metz Handball	30:29	31:31	DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1
2020/21	Metz Handball	25:28	29:31	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2020/21	Brest Bretagne Handball	27:33	27:30	DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs
2021/22	Brest Bretagne Handball	28:28	23:26	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Metz Handball		26:32	EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4
2022/23	Metz Handball	35:28	24:26	EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	Brest Bretagne Handball	27:24	28:25	EHF Champions League – Playoffs
2023/24	Metz Handball	29:27		EHF Champions League – Group B

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



Metz Handball: current run – won eight

21.01.2024	Lubin POL	@ MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 24:30
14.01.2024	Bucharest ROU	@ CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 31:34
07.01.2024	Metz FRA	vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR	W 31:29
19.11.2023	Metz FRA	vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	W 40:31
12.11.2023	Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	W 22:28
29.10.2023	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	W 34:36
22.10.2023	Metz FRA	vs CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	W 33:22
30.09.2023	Metz FRA	vs MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 42:26
23.09.2023	Esbjerg DEN	@ Team Esbjerg DEN	L 29:27
17.09.2023	Metz FRA	vs Ikast Handbold DEN	L 36:39



Team Esbjerg: current run – lost one

21.01.2024	Esbjerg DEN	vs Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 32:37
13.01.2024	Érd HUN	@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 28:33
06.01.2024	Esbjerg DEN	vs MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 32:26
19.11.2023	Esbjerg DEN	vs Ikast Handbold DEN	W 37:34
12.11.2023	Ikast DEN	@ Ikast Handbold DEN	W 34:35
28.10.2023	Lubin POL	@ MKS Zagłębie Lubin POL	W 24:36
22.10.2023	Esbjerg DEN	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	W 27:23
30.09.2023	Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	W 37:38
23.09.2023	Esbjerg DEN	vs Metz Handball FRA	W 29:27
17.09.2023	Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	L 33:27

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR METZ HANDBALL VS TEAM ESBJERG

Bruna de Paula	8	16.10.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	35:28
Grace Zaadi Deuna	7	05.06.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	26:32
Kristina Jørgensen	7	16.10.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	35:28
Kristina Jørgensen	7	08.01.2023	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg	26:24
Olga Perederiy	6	24.10.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg	31:29
Louise Bargaard	6	23.09.2023	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	29:27

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR ODENSE HÅNDBOLD VS DVSC SCHAEFFLER

Marit Røsberg Jacobsen	11	08.03.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	30:29
Henny Reistad	10	05.06.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	26:32
Estavana Polman	9	09.02.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg	31:31
Kristine Breistøl	9	16.10.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	35:28
Sonja Frey	8	09.02.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg	31:31
Mette Tranborg	8	24.10.2020	Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg	31:29
Henny Reistad	8	16.10.2022	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	35:28
Henny Reistad	8	23.09.2023	Team Esbjerg vs Metz Handball	29:27

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

Dinah Eckerle 2 matches, 0 goals w/Metz 1/0 (2020); w/Esbjerg 1/0 (2022)

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

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'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 Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 5: Jovanka Radicevic (Krim Mercator Ljubljana)
- Round 6: Maren Aardahl (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 7: Ryu Eun Hee (Györi Audi ETO KC)
- Round 8: Chloé Valentini (Metz Handball)
- Round 9: Andrea Lekic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
- Round 10: Katrine Lunde (Vipers Kristiansand)
- Round 11: Mie Højlund (Odense Håndbold)
- Round 12: ...



METZ HANDBALL PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST TEAM ESBJERG

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Fatima Camara	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Camille Depuiset	FRA	3	1	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Hatadou Sako	FRA	5	3	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Merle Albers	GER	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lily Balassi	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sarah Bouktit	FRA	6	3	1	2	14	2,33	5 (2)	2'
Mia Brkic	CRO	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Djazz Chambertin	FRA	1	0	0	1	3	3,00	3	0
Manon Errard	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Delia Golvet	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Nelya Goval	GLP	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Lucie Granier	FRA	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Alina Grijseels	GER	3	0	0	3	11	3,67	8	4'
Anne Mette Hansen	DEN	5	4	0	1	6	1,20	3	4'
Emma Jacques	FRA	3	2	0	1	5	1,67	3	2'
Kristina Jørgensen	DEN	3	1	0	2	16	5,33	7 (2)	4'
Ludyvine Kaakil-Talaba	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Claire Koestner	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Julie Le Blevec	FRA	2	1	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Zaliata Mlamali	FRA	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Emma Tuccella	FRA	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Chloé Valentini	FRA	4	2	0	2	7	1,75	4	0
Louise Burgaard	DEN	12	5	1	6	38	3,17	6	14'
Andela Zagar	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Merle Albers (BV Borussia Dortmund 2021/22 – DNP); Alina Grijseels (BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 2021/22);
 Anne Mette Hansen (Györi Audi ETO KC 2021/22, Györi Audi ETO KC 2022/23);
 Louise Burgaard (Team Tvis Holstebro 2011/12, Herning-Ikast Handbold 2018/19).

TEAM ESBJERG PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST METZ HANDBALL

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Anna Kristensen	DEN	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Stine Lund	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Amalie Milling	DEN	5	3	0	2	0	0,00	0	2'
Sara Winde	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Kristine Breistøl	NOR	10	5	1	4	30	3,00	9	10'
Caroline Gade	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Kathrine Heindahl	DEN	9	5	1	3	18	2,00	5	14'
Rikke Iversen	DEN	3	1	0	2	9	3,00	5	2'
Julie Bøe Jacobsen	NOR	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Marit Røsberg Jacobsen	NOR	7	3	1	3	28	4,00	11	4'
Michala Møller	DEN	4	2	0	2	4	1,00	3	2'
Nora Mørk	NOR	11	7	0	4	62	5,64	11	6'
Kaja Kamp	DEN	6	2	0	4	7	1,17	4	0
Anne Tolstrup	DEN	3	2	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Henny Reistad	NOR	6	4	0	2	44	7,33	10	8'
Luciana Rebelo	POR	1	1	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Live Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Sanna Solberg-Isaksen	NOR	8	4	1	3	24	3,00	5	6'
Camilla Graakjær Thorhauge	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mette Tranborg	DEN	7	1	1	5	28	4,00	8	10'

Kristine Breistøl (Larvik 2014/15); Kathrine Heindahl (Team Tvis Holstebro 2012/13, Odense HC 2018/19, CSKA 2021/22);
 Rikke Iversen (Odense Håndbold 2021/22); Amalie Milling (Kobenhavn Handball 2018/19); Nora Mørk (Larvik 2014/15,
 Györi Audi ETO KC 2016/17, CSM Bucuresti 2019/20 – DNP, Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21, Vipers Kristiansand 2021/22);
 Anne Tolstrup (IK Sävehof 2021/22 – DNP); Henny Reistad (Vipers Kristiansand 2018/19, Vipers Kristiansand 2019/20 – DNP,
 Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21); Live Rushfeldt Deila (Glassverket 2016/17 – DNP); Sanna Solberg-Isaksen (Larvik 2014/15);
 Mette Tranborg (Odense HC 2018/19).



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