

### **CSM București** vs **CSKA**

**Sala Polivalentă** 03.04.2021/ 17:00 Bucharest, Romania



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#### **Foreword EHF President**

Dear handball friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to the DELO EHF Champions League as we enter one of the most defining stages of the season.

Competing in the quarter-finals gives the eight teams a massive opportunity to make it through to the promised land of the DELO EHF FINAL4 in Budapest and the chance to be crowned champions.

If the play-offs were anything to go by then we are in for a treat in our four quarter-final ties that feature some of the biggest names in women's handball.

CSM Bucuresti earned their place thanks to a thrilling two-legged victory over their old Romanian rivals SCM Ramnicu Valcea. Having recorded a healthy win in the first leg, Bucuresti just did enough to prevent a comeback from Valcea, eventually getting the job done by three goals. Bucuresti now meet CSKA Moscow in the last eight. The Russian outfit were also involved in a thrilling play-off match, overturning a first leg deficit against RK Krim Mercator to advance to this stage by just one goal.

In one of the ties of the round, Rostov-Don – runners-up at DELO EHF FINAL4 in 2019 – will meet Vipers Kristiansand, who finished in third place that year. Rostov earned their spot in the quarter-finals with a comfortable win over HC Podravka Vegeta while Vipers, a team packed with members of Norway's triumphant Women's EHF EURO 2020 side, overcame Odense Håndbold in another tight affair.

Once again all eyes will be on Győri Audi ETO KC as the Hungarian giants aim to secure a sixth title and fourth in a row. Gábor Danyi's side are unbeaten in the competition this season and cruised past SG BBM Bietigheim in the previous round to set-up a meeting with ZRK Buducnost. The Montenegrin outfit have already eliminated Hungarian opponents in the shape of FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and go into this quarter-final hoping to cause a huge upset.

The strength of French handball right now is evident across the continent and one team from the nation will be present at the DELO EHF FINAL4 with Brest Bretagne Handball facing Metz Handball in the quarter-finals.

With so many competitive and exciting matches to look forward to I wish all the quarter-final participants the very best of luck in their quest to reach the DELO EHF FINAL4 in Budapest over 29 and 30 May.

As ever, given the current climate I would like to once again thank all the clubs involved for their patience, support and respect for adhering to our detailed hygiene guidelines to ensure matches are played in a safe environment during times of Covid-19.

Enjoy the games.

Michael Wiederer EHF President



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### **CSM București and CSKA begin the battle for the DELO EHF FINAL4!**

The two clubs will face each other on Saturday, 3rd of April 2021, for the 1st leg of the Quarter-Finals! The kick-off time in Bucharest will be 17:00 and the game will be hosted by Sala Polivalentă, being live broadcasted on three national TV channels.

The 2nd leg will take place in Moscow, a week later, on 11.04.2021 with the same kick-off time (local time) in the Dynamo Sports Palace. The winner from these two games will secure a place in the DELO EHF FINAL4!

The clash between the two teams is a premiere in this competition as they never faced each other previously.

For CSM București this is the 6th season in a row participating in Champions League and also the 6th time reaching this phase of the competition. The best performances happened in 2016 when the trophy came to Bucharest, after which, in the following two seasons, CSM București managed to win the bronze medals.

Taking part in Group A this season, CSMB finished on the third position after Rostov-Don and Metz Handball. In the following competition stage the girls managed to win against the Romanian rivals, SCM Râmnicu Vâlcea with an aggregate score of 54-51!

CSKA made their debut in the DELO EHF Champions League this season with great results in Group B, where they managed to finish on the 2nd place, trailing by only one point behind Gyori Audi ETO KC, the European Champion in the last three seasons.

In the Play-Offs of the competition, CSKA won against RK Krim Mercator, with an aggregate of 47-46, after an amazing comeback from 5 goals behind.

This visit to Romania is not the first one for the Russian team as they also played against SCM Râmnicu Vâlcea in the current season, in Group B.

CSM București is looking forward to the Quarter-Finals of the DELO EHF Champions League and hopes for two thrilling games that will lead the team to Budapest, to the DELO EHF FINAL4!





1. Raluca SĂNDULACHE Goalkeeper



7. Dragana CVIJIC Line Player



8. Cristina NEAGU Left Back



11. Gabriela PERIANU Centre Back



15. Andrea KLIKOVAC Right Back



16. Denisa DEDU Goalkeeper



17. Elizabeth OMOREGIE Centre Back



20. Carmen MARTIN Right Wing



23. Diana FÎNARU Left Wing



24. Martine SMEETS Left Wing



25. Barbara LAZOVIC Right Back



27. Denisa VÂLCAN Centre Back



28. Siraba DEMBELE Left Wing



35. Ştefania JIPA Line Player



77. Crina PINTEA Line Player



86. Alexandrina BARBOSA Left Back



87. Jelena GRUBISIC Goalkeeper



89. Laura MOISĂ Right Wing



97. Bianca BAZALIU Left Back



10. Ștefania STOICA Centre Back



Head Coach: Olga Akopian



1. Masson de Souza Chana Goalkeeper



3. Gorshkova Polina Left Wing



7. Mochalova Anastasia Right Wing



8. Mikhaylichenko Elena Left Back



9. Gorshenina Olga Right Back



91. Sara Ristovska Right Wing



11. Dmitrieva Darya Centre Back



11. Vedekhina Polina Left Back



15. Sudakova Marina Right Wing



19. Markova Yuliia Left Wing



21. Sedoykina Anna Goalkeeper



23. Chigirinova Natalia Center Back



27. Jacobsen Sabina Line Player



33. Ilina\_Ekaterina Centre Back



36. Kathrine Brothmann Line Player



39. Skorobogatchenko Antonina Right Back



67. llarionova Anastasiia Line Player



83. Rabazulkina Elena Left Wing





















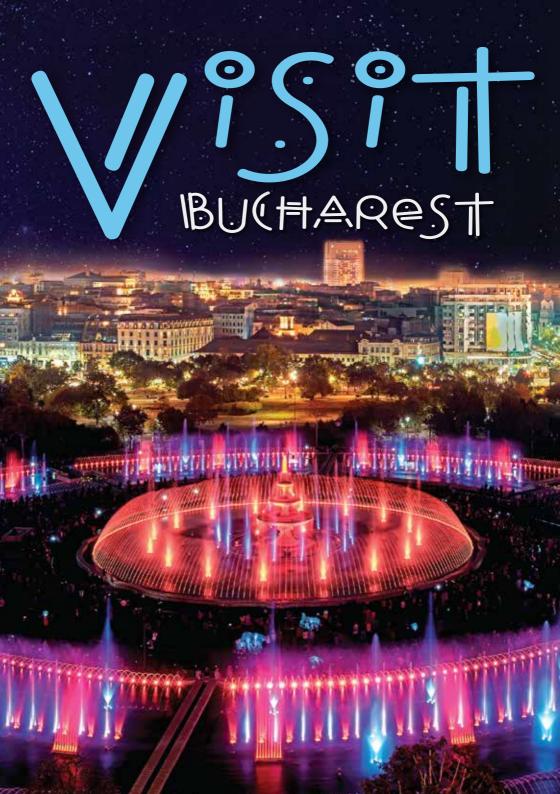


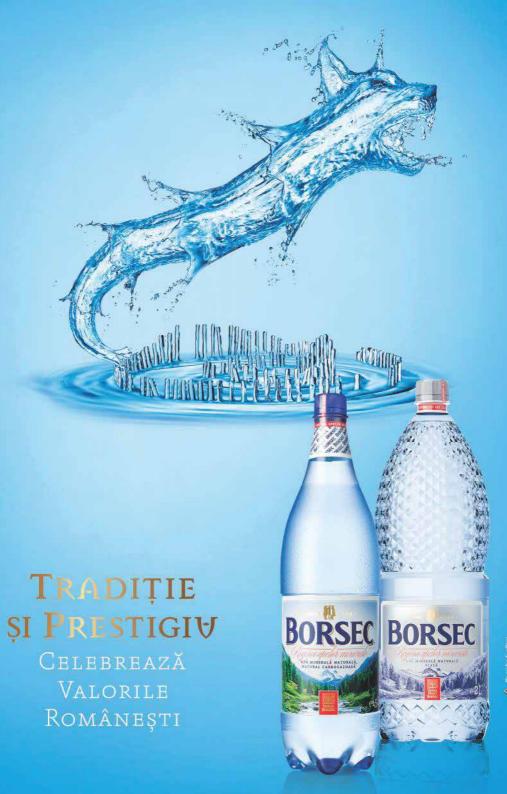


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