



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2023/24

MOTW Round 6: Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD (DEN) VS SG BBM BIETIGHEIM (GER)

GROUP A



Sunday 29 October 2023, 16:00 CET



Playing hall

Sydbank Arena
Israels Plads 3
5200 Odense
Denmark

Capacity: 2,236

ROUND 6



Most games vs SG BBM Bietigheim:

Maren Aardahl, Mie Højlund,
Ayaka Ikehara, Rikke Iversen,
Tonje Løseth, Sidsel Mejlvang,
Trine Pedersen, Althea Reinhardt,
Martina Thörn, Kelly Vollebregt,
Bo van Wetering all 2

Most goals vs SG BBM Bietigheim:

Mie Højlund	15
Trine Pedersen	8
Bo van Wetering	8
Dione Housheer	7
Tonje Løseth	6

- The Match of the Week in round 6 of the EHF Champions League Women 2023/24 pits the teams ranked third and second in group A against each other: Odense Håndbold and SG BBM Bietigheim.
- Bietigheim are on the maximum 10 points from five matches, marking the best ever start by a German women's team into a CL season.
- Last season, Bietigheim gathered nine points from their first five matches but then lost to Odense, which was the start of an eight-match winless streak.
- Still, Bietigheim were the only team last season that beat both eventual finalists in the group phase: Vipers Kristiansand and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria.
- Bietigheim currently share the group A lead with Györi Audi ETO KC, but have a worse goal difference.
- Odense have lost twice – at CSM Bucuresti and at Györ – but are unbeaten on home court this season.

- Odense are in their fifth CL season; they have reached the quarter-finals twice – in 2018/19 und 2022/23, but lost to Györ both times.

- Bietigheim play their sixth CL season and have made it out of the group phase once – in 2020/21, when they lost to Györ in the play-offs.

- Odense's new head coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad arrived after winning the CL three times in a row with Vipers; he replaced Ulrik Kirkely, who moved to Györ.

- Bietigheim also started the season with a new head coach: Jakob Vestergaard, who is Danish, took over from Markus Gaugisch, who is now fully focusing on his job as Germany national team head coach.

- Vestergaard won the CL two years in a row with Danish side Viborg HK, in 2009 and 2010.

- Bietigheim beat Vestergaard's Viborg in the final of the EHF European League Women 2021/22.

- Bietigheim have two Danish players in the squad: left back Anne With Johansen and goalkeeper Sarah Nørklit Lønborg, who temporarily replaces Gabriela Moreschi for the time the Brazilian goalkeeper plays at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games.

- Line player Maren Aardahl played for Bietigheim in 2019/20 before joining Odense; Aardahl is one of five Norwegian internationals in Odense's squad.

- Seven Dutch internationals are involved in this MOTW: Odense's Yara ten Holte, Bo van Wetering, Larissa Nusser, Nikita van der Vliet, and Dione Housheer; and Bietigheim's Kelly Dulfer and Inger Smits; the former captain of the Dutch national team, Bietigheim's Danick Snelder, is on maternity leave.

Most games vs Odense Håndbold:

Jenny Behrend, Kelly Dulfer,
Kaba Gassama, Gabriela Moreschi,
Trine Østergaard, Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc,
Julia Maidhof, Annika Meyer,
Kim Naidzinavicius, Inger Smits,
Xenia Smits, Melinda Szikora all 2

Most goals vs Odense Håndbold:

Julia Maidhof	13
Trine Østergaard	7
Inger Smits	6
Kaba Gassama	5
Kelly Dulfer	4
Xenia Smits	4

Domestic league

Kvindeligaaen

Last 3 games:

25/10 @ Esbjerg	L30:26
18/10 vs Bjerringbro	W41:26
08/10 @ Silkeborg	W24:36

Next game:

05/11 vs Ajax København

Standings as of 27/10:

1. Esbjerg	9	308:224	18
2. Ikast	9	296:229	16
3. Odense	9	318:234	14
4. Nykøbing	8	240:232	8
5. København	8	230:234	8
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14. Ajax	8	180:260	0

Domestic league

1. Bundesliga

Last 3 games:

25/10 @ Bensheim	D29:29
18/10 vs Neckarsulm	W42:26
06/10 @ THC	W29:33

Next game:

08/11 @ BSV Sachsen Zwickau

Standings as of 27/10:

1. Bietigheim	6	211:152	11
2. Bensheim	6	182:163	11
3. Dortmund	5	147:116	8
4. THC	5	157:124	8
5. Blomberg	5	156:128	6
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14. Neckarsulm	5	111:172	0

PREVIOUS MATCHES IN EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITIONS



Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim 2-0-0 (58:48) 4:0

23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group A	31:24 (14:12)
18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold, EHF Champions League – Group A	24:27 (16:13)

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD VS GERMAN CLUBS 3–0–1

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2020/21	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	32:27	24:32	DELO EHF Champions League – Group B
2022/23	SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24	27:24	EHF Champions League – Group A

SG BBM BIETIGHEIM VS DANISH CLUBS 3–1–8

Season	Opponent	Home	Away	Competition
2016/17	NFH – Nykøbing Falster Håndboldklub	38:27	28:32	EHF Cup – Semi-final
2018/19	Team Esbjerg	27:32	27:28	EHF Cup – Group A
2019/20	Herning-Ikast Handbold	26:26	25:33	EHF Cup – Group D
2020/21	Team Esbjerg	26:33	29:37	DELO EHF Champions League – Group A
2021/22	Herning-Ikast Handbold		34:33	EHF European League, EHF Finals – Semi-final
2021/22	Viborg HK		31:20	EHF European League, EHF Finals – Final
2022/23	Odense Håndbold	24:27	24:31	EHF Champions League – Group A

DETAILS OF THE MOST RECENT DIRECT ENCOUNTER

SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold 24:27 (16:13) 18.12.2022 (Ludwigsburg, GER)

(EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 – Group A)
 Referees: Jelena Vujacic/Andjelina Kazanegra (Montenegro).
 Suspensions: 4' – 4' (Meyer 2', Xenia Smits 2' – Aardahl 2', Abbingh 2').
 Number of 7m: 6/6 – 4/3.
 Attendance: 1,912.

	Melinda Szikora Gabriela Moreschi -- Kaba Gassama (3) (2) Annika Meyer -> Horsens/DEN (1) (3) Roos Daleman -> Dalftsens/NED (3) (3) Inger Smits (4) (4) Kerstin Kündig -> Thüringer HC/GER (3) (3) Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc (2) (2) Kim Naidzinavicius -> Bensheim/GER (1) (1) Kelly Dulfer (2) (2) Xenia Smits (2) (5) Trine Østergaard -> CSM Bucuresti/ROU (3) (7) Julia Maidhof -> Ramnicu Valcea/ROU (6) (6) Jenny Behrend (2) (2)	Martina Thörn -> København/DEN Althea Reinhardt -- Maren Aardahl Trine Pedersen -> retired Bo van Wetering Lois Abbingh -> Vipers/NOR Rikke Iversen -> Esbjerg/DEN Ayaka Ikehara -> Nykøbing/DEN Tonje Løseth Kelly Vollebregt -> Nantes/FRA Mie Højlund Dione Housheer Sidsel Mejlvang Helena Elver	
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MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR ODENSE HÅNDBOLD VS SG BBM BIETIGHEIM

Mie Højlund	10	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Dione Housheer	7	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27
Tonje Løseth	6	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Trine Pedersen	5	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Bo van Wetering	5	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Mie Højlund	5	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27

MOST GOALS IN ONE GAME FOR SG BBM BIETIGHEIM VS ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

Julia Maidhof	7	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Julia Maidhof	6	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27
Trine Østergaard	4	23.10.2022	Odense Håndbold vs SG BBM Bietigheim	31:24
Inger Smits	4	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27
Kaba Gassama	3	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27
Trine Østergaard	3	18.12.2022	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Odense Håndbold	24:27

PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN DIRECT ENCOUNTERS

N/A

CURRENT PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Maren Aardahl SG BBM Bietigheim (2019-20), Odense Håndbold (2021-23)

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN



Odense Håndbold: current run – lost one

21.10.2023 Győr HUN	@ Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	L 32:29
30.09.2023 Odense DEN	vs DVSC Schaeffler HUN	W 33:30
24.09.2023 Brest FRA	@ Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	W 25:26
16.09.2023 Odense DEN	vs WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 39:24
09.09.2023 Bucharest ROU	@ CSM Bucuresti ROU	L 28:24
06.05.2023 Győr HUN	@ Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	L 37:28
29.04.2023 Odense DEN	vs Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	L 27:29
25.03.2023 Odense DEN	vs Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	D 30:30
18.03.2023 Hamar NOR	@ Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	W 22:30
12.02.2023 Odense DEN	vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	L 25:28



SG BBM Bietigheim: current run – won six

22.10.2023 Ludwigsburg GER	vs IK Sävehof SWE	W 30:21
30.09.2023 Ludwigsburg GER	vs Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	W 34:30
24.09.2023 Debrecen HUN	@ DVSC Schaeffler HUN	W 26:36
17.09.2023 Ludwigsburg GER	vs CSM Bucuresti ROU	W 26:24
10.09.2023 Podgorica MNE	@ WHC Buducnost BEMAX MNE	W 22:27
12.02.2023 Ludwigsburg GER	vs DHK Baník Most CZE	W 47:25
04.02.2023 Érd HUN	@ FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	L 28:23
22.01.2023 Ludwigsburg GER	vs CSM Bucuresti ROU	L 25:27
14.01.2023 Kristiansand NOR	@ Vipers Kristiansand NOR	L 34:32
08.01.2023 Ljubljana SLO	@ Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	L 35:28

'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: Jovanka Radičević (Krim Mercator Ljubljana)

Round 6: ...



ODENSE HÅNDBOLD PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST SG BBM BIETIGHEIM

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Althea Reinhardt	DEN	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Yara ten Holte	NED	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Maren Aardahl	NOR	4	2	0	2	12	3,00	5	8'
Nina Dano	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mia Rej	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Helena Elver	DEN	1	1	0	0	2	2,00	2	0
Elma Halilcevic	DEN	4	4	0	0	3	0,75	3	0
Andrea Hansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Mie Højlund	DEN	2	2	0	0	15	7,50	10	0
Dione Housheer	NED	1	1	0	0	7	7,00	7	0
Malin Aune	NOR	6	2	2	2	21	3,50	6	4'
Tonje Løseth	NOR	4	3	1	0	14	3,50	6	10' (D)
Sidsel Mejlvang	DEN	2	2	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Larissa Nusser	NED	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Thale Rushfeldt Deila	NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Ragnhild Valle Dahl	NOR	3	2	0	1	16	5,33	9	0
Nikita van der Vliet	NED	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Bo van Wetering	NED	2	2	0	0	8	4,00	5	0

Maren Nyland Aardahl (Byasen Trondheim 2016/17); Elma Halilcevic (Team Esbjerg 2018/19, Team Esbjerg 2020/21); Malin Aune (Vipers Kristiansand 2017/18, Vipers Kristiansand 2018/19, Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21 – DNP, CSM Bucuresti 2022/23); Tonje Løseth (Herning-Ikast Handbold 2019/20); Ragnhild Valle Dahl (Vipers Kristiansand 2020/21, Vipers Kristiansand 2022/23).

SG BBM BIETIGHEIM PLAYERS' CAREER STATISTICS AGAINST ODENSE HÅNDBOLD

Goalkeeper		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
Gabriela Moreschi	BRA	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Sarah Nørklit Lønborg	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Melinda Szikora	HUN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Player		GP	W	D	L	G	AVG	HI	PIM
EIsabelle Andersson	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Jenny Behrend	GER	2	0	0	2	0	0,00	0	0
Klara Birtic	CRO	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Antje Döll	GER	1	0	0	1	0	0,00	0	0
Kelly Dulfer	NED	6	1	1	4	20	3,33	6	10'
Dorottya Faluvégi	HUN	5	4	1	0	5	1,00	2 (2)	0
Kaba Gassama	ESP	2	0	0	2	5	2,50	3	0
Sofia Hvenfelt	SWE	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Anne With Johansen	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0
Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	2	0	0	2	3	1,50	2	0
Veronika Mala	CZE	1	0	0	1	2	2,00	2	0
Inger Smits	NED	4	1	0	3	17	4,25	7	0
Xenia Smits	GER	4	1	1	2	13	3,25	6	4'
Danick Snelder	NED	0	0	0	0	0	0,00	0	0

Kelly Dulfer (København Handball 2018/19, BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 2020/21); Dorottya Faluvégi (Györi Audi ETO KC 2020/21, Györi Audi ETO KC 2021/22, Györi Audi ETO KC 2022/23); Inger Smits (BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 2020/21); Xenia Smits (Metz Handball 2018/19).



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