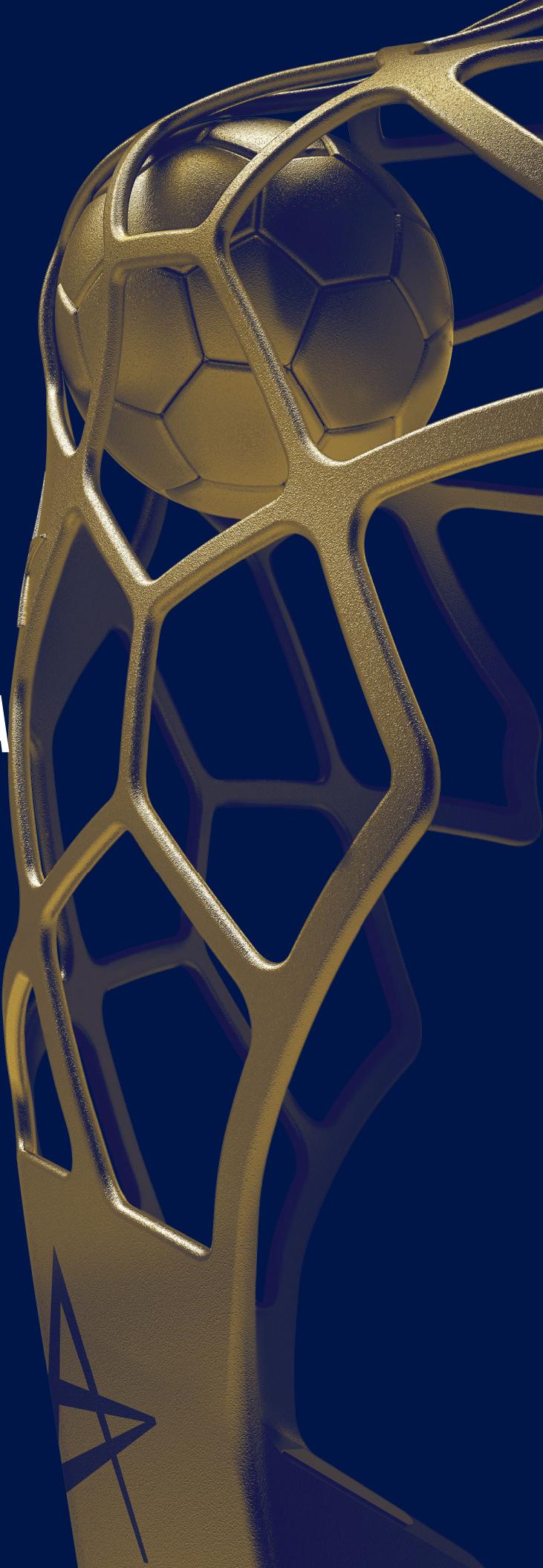




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EHF Champions League Women group phase ready for its return

Women's elite club handball returns to the spotlight in the second weekend of the new year when the EHF Champions League Women 2025/26 resumes with its group phase after an eight-week break. There are still six more rounds to be played in Europe's top flight before all teams advancing to the play-offs, or directly to the quarter-finals, will be confirmed. The next steps on the Road to Budapest are ahead and fans across the globe are eager to see which teams can challenge defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC for the title this season.

Many stars that light up the EHF Champions League week after week shone for their respective national teams at the 2025 IHF Women's World Championship in the Netherlands and Germany last November and December. After Norway celebrated gold, Germany earned silver, France won bronze, and the Netherlands settled for fourth, players from those countries will return to their club teams full of confidence — most notably Team Esbjerg star Henny Reistad, who picked up the top scorer and MVP titles alongside her gold medal with Norway.

Reistad, who is also the top scorer of the EHF Champions League group phase after eight rounds, might feel Esbjerg have room to improve in group A. The Danish side, participants in the EHF FINAL4 in each of the past four seasons, gathered nine points from eight rounds so far and are ranked fourth. This group is led by Györ with a perfect eight wins from eight matches, closely followed by Metz Handball, who were defeated by Györ but won their other seven matches.

Romanian side Gloria Bistrita have enjoyed a remarkable start and rank third with 12 points. Further down, it seems likely that DVSC Schaeffler, Storhamar Handball Elite, Borussia Dortmund (all on four points) and OTP Group Buducnost (one point) are going to battle it out for two play-off spots.

Over in group B, Brest Bretagne Handball restart their campaign as the leaders with 14 points, one ahead of last season's runners-up Odense Håndbold. In third and fourth position, respectively, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and Ikast Håndbold (both on 10 points) are the closest challengers of the leading duo as this section is also heading to an exciting finish of the group phase.

CSM Bucuresti, HC Podravka, and Krim OTP Group Mercator are the likely candidates for two more play-off spots in group B, while Sola HK will need to start gathering points soon if they want to maintain any hopes of stretching their European season beyond the group phase.

Everything is set for another fascinating finish to the group phase, with the 14th and last round scheduled for 21/22 February 2026. Handball fans, both in the arenas and across the globe, will closely follow the chase for knockout tickets during the action-packed Saturdays and Sundays in weeks to come!

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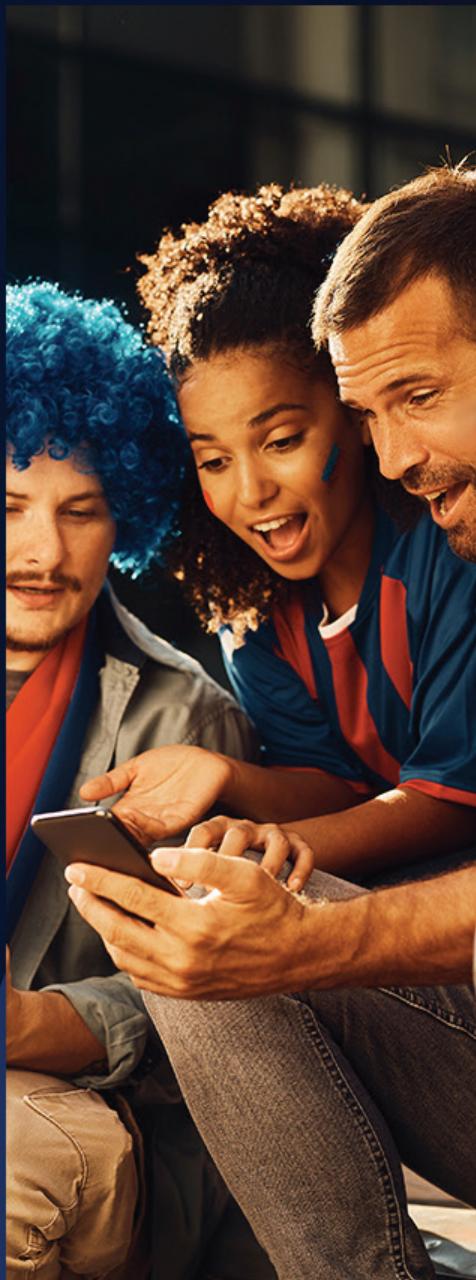


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