



**CHAMPIONS
HOCKEY LEAGUE**

MEDIA GUIDE

2021/22

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CHALLENGER LEAGUES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Media Representatives,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021/22 Champions Hockey League season. After a one-year hiatus, 32 clubs from 13 leagues will go to battle with the European Trophy on the line for the seventh time, in a true best-on-best European competition. Each club has accomplished an outstanding achievement in their own domestic league to secure CHL qualification and the right to line up among the best of the best in our pan-European competition.

Six teams will step into the European spotlight for the first time in what will be an exciting development for the competition. This is not only a proud moment for their players and coaches, who have the chance to prove themselves against the best in Europe, but also for their clubs, their fans, their cities – and the CHL.

Today, we can look into the future with confidence. Of course, we must acknowledge that COVID-19 is still present and affecting society, the economy, our private lives and sports. Government restrictions at national and local levels, as well as the set of newly-developed health and hygiene concepts, are continuing to factor in our game operations. It is a challenge, but clubs and national leagues are experienced in dealing with the new reality, helping us to establish a safe environment for everyone involved in the CHL across Europe.

In February 2020, Frölunda Gothenburg won the last CHL game played and lifted the European Trophy for the fourth time. Starting 26 August, 125 games await before we find out who will be crowned the next European club champions. I look forward to a thrilling 2021/22 season – may the best team win!

Thank you for your interest in the Champions Hockey League.



Peter Zahner
CHL President

MEDIA OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Dear Media Representatives,

Welcome to this season's edition of the Champions Hockey League Media Guide.

We have collated all the information you need about the CHL and the participating clubs into this one comprehensive document in order to facilitate the work of various stakeholders who report about our league, the teams and the players.

Extensive coverage worldwide of our product is crucial for the growth of the league and for boosting the brand recognition of European club ice hockey. For this reason, we strive to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with media outlets and broadcasters, and we aim to support them proactively as they report on the CHL.

The Media Guide not only provides basic information, such as contact details and accreditation advice for each participating club, but it also comes with ready-to-use statements from each head coach, as well as little-known and inspiring facts about the league's teams and players.

I would like to close my welcome by referring to some other helpful tools for everyone reporting on the CHL: our website provides a wide range of statistical tools, such as a sophisticated gamecentre, advanced statistics, all-time totals and a Milestone Tracker. Furthermore, our Media Reports platform offers access to PDF versions of line-ups and gamesheets for all CHL games. If you would like to sign up for this service, please contact us at office@championshockeyleague.com.

For now, I wish you an exciting 2021/22 season and remain at your disposal if you would like any further information about the Champions Hockey League.



Monika Reinhard
CHL Communication Director



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Champions Hockey League
(available for [iOS](#) & [Android](#))

Hashtags:

[#championsgobeyond](#),
[#CHLDraw](#), [#CHLFinal](#),
[#CHLFanChallenge](#)

Game related hashtags:

e.g. [#FHCvsRBM](#)

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ACCREDITATION TO CHL GAMES

Authorized media can request accreditation to Champions Hockey League games. This is subject to availability and local accreditation regulations. Media personnel (other than official broadcasters) should apply to the home club for accreditation to CHL games. More information about the procedures at the various clubs can be found on the respective team's page in this Media Guide.

COVID-19 Impact: Please note that local COVID-19 guidelines apply for media representatives and it is at the discretion of clubs to restrict media accreditation and media activities accordingly.

Exception: An alternative accreditation system may be implemented for the CHL Final.

ACCESS TO CHL MEDIA REPORTS

The CHL offers media personnel access to the "CHL Media Reports" platform, where PDF versions of line-ups and game sheets for all CHL games can be accessed in one place. Access to the password-protected platform must be received via e-mail to office@championshockeyleague.com.

DOWNLOAD OFFICIAL LOGOS

Official Champions Hockey League logos can be downloaded here:

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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE

CHL COMPANY INFO

The Champions Hockey League AG (CHL) is a company established in 2013 in Switzerland that holds all rights of the Champions Hockey League and organises the competition. The CHL is an AG (Aktiengesellschaft = Ltd.) registered in Zug under Swiss Law. As such, the CHL is owned by shareholders and governed by a board that is elected by the CHL General Meeting, the league's legislative body.

The shareholding structure of the company is as follows:

26 Shareholder Clubs: 63 %

6 Shareholder Leagues: 25 %

IIHF: 12 %

CHL SHAREHOLDERS

The Champions Hockey League was founded by 26 Shareholder Clubs, 6 Shareholder Leagues and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). These are the current 26 Shareholder Clubs representing the 6 Shareholder Leagues:

- **Austria (ICE):** Red Bull Salzburg, Vienna Capitals
- **Czech Republic (Extraliga):** Bílí Tygři Liberec, HC Pardubice, Sparta Prague, Vítkovice Ridera Ostrava
- **Finland (Liiga):** IFK Helsinki, JYP Jyväskylä, KalPa Kuopio, Kärpät Oulu, Tappara Tampere, TPS Turku
- **Germany (DEL):** Adler Mannheim, Augsburger Panther, Eisbären Berlin, ERC Ingolstadt
- **Switzerland (NL):** EV Zug, Fribourg-Gottéron, SC Bern, ZSC Lions Zurich
- **Sweden (SHL):** Djurgården Stockholm, Frölunda Gothenburg, Färjestad Karlstad, HV71 Jönköping, Linköpings HC, Luleå Hockey

CHL HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL

- Launched in 2014/15
- 6 successfully completed seasons
- 850 games played
- 95 clubs involved
- 13 leagues & 18 countries involved
- 3 different Champions from 2 countries to date

Read more about the CHL History on www.championshockeyleague.com/en/chl-history

THE CHL BRAND

Vision

TO BE EUROPE'S GREATEST HOCKEY COMPETITION.

The Mission

GIVE FANS EUROPE'S MOST EXCITING HOCKEY EXPERIENCE, GIVE ITS STARS THE GREATEST PLATFORM ON WHICH TO PERFORM.

Proposition

CHAMPIONS GO BEYOND

Brand Values

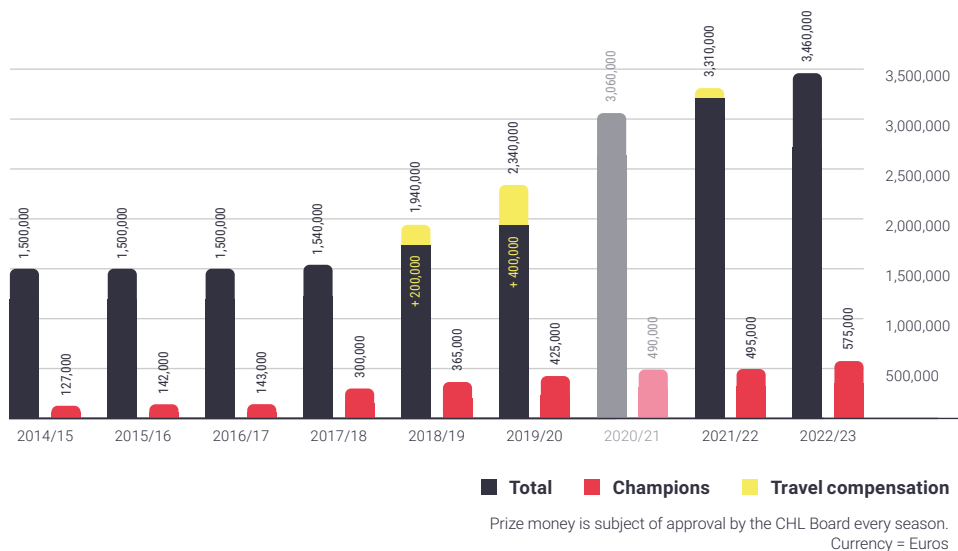
**EUROPEAN
BRAVE
HUMAN
UNITED
UNCONVENTIONAL**

FUTURE SECURED & PRIZE MONEY KEEPS RISING

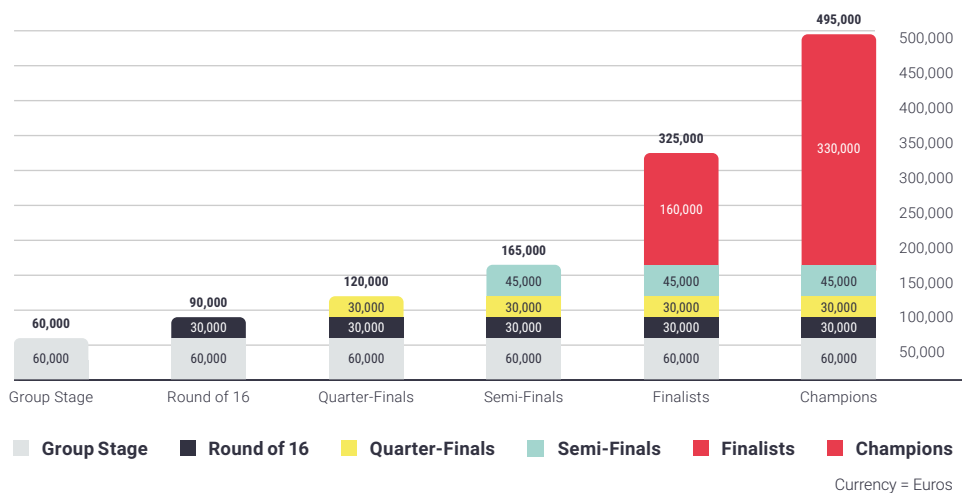
The CHL has signed an extended partnership with Infront, its exclusive media and marketing partner, until 2027/28. The agreement includes media rights sales, marketing of the event and commercial packages, overall venue management, digital services, and management of the TV production.

The partnership not only allows the CHL to develop its product from a stable foundation, but it also brings a significant increase in prize money for participating teams: from a total of €1.4 million in 2014/15 to €3.5 million in 2022/23 at the end of the current contract term (prize money for the newest contract term 2023/24 to 2027/28 is TBA).

PRIZE MONEY DEVELOPMENT



PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN 2021/22 SEASON



BROADCASTING

	COUNTRY	BROADCASTER	UNTIL
	Austria	ORF	2022/23
     	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia & Kosovo (non-exclusive)	Arenasport	2022/23
	Brazil	ESPN	2022/23
	Canada	TSN	2022/23
  	Czech Republic, Hungary & Slovakia	Sport 1/2 (AMC)	2022/23
	Denmark	TV2	2022/23
	Estonia	ERR	2022/23
	Finland	MTV3	2022/23
	France	Fanseat	2021/22
	Germany	Sport1	2022/23
	Israel	Sport 1/2 (Charlton)	2022/23
	Latvia	Best4Sport	2022/23
	Lithuania	LRT (Free)	2022/23
		Sport 1 (Pay)	2021/22
	Norway	NENT (Viasat)	2022/23
	Poland	Polsat	2022/23
	Slovenia	Sport TV	2022/23
	Sweden	SVT	2022/23
		NENT (Viasat)	2021/22
	Switzerland	SRG	2022/23
		Blue (former Teleclub)	2022/23
	Turkey	Spor TV	2022/23
	Ukraine	XSport	2023/24
	United States, its territories and possessions	NHL Network	2022/23
	UK & Ireland	FreeSports	2022/23
	Other territories	CHL Website/App (unless a Broadcasting contract is signed)	

*As per 5 August 2021. You can find the latest overview [here](#). Bold = Shareholder Leagues.

HALL OF FAME

Champions

2015



LULEÅ HOCKEY

4-2

Coop Norrbotten Arena
Luleå, Sweden

2016



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG

1-2

Oulun Energia-Areena
Oulu, Finland

2017



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG

4-3^{OT}S

Frölundaborgs Isstadion
Gothenburg, Sweden

2018



JYP JYVÄSKYLÄ

0-2

Vida Arena
Växjö, Sweden

2019



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG

3-1

Scandinavium
Gothenburg, Sweden

2020



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG

1-3

ČPP Arena
Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

2015

41 MATHIS OLIMB



26 POINTS

Goals 8
Assists 18

2016

81 RYAN LASCH



16 POINTS

Goals 7
Assists 9

2017

9 CASEY WELLMAN



14 POINTS

Goals 8
Assists 6

2018

71 FREDRIK PETTERSSON



16 POINTS

Goals 9
Assists 7

2019

81 RYAN LASCH



22 POINTS

Goals 5
Assists 17

2020

81 RYAN LASCH



22 POINTS

Goals 6
Assists 16

LGT Top Scorers

HALL OF FAME

LGT MVPs

2015

41 MATHIS OLIMB



Position: Forward
Nationality: Norway
Birthday: 01.02.1986

13 GAMES PLAYED
26 POINTS
+12 PLUS/MINUS

2016

81 RYAN LASCH



Position: Forward
Nationality: USA
Birthday: 22.01.1987

13 GAMES PLAYED
16 POINTS
+6 PLUS/MINUS

2017

20 JOEL LUNDQVIST



Position: Forward
Nationality: Sweden
Birthday: 02.03.1982

13 GAMES PLAYED
14 POINTS
+9 PLUS/MINUS

2018

30 ŠIMON HRUBEC



Position: Goalie
Nationality: Czech Republic
Birthday: 30.06.1991

10 GAMES PLAYED
1.07 GOALS AGAINST
96% SAVES

2019

84 TREVOR PARKES



Position: Forward
Nationality: Canada
Birthday: 13.05.1991

9 GAMES PLAYED
12 POINTS
+5 PLUS/MINUS

2020

81 RYAN LASCH



Position: Forward
Nationality: USA
Birthday: 22.01.1987

13 GAMES PLAYED
22 POINTS
+5 PLUS/MINUS

All-time Records

attendance
record

14,567

SC Bern vs. Sparta Prague
7 December 2016

73 GAMES
Frölunda Gothenburg

youngest
scorer

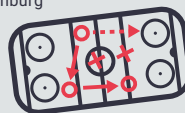
Michal Teplý Bílí Tygři Liberec,
16 years, 4 months, 14 days

longest
winning
streak

Luleå Hockey in 2019/20

73 GAMES
COACHED

Roger Rönnberg
Frölunda Gothenburg



oldest
scorer

Petteri Nummelin TPS Turku,
42 years, 11 months, 9 days

65 GAMES
PLAYED

Joel Lundqvist
Frölunda Gothenburg

10
GAMES

topscorer
RYAN LASCH

Frölunda Gothenburg, SC Bern, TPS Turku

161 POINTS

Frölunda Gothenburg

6 SHUTOUTS

Sami Aittokallio Kärpät Oulu

fastest
goal

5 SECONDS
AFTER FACE-OFF



Rhett Rakhshani
Stavanger Oilers vs. Malmö
Redhawks, 26 August 2017

91
POINTS



SPORT IN BRIEF

The Competition Format

- 32 teams from 13 leagues
- Teams can only qualify on sporting merits
- A maximum of 5 teams per country
- The CHL Champions are automatically qualified for the next CHL season. However, this will not grant one extra place for the league of the CHL winners.

The current format is based on clear and measurable qualification criteria and was successfully launched from the 2017/18 season. Teams have to be the champions, or in the top places of their domestic league to earn a place in the CHL. This format makes not only the Champions Hockey League, but also national leagues, more thrilling. The “race to qualify” culminates at the end of regu-

lar seasons and in the playoffs, delivering extra excitement to the fans, media and European club ice hockey.

Participating Leagues

The 2021/22 season will run with the following participating leagues:

- **Shareholder Leagues:** Austria (ICE), Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.
- **Challenger Leagues:** Denmark, France, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the IIHF Continental Cup.

The awarding of wild cards to the champions of challenger leagues is subject to formal approval by the CHL board every season.

CHAMPIONS

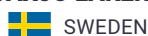
of participating leagues



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



VÄXJÖ LAKERS



EV ZUG



LUKKO RAUMA



OCELÁŘI TŘINEC



EISBÄREN BERLIN



KAC KLAGENFURT



ROUEN DRAGONS



RUNGSTED SEIER CAPITAL



JKH GKS JASTRZĘBIE



HC DONBASS DONETSK



SØNDERJYSKE VOJENS



IIHF Continental Cup winners 2019/20

THE 2021/22 FIELD OF COMPETITORS CONSISTS OF:

- The Champions Hockey League winners
- 10 national champions
- 5 regular season winners
- 5 regular season runners-up
- 4 regular season third-placed teams
- 4 regular season fourth placed teams
- 1 regular season fifth-placed team
- 1 highest-ranked semi-finalists
- The IIHF Continental Cup winners

THE QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

As previously pointed out, teams must earn their place in the CHL on the ice. Teams must achieve one of the following criteria in order to become a CHL contestant:

1. CHL champions
2. National league champions
3. Regular season winners
4. Regular season runners-up
5. Regular season third-placed team
6. Regular season fourth-placed team
7. Regular season fifth-placed team

The exceptions to this rule include the United Kingdom, as the EIHL, in line with their tradition, determines their national champion following the regular season (not in the playoffs) and Austria (ICE) who applies the following criteria due to a different playing format:

1. National league champions
2. Regular season winners
3. Pick-round winners
4. Pick-round runners-up

COVID-19

Special Circumstances: Impacts on Qualification for the 2021/22 Season

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic was still seriously affecting society, the economy and sports in spring 2021, there were impacts on European club ice hockey and the qualification to the 2021/22 CHL season:

- As the German DEL changed its playing format for the 2020/21 season due to the pandemic, the following CHL qualification criteria applied for Germany:
 1. National Champions
 2. Group A/B winners with higher PPG (points per game percentage)
 3. Group A/B winners with lower PPG (points per game percentage)
 4. Group A/B runners-up with higher PPG (points per game percentage)
 5. Group A/B runners-up with lower PPG (points per game percentage)
- As the EIHL was forced to cancel the 2020/21 season, the CHL Board decided to award the UK's qualification place to the Cardiff Devils (qualified for CHL in the 2019/20 season)
- As the IIHF Continental Cup did not take place in 2020/21, the CHL Board decided to award its qualification place to the 2019/20 winners SønderjyskE Vojens (DEN)

Additionally, Slovan Bratislava (SVK) were awarded a Wild Card for the 2021/22 season after the place for Belarusian champions Yunost Minsk was withdrawn due to unforeseen circumstances.

ALLOCATION OF PLACES PER NATIONAL LEAGUE

The number of places per national league is allocated with the help of the CHL league ranking. This tool calculates the performance of teams in every CHL season and the better the teams perform, the more qualification places a league can be awarded. However, the six shareholder leagues remain ranked 1 – 6, while all challenger leagues follow in accordance. For 2021/22, the previous four CHL seasons are taken into consideration (weighted 100, 75, 50 and 25 percent – in which the newest season counts the most).


The CHL league ranking after the 2019/20 season was as follows:

According to the CHL League Ranking, each Shareholder League will receive the following number of places in the 2021/22 season:

- 5 places: Sweden and Switzerland
- 4 places: Germany and Finland
- 3 places: Czech Republic and Austria

The granted place to the 2020 CHL Champions, Frölunda Gothenburg, is included in the 5 qualification places for Sweden.

The CHL League Ranking can be found on www.championshockeyleague.com and is updated on a regular basis.

Position	League	Shareholder League	Points 2019/20 100%	Points 2018/19 75%	Points 2017/18 50%	Points 2016/17 25%	Total Points
1	 Sweden	X	100 (100)	100 (75)	100 (50)	95 (24)	249
2	 Switzerland	X	90 (90)	95 (71)	80 (40)	100 (25)	226
3	 Germany	X	95 (95)	80 (60)	85 (43)	75 (19)	217
4	 Finland	X	80 (80)	85 (64)	90 (45)	90 (23)	212
5	 Czech Republic	X	85 (85)	75 (56)	95 (48)	85 (21)	210
6	 Austria	X	70 (70)	90 (68)	75 (38)	65 (16)	192
7	 Belarus		75 (75)	60 (45)	70 (35)	80 (20)	175
8	 United Kingdom		70 (70)	40 (30)	65 (33)	60 (15)	148
9	 France		55 (55)	70 (53)	50 (25)	45 (11)	144
10	 Slovakia		55 (55)	55 (41)	60 (30)	70 (18)	144
11	 Norway		40 (40)	70 (53)	55 (28)	50 (13)	134
12	 Poland		60 (60)	50 (38)	50 (25)	40 (10)	133
13	 Denmark		55 (55)	50 (38)	50 (25)	60 (15)	133

PLAYING FORMAT

Between August and March, a total of 125 games will be played over the course of 13 game days. Four teams in each of the eight groups will battle in the Group Stage to reach the CHL Playoffs. The top two teams in each group will advance to the Round of 16.

With the exception of the Final, all matchups in the Playoffs will be two-game, home-and-away aggregate scoring series.

COVID-19

Special Circumstances: Final Olympic Qualification Tournament Impact

To accommodate the needs of the national teams involved in the Final Olympic Qualification tournament (FOQ), the CHL Board has decided to slightly adapt the draw procedure for the 2021/22 Group Stage Draw.

Eight teams from countries participating in the FOQ were allocated into their own pot (pot no. 5) and drawn into two separate groups of four that will not play their CHL games during the FOQ tournament on the weekend of 26 – 29 August. The other 24 teams were allocated into four pots and drawn by the standard procedure into six groups of four.

The change of draw procedure due to the FOQ as described above applied for the 2021/22 season only as the FOQ was postponed because of COVID-19.

POT 1 – 4

GROUP STAGE PLAYING DATES:

- 26 – 29 August
- 2 – 5 September
- 5/6 October
- 12/13 October

24 TEAMS drawn into 6 groups of 4



LEAGUE PROTECTION applied at Draw

- Teams from Shareholder Leagues (except teams from ICE)
- Teams from Challenger Leagues (SVK & UK)
- IIHF Continental Cup Winners

POT 5

GROUP STAGE PLAYING DATES:

- 2 – 5 September
- 9 – 12 September
- 5/6 October
- 12/13 October

8 TEAMS drawn into 2 groups of 4



NO LEAGUE PROTECTION at Draw

- Teams from ICE (Austria, Italy)
- Teams from Challenger Leagues (FRA, NOR, POL, UKR, DEN Champions)

2021/22 CHL CALENDAR

- **Group Stage:**

26 August – 13 October 2021

- 26 – 29 August*
- 2 – 5 September
- 9 – 12 September**
- 5/6 October
- 12/13 October

- **Round of 16:**

16/17 November + 23/24 November 2021

- **Quarter-Finals:**

7/8 December + 14 December 2021

- **Semi-Finals:**

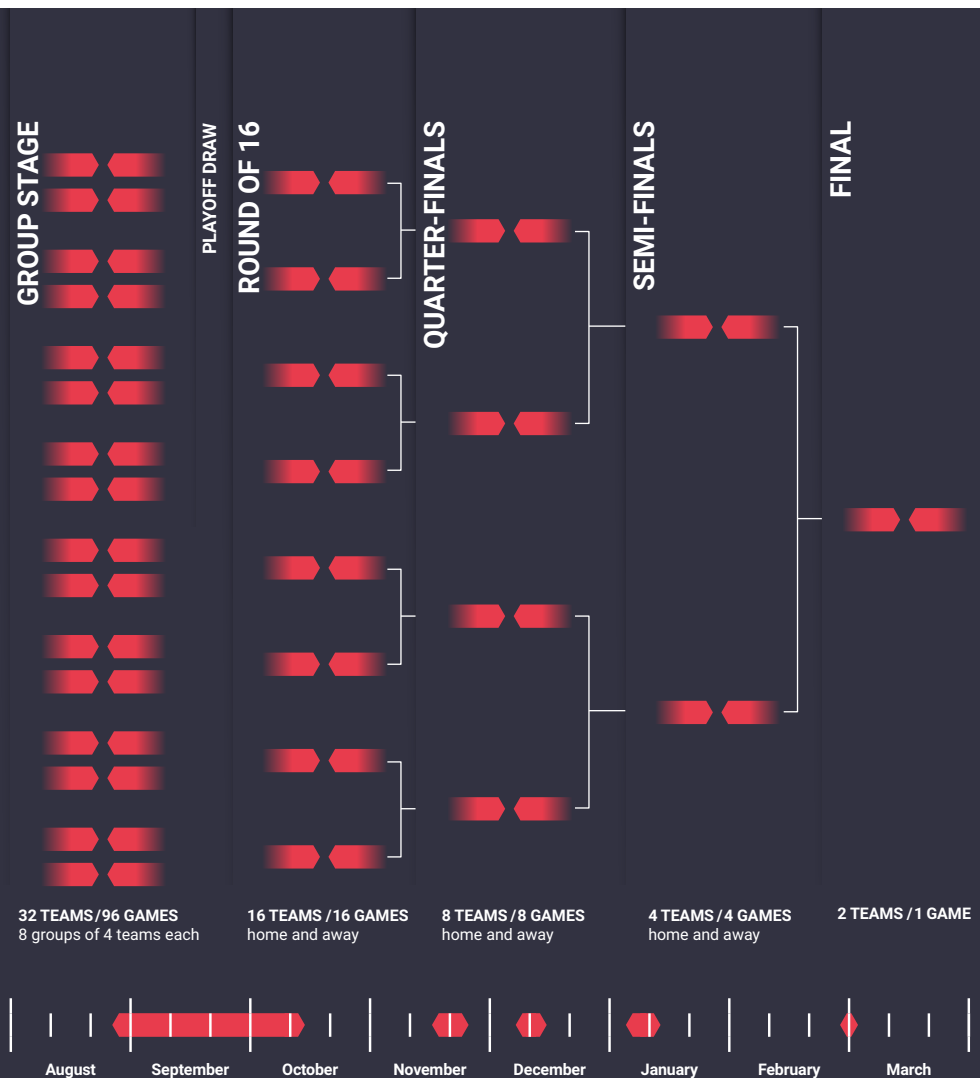
4/5 January + 11/12 January 2022

- **Final:** 1 March 2022

* Regular Game Day 1 & 2

** Game Day 1 & 2 for teams involved in FOQ

Alternative dates may apply.



CHL DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

The CHL Disciplinary System is based on three tiers.

The core of the CHL Disciplinary System is the Sport Disciplinary Board. It is an independent body appointed by the CHL to control the sport disciplinary process and player safety in the Champions Hockey League.

What is reviewed?

- All match penalties
- All major penalties
- All game misconducts
- All abuse of official penalties
- All serious situations, regardless of if a penalty has been called

Additionally, the CHL Sport Disciplinary Board may review any other incident referred to it by the Game Supervisor and clubs, or any incident that the Sport Disciplinary Board views as requiring supplementary jurisdiction.

How does the procedure works?

1. A disciplinary procedure is opened by the Chairman or a Member of the Sport Disciplinary Board, a Game Supervisor, the CHL Sport Director or a club.
2. The Chairman determines that a supplementary jurisdiction case exists.
3. The Chairman notifies the members of the Sport Disciplinary Board, and provides all relevant evidence/reports (incl. video footage & written comments) by 13:00 CET the day after the game.
4. The Chairman makes a final decision based on received feedback from Sport Disciplinary Board members and notifies the participating club no less than four hours before their next CHL game.

COVID-19

Special Circumstances:

COVID-19 Committee

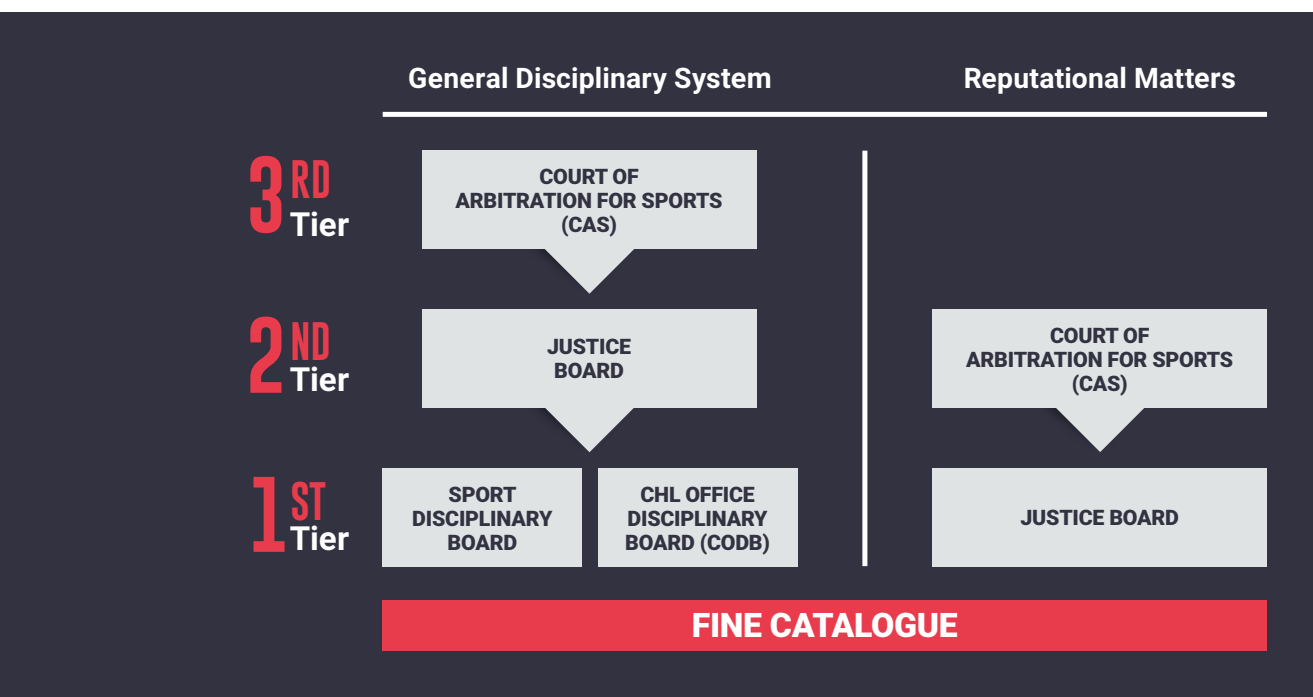
If an extraordinary COVID-19-related issue arises during the 2021/22 CHL season, defined as a situation that is not regulated and/or not clearly defined by the CHL Club Manual (including but not limited to the Sport Regulations, the CHL Casebook & the COVID-19 Guidelines), the case will be reviewed and a decision will be taken by the CHL's COVID-19 Committee.

As a precautionary measure, the CHL has decided prior to the start of the season to use points percentage (points per game played) as the criteria to determine the Group Stage standings. This enables the fair comparison of teams in the event of game cancellations. It should be noted that teams must play at least 50% of their Group Stage in order to have their place in the standings, as decided by points percentage, accepted.

5. Preferably, the final decision shall be communicated towards the accused club/player within 24 hours of the incident occurring.

Who is in charge?

The Chairman of the Sport Disciplinary Board is Lyle Seitz, who is appointed by the CHL Board. He, in cooperation with the CHL Sport Director Alex Jäger, is in charge of receiving requests and reviewing incidents, aided by a panel of six people who are highly experienced and well versed with ice hockey, its rules and procedures. All six CHL shareholder leagues are represented in the Sport



Disciplinary Board. The members are not bound by any restrictions and not accountable to anyone for their decisions. Further, the members are known by the CHL Board and the 32 participating clubs, but not named in public.

Where are the games reviewed?

On game days, the CHL operates its own Situation Room in cooperation with the German Ice Hockey League (DEL) and their DEL Game Centre in Neuss (GER). Livestreams of all CHL Games are transmitted to the CHL Situation Room, where all games are monitored live and every incident on the ice is logged by a dedicated person. In addition, a Hockey Operations and Referee Supervisor are assigned

for each Game Day. Any notable event on the ice, with or without a call, is tracked, and if deemed worthy of Disciplinary Review, sent to the Sport Disciplinary Board.

Can clubs appeal?

Yes, clubs can appeal a suspension or a decision by the Sport Disciplinary Board if the suspension exceeds three games or a €15,000 fine. In such cases, an appeal to the CHL Justice Board is mandatory prior to an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The appeal shall be submitted in writing within 24 hours after receipt of the Sport Disciplinary Board's decision.

For more information about the CHL Sport Disciplinary Board read [here](#).



KAC KLAGENFURT



Founded: 1909

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 32 – 1934, 1935, 1952, 1955, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2019, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Group Stage (3rd Group A)

2017/18: Group Stage (3rd Group H)

2015/16: Group Stage (3rd Group H)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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9020 Klagenfurt, Austria

Capacity: 4,945

Year opened: 1959

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

The accreditation process will be conducted via the online press room used for the ICE Hockey League.

Initial registration for the platform:

<https://app.pressroom.global/@ice/quick-signup/>

Accreditation requests: <https://app.pressroom.global/@kac/accreditations/>

Accreditation requests can be placed up to 48 hours before the opening faceoff of a game. Digital accreditations will be sent out via e-mail exactly 48 hours before the opening faceoff of a game. The digital accreditation (a PDF file, can be scanned

either as a print out or displayed on a mobile device) grants access to the rink and all media facilities.

TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Sebastian Dahm: The Danish goaltender joined the club in the summer of 2020 and had a very successful first season. He won the ICE Hockey League championship with KAC and was voted the MVP of the regular season. Dahm also set a new club record with twelve shutouts in 2020/21 and started all seven games for Denmark at the 2021 IIHF World Championship.

Thomas Koch: Koch has been one of the most successful products of KAC Klagenfurt's junior program over the last three decades. The veteran has played in 22 seasons, 15 of them for his hometown club. In the 2020/21 season, he recorded his 1,000th point in the Austrian topflight and won the national championship for the 10th time in his career. Before retiring from international hockey in 2014, he represented Austria in eleven World Championship tournaments and one Olympic tournament.

Nick Petersen: Petersen has three seasons for KAC under his belt, finishing as the team's top scorer in two of these seasons. He also has two domestic titles to his name (2019 and 2021). He led all ICE Hockey League players in points in the 2021 playoffs and was named the playoff MVP.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

For the first time since 1986, KAC Klagenfurt has not signed a single new player in summer in 2021.

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Petri Matikainen's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our club has a rich tradition in European competition, dating back to the 1960s, a time when we were pretty successful. However, in our first three appearances in the CHL, we finished third in our group, so our goal, our dream, will be to finally make it to the CHL Playoffs, the Round of 16, and then take it from there."

Head Coach Petri Matikainen's comments about the other teams in the group:

Rouen Dragons: "Rouen have been a dominant force in French hockey over recent years as they made the domestic league finals five times in a row. Furthermore, they have a few import players on their roster who have played in our league. So, we know that we face an excellent opponent in the Dragons."

Rungsted Seier Capital: "Just like us, Rungsted Seier Capital have won two championships over the past three seasons, so we take on a team that is used to win and full of self-confidence. They have a few internationally experienced players on their team. Facing Rungsted will be particularly special for our goalie Sebastian Dahm as he's the goaltender of the Danish national team."

HC Donbass Donetsk: "HC Donbass Donetsk have been a dominant force in Ukrainian hockey over recent years and won the national championship in five of

six years since they had to leave the KHL. Strengthened by import players from neighboring countries like Russia and Belarus, we expect an opponent of high quality that will be tough to play.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Reinhold “Reinke” Egger: played in four consecutive decades (1920s, -30s, -40s, -50s) for the club

Josef “Sepp” Puschnig: the only Austrian player to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto

Dieter Kalt sen.: player and coach with KAC Klagenfurt before serving as the president of the Austrian Hockey Federation

Adelbert “Del” Saint John: leads all KAC Klagenfurt players in European Cup goals

Rudolf “Rudi” König: all-time top goal scorer in both the Austrian league and national team

Christoph Brandner: first Austrian skater to score a goal in the NHL

Jamie Lundmark: KAC Klagenfurt’s all-time top goal scorer among import players

CLUB TRIVIA

KAC Klagenfurt was founded as a multi-sports club in 1909. Ice hockey was introduced to the club in the 1920s and the team played its first game in 1927.

The club is based in Klagenfurt, the capital of Austria’s southernmost province Kärnten (Carinthia), which is one of the

most popular summer holiday destinations in the country.

In 1933, KAC Klagenfurt became the first Austrian champion from outside of Vienna.

After winning back-to-back titles in 2019 and 2021, the club has now won a total of 32 national championships.

On the international stage, KAC’s major accomplishments date back to the 1960s, when the club made it to the semi-finals of the European Cup three years in a row (1966, 1967, 1968), topped by participation in the finals against CSKA Moscow in 1969.

The club’s colours (red/white) and crest have been in use and are unchanged since 1920. The team’s nickname Rot-jacken (Red Jackets) originates from that era as well.

Ice hockey is the most popular sport in both the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia. However, due to the club’s long-standing tradition, KAC Klagenfurt also have fan clubs in major Austrian cities like Vienna or Graz.

Twice, in 2010 and 2015, KAC played home games against their local rivals Villach in the city’s football stadium, attracting crowds of 30,500 and 29,700, respectively.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

KAC Klagenfurt are known for having a strong core of Austrian players and five members of the current roster (**Thomas Koch** 811, **Stefan Geier** 731, **Thomas Hundertpfund** 718, **Manuel Geier** 713, **Martin Schumnig** 707) have played more than 700 league games for the club.

The club won the ICE Hockey League title in 2021 despite dressing only an average of 4.9 import players per game throughout the year.

Defenceman **Martin Schumnig** has never represented any club other than KAC Klagenfurt in his entire junior and pro career.

Veteran **Thomas Koch** led all KAC players in total time-on-ice in the 2020/21 season (1147 minutes and 29 seconds). Furthermore, he has dressed in each of KAC's last 228 games (216 domestic games and 12 CHL contests). He has not missed a single game since 20 December 2017.

Canadian **Nick Petersen** led all ICE Hockey League players in scoring in 2020/21, becoming the first KAC player to win this award since Anthony Iob in 2003/04.

Klagenfurt native **Thomas Hundertpfund** has played twelve full seasons with KAC, making the playoffs each year.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Despite being based in Austria, KAC Klagenfurt's locker room winning song in the 2020/21 season was the Slovenian classic Ti Moja Rožica, played from the phone of centre **Rok Tičar** and sung by the entire team.

Twin brothers **Manuel** and **Stefan Geier**, both in their 14th season with the club, are very talented as carpenters and like to spend their spare time building pieces of furniture from wood.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Scheibenaufwurf / Bully

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck / Scheibe

Hockey stick = Eishockeyschläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



HC BOLZANO



(qualified via ICE Hockey League)

Founded: 1933

GLORY TIMES

National titles: ICE titles: 2 – 2014, 2018 / Italian titles: 19 – 1963, 1973, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2008, 2009, 2012

Other: 3 Italian Cups / 4 Italian Supercups / 1 Alpenliga / 1 Six Nations / 1 Coppa delle Alpi

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Round of 16

2014/15: Group Stage (3rd in Group F)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Winners

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Year opened: 1994

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Anton Bernard: Bernard has played for Bolzano since 2008, and he became the team's captain in 2018. He has played 685 games for the club, the most of any player. In 13 seasons with Bolzano, Bernard has won two ICE Hockey League titles, two Italian championships, one Italian Cup, and two Italian Supercups.

Nick Plastino: After beginning his career in Canada, Plastino, a skilled puck-moving defenceman, moved to Asiago in Italy in 2007. During four seasons in Italy, Plastino won two titles (in 2010 and 2011) and he was a major player for the club. He also made his debut for the Italian national side during this spell. Plastino returned briefly to the ECHL before signing back in Europe, this time in Sweden. By 2013, Plastino had signed in the SHL with Örebro, spending one season there before switching to the Stavanger Oilers in Norway for the 2014/15 season. During this season, he scored almost a point per game and featured in the CHL. After spending time in Finland (Tappara Tampere), the KHL (Slovan Bratislava), and Swiss NL (HC Ambrì-Piotta), Plastino signed with Bolzano ahead of the 2020/21 season. In a solid debut campaign with the Foxes, Plastino scored 33 points and finished with a plus/minus of +24.

Mike Halmo: Halmo first made his name with the OHL's Owen Sound Attack, where he played for four years and earned the captaincy role. In 2011/12, he made his pro debut with the AHL's Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Halmo spent the next four seasons in the New York Islanders' system, including a 20-game spell in the NHL, which yielded one goal. In 2016/17, he left to join the Syracuse Crunch, where he scored 28 points in 69 games. Halmo moved across the Atlantic in 2017/18, joining Bolzano. He was a crucial part of the team that went on to win the ICE Hockey League title that year. After two seasons abroad, split between Germany and Finland, Halmo returned to the Foxes in 2020/21. In 122 games for the club, he has amassed 90 points (34 goals and 56 assists).

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

James DeHaas, D, Stjernen Hockey (Fjordkraft-ligaen)

Joseph Mizzi, F, Odense Bulldogs (Metal Ligaen)

Diego Glück, F, HC Gherdeina (Alps Hockey League)

Alex Trivellato, D, Västerås IK (Allsvenskan)

STATEMENTS

Assistant Coach Fabio Armani's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It will be an honor to compete on the European stage. Our goal is to give it our all every game. If we go on the ice with the right mindset, then we can definitely qualify for the next round. This is of course our main goal and it is what the fans expect from us, after being among the 16 best teams in Europe in our last CHL campaign. It will not be easy, because our opponents are tough. We will face this competition with the same team spirit that has always distinguished us, thinking about shift after shift."

Assistant Coach Fabio Armani's comments about the other teams in the group:

Red Bull Salzburg: "They are definitely the opponent we know best in the group. I expect a balanced challenge and a great show, as it has always been in recent years. It will be a special experience to face them on the European stage, and it will certainly add charm to a challenge that is already a 'great classic' among our fans. Like every year, the Red Bulls have prepared a competitive team, ready to fight again for the ICE Hockey League title and to go as far as possible in the CHL. Let's not forget that they reached the Semi-Finals in 2018/19."

Frisk Asker: "The Norwegian league is competitive and, while we don't know our opponents well, we know they are talented. They are a team that combines young talent with experienced players, with many Norwegians and some players coming from other countries. It will be fascinating to face them, both at home and away. We have never had the chance to meet a Norwegian team in the CHL before, and it will be a new experience, a different style of hockey that we will have to study on video in order to go on the ice with the right weapons to neutralize them."

JKH GKS Jastrzębie: "As with Frisk Asker, they are new opponents for us. In 2018, we faced a Polish team, GKS Tychy, in the Group Stage and it was not at all easy. In Poland, we lost 5-3, and at Palaonda, they tied the game after trailing 4-0, although we went on to win and secure our place in the Playoffs. I think this shows the spirit of resilience that Polish hockey has, and if JKH GKS Jastrzębie made it all the way to the CHL, they certainly want to do well and get results. We know the goaltender Patrik Nechvatal, who in the past played in Znojmo and Innsbruck, as well as the forward Vitalijs Pavlovs, who spent some time last year with Dornbirn, but overall, it's a good team that can count on many new, experienced players who have played in top leagues such as the KHL. It will be a good challenge."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jaromir Jagr
Niklas Hjalmarsson
Kent Nilsson
Gino Pasqualotto
Lucio Topatigh
Martin Pavlu
Alexander Egger
Robert Oberrauch
Rolly Benvenuti
Hubert Gasser
Mark Napier
Mark Pavelich
Sergei Vostrikov
Igor Maslennikov

CLUB TRIVIA

Italy's Record-Breaking Club: Bolzano is the most successful hockey club from Italy. To date, Bolzano has won 19 Italian titles, 2 ICE Hockey League titles, 3 Italian Cups, 4 Italian Supercups, 1 Alpenliga, 1 Six Nations title, and 1 Coppa delle Alpi.

Bolzano won the ICE Hockey League title in 2013/14, the first season the team played in the multi-nation league, and this was followed up by a second title in 2017/18. During the latter season, Bolzano were bottom of the league in December.

Bolzano are still the only ICE Hockey League team not based in Austria to win the league.

During the team's final seasons in the Italian league structure, attendance at games fluctuated between 600 and 1,000. However, ice hockey is in the DNA of the Bolzanini, and with the move to the ICE Hockey League, more than 3,000 fans attend regular season games, with this figure exceeding 6,000 in the playoffs.

During the finals, Bolzano very often sells out the team's 7,200-attendance arena.

Fans: Bolzano has the best fans in the ICE Hockey League. They are our seventh man and they cheer and sing all game, whether at home or on the road. They congregate in the "curva," located in sectors D and H of the Palaonda, and are called the Figli di Bolzano. We also have a fan club, named HCBfans.

#33: The number 33 is very important in Bolzano's history. Not only does it denote the year in which the club was founded (1933), but also because it was worn by a Foxes' legend, **Gino Pasqualotto**. The number 33 is the only one to be retired by the club, and the city of Bolzano recently decided to rename our arena Pala33.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Dustin Gazley played for Red Bull Salzburg in the 2018/19 season, including their CHL campaign. This year, he will also play against his former teammates in the CHL Group Stage. Fun fact: Gazley scored nine points in six games against his former team last season.

Anton Bernard, Marco Insam and **Daniel Frank** are the only players to have played in each of Bolzano's 14 CHL games to date.

Nick Plastino has already played in the CHL for three different teams (Stavanger Oilers in 2014/15, Tappara Tampere in 2015/16, HC Ambri-Piotta in 2019/20)

With 11 points, **Marco Insam** is Bolzano's top scorer in the CHL. Interesting fact: all 11 of his points are goals!

Ten Bolzano players are members of the Italian national team. At this season's IIHF World Championship in Riga, **Daniel Frank** captained the Azzurri for the first time.

On 5 September, 2014, HCB's first two goals in the CHL were scored by **Anton Bernard** (HC Bolzano – TPS Turku 4-2)

BEYOND HOCKEY

Our forward **Daniel Frank** has an ice-cream parlour in Merano (a quaint, small town near Bolzano).

Our captain **Anton Bernard** is very active with many projects that aim to publicize sports in our area. He is also a representative of AIDO, the Italian association for the donation of organs, tissues and cells.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = hockey su ghiaccio

Faceoff = ingaggio

Offside = fuorigioco

Puck = disco

Hockey stick = stecca da hockey

Goal = gol

Penalty = penalità

Referee = arbitro



RED BULL SALZBURG



Founded: 2000

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2010

European Trophy titles: 1 – 2010

National titles: 6 ICE titles – 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016 / 8 Austrian titles – 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Semi-Finals

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Highest-Ranked Semi-Finalist

ARENA INFO

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Year opened: 1960

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UCI6WUUTGzV2yHzJkzBc5FnQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI6WUUTGzV2yHzJkzBc5FnQ)

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Thomas Raffl: Raffl is one of the Red Bulls' longest serving players and is regularly one of the team's top scorers. Standing 1.93 meters tall and with a great physique, the 35-year-old forward stands out with his physical style of play. He has captained the team for the last two seasons after joining in 2011. He spent one year away in North America in 2015/16 after being awarded a NHL contract with the Winnipeg Jets. With 22 goals (incl. play-offs), Raffl was also the Red Bulls' top scorer last season.

Ty Loney: Loney is an American forward who came to Austria from North America three years ago and impressed from the beginning in the ICE Hockey League. In the 2018/19 season with the Graz99ers as well as in the last two seasons with the Vienna Capitals, the 29-year-old was always among the top scorers in the league. Last season was his best in the pan-European league so far with 27 goals and 21 assists in 44 regular season games as well as an incredible 10 goals and 6 assists in 10 play-off games with the Capitals.

TJ Brennan: TJ Brennan was under contract in the NHL for several seasons and was one of the American Hockey League's (AHL) most offensively strong defencemen for many years. The 32-year-old American was drafted in the 2nd round in 2007 by the Buffalo Sabres, for whom he played a total of 21 games from 2011 to 2013. In total, Brennan played in 53 NHL games for three clubs, scoring 13 points (5 goals and 8 assists). Brennan also played 679 regular season games in the AHL, scoring a total of 478 points. He finished as the AHL's top scoring defenceman three times, and he is a five-time AHL

all-star. Brennan moved to Europe for the first time in his career last season, where he played for Swiss club HC Thurgau, and scored the most goals of any defenceman in the regular season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

TJ Brennan, D, HC Thurgau (SL)

Vincent LoVerde, D, Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL)

Jan-Mikael Järvinen, F, Malmö Redhawks (SHL)

Ty Loney, F, Vienna Capitals (ICE)

Ali Wukovits, F, Vienna Capitals (ICE)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Matt McIlvane's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"In any tournament in professional sports, the goal is to win. We understand the challenge this tournament presents, and we are excited for this. We know about the big challenge and the strength of the opponents, but we are very excited and looking forward to the renewed opportunity to compete in the CHL."

Head Coach Matt McIlvane's comments about the other teams in the group:

HC Bolzano: "The South Tyrolians are of course very familiar to us from the league. Both offensively and defensively they are one of the best teams in the ICE Hockey League. We definitely expect a very strong team again."

Frisk Asker & JKH GKS Jastrzębie: "About the opponents from Norway and Poland we are still learning a lot about them. We are excited to dive into the pre-scouting process and start learning a bit more. But we know for sure they are quality opponents."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Greger Artursson

Frank Banham

Daniel Welser

Matthias Trattnig

CLUB TRIVIA

Mascot Rob, No 87

First playoff home game of the season is called "White Night." At this event, fans dress entirely in white.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Goaltender **JP Lamoureux** has spent 10 seasons in the ICE Hockey League, with four clubs. In 2020, he won the Most Valuable Player award (Ron Kennedy Trophy). The 36-year-old is the oldest player on the team and even older than head coach Matt McIlvane, who is 35 years of age.

Dominique Heinrich has played the most games with Salzburg of anyone on the current team (707). He has been with the Red Bulls since 2007, after starting his professional career here. He spent a brief period of 22 games with Örebro HK (SHL) in the 2016/17 season.

TJ Brennan, who moved to Salzburg from the Swiss second tier this summer, is the only player on the Red Bull team with NHL experience. The 32-year-old American played a total of 53 NHL games for three different clubs.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Spielbeginn

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Eishockeyschläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



OCELÁŘI TŘINEC



Founded: 1929

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 2011, 2019, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Group Stage (3rd in Group D)

2018/19: Group Stage (4th in Group E)

2017/18: Semi-Finals

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Group Stage (3rd in Group E)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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73961 Třinec, Czech Republic

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Year opened: 2014

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Petr Vrána: The 35-year-old forward has experience from the world's best hockey leagues. He played 16 games in the NHL for the New Jersey Devils and iced

182 times in the KHL with four different teams. He also iced in the SHL with Brynäs IF. After one season, he left Sweden to join Sparta Prague ahead of the 2016/17 season, where he played until the beginning of 2019. Vrána moved to Třinec in exchange for Latvian forward Roberts Bukarts, and has been instrumental in the team's success ever since – especially in the 2019 Czech Extraliga finals. Owing to his leadership qualities, he was named Třinec's captain ahead of the coming season.

Martin Růžička: Růžička, a goal-scoring maestro, first signed for Třinec in 2009 and has gone on to become one of the club's top scorers. In 2010, he won a gold medal at the IIHF World Championship with the Czech Republic, and he was also part of the national team roster for the 2018 Winter Olympics.

David Musil: Comes from a hockey family that has a long history. Czech-Canadian defenceman David Musil was 18 years old when he was drafted in the second round by the Edmonton Oilers in 2011. He played four NHL games and iced in 253 AHL contests. He joined Oceláři Třinec in 2017/2018. Since then, he has become a truly solid defensive foundation. He regularly appears for the Czech national team, and featured at the IIHF World Championship in 2019 and 2021.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Martin Marinčin, D, Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)

Andrej Nestrašil, F, Metallurg Magnitogorsk (KHL)

Marek Mazanec, G, Mountfield HK (TELH)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Václav Varaďa's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"With all the respect to our opponents, we want to keep taking small steps forward and we hope to advance from the Group Stage to the final stages of the CHL."

Head Coach Václav Varaďa's comments about the other teams in the group:

"In our group, we have **Leksands IF**, **Fribourg-Gottéron**, and **Slovan Bratislava**.

All these teams had success last season, all of them have their strong sides. Fribourg have an experienced team with lots of good Swiss players. Their import players are also used to putting points on the board. Leksands, from Sweden, worked hard to get back into the SHL and they are playing well after a couple of seasons. Their skating and transition game form the core of their game plan on a daily basis."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jan Peterek

Václav Varaďa

Marek Zadina

Jozef Daňo

Lubomír Sekeráš

Martin Havlát

Radek Bonk

Jiří Polanský

CLUB TRIVIA

Our mascot is called Dráček Werkáček.

WERK ARENA is one of the newest hockey arenas in the Czech Republic. It hosted the IIHF World Junior Championship in 2020.

Oceláři stands for Steelers. The name refers to the nearby Železářny Třinec steel plant, which is situated roughly 500 metres from WERK ARENA.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Martin Růžička: Won gold medal at the 2010 IIHF World Championship. Has won the Czech title four times, three times with Oceláři Třinec and once with Sparta Prague.

Martin Marinčin: Slovak defenceman with 151 games in NHL under his belt (Toronto Maple Leafs). He won the Calder Cup with the Toronto Marlies (AHL) in 2018.

Andrej Nestrašil: Czech forward with a wealth of international experience. He is a part of the Czech national team and played 128 games in the NHL (Detroit Red Wings, Carolina Hurricanes).

BEYOND HOCKEY

David Musil: He is a son of Frantisek Musil (797 GP in the NHL) and grandson of Jaroslav Holik (legendary Czechoslovak hockey player and coach), his uncle is Bobby Holik (1,314 GP in the NHL).

Aron Chmielewski: is helping to develop ice hockey in Poland by hosting a special camp for kids.

Michal Kovařík: The younger of the Kovařík brothers is a huge motorsport fan. His favorite Formula 1 driver is Max Verstappen.

Marian Adamek: The young Czech defenceman is quite interested in cryptocurrencies.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Offside = postavení mimo hru

Puck = puk, touš, kotouč

Hockey stick = hokejka

Goal = branka, gól

Penalty = vyloučení

Referee = rozhodčí, arbitř



SPARTA PRAGUE



Founded: 1903

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 8 – 1953, 1954, 1990, 1993, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2007

Other: Spengler Cup Champions:
2 – 1962, 1963

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2016/17: Runners-Up

2015/16: Round of 16

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Winners

ARENA INFO


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Year opened: 1962


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Michal Řepík: Team captain with a wealth of international experience. Řepík has also captained the Czech national team many times. He was drafted in the second round by the Florida Panthers in 2007, and also played in the AHL, KHL, Finnish Liiga

and Swiss NL. Řepík is a force to be reckoned with. His 66 points in 63 games led Sparta in scoring last season.

Vladimír Sobotka: Another with experience from the world's top leagues. Sobotka belongs among the team's biggest stars. The forward played 11 seasons in the NHL and three in the KHL. Upon his arrival last season, he immediately formed one of the league's best lines with Michal Řepík and Roman Horák.

Alexander Salák: Arriving from the KHL, where he played for several years, Salák automatically became the team's pillar in net. Salák was selected to play in several KHL all-star games, and he also has experience of playing in the NHL and for the Czech national team.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Zdeněk Doležal, F, Motor České Budějovice (TELH)

Ondřej Mikliš, D, Rytíři Kladno (Czech 1. liga)

Filip Chlapík, F, Pelicans Lahti (Liiga)

David Kaše, F, Leigh Valley Phantoms/Philadelphia Flyers (AHL/NHL)

Erik Thorell, F, EV Zug (NL)

Michal Moravčík, D, Tappara Tampere (Liiga)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Josef Jandač's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our goal is to represent not only our club, but also the whole country and Czech hockey as well as we possibly can. Playing in the CHL is a big honour for us. We will do everything in our power to succeed."

Head Coach Josef Jandač's comments about the other teams in the group:

Växjö Lakers: "Swedish hockey is usually fast-paced but also quite tough. I expect to see a lot of battles, we will need to be well prepared in terms of strength."

TPS Turku: "The Finns play very fast-paced hockey, I expect to see a lot of skating on both ends of the ice. I am really looking forward to playing against Turku, they will definitely be a tough opponent. We get to try a new style of hockey, which is exciting."

Penguins Bremerhaven: "They have had quite a few Canadians and imports over the years, so we'll see what their roster will look like this year and then prepare accordingly. We will need to give a very strength-driven performance. I think the games with Bremerhaven will be great!"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jan "Gusta" Havel: legendary forward, now team manager for our U20 age group

Richard Žemlička: legendary forward, now the U20's head coach

Jiří Zelenka: legendary forward, now grade 6 head coach and grade 8 assistant coach

Pavel Šrek: legendary defenceman, now Youth Manager

Jiří Kročák: legendary defenceman, now grade 7 and 9 head coach

František Ptáček: legendary defence-man, now U18's head coach and fitness coach

Jaroslav Hlinka: legendary forward, now Sports Manager

Petr Ton: legendary forward, now Sports Director

**HC Sparta Legends Club members
(not all of them are players):**

Karel Koželuh, Josef Maleček, Kristián Cee, Jiří Hanzl, Václav Roziňák, Jan Císařovský, Vladimír Zábrodský, Karel Gut, Miloslav Charouz, František Tikal, Luděk Bukač, Rudolf Šindelář, Pavel Wohl, Jan "Gusta" Havel, Jaroslav Šíma, Jiří Holeček, Jaroslav Velechovský, Miroslav Kuneš, Josef Horešovský, Jiří Kochta, Jiří Nikl, František Výborný, Lubomír Pěnička, Pavel Richter, Stanislav Hajdušek, Jiří Hrdina, Tomáš Jelínek, Richard Žemlička, Petr Bříza, Pavel Šrek, Jiří Vykoukal, Jiří Zelenka

CLUB TRIVIA

Name: came from the old Greek city Sparta

Famous fans: Marpo (Czech rapper), Jakub Kohák, Ondřej Vetchý, Jakub Štáfek (Czech actors), Libor Bouček (Czech presenter), František Zahradníček (Czech opera singer) and Jan Chaloupecký (Czech opera conductor)

Mascots: Sparťák, a Spartan soldier with Sparťáček, his loyal companion

Special traditions:

Annually organized projects:

Spartan Blood (charitable blood donation drive in cooperation with our partners and Motol Hospital in Prague)

Sparta pays tribute (honouring members of the emergency services – doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, the army)

Anniversary games (dedicated to the anniversary of the club's establishment in 1903)

Special rituals: Post-game ritual thanking the fans – the fans do a chant with the players, after that they celebrate with the best players of the game of their choice.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Alexander Salák: NHL experience (Florida Panthers), national team experience, Swedish champion with Färjestad BK, significant KHL experience

Milan Jurčina: played for TPS Turku, significant Slovak national team experience, major NHL experience (Washington Capitals, New York Islanders, Boston Bruins, Columbus Blue Jackets)

Tomáš Pavelka: Czech champion in 2015

David Němeček: briefly played for TPS Turku

Michal Řepík: Czech champion in 2016, captained the Czech national team numerous times, NHL experience (Florida Panthers), 2006 WHL Champion, 2007 Memorial Cup Champion

Roman Horák: significant national team experience, NHL experience (Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers)

Vladimír Sobotka: Significant national team and NHL experience (Boston Bruins, St. Louis Blues, Buffalo Sabres)

Filip Chlapík: NHL experience (Ottawa Senators), national team experience

David Kaše: NHL experience (Philadelphia Flyers), national team experience

Ladislav Zikmund: Slovak champion in 2014 and 2015 (HC Košice)

BEYOND HOCKEY

Alexander Salák: father to five children, has a second home in Bali.

Jakub Neužil: Graduated from the University of Economics in Prague while he played hockey.

Tomáš Dvořák: loves to fish, likes to go cycling, cross-country skiing and play tennis in his free time

Martin & Tomáš Jandus: twins playing on the team together

Filip Chlapík: owns an American Akita

Roman Horák: owns a Siberian husky

Miroslav Forman: one of the fan favourites, has spent his whole career playing for Sparta (excluding a few months last season when he was loaned), knows how to play the keyboard

Ladislav Zikmund: owns a little mixed breed dog

Radek Jeřábek: plays the ukulele

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Penalty = Vyloučení

Referee = Rozhodčí



BK MLADÁ BOLESLAV



Founded: 1908

GLORY TIMES

National titles: none

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2016/17: Group Stage (3rd in Group L)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

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Capacity: 4,200

Year opened: 1956


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Martin Ševc: The experienced blueliner is referred to as a “serial winner.” The 39-year-old defenceman originally from Kladno has won six championships in his rich career – four in the Swedish top league and two in the Czech Republic – in the jerseys of HC Pilsen and Bílí Tygři

Liberec. He has played 40 times for the national team, including one appearance at the World Championships in 2014, where he helped the Czech Republic to a fourth-placed finish.

David Šťastný: Šťastný came to BK Mladá Boleslav as an unknown player, but over recent years he has shown huge progress. Last season he was the team's most successful player (61 games, 29 goals and 30 assists). He finished fourth among all forwards in the league.

Adam Jánošík: A native of Spišská Nová Ves, Slovakia, where he also started playing hockey. At a relatively early age, he and his brother Filip were spotted by Liberec, so both siblings moved to the northern Czech city. He was drafted by the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning after impressing in the Canadian junior leagues. After his return, he shone again in the jersey of Liberec, then returned to his native Slovakia in the 2018/19 season to play in the KHL with Slovan Bratislava. Last season, he played for IK Oskarshamn in Sweden. He is also a regular for the Slovak national team.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Adam Jánošík, D, IK Oskarshamn (SHL)

Pavel Pýcha, D, Motor České Budějovice (TELH)

Jan Dufek, F, Berani Zlín (TELH)

Miloš Kelemen, F, HKM Zvolen (SVK Extraliga)

Jan Eberle, F, HC Pilsen (TELH)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Pavel Patera's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Goals are very difficult to set. We have a difficult group, that is a fact. But of course, we want to succeed, we will want to show off in front of such teams. Advancing from the Group Stage would be great. And even if it doesn't work out, it will still be a huge experience and a great personal test for us, and these things help push the club forward."

Head Coach Pavel Patera's comments about the other teams in the group:

Frölunda Gothenburg: "Frölunda is a big favourite in the competition. We respect them, but we are not afraid. We really appreciate the opportunity to match up against them and we will certainly give our best. The Czech player Michael Špaček is there. He is a perfect forward and we would definitely like to have him in our own team. I believe that the games will be great."

IFK Helsinki: "Personally, I am very much looking forward to the match up against coach Ville Peltonen. We know each other very well from the past, we played a lot of games against each other for the national teams of our countries and now we will meet for the first time as coaches. Helsinki is of course the top team in the Finnish league. They will skate a lot, which will be a great experience for us."

ZSC Lions Zurich: "Zurich has a great coach, Rikard Grönborg, who has had many great successes. We expect them to play the Swedish style of hockey – perfect puck control and self-discipline. They are tough opponents, they have their strength. It will be great for us to compete with the best teams."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jiří Hrdina

Radim Vrbata

David Výborný

Tomáš Hyka

CLUB TRIVIA

We are one of the oldest sports clubs in the Czech Republic. We were called BK Mladá Boleslav in the year of our foundation, 1908, and we returned to this name again in 2004. BK means Bruslařský klub, or skater club.

Our tradition is an annual special charity match. We play in jerseys of different colours (often quite crazy). The fans love these jerseys and we auction them off for a large amount of money each time. Every year we help someone different – mostly from the local hospital.

This season we are going to participate for the first time in a project to promote blood donation.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Martin Ševc has won six championships in his storied career – four in the Swedish top league and two in the Czech Republic.

Coach **Pavel Patera** personally knows the coach of Helsinki, **Ville Peltonen**.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Jan Stránský is very much a “natural man”. He cycles to the ice rink, tries not to use a car and minimises his carbon footprint. Weather permitting, he lives in a cabin he built himself.

We have two players who have college degrees – **Jan Stránský** and **Jan Eberle**.

David Bernad and **Marek Schwarz** help coach young hockey players.

Jan Růžička often helps in personal charity projects.

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Offside = postavení mimo hru

Puck = puk

Hockey stick = hokejka

Goal = gól

Penalty = samostatný nájezd

Referee = rozhodčí



LUKKO RAUMA



Founded: 1936

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 2 – 1963, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Semi-Finals

2014/15: Quarter-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Kivikylän Arena

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Capacity: 4,500


Year opened: 1970


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Lassi Lehtinen: Voted the top goalie in Finland last season. The 22-year-old has a winning pedigree and a calm demeanour. Often praised for his smooth, confident movements in the crease.

Thomas Grégoire: Skillfull all-around defenceman who can put points on the board. Has a booming shot from the right.

Sebastian Repo: Goal-scoring forward who impresses with his physicality. Great net front presence.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Samuel Jukuri, G, K-Vantaa (Mestis)

Matthew Abt, D, Colorado Eagles (AHL)

Michael Haga, F, Djurgården Stockholm (SHL)

Arttu Ilomäki, F, HV71 Jönköping (SHL)

Harri Kainulainen, F, HPK Hämeenlinna (Liiga)

Scott Pooley, F, Toronto Marlies (AHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Marko Virtanen's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our goal is to play hard and get good results from the first game onwards. Of course, we are going to strive for success just like all the teams. However, succeeding in the CHL is very challenging. First, you must earn a place in the previous season by playing well. You really need to be in good condition for a long season, and in the CHL, you must continue to improve, as our opponents will get harder and harder with each round."

Head Coach Marko Virtanen's comments about the other teams in the group:

"All the teams are successful organizations so this will be a tough challenge for us. Lausanne HC and Adler Mannheim are both historic teams in their national leagues. The Cardiff Devils are very interesting and a new acquaintance for me, one which I'm very much looking forward to. I'm not sure but could this be the first time that a Finnish team faces a Welsh team in CHL history?"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Petri Vehanen

Janne Niskala

Matti Keinonen

Jarmo Kuusisto

Erik Hämäläinen

Teppo Rastio

Jari Torkki

Antti Raanta

Toni Koivisto

Jorma Vehmanen

Jouni Peltonen

Matti Forss

CLUB TRIVIA

Lukko means "a lock". In 1936, when the founders were thinking of a name for the club, they thought of the town of Valkeakoski, which had a club called "Haka," translated as a "padlock" or a "hook" that is used indoors. In the end, the founders wanted to improve on this and chose the name Lukko, as they considered it to be better than Haka.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Niklas Ylitalo and Onni Korkka both won two titles last season: the Liiga title with Lukko and the U20 World Championship with Finland.

Only five other Finnish players have won both the Finnish title and U20 gold in the same season: **Esa Tikkanen** with IFK Helsinki (1983), **Teppo Numminen** with Tappara Tampere (1986), and **Antti-Jussi Niemi, Janne Niinimaa, Mika Asikainen** with Jokerit (1996).

BEYOND HOCKEY

Pavol Skalicky got married this summer.

Arttu Ilomäki and his partner had a child this past summer.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Jääkiekko

Faceoff = Aloitus

Offside = Paitsio

Puck = Kiekko

Hockey stick = Jääkiekkomaila

Goal = Maali

Penalty = Jäähy

Referee = Tuomari



IFK HELSINKI



Founded: 1897

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 7 – 1969, 1970, 1974, 1980, 1983, 1998, 2011

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Group Stage (3rd Group C)

2017/18: Group Stage (3rd Group G)

2016/17: Round of 16

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Quarter-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

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Capacity: 8,200

Year opened: 1966

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Eetu Koivistoinen: A skilled center, Koivistoinen was the Playoff MVP in 2021 after winning the Finnish championship with Lukko Rauma. Koivistoinen boasts a heavy shot and great offensive instincts.

Jere Innala: The versatile forward represented Finland this spring in the IIHF World Championship. Innala has scored 61 goals in the Finnish Liiga over the past three seasons, making him one of the top forwards in the league.

Yohann Auvitu: One of the best players to ever come from France, Auvitu is the leader of IFK Helsinki's defence. Auvitu is an athletic and skilled defenceman with great offensive abilities.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Eetu Koivistoinen, F, Lukko Rauma (Liiga)

Jere Innala, F, HPK Hämeenlinna (Liiga)

Otto Paajanen, F, Leksands IF (SHL)

Roni Hirvonen, F, HC Ässät Pori (Liiga)

Otto Karvinen, F, Kärpät Oulu (Liiga)

Leevi Teissala, F, TPS Turku (Liiga)

Kasper Kotkansalo, D, HC Ässät Pori (Liiga)

Jordan Schmaltz, D, Tucson Roadrunners (AHL)

Otto Salin, D, HIFK Jrs

Mico Luoto, D, Jokerit Helsinki (KHL)

Michael Garteig, G, ERC Ingolstadt (DEL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Ville Peltonen's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It is a huge challenge for us to face the top teams in Europe, but we are so glad to be back playing in the CHL. It's a privilege to be able to participate and our goal is to win the championship."

Head Coach Ville Peltonen's comments about the other teams in the group:

Frölunda Gothenburg: "They are one of the best teams in Europe by any standards. I see it as a great opportunity for our guys to see where we are compared to Frölunda."

BK Mladá Boleslav: "We have to do a thorough job in scouting this team before we go head-to-head, since we don't know enough about them. Czech teams are always highly skilled and full of good skaters."

ZSC Lions Zurich: "They are a powerhouse of Swiss hockey, a club that puts a strong team on the ice year after year. They have a really skilled and experienced squad and it will be a huge challenge for our young team."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Matti Hagman

Ville Peltonen

Hexi Riihiranta

Matti Murto

Mika Kortelainen

Pertti Lehtonen

Simo Saarinen

Sakari Lindfors

Stig Wetzell

Jan Lundell

Mikael Granlund

Miro Heiskanen

CLUB TRIVIA

Sunrise Avenue lead singer Samu Haber is an avid IFK fan and season ticket holder. You can spot Samu at most IFK home games.

IFK has started a project to build a new home arena in downtown Helsinki. The project has moved forward, and the arena is expected to be in operation within 3 to 4 years.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

There are players of five different nationalities representing IFK this season. The team's players are from Finland, Sweden, Canada, USA and France.

IFK has arguably the strongest group of centres in the Finnish league with **Eetu Koivistoinen, Alex Broadhurst, Otto Paajanen and Miro Väänänen**. Koivistoinen (2021) and Paajanen (2019) are the two most recent winners of the Playoff MVP award in Finland.

BEYOND HOCKEY

There is a big rivalry in the IFK coaches' room. Video coach **Ari Halttunen** is an avid Liverpool FC fan, while the goalie coach **Jan Lundell** roots for Manchester United. During the past few years Halttunen has had way more fun than Lundell.

Defenceman **Miro Karjalainen** has a Rotweiler puppy.

Eero Teräväinen is a decent golfer. He has a single-digit handicap.

Juha Jääskä is the best cook in the team.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = jääkiekko

Faceoff = aloitus

Offside = paitsio

Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = staga

Goal = byyri

Penalty = jäähy

Referee = dumari



TPS TURKU



Founded: 1922

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 11 – 1956, 1976, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2010

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Group Stage (3rd in Group B)

2017/18: Group Stage (3rd in Group F)

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Quarter-Finals

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Gatorade Center

Address: Artukaistentie 8,
20210 Turku, Finland

Capacity: 11,820

Year opened: 1990

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:

hc.tps.fi

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/hctps

Twitter:

twitter.com/HCTPS

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/hctps

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/HCTPSTurku

CLUB STAFF

President/Chairman: Kai Koskinen

CEO: Santtu Jokinen

Sport Director: Rauli Urama

Head Coach: Jussi Ahokas

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Markus Nurmi: Skilful power forward who also played for the Finnish national team last season. Fun to watch!

Elmeri Eronen: One of the best defence-men in Finland. Very good puck-handling skills and good offensive vision all over the rink.

Andrei Kareev: Talented goalie from Russia. Has played in the KHL and this is his second season with TPS. A very fast and flexible goalie with good reactions who knows how to win games.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Elmeri Eronen, D, HPK Hämeenlinna (Liiga)
Jonne Tammela, F, Lukko Rauma (Liiga)
Jack Rodewald, F, Oceláři Třinec (TELH)
Niklas Arell, D, HV71 Jönköping (SHL)
Mitch Hults, F, Bratislava Capitals (ICE)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jussi Ahokas' comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It will be a great challenge to play in the CHL and obviously we want to get the best possible results from this campaign. We are also very excited to participate in this year's CHL. The Champions Hockey League is great for hockey!"

Head Coach Jussi Ahokas' comments about the other teams in the group:

"Every opponent in the CHL is tough and we have to play at a high level to get good results. Every game is a new chance, and we just have to make the most of it against every opponent. Our group is very interesting, and we are excited to play against some new teams."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Reijo Leppänen
Saku Koivu
Timo Nummelin
Juhani Wahlsten
Rauli Tammelin

CLUB TRIVIA

Our mascot is called Jore-karhu (Jore the bear).

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Defenceman **Ville Lajunen** is a brother of **Jani Lajunen**, Goalie coach **Ari Moisanen** has worked with the Finnish national team and in the KHL. Head Coach **Jussi Ahokas** has won with Finland's U18 and U20 national teams in IIHF competitions.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Defenceman **Ruben Rafkin** likes to go fishing. **Topias Haapanen** loves barefoot shoes!

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = jääkiekko

Faceoff = aloitus

Offside = paitsio

Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = maila

Goal = maali

Penalty = jäähäy

Referee = tuomari



TAPPARA TAMPERE



Founded: 1955 (Predecessor TBK 1932)

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 17 – 1953*, 1954*, 1955*, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2003, 2016, 2017

*as TBK

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Round of 16

2018/19: Round of 16

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Round of 16

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Hakametsä Stadium

Address: Keltinkatu 2,
33530 Tampere, Finland

Capacity: 7,300

Year opened: 1965

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
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Twitter:
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Sport Director: Jukka Rautakorpi

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Tyler Morley: Morley is a 29-year-old Canadian centre. He last played for Tappara in the 2019/20 season, scoring 38 points. He starred in the ICE Hockey League as a member of Medveščak Zagreb in 2017/18, scoring 63 points in 54 games. He split last season between two SHL clubs, scoring 19 points.

Veli-Matti Vittasmäki: A 31-year-old blue-liner who played for Tappara originally from 2017 to 2020. He returns to the club after one season in the KHL with Severstal Cherepovets. He served as Tappara's alternate captain during his first spell with the club. He has also played a total of 13 times for the Finnish national team.

Christian Heljanko: Heljanko is a 24-year-old goaltender who has played for Tappara since 2017. He has played in 12 CHL games for the club, and established himself as the team's starter last season, posting a save percentage of over 91%.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Mikael Seppälä, D, KalPa Kuopio (Liiga)

Veli-Matti Vittasmäki, D, Severstal Cherepovets (KHL)

Otso Rantakari, D, Neftekhimik Nizhnekamsk (KHL)

Brady Austin, D, Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)

Casimir Jürgens, D, Lahti Pelicans (Liiga)

Joni Tuulola, D, KooKoo Kouvola (Liiga)

Waltteri Merelä, F, Lahti Pelicans (Liiga)

Kyle Platzer, F, KooKoo Kouvola (Liiga)

Samuel Salonen, F, JoKP (Liiga)

Tyler Morley, F, Linköping HC (SHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jussi Tapola's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"The first goal is to advance from the Group Stage to the Playoffs, the games are decisive right from the first game. We want to succeed in Europe and show that we can win the CHL title."

Head Coach Jussi Tapola's comments about the other teams in the group:

Eisbären Berlin: "German champion and a club with a great history. Whenever we talk about a top German team, they are always experienced, strong, and professional. They have many big, strong players on the team. Eisbären defend strongly, so getting to the goal will be challenging. If we match up evenly against Eisbären, we know the team is at a good level in Europe."

HC Lugano: "HC Lugano are a mystery to me. I did not watch their games last season at all. Traditionally, the team has had good foreign players who have been the key to success. They play fast-paced hockey and I believe their foreign players will play an important role this season as well. HC Lugano is one of Europe's top teams."

Skellefteå AIK: "Skellefteå is the birthplace of Sweden's new style of hockey. They increased the amount of practice and raised the tempo of the game to a new level. They have been able to maintain the same culture. The team has a lot of top players. In this group, all teams are the top teams in their countries."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Alexander Barkov

Janne Ojanen

Timo Susi

Teppo Numminen

Ville Nieminen

CLUB TRIVIA

TBK's hockey unit founded a new club called Tappara in 1955, at the same time the parent club TBK terminated its professional operations. The change was made as the Swedish school was no longer producing enough quality players for the club, and the new Finnish name triggered a massive influx of young Finnish talent.

In 1959, Tappara won its first Finnish title under the new name.

Tappara has won 17 Finnish titles, 3 as TBK, and 14 as Tappara.

The name of Tappara's mascot is Tapsu.

In 2018, Tappara opened its own Hall of Fame, to which a total of 46 people have been nominated.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Kristian Kuusela, who was born in 1983, became the oldest World Championship debutant for the Finnish national team in 2019. At that tournament, Finland won gold.

Otto Rantakari played eight games for EC Salzburg U20 in 2008/09 and Charles Bertrand also played one game for the club in the same season.

Tomas Hamara's junior club is Sparta Prague.

Patrik Virta has played 25 Champions Hockey League games for two different teams: TPS Turku and Tappara.

Otto Rauhala has played in all of Tappara's Champions Hockey League matches.

Sami Moilanen won the IIHF U20 World Championship in 2018/19.

Kristian Tanus won gold at the IIHF U18 World Championship in 2017/18.

Lassi Vanhatalo won rookie of the month honors in the Finnish second tier in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Last season, **Samuel Salonen** was selected to the first all-star team in Finland's second tier.

Jukka Peltola won the playoff MVP award in 2016/17.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Many of Tappara's players play golf and padel.

Tappara's former player and captain of the NHL's Florida **Panthers Alexander Barkov** is one of Tappara's shareholders.

Our forward **Waltteri Merelä** has a new puppy.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Offside = paitsio

Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = jääkiekkomaila

Goal = maali

Penalty = jäähy

Referee = tuomari



EISBÄREN BERLIN



Founded: 1954 (as SC Dynamo Berlin),
renamed in 1992

GLORY TIMES

European Trophy titles: 1 – 2010

National titles: 8 German titles – 2005,
2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2021 /
15 GDR (German Democratic Republic)
titles – 1966, 1967, 1968, 1976, 1977, 1978,
1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987,
1988

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Group Stage (3rd in Group D)

2016/17: Round of 16

2015/16: Round of 16

2014/15: Group Stage (4th in Group D)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Mercedes-Benz Arena

Address: Mercedes-Platz 1,
10243 Berlin, Germany

Capacity: 14,200

Year opened: 2008

Name: Wellblechpalast

Address: Konrad-Wolf-Straße 39,
13055 Berlin, Germany

Capacity: 4,695

Year opened: 1963

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Website:**

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 **Facebook:**

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 **Twitter:**

www.twitter.com/eisbaeren_b

 **Instagram:**

www.instagram.com/eisbaerenberlin

 **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCATQ1YPs77iZCYwXvaNAArQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCATQ1YPs77iZCYwXvaNAArQ/)

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presse/chl-akkreditierung](http://www.eisbaeren.de/presse/chl-akkreditierung)

TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Marcel Noebels: Noebels came to the Eisbären in 2014. For the last two years, he's been the top scorer of the club as well as the forward of the year and player of the year. He claimed his first ever DEL title last year as a member of the Eisbären.

Mathias Niederberger: Niederberger returned to the Eisbären last season. He achieved 5 shutouts, which was a league best, and was fourth in the league in GAA (2.13) and SV% (92.2%). He has won the DEL goalie of the year award twice, in 2016 and 2020.

Leo Pföderl: With the Eisbären since 2019/20. He scored 37 points (21 goals) in 45 games in his debut season. In the 2020/21 season, he scored 37 points (20 goals) in 34 games.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Kevin Clark, F, Rapperswil-Jona Lakers (NL)

Morgan Ellis, D, ERC Ingolstadt (DEL)

Nicholas B. Jensen, D, Düsseldorfer EG (DEL)

Yannick Veilleux, F, Laval Rocket (AHL)

Manuel Wiederer, F, Deggendorfer SC (Oberliga Süd)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Serge Aubin's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It is an honour to play internationally again. This group is tough but I believe we have all it takes to get further than the Group Stage. You could see my team's dedication and teamwork when we won the championship last season."

Head Coach Serge Aubin's comments about the other teams in the group:

HC Lugano: "I know them from my time in Switzerland, so they can be sure I'll have my team prepared."

Skellefteå AIK: "The Swedes are always tough to play against and Skellefteå's fans are a force to be reckoned with. This should be an intense game."

Tappara Tampere: "Finland is new to a lot of my players so everyone is excited about meeting the Tappara team and travelling that far north."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Joachim Ziesche

René Bielke

Bernd Karrenbauer

Hartmut Nickel

Dietmar Peters

Mark Jooris

Jiri Dopita

Richard Zemlicka

Sven Felski

Andrei Lomakin

Mike Bullard

Thomas Steen

Leif Carlsson

Thomas Rhodin

Mark Beaufait

Olaf Kölzig

Denis Pederson

Stefan Ustorf

Steve Walker

Rob Zepp

Jeff Friesen

André Rankel

Florian Busch

CLUB TRIVIA

We are named in honor of one of the greatest land predators.

Our mascot, a polar bear, is called Bully.

Our fans are known throughout the league and further for their singing and enthusiasm. Some 120 fans once travelled with the team to Ontario, California and the whole stadium ended up in a conga line with them.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Frank Hördler: 8-time national champion – he is the most successful player in Germany.

Morgan Ellis: played with Skellefteå AIK in 2017/18.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Mathias Niederberger's brother, who is also a hockey player, is a renowned musician.

Kevin Clark has a dog called Bailey.

Marcel Noebels has a dog too.

Captain **Frank Hördler's** son plays for the Eisbären Juniors and their dream is to be able to play on the same team.

Kai Wissmann is the chaperone of the Eisbären Kids Club.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Bully

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



ADLER MANNHEIM



Founded: 1938

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 8 – 1980, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2007, 2015, 2019

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Round of 16

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Group Stage (3rd in Group C)

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Group Stage (4th in Group G)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Winners Group South

ARENA INFO


Name: SAP Arena

Address: An der Arena 1,
68163 Mannheim, Germany


Capacity: 13,600


Year opened: 2005


WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Website:**
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 **Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/dieadlermannheim

 **Twitter:**
twitter.com/adlermannheim

 **Instagram:**
www.instagram.com/adlermannheim_official

 **YouTube:**
www.youtube.com/user/DieAdlerMannheimTV

CLUB STAFF

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CEO: Matthias Binder

Sport Director: Jan-Axel Alavaara

Head Coach: Pavel Gross

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Andrew Desjardins: The 35-year-old Desjardins made the leap to the NHL as an undrafted player. After impressing in the OHL, the left shot made his debut in the AHL for the Worcester Sharks in 2008/09. The versatile forward finally made his NHL debut on 3 January 2011. Desjardins

played in a total of 461 NHL games for the San Jose Sharks and Chicago Blackhawks, scoring 26 goals and 46 assists. He celebrated winning the Stanley Cup with the Blackhawks in 2015. Desjardins has also played well in Mannheim, forming a threatening attacking line alongside David Wolf and Matthias Plachta. Since 2017, Desjardins has played in 164 games for the Adler in the DEL, scoring 55 goals and 67 assists.

Korbinian Holzer: Holzer was just 19 years old when he made his DEL debut in a Düsseldorfer EG jersey in 2007. The defence-man, who was drafted 111th overall in the fourth round by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2006, laced up his skates for the "Rheinländer" for three seasons before he tested himself in North America. The Munich native played 211 NHL games in eight seasons for the Maple Leafs, Anaheim Ducks and Nashville Predators. Holzer scored six goals and assisted on 21 others. Between 2010 and 2020, he also played 332 games in the AHL, recording 15 goals and 77 assists.

David Wolf: Wolf played in Mannheim during his junior career. As a result, the robust forward feels like a native of Mannheim, even though he was born in Düsseldorf. At the age of 20, Wolf played his first DEL season for Hannover. After a strong 2013/14 season for the Hamburg Freezers with 52 points from 58 games, Wolf tried his luck in the NHL a year later. He played four games for the Calgary Flames, but remained pointless and initially returned to Hamburg in 2015. In 2016, he joined the Adler, for whom he has collected 175 points so far.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Jordan Szwarz, F, Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)

Ruslan Iskhakov, F, TPS Turku (Liiga)

Korbinian Holzer, D, Avtomobilist Yekaterinburg (KHL)

Borna Rendulic, F, Örebro HK (SHL)

Tim Wohlgemuth, F, ERC Ingolstadt (DEL)

Ilari Melart, D, Växjö Lakers (SHL)

Lean Bergmann, F, San Jose Sharks (NHL)

Nigel Dawes, F, Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Pavel Gross' comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"The goals in the CHL are identical to those in the DEL. We want to win every game. Of course, because of the early stage of the season, it's also about consolidating the system and working on it, but we still want to do as well as possible."

Head Coach Pavel Gross' comments about the other teams in the group:

Lukko Rauma: "The Finns are very strong skaters and they fight hard for every puck. They play very well in the system and have some very good individual players."

Lausanne HC: "The team is well positioned financially, will have a strong and deep squad accordingly. In addition, Swiss teams skate tirelessly."

Cardiff Devils: "With Cardiff, you can't make the mistake of underestimating this team. They will put everything on the line, will skate, check. The days of playing mediocre hockey in the UK are over."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

#2 Werner Lorenz

#3 Harold Kreis

#10 Kurt Sepp

#12 Bruno Guttowski

#15 Marcus Kuhl

#20 René Corbet

#25 Stéphane Richer

#55 Jochen Hecht

#57 Ronny Arendt

Other notable players:

Dennis Seidenberg, Leon Draisaitl (played junior hockey in Mannheim but never iced for the professional team. Leon's father Peter played for Mannheim from 1983 to 1990 and from 1992 to 1994.

CLUB TRIVIA

Our mascot is a hamster, which is named Udo, like the former announcer of the club during home games. Why a hamster? Because a specific species of hamster comes from the area where the SAP Arena was built in 2003. During the construction of the SAP Arena, the hamsters had to be relocated and the SAP Arena decided to introduce the hamster as the mascot.

Hockey in the city of Mannheim was first established in 1938, when Mannheimer ERC (MERC) first took the ice. MERC won their first German championship in 1980.

In 1994, ice hockey in Mannheim experienced some changes when Adler Mannheim was founded from MERC and joined Germany's newly founded professional league, the DEL, the same year.

The Adler quickly became a success, both on and off the ice. Adler Mannheim have

collected eight championships, made an additional three finals appearances, and won Germany's Pokal-Cup twice. Since 2005, the club has played all its home games in front of a loyal fan base inside SAP Arena, with a seating capacity of 13,600.

Adler, along with their loyal fans, have helped Mannheim earn the nickname Hockey Town. Adler proudly has the most successful junior project in the DEL: Adler's junior team has collected 16 championships in the DNL, Germany's best youth league.

Adler Mannheim founded the non-profit and charitable organisation "Adler helfen Menschen e.V." in 2007, to help distressed and needy people. In the name of the non-profit organisation the club organizes many different charity events during the season, for example the game of the flashing hearts right before Christmas. With those events and the help of donors, the organisation collected close to one million euros for non-profit purposes.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Import **Borna Rendulić** became a part of Croatian sports history, as the first hockey player that began his career in Croatia and signed a contract with a NHL club.

Head coach **Pavel Gross** is the first person to ever win the domestic title with Adler Mannheim as both a player and a coach.

With **Dennis Endras**, **Sinan Akdag**, **Matthias Plachta** and **David Wolf**, the Adler have four silver medal winners from the 2018 Winter Olympics in their roster.

Nigel Dawes is the most successful non-Russian scorer in KHL history. His 550 points are the fifth most ever in the league. His 293 goals are the second most of any KHL player in history.

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Faceoff = Bully

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



RED BULL MUNICH



Founded: 1998

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 2017, 2016, 2018

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Quarter-Finals

2018/19: Runners-Up

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Round of 32

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up Group South

ARENA INFO

Name: Olympia-Eisstadion

Address: Spiridon-Louis-Ring 3,
80809 Munich, Germany

Capacity: 5,533

Year opened: 1967

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
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Facebook:
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EHCRedBullMuenchen](https://www.facebook.com/EHCRedBullMuenchen)

Twitter:
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Instagram:
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YouTube:
[www.youtube.com/c/
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en/accreditation](http://www.redbullmuenchen.de/en/accreditation)

TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Patrick Hager: He has been the captain of Red Bull Munich since 2019, after joining the team two years prior. He won his first championship title in 2014 with ERC Ingolstadt. In February 2018, Hager won the silver medal with the German national team at the Olympic Winter Games. Just two

months later, he won his second German title with Munich.

Ben Smith: A player with undeniable leadership credentials. Smith skates extremely well and works hard at both ends of the ice, always putting his team first. So far, Smith has had a very successful career. He is a two-time NCAA champion with Boston College and he won the Stanley Cup with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2013, the Calder Cup with the Toronto Marlies in 2018, and the DEL title in 2019 with Adler Mannheim.

Trevor Parkes: Trevor Parkes is a top-tier goal scorer with incredible physicality. The Canadian right-winger scored more often (nine times) than any other forward in the 2018/19 Champions Hockey League season, which led to him being named the MVP of the competition. Parkes has been the DEL's top goal scorer in each of the past two seasons, lighting the lamp 28 times in 2019/20 and 23 times last season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Jonathon Blum, D, Färjestad Karlstad (SHL)

Austin Ortega, F, Red Bull Salzburg (ICE)

Frederik Tiffels, F, Kölner Haie (DEL)

Ben Smith, F, Adler Mannheim (DEL)

Ben Street, F, Binghamton Devils (AHL)

Sebastian Cimmerman, F, Red Bull Hockey Juniors

Julian Lutz, F, Red Bull Hockey Juniors

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Don Jackson's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Participating in the Champions Hockey League again confirms that we are one of Germany's top teams. In the CHL, our

players have the opportunity to compete at a high level with other top teams in Europe. The CHL is an elite league and the clubs take the games very seriously. Everybody wants to show their best hockey to their fans.

We play aggressive hockey – both offensively and defensively. We like to take a lot of shots and have elite players to do so. Defensively, we play an aggressive forecheck and react quickly as soon as the opponent gets the puck. Then we work hard to get the puck back as fast as possible.

Our players really love the challenge of the Champions Hockey League. We have the ambition to win every game. We were close to winning the Final in the 2018/19 season. This season we want to win the title."

Head Coach Don Jackson's comments about the other teams in the group:

EV Zug: "With Zug we have the new Swiss champion in our group. Their coach Dan Tangnes has gained a lot of experience in Sweden and is now very successful with Zug."

Rögle Ängelholm: "Rögle, the team of the brothers Cam and Chris Abbott, have established themselves at the top of the Swedish SHL in the last two seasons and most recently even reached the SHL final."

SønderjyskE Vojens: "Mario Simioni has performed strongly in the Danish league for many years with his team SønderjyskE."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Michael Wolf
Keith Aucoin
Jason Jaffray
Joey Vollmer

CLUB TRIVIA

Red Bull Munich's first ever goal was scored in 1998 by **Sebastian Schwele**, who is now one of Germany's most famous ice hockey pundits.

In 2010, Munich won the championship of the 2. Bundesliga and was promoted to the DEL – Germany's premier ice hockey league.

Also in 2010, Munich made ice hockey history by being part of the world's longest penalty shootout to date, which Munich lost to the Straubing Tigers after the 42nd penalty shot.

Four years after Munich's first Champions Hockey League game, **Konrad Abeltshauser** scored the club's 100th CHL goal against HC05 Banská Bystrica in August 2019.

Other facts:

Red Bull Munich have played in special Oktoberfest jerseys for several years now, to pay tribute to the city's famous beer festival and so-called fifth season.

Pop superstar Justin Bieber practiced with the Red Bulls in September 2016.

Red Bull Munich have also played a hockey game on top of Germany's highest mountain, Zugspitze (2,962m above sea level).

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

In February 2020, **Yannic Seidenberg** became just the sixth player in DEL history to reach the milestone of 1,000 league games. He has won three German championships with Red Bull Munich as well as the silver medal with the national team at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang.

Alongside **Seidenberg**, **Daryl Boyle**, **Danny aus den Birken**, **Frank Mauer**, **Yasin Ehliz** and **Patrick Hager** were also part of the Olympic silver medal team in 2018.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Konrad Abeltshauser enjoys knitting on long bus rides. His teammate **Maximilian Kastner** likes to eat kiwis, especially with the skin on.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Bully

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tooor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter ("Schiri")



PINGUINS BREMERHAVEN



Founded: 2002

GLORY TIMES

National titles: none

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up Group North

ARENA INFO


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Address: Wilhelm-Kaisen-Platz 1,
27576 Bremerhaven, Germany

Capacity: 4,647

Year opened: 2011


WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Jan Urbas: Tall, sure-footed, with excellent skating skills and a huge heart, Jan Urbas has given the Penguins the boost they have needed to become regular participants in the DEL playoffs. Jan Urbas first made his name as a junior in Slovenia for Olimpija Ljubljana but continued his hockey education in Sweden with the Malmö Redhawks. He found his way to Bremerhaven after successful spells with the Växjö Lakers, Red Bull Munich, KAC Klagenfurt, VIK Västerås HK, and Villacher SV.

Jan Urbas has captained the Slovenian national team on more than one occasion, scoring seven points in three games in Olympic pre-qualification action two years ago. He also represented his country at the Winter Olympics in 2014 and 2018.

Mike Moore: The face of the Penguins. Now 34 years of age, the 185cm left-shot defenceman came to Bremerhaven five years ago after racking up 467 games in the AHL and six games in the NHL with the San Jose Sharks. Moore joined the Penguins as a relative unknown, but few can doubt his contribution to the team, which he now captains, over the past few years. Moore is a prototypical shutdown defenceman who goes into the dirty areas and prides himself on his consistency.

Dominik Uher: Dominik Uher is a tough, strong skater who is excellent in both ends of the ice. A mixture of Czech skill and North American grit, he is exactly the sort of player the Penguins have needed to survive in the DEL, a league that is increasing in quality each year. Uher's strong puck skills have made him an indispensable part of the Penguins' second

line, where he features alongside Tye McGinn and Alex Friesen.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Reid McNeill, Herning Blue Fox (Metal Ligaen)

Markus Vikingstad, Stavanger Oilers (Fjordkraft-ligaen)

Nino Kinder, Eisbären Berlin (DEL)

Tim Lutz, HCB Ticino Rockets (SL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Thomas Popiesch's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"For us in Bremerhaven, we are incredibly proud to be able to play in the Champions Hockey League next season. This is another huge step that we are going to take. The last five years have been incredible, and we are happy that we can now compete with the best teams in Europe."

Head Coach Thomas Popiesch's comments about the other teams in the group:

Växjö Lakers: "Växjö won the SHL in 2015, 2018 and again in 2021. Sweden is the strongest league in Europe, and this is also evident in the Champions Hockey League, where the Swedish clubs perform very well. Therefore, we know how high the quality of this team is. We look forward to this challenge and we will try to hold our own against this top team."

Sparta Prague: "Sparta Prague is a traditional Czech club that has had a high-quality team for years. I am particularly pleased that we can compete with this team in the competition, given that I have been a fan of Sparta Prague in the past. As a result, everyone involved is looking forward to this game, and I hope that a

large fan contingent from Bremerhaven will be able to attend these games.”

TPS Turku: “We are keen observers of what is happening in the Finnish Liiga, and TPS Turku, a traditional top team, have a lot of young players on their roster. They play fast and attractive ice hockey. They may have last won the title in 2010, but their players are exceptionally well-trained, and will be a very difficult opponent.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Marian Dejdar (666 Games)

Marco Ahrens (572 Games)

Stefan Kraft (481 Games)

Christian Witthohn (423 Games)

Craig Streu (420 Games)

CLUB TRIVIA

Bremerhaven is a typical working-class club that has very strong roots among locals. Almost all regular season games are sold out, and residents truly identify with the Penguins. Ice hockey in Bremerhaven has a tradition dating back to 1941.

The name Fischtown comes from the Low German dialect, and means the city from where fish comes. The nickname Penguins was added as a live penguin used to walk across the ice as the team’s mascot. The fans in Bremerhaven are known for their loud support and their willingness to travel. Ice hockey in Bremerhaven is always an event and away fans are always made to feel welcome.

PLAYERS’ TRIVIA

Jan Urbas has played for Vaxjö Lakers.

Dominik Uher and **Vladimir Eminger** have played for Sparta Prague.

The first line of **Urbas/Jeglic/Verlic** is called the “Karawanken Express”.

Niklas Andersen and **Anders Krogsgaard** have represented the Danish national team.

Jan Urbas, Miha Verlic, Ziga Jeglic are stalwarts of the Slovenian national team.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Mike Moore is earning his pilot licence.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Faceoff = Anspiel/Bully

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Penalty

Referee = Schiedsrichter



EV ZUG



Founded: 1967

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 2 – 1998, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Quarter-Finals

2018/19: Round of 16

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Group Stage (3rd in Group B)

2014/15: Group Stage (2nd in Group H)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: BOSSARD Arena

Address: General-Guisan-Strasse 4,
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Capacity: 7,200

Year opened: 2010

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Please note that the deadline for such applications is at 12:00 CET on the day prior to the match and for weekend games at 12:00 on the Friday before. Late applications for accreditation or requests by telephone cannot be accepted.

TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Jan Kovář: Kovář won the Czech championship in 2013 with HC Pilsen and then moved to top Russian club Metallurg Magnitogorsk, winning the Gagarin Cup in 2014 and 2016. In 2018/19, he tried his hand with the New York Islanders and Providence Bruins before returning to his home club HC Pilsen for the rest of the season. In his second season in Zug, he played 65 games and scored 78 points, which earned him the Swiss NL's top scorer award.

Leonardo Genoni: Standing 182 cm tall and weighing in at 87 kg, Genoni made his debut with ZSC Lions Zurich in 2003, before moving to HC Davos in 2007. With Davos, Genoni won three Swiss titles and two Spengler Cups. In 2016, he signed a three-year contract with SC Bern, where he won the title in 2019 after winning 4-1 against EVZ in the playoff final. Genoni joined EV Zug in 2018/19, signing a five-year contract. Last season's title win was his sixth Swiss championship.

Anton Lander: The 30-year-old joined Zug from Lokomotiv Yaroslavl (KHL), for whom he played the past two seasons. Before that, the Swedish international played two seasons with Ak Bars Kazan, with whom he won the Gagarin Cup in 2018. In total, Lander played 235 games (60 goals, 86 assists) in the KHL. Lander was drafted by the Edmonton Oilers in 2009, and went on to play 215 games in the NHL, scoring 10 goals and adding 25 assists. He also scored more than 170 points in 203 AHL games.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Christian Djoos, D, Detroit Red Wings (NHL)
Niklas Hansson, D, Rögle Ängelholm (SHL)

Fabrice Herzog, F, HC Davos (NL)
Samuel Kreis, D, EHC Biel-Bienne (NL)
Anton Lander, C, Lokomotiv Yaroslavl (KHL)
Reto Suri, F, HC Lugano (NL)
Marco Müller, F, HC Ambri-Piotta (NL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Dan Tangnes' comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We are very proud to be a part of the Champions Hockey League. Qualifying for the CHL means you did something right in the preceding season. It is always fun to play against the best teams in Europe. We want to win every game we play and every tournament we enter. We look forward to it but at the same time, we have a lot of humbleness and respect for all the opponents we're facing. We know we're not the only team which shares the dream of winning it all."

Head Coach Dan Tangnes' comments about the other teams in the group:

Rögle Ängelholm: "Rögle Ängelholm will be a very special team for us to play. I almost grew up there (playing and coaching) and it will also be a special game for Niklas Hansson, who joined Zug from Rögle. They are a very good team and will be a tough opponent for us. I would even say they will be a contender to go all the way in the CHL this year."

Red Bull Munich: "Red Bull Munich is always a top team in Germany and they knocked us out of the Playoffs three years ago. They are a very good team and we have a score to settle with them."

SønderjyskE Vojens: "SønderjyskE Vojens is a team we need to do our homework on. We played Rungsted Seier Capital two years ago and we know the Danish league is up and coming."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Philipp Neuenschwander: 15 seasons at EVZ and top scorer in 1983. The dangerous winger scored 222 goals for EVZ in 546 games. The former EVZ junior spent two years at HC Davos (1986–88) and played 51 games for the Swiss national team. Between 2001 and 2004, the long-time captain was sports manager for EVZ.

Patrick Fischer: 10 seasons at EVZ, two-time top scorer. Won championships with Lugano and Davos but is still regarded as an EVZ legend. Iced in 181 games for the national team. He came back to EVZ at the same time as Sean Simpson (from Hamburg) in 2003, twice led the team in scoring and was the first EVZ player to make it into the NHL (Phoenix Coyotes, 2006) and the KHL (SKA St. Petersburg, 2007). Currently, he is the head coach of the Swiss national team.

André Künzi: The long-time national team defenceman came from Bern to Zug in 1990 and was one of the leading figures in the EVZ defence for over a decade. After his first title in 1989 with SC Bern, he won the championship for the second time with EVZ in 1998. In total, Künzi played in Zug for 12 seasons. In 2001, he had to retire due to injuries.

Fabian Schnyder: After 17 seasons with EVZ, the long-time captain (2012–16) ended his career after the 2019/20 season having played in 873 games. Schnyder only ever played for Zug and won the Swiss Cup in 2019. Schnyder also played 33 games in the CHL, qualifying for every season with EVZ.

CLUB TRIVIA

EVZ means Eissportverein Zug. EVZ is the only club in Switzerland with Eissportverein in its name, which makes it unique.

In 2014, EV Zug founded The Hockey Academy, an educational concept that offers young ice hockey players a flexible training model that focuses on sporting, professional, academic and social skills.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Niklas Hansson joined EV Zug from Group D opponents Rögle Ängelholm this season.

Head Coach **Dan Tangnes** played and coached in Rögle Ängelholm and has a house there with his family.

Jan Kovář has won a title in the Czech Extraliga (HC Pilsen), KHL (Metallurg Magnitogorsk) and Swiss NL (EV Zug).

Leonardo Genoni has won six Swiss national titles with three different teams (HC Davos, SC Bern, EV Zug).

Christian Djoos is a Stanley Cup Champion with the Washington Capitals (2018).

Anton Lander is a Gagarin Cup winner with Ak Bars Kazan (2018).

BEYOND HOCKEY

Dominik Schlumpf is a painter.

Sven Senteler likes to go fishing whenever possible.

Sven Leuenberger is a passionate cook and baker.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Bully

Offside = Offside

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Eishockeystock

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



HC LUGANO



Founded: 1941

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 7 – 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1999, 2003, 2006

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO


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Capacity: 7,200

Year opened: 1995


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Mark Arcobello: A playmaker who excels on the powerplay. NCAA Champion (2009), National League Champion with SC Bern (2017 and 2019), National League MVP (2017), World Championship Bronze Medal with Team USA (2015). Arcobello also represented Team USA at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

Mikkel Boedker: He has good technical skills and is very tough to stop when he stickhandles through traffic at high speed. Drafted eighth overall by the Phoenix Coyotes in 2008, Boedker went on to play 743 games in the NHL. He has represented Denmark seven times at the IIHF World Championship.

Mirco Müller: A smooth skating two-way defencemen with impressive mobility. Drafted 18th overall by the San Jose Sharks in 2013. Müller has a World Championship silver medal to his name with Switzerland from 2018.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Mirco Müller, D, New Jersey Devils (NHL)

Santeri Alatalo, D, EV Zug (NL)

Calvin Thürkauf, F, Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)

Samuel Guerra, D, HC Davos (NL)

Yves Stoffel, F, EV Zug (NL)

Troy Josephs, F, EHC Visp (SL)

Daniel Carr, F, Washington Capitals (NHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Chris McSorley's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our team's objective is simple – we will approach each opponent, every match

with our best effort. We have three very difficult opponents in our group, but I am confident in our team that if we perform at our best, then success will follow us."

Head Coach Chris McSorley's comments about the other teams in the group:

Eisbären Berlin: "An experienced and talented team with its leader being one of my former players I coached in Serge Aubin. Serge is a very successful coach that believes in an aggressive system, and he has the confidence of his entire team in his mentality and style of play. I anticipate our match up against Berlin will be an intense and end-to-end match up."

Skellefteå AIK: "This is an experienced and well-organized club. Under the direction of their head coach (Robert Ohlsson) this team plays with great structure in their style of play. We must as a club initiate the offence against Skellefteå and play with confidence in our gameplan."

Tappara Tampere: "A team very well coached and deep in offensive players with a lot of veterans returning to their line-up. This team will play with great patience with a unique defensive style. I am confident in our club that with a well-executed gameplan and high-energy approach, we can be successful."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Alfio Molina
Bernard Côté
Bruno Rogger

Retired Jerseys:

Alfio Molina #1
Sandro Bertaggia #2
Pat Schafhauser #4
Steve Hirschi #8
Petteri Nummelin #33
Flavien Conne #40
Andy Näser #44

CLUB TRIVIA

NHL stars **Igor Larionov** (1992/93),
Michael Nylander (1996/97), **Cristobal Huet** (1998 – 2002), **Patrice Bergeron** (2012/13) have all played for HC Lugano.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Santeri Alatalo has a Finnish passport and represented Finland as a junior (U16, U19, U20) but made his debut for the Swiss national team at the 2021 IIHF World Championship.

Head coach **Chris McSorley** led the Great Britain national team from 2000 to 2004.

Former HC Lugano head coach **John Slettvoll** coached Skellefteå before moving to Lugano in 1983. Slettvoll led HC Lugano to four Swiss titles.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Disco su ghiaccio
Faceoff = Ingaggio
Offside = Fuorigioco
Puck = Disco
Hockey stick = Bastone
Goal = Rete
Penalty = Penalità
Penalty Shot = Rigore
Referee = Arbitro



FRIBOURG-GOTTÉRON



Founded: 1937

GLORY TIMES

National titles: none

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2016/17: Semi-Finals

2015/16: Group Stage (3rd in Group K)

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

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1701 Fribourg, Switzerland

Capacity: 8,934

Year opened: 2020

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YouTube:
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UCVexT4Br1kt1AIKlyBJEn3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVexT4Br1kt1AIKlyBJEn3w)

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Julien Sprunger: Sprunger is a local player who was trained at Fribourg-Gottéron, where he made his debut in the NL during the 2002/03 season and where he still plays. He was drafted by the Minnesota Wild in 2004 in the 4th round. He is the captain of the team since 2010.

On 14 December 2020, Julien Sprunger wrote his name in history by becoming the club's all-time scorer. The captain has registered 652 points with the club to date, one more than legendary Russian forward Slava Bykov. There's more to come this season.

David Desharnais: Desharnais has extensive NHL experience as a member of the Montreal Canadiens. During the lockout at the beginning of the 2012/13 season, he played 16 games with Fribourg-Gottéron. At the end of December 2012, he also participated with Fribourg in the Spengler Cup. Desharnais moved back to Switzerland in 2019.

Reto Berra: Berra is a Swiss national team goaltender. He played seven seasons in the National League and five in North America. He was drafted by the St. Louis Blues in 2006, and went on to spend five seasons in North America, dressing in 76 NHL games. Berra moved to Fribourg-Gottéron ahead of the 2018/19 season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Raphaël Diaz, D, EV Zug (NL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Christian Dubé's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Playing the Champions Hockey League is really important for the club and the organisation of Fribourg-Gottéron. We will play the best teams in Europe and take this competition seriously. We want to play good games and qualify for the next round. I want to go as far as possible and go step by step. It is a great challenge and we will host our opponents in our new arena."

Head Coach Christian Dubé's comments about the other teams in the group:

"In our group we have a lot of quality. It will be a tight group and all the clubs are able to qualify for the next stage. It will be important to fight at each game and play our best hockey. Each team has quality and all clubs have had success last season."

Oceláři Třinec: "Current champions of their league, great team with a lot of quality."

Leksands IF: "Third in the league like us, and Swedish hockey has a lot of skating quality."

Slovan Bratislava: "A team with character, this year they celebrate 100 years of existence. They will want to show Europe that they deserve their place in the competition even if they qualified on a wild card basis."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Slava Bykov

Andrei Khomutov

Shawn Heins

David Aebischer

CLUB TRIVIA

Fribourg-Gottéron's logo includes a dragon, to honour a legend of the region that says that a dragon lived in the Gottéron valley in the Middle Ages.

The club was promoted to the Swiss top flight in 1980.

The team's mascot is called Augustin.

The canton of Fribourg is home of Gruyère cheese, which is used in the traditional “Moitié Moitié” fondue.

René Fasel, the long-time president of the IIHF, was born in Fribourg.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Leksands IF's **Mattias Ritola** (player) and **Mikael Karlberg** (assistant coach) have history with Fribourg-Gottéron.

Oceláři Třinec is our fourth Czech opponent after contests against Zlin, Znojmo and Vitkovice.

Pavel Rosa, our assistant coach, is from the Czech Republic as well.

BEYOND HOCKEY

All players help out with the juniors at least twice per season.

Seven senior players are graduates from the junior system (Sprunger, Bykov, Jecker, Marchon, Mottet, Schmid, Jobin)

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hockey

Faceoff = Engagement/Bulli

Offside = Hors-jeu / Offside

Puck = Puck/Puck

Hockey stick = Canne / Canna

Goal = Goal

Penalty = Penalty

Referee = Arbitre / Schiri



LAUSANNE HC



Founded: 1922

GLORY TIMES

National titles: none

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Quarter-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Vaudoise aréna

Address: Chemin du Viaduc 14,
1008 Prilly, Switzerland

Capacity: 9,600

Year opened: 2019

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Christoph Bertschy: Born in 1994, Bertschy split his junior career between Fribourg-Gottéron and SC Bern. He made his NL debut with the latter in 2012, winning the national title in 2013 with the club from the capital. He spent three seasons

from 2015 to 2018 in North America as a member of the Minnesota Wild organization. Bertschy signed a four-year deal with Lausanne in 2018.

Lukas Frick: Winner of the Swiss Cup in 2017 with EHC Kloten, the 26-year-old blueliner arrived in Lausanne in 2017. He is a prominent member of the Swiss national team and was part of the 2018 IIHF World Championship silver medal team.

Tobias Stephan: Goaltender born in 1984, Stephan moved to North America at the age of 23. Between 2007 and 2009, he split his time between the Dallas Stars and their AHL affiliate. Stephan returned to Switzerland, playing five seasons for Genève-Servette and another five for EV Zug. The two-time Swiss NL goalie of the year, who has more than 700 games in the Swiss topflight under his belt, joined Lausanne in 2019.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Andrea Glauser, D, SCL Tigers (NL)
Benjamin Baumgartner, F, HC Davos (NL)
Jason Fuchs, F, EHC Biel-Bienne (NL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach John Fust's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our first goal is to have good results during our first six games, and qualify to the next round. It will be a challenge, as five of our players will play in the Olympic qualifiers with their country during the first games of the competition."

Head Coach John Fust's comments about the other teams in the group:

Lukko Rauma: "They are the champions of Finland. A balanced team that plays

very well both ways. They play a collective game, and are very disciplined."

Adler Mannheim: "They are a very talented team, with a strong core of German players (who play with the national team). They know how to win, and have a very good head coach. They may be the favourite of the group."

Cardiff Devils: "They didn't play during the 2020/21 season. They're the X factor of the group. They have the potential to surprise other teams. They have famous players."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Gérard Dubi
Claude Friedrich
Beat Kindler
Cristobal Huet

CLUB TRIVIA

Until 1983, Lausanne's home arena was the same building that opened in 1937. The rink, which had a capacity of 8,000, did not have a roof until 1978.

The "virage ouest" (west curve), in reference to the position of the home fans in the old Malley rink (1983–2017), is famous for its loud and constant support.

During the 1978/79 season, the head coach of Arosa, then Switzerland's top team, called Lausanne "pigs". At the next LHC-Arosa game, the home fans put pigs' feet – fresh from the butcher – on the Arosa bench.

One of the favourite songs of Lausanne's Section Ovest fan group is based on the Michael Jackson hit You Are Not Alone. They also sing a song about how they love their club more than their significant others or happy hour at the bar.

During the 2004/05 NHL lockout, Canadian superstar Martin St. Louis played with LHC. He left before the end of the season because his wife was expecting a baby, and Lausanne were relegated from the Swiss NL that season.

Swiss tennis star Stan Wawrinka was a board member of the club for five years up to 2015. Swiss tennis champion Timea Baczinczky is a big fan and regularly attends home games. Both were born in Lausanne.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Lukas Frick: World Championship 2018 silver medallist with the Swiss national team

Joël Genazzi: World Championship 2018 silver medallist with the Swiss national team

Ronalds Kenins: Three-time Swiss champion with ZSC Lions Zurich

BEYOND HOCKEY

Joël Genazzi: involved in the association Zoé4Life

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = hockey sur glace

Faceoff = mise au jeu

Offside = hors-jeu

Puck = rondelle

Hockey stick = canne de hockey

Goal = but

Penalty = pénalité

Referee = arbitre



ZSC LIONS ZURICH



Founded: 1930

GLORY TIMES

CHL titles: 1 – 2009 (old format)

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 2 – 2001, 2002

National titles: 9 – 1936, 1949, 1961, 2000, 2001, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2018

Other: Victoria Cup Titles: 1 – 2009

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Round of 16

2017/18: Quarter-Finals

2016/17: Quarter-Finals

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Group Stage (3rd in Group B)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fifth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Hallenstadion

Address: Wallisellenstrasse 45,
8050 Zurich, Switzerland

Capacity: 11,200


Year opened: 1939

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 **Facebook:**
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 **Twitter:**
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 **Instagram:**
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CLUB STAFF

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CEO: Peter Zahner

Sport Director: Sven Leuenberger

Head Coach: Rikard Grönborg

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Garrett Roe: The American forward is one of the top scorers of the current team. Roe, who was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the 2008 NHL Draft, is an exceptional playmaker and frequent passer.

Chris Baltisberger: The homegrown talent goes into his 11th pro season with the Lions. Baltisberger has already won the Swiss title with Zurich three times and he took a silver medal at the 2018 IIHF World Championship with the Swiss national team.

Patrick Geering: The 31-year-old defence-man and captain of the team is entering his 14th season as a pro for Zurich. Including the Champions Hockey League, Geering has played in almost 800 games for the club. He is also a homegrown player.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Justin Azevedo, F, Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)
Enzo Guebey, D, Genève-Servette HC (NL)
Vincenzo Küng, F, SC Langenthal (SL)
Willy Riedi, F, GCK Lions (SL)
Kyen Sopa, F, SC Bern (NL)
Yannick Weber, D, Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL)
Marc Aeschlimann, F, HC Davos (NL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Rikard Grönborg's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:
"Like a lot of teams in the CHL, we feel that we have a chance to go all the way if we work diligently in the offseason and have our team healthy and strong."

Head Coach Rikard Grönborg's comments about the other teams in the group:
Frölunda Gothenburg: "Some hockey people I've spoken with describe our group as the 'group of death,' meaning that it is a very strong group that includes teams like Frölunda, the reigning champion and four-time winner of the CHL."

IFK Helsinki: "The Finnish bronze medalist had a fantastic season. I take it as a great challenge for us as a team to improve ourselves by taking on a great club from another strong hockey nation."

BK Mladá Boleslav: "Even the most unknown team from our group will demand everything from us. Czech teams are always very difficult to play against."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Severin Blindenbacher
Vladimir Krutov
Auston Matthews
Claudio Micheli
Robert Nilsson
Edgar Salis
Daniel Schnyder
Mathias Seger
Chad Silver
Andri Stoffel
Mark Streit
Ari Sulander
Michel Zeiter
Andreas Zehnder

CLUB TRIVIA

Merger in 1997
Zürcher SC: National League, fans and arena – but no money
GC: Swiss League, no fans, no arena – but money

Club of the Year 2020 – European Hockey Awards (Alliance of European Hockey Clubs)
Under new Swedish coach Rikard Grönborg, the Lions roared to a regular-season win with a 17-point improvement after missing the playoffs in 2018/19.

The Zurich team boasted 12 roster players who had graduated from the club's impressive youth system, which has nearly 1,500 boys and girls in 70 teams.

The ZSC women's team won the Swiss Cup and were one game from the national title before the pandemic stopped the season in 2019/20.

Investing for the future with their new Swiss Life Arena (ready 2022/23), the club also makes a significant impact with several social responsibility programs.

Companies

ZSC Lions AG
ZSC Lions Eishockey AG, National League
GCK Lions Eishockey AG, Swiss League
GCK/ZSC Lions Nachwuchs AG
ZSC Lions Arena Immobilien AG

Facts

Biggest Ice Hockey Organisation in Switzerland
Overall 75 teams / 1,367 players

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Homegrown players on Swiss national team still playing for ZSC Lions:

Sven Andrighetto, Chris Baltisberger, Patrick Geering, Justin Sigrist

Homegrown players on Swiss national team playing for other Swiss clubs: **Reto Berra, Leonardo Genoni, Melvin Nyffeler**

Homegrown players in NHL: **Tim Berni** (Columbus Blue Jackets), **Kevin Fiala** (Minnesota Wild), **Dean Kukan** (Columbus Blue Jackets), **Denis Malgin** (Toronto Maple Leafs), **Jonas Siegenthaler** (New Jersey Devils), **Pius Suter** (Detroit Red Wings)

BEYOND HOCKEY

Very active on social media

Luca Capaul
Maxim Noreau
Marco Pedretti
Justin Sigrist
Ludovic Waeber

Cool things

Sven Andrighetto: wears the "Grossmünster" (landmark of Zurich) as a tattoo

Chris Baltisberger: DJ in the locker room

Phil Baltisberger: has a dog

Simon Bodenmann: loves Chinese food

Dominik Diem: gifted soccer player

Lukas Flüeler: gifted golf player

Patrick Geering: informatics genius

Reto Schäppi: the parody king

Justin Sigrist: loves elephants

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Anspiel

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Scheibe

Hockey stick = Hockeystock

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



Founded: 1944

GLORY TIMES

CHL titles: 4 – 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020

National titles: 5 – 1965, 2003, 2005, 2016, 2019

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Champions

2018/19: Champions

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Champions

2015/16: Champions

2014/15: Runners-up

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

CHL Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Frölundaborg

Address: Mikael Ljungbergs väg 11,
401 25, Gothenburg, Sweden

Capacity: 6,044

Year opened: 1969

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
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Twitter:
twitter.com/frolunda_hc

Instagram:
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YouTube:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC6DO-PzFa6qBujO-h6_uR0Q

CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Joel Lundqvist: The team's captain and one of the most prominent players in the club's history. He went through Frölunda's youth development program (academy) and made his debut for the first team as an 18-year-old in 2000. He is a four-time Swedish champion (2003, 2005, 2016, 2019), four-time CHL champion (2016,

2017, 2019, 2020) and three-time world champion (2006, 2013, 2017). He also played three seasons in the NHL for the Dallas Stars (2006–2009) and is the twin brother of legendary goalie Henrik Lundqvist.

Ryan Lasch: The wizard from Orange County returns to Frölunda for the second time. He was one of the key players when Frölunda won the double (SHL and CHL) in 2019 and was named the most valuable player after the club's fourth CHL title in 2020. In these two seasons, Lasch was the CHL's top scorer. During his years in Europe, Ryan Lasch has won six titles: The CHL three times, the Swedish championship twice, and the Swiss title once.

Christian Folin: It's been a long journey home for defenceman Christian Folin. He went through Frölunda's academy before moving to the United States. After impressing in the junior leagues and the college system, Folin fulfilled his dream and became an NHL player for the Minnesota Wild, icing in a total of 244 NHL games. In 2020, he moved back to Sweden and won the Swedish championship with the Växjö Lakers in 2021. Christian Folin is a tough and solid defenceman with a decent shot.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Matt Tomkins, G, Rockford Icehogs (AHL)

Christian Folin, D, Växjö Lakers (SHL)

Michael Spacek, F, Oceláři Třinec (TELH)

Jacob Nilsson, F, Färjestad Karlstad (SHL)

Ryan Lasch, F, ZSC Lions Zurich (NL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Roger Rönnberg's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"The CHL means a lot to us. It's a good competition that we respect. To play international ice hockey at this level has developed us as a club. Obviously, our aim is to win the tournament. We know it will be a difficult task as the CHL gets tougher and tougher each year."

Head Coach Roger Rönnberg's comments about the other teams in the group:

IFK Helsinki: "A team we have played against before in the CHL. A top team in the Finnish league and a tough opponent."

BK Mladá Boleslav: "The only team in the group that we haven't played against, yet. But we know Czech hockey going back many years and expect nothing else other than two tough games."

ZSC Lions Zurich: "A team we have met many times in the CHL. A skilled Swiss team with a Swedish coach. The games against Zurich will be a great challenge."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Lars-Erik Lundvall
Ronald "Sura-Pelle" Pettersson
Jörgen Pettersson
Anders Broström
Stefan Larsson
Patrik Carnbäck
Tomi Kallio
Ronnie Sundin
Niklas Andersson
Henrik Lundqvist
Daniel Alfredsson
Erik Karlsson
Joel Lundqvist

CLUB TRIVIA

Frölunda has attracted the most spectators in the SHL for several years and Gothenburg is well known for its passion for hockey.

In 2019/20, Frölunda attracted an average of 10,859 spectators for home games.

The club has changed name twice. The original name was Västra Frölunda IF (1944), then Västra Frölunda Hockey Club (1984) and finally Frölunda Hockey Club (1994).

This season, Frölunda will present its new logo, as the Indian will be removed. The club will also remove "Indians" from the team's name.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Ryan Lasch is set to begin his third spell with Frölunda. He arrived from Finland's TPS Turku in 2015 and won the Swedish title before getting his hands on the European Trophy the following season. In the summer of 2016, he moved to SC Bern in

Switzerland but was back in Gothenburg for the 2017/18 season. He won the double the following year before claiming another CHL crown in 2020. Ryan Lasch has won five titles with Frölunda: two Swedish championships and three CHL titles.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Three of Frölunda's players live on a small island; Hönö, in Gothenburg's picturesque archipelago: **Joel Lundqvist**, **Linus Nässén** and **Daniel Torgersson**.

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Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockeyklubba

Goal = Mål

Penalty = Straff

Referee = Domare



VÄXJÖ LAKERS



Founded: 1997

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 2015, 2018, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Group Stage (3rd in Group G)

2017/18: Runners-Up

2016/17: Semi-Finalist

2015/16: Round of 32

2014/15: Group Stage (2nd in Group G)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Vida Arena

Address: Storgatan 86, 352 46 Växjö

Capacity: 5,750

Year opened: 2011

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Twitter:

twitter.com/VLHlive

Instagram:

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YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9CHR79injuMuuGpsJfB6Cw)

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Robert Rosén: Rosén grew up just outside Växjö in a small town called Alvesta. He has played 12 seasons for the club, winning two SHL titles, and he is a real sniper and a super smart hockey player.

Erik Josefsson: Josefsson is the team's captain. He holds the club record for games played and the upcoming season will be his 14th with the club. He has won three SHL titles with the Lakers.

Jānis Kalniņš: Accomplished Latvian goaltender who spent the last five seasons in the KHL and is gearing up for his first season in the SHL and CHL.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Glenn Gustafsson, F, Örebro Hockey (SHL)

Julius Nättinen, F, HC Ambri-Piotta (NL)

Jānis Kalniņš, G, Jokerit Helsinki (KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Sam Hallam's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We are very excited to be back in the CHL and to have the opportunity to compete with the best teams in Europe. Our goal going in to the CHL is to compete for the title, and we must start by getting through a tough group."

Head Coach Sam Hallam's comments about the other teams in the group:

Sparta Prague: "A classic team that had an impressive season last year. We are looking forward to getting back to Prague to play. It will be great to meet former Växjö Laker Roman Horák, who is an excellent player and person."

TPS Turku: "Another classic team with an impressive history of developing players. Games against Finnish teams are always highly competitive, given our special rivalry."

Penguins Bremerhaven: "They have moved quickly after getting promotion to the DEL and now find themselves in the CHL. This shows the strength of this organisation and it will be a true challenge against them."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Johan Markusson (CEO): Played for the Växjö Lakers between 2005 and 2014 and was team captain for many years. Johan has his jersey retired in VIDA Arena.

Viktor Fasth: The legendary goalie, who has won one World Championship title with Tre Kronor and two SHL titles with the Lakers, chose to retire at the end of the last season. He played for the Växjö Lakers from 2008 to 2010 and from 2017 to 2021.

Liam Reddox: Played for the Växjö Lakers between 2011 and 2019 and won two SHL titles with the club. He was the team's captain for four years.

CLUB TRIVIA

The Växjö Lakers mascot is a lion named Lacke.

Coffe Mattisson is the voice of the fan club. He might be the loudest fan in Europe.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Miika Koivisto has played 17 CHL games. He has won gold at the IIHF World Championship, as well as titles in Finland and Sweden.

Julius Nättinen originally from the well-known CHL club JYP Jyväskylä has played in both the Swiss NL and Finnish Liiga, and is now getting ready for his first SHL season.

Martin Lundberg has won four SHL titles and has played in the domestic finals eight times.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Joel Persson is a great golfer and bowler.

The Växjö Lakers carry out charity work for the children's hospital in Växjö each year.

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Penalty = Utvisning

Referee = Domare



RÖGLE ÄNGELHOLM



Founded: 1932

GLORY TIMES

National titles: none

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

Name: Catena Arena

Address: Ishallsvägen 1,
26254 Ängelholm, Sweden

Capacity: 5,051


Year opened: 2008


WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 **Twitter:**
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 **Instagram:**
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 **YouTube:**
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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Dennis Everberg: The 29-year-old forward returned to Rögle ahead of the 2019/20 season. He's played a massive role in the team's success ever since, scoring 16 goals that season and 17 last season. Everberg is a big and strong forward who can be used in all situations. He won gold with the Swedish national team at the IIHF World Championship in 2017 and 2018.

Leon Bristedt: The 26-year-old forward came to Rögle from college hockey. He is one of the smallest forwards in the SHL but can trouble opponents with his speed, smartness and skill. Bristedt has 86 points in 119 SHL games since joining Rögle in 2018/19.

Ted Brithén: Brithén returned to Rögle last season. He plays a two-way game and is effective both defensively and offensively. He was one of SHL's best forwards in the 2019/20 season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Ryan McKiernan, D, Eisbären Berlin (DEL)

Tony Sund, D, HC Davos (NL)

William Wallinder, D, Modo Hockey (Allsvenskan)

Ludvig Larsson, F, Mora IK (Allsvenskan)

Oskar Stål Lyrenäs, F, Mora IK (Allsvenskan)

William Strömberg, F, Modo Hockey (Allsvenskan)

Tyler Kelleher, F, IK Oskarshamn (SHL)

Robert Lantosi, F, Providence Bruins (AHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Cam Abbott's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It's a tough group, all three opponents are good teams. We are in it to win. We really look forward to playing in this tournament."

Head Coach Cam Abbott's comments about the other teams in the group:

EV Zug: "A top Swiss team that plays a brand of hockey similar to that in Sweden. They have a coach that we know well in Dan Tangnes. He is doing a good job. They are well coached, so it will be very interesting to meet them. It's going to be an interesting start for us."

Red Bull Munich: "My understanding right now is that they play a bit of a heavier game coming out of the German league. I suspect that they play with a little more of a North American influence, and they should be physical and tough to play against. They have a good coach who has been there a while and has got his team to play effective hockey."

SønderjyskE Vojens: "I don't have a ton of experience with them. But they are here for a reason and we will keep looking at them until we play them later in the fall. We are going to be prepared and won't take anything for granted."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Kenth "Swiss" Svensson

Lennart Åkesson

Roger Elvenes

Kenny Jönsson

Stefan Elvenes

Jakob Johansson

CLUB TRIVIA

Rögle Bandyklubb started as a bandy club in the 1930s and the hockey club was founded in the 1950s.

Gösta "Pollenkungen" Carlsson helped the club to the topflight in the 1960s after he brought in a load of quality players while the team was still in the third tier of Swedish hockey.

The fans create one of Sweden's best and loudest atmospheres at home games.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Mattias Sjögren: SHL champion in 2011 with Färjestad, NL champion in 2018 with ZSC Lions Zurich.

Dennis Everberg: two-time IIHF World Champion (2017 and 2018).

William Wallinder: was picked by Detroit Red Wings 32nd overall in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

Ryan McKiernan: playoff MVP for Eisbären Berlin last season.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Padel and golf are among most of the players hobbies, even on the coaching side. Defenseman Samuel Jonsson goes to school beside playing professional hockey.

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Referee = Domare



LEKSANDS IF



Founded: 1919

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 4 – 1969, 1973, 1974, 1975

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO


Name: Tegerna Arena

Address: Arenavägen 9, 79331 Leksand, Sweden

Capacity: 7,650

Year opened: 2005

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 **Instagram:**
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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Carter Camper: The small and very skilled forward joined Leksands IF prior to last season and became a huge star for the team with his great playmaking abilities.

Mikael Ruohomaa: There's a new sheriff in town! Ruohomaa joins Leksands IF after three strong seasons in the KHL and he's expected to be an important center for the club owing to his puckhandling skills and his playmaking abilities.

Patrik Zackrisson: Patrik Zackrisson has played two seasons for Leksands IF and became the team's captain ahead of the 2020/21 season. Zackrisson is a hard-working player who possesses a good shot and great leadership skills.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Kasimir Kaskisuo, G, Nashville Predators (NHL)

Max Véronneau, F, IK Oskarshamn (SHL)

Justin Kloos, F, Torpedo Nizhny Novgorod (KHL)

Mikael Ruohomaa, F, Sibir Novosibirsk (KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Björn Hellkvist's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Leksand is pushing to be a top contender to win the CHL this season. Competing in the CHL will be an interesting challenge for us. We're looking forward to a fun and developing tournament which will help us take the next step for us as a team and a club. All three opponents for us in the CHL will give us great challenges and we're excited to develop ourselves through that."

Head Coach Björn Hellkvist's comments about the other teams in the group:

Oceláři Třinec: "Oceláři Třinec has been a top contestant in both CHL and their national league the last seasons, and we're really looking forward to compete against them in the upcoming group stage."

Fribourg-Gottéron: "Fribourg-Gottéron is playing very consistent and with great speed and tempo. We have a couple of players and coaches who's been playing for, and against, Gottéron and they speak very positive about our upcoming opponent."

Slovan Bratislava: "Slovan Bratislava is a historical club with great traditions, and with their experience from top level ice hockey over a long time they will be a great challenge for us."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Christer Abrahamsson

Dan Söderström

Jonas Bergqvist

Magnus Svensson

Mats Åhlberg

Niklas Eriksson

Nils Nilsson

Thommy Abrahamsson

Tomas Jonsson

Vilgot Larsson

Åke Lassas

CLUB TRIVIA

Leksands Idrottsförening is a Swedish ice hockey team from the town of Leksand in the region of Dalarna.

The team plays in the top-tier league, the SHL, after earning promotion in 2019.

The club was founded in 1919, and celebrated its centenary with several big events during the autumn of 2019.

Leksands IF is known for their huge support all around Sweden.

Together with the big rivals Brynäs IF, Leksands IF dominated Swedish ice hockey between 1970 and 1980, and most of the players in the Swedish national team were picked from these two clubs during that time.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Mattias Ritola and the assistant coach Mikael Karlberg played for Fribourg-Gotéron earlier in their careers.

Patrik Zackrisson and **Johan Fransson** played for Team Sweden at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Johan Fransson won the WC with Team Sweden 2013.

BEYOND HOCKEY

There are nearly as many dogs as players in Leksands IF, and many of the foreign players brings new pets to the group each season.

Many of the players are really good at the sport of padel.

Jon Knuts and **Carter Ashton** are dedicated hunters, and like to go hunting birds or big game.

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SKELLEFTEÅ AIK



Founded: 1921 (club), 1943 (hockey team)

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 1978, 2013, 2014

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Round of 16

2018/19: Quarter-Finals

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Semi-Finals

2014/15: Quarter-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Skellefteå Kraft Arena

Address: Mossgatan 27,
931 70 Skellefteå, Sweden

Capacity: 5,801

Year opened: 1967

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
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Facebook:
www.facebook.com/skelleteaaikhockey

Twitter:
twitter.com/skelletea_aik

Instagram:
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YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/skelleteaaikhockey

CLUB STAFF

President/Chairman: Kenneth Fahlgren

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Joakim Lindström: The team's top scorer over the past decade with experience from both the NHL and the KHL. Possesses great vision and a high hockey IQ, which helps him score from almost anywhere in the offensive zone.

Oscar Möller: The team's top scorer over the past decade with experience from both the NHL and the KHL. Possesses great vision and a high hockey IQ, which helps him score from almost anywhere in the offensive zone.

Gustaf Lindvall: Hometown hero who deservedly won the goalie of the year award in the SHL in 2019/20. He has significantly improved his flexibility, perseverance, and overall consistency over recent years.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Jonathan Pudas, D, Jokerit Helsinki (KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Robert Ohlsson's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Step one is to advance from the group stage. Step 2 is to win the Champions Hockey League."

Head Coach Robert Ohlsson's comments about the other teams in the group:

Eisbären Berlin: "One of Germany's best teams. A hard-working team, well coached and well organized with a lot of North American players. A team to look out for! Some of the best German players play for this team."

HC Lugano: "A top team in Europe. They have a North American coach and several top players from North America and Switzerland. Beating them will be a hard task!"

Tappara Tampere: "They have been a top club in Finland for a long time. They have played in the Liiga finals six times over the past eight seasons. They have a lot of skillful players."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jimmie Ericsson
Fredrik Lindgren
Pär Mikaelsson
Roland Stoltz
Hardy Nilsson
Eilert "Garvis" Määttä
Anders "Acka" Andersson
Göran Lindblom
Göran "Klimpen" Häggroth
Jan "X:et" Erixon

CLUB TRIVIA

Each year when Skellefteå AIK have their first on-ice practice of the season, the arena is crowded with fans. They are also able to get autographs and skate with the players before the practice.

The club has been working hard with their young players, and can each year give a senior contract to a few of their own juniors. **Gustaf Lindvall, Joakim Lindström, Adam Wilsby, Oscar Eriksson, Melker Karlsson, Petter Granberg, Linus Lindström, Simon Robertsson, Albin Sundsvik, Jonathan Pudas and Måns Forsfjäll** have all played junior hockey for Skellefteå AIK.

Skellefteå AIK have trained many skillful players over recent years who have gone on to get NHL contracts. For example, **Adam Larsson, Melker Karlsson, Viktor Arvidsson, Marcus Pettersson, Oskar Sundqvist and Pär Lindholm** to name a few.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Joakim Lindström: Born in Skellefteå and a great talent who tried his luck in the NHL but came back. He has been the top scorer for Skellefteå AIK and in the SHL for many years. Lindström has won the SHL's MVP and forward of the year awards on multiple occasions.

Gustaf Lindvall: Most impressive is his journey getting to where he is today as a goaltender. Born in Skellefteå, Lindvall made his name playing for the junior teams of his hometown club. He then played in the lower Swedish leagues up to 2014/15 before returning to Skellefteå to start a new chapter in his hockey career.

Melker Karlsson: A Skellefteå AIK junior, Karlsson played five seasons for the club in the SHL before moving across the Atlantic, spending six seasons with the San Jose Sharks in the NHL.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Last season the team put together a dance – the Jerusalema Challenge – on the ice which had over one million views across all social media channels. The dance was put together by **Melker Karlsson** who used to participate in dance contests when he was younger.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = ishockey

Faceoff = tekning

Offside = offside

Puck = puck

Hockey stick = hockeyklubba

Goal = mål

Penalty = utvisning

Referee = domare



RUNGSTED SEIER CAPITAL



Founded: 1941

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 5 – 1955, 1963, 2002, 2019, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Group Stage (4th in Group B)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Bitcoin Arena

Address: Stadionalle 11,
2960 Rungsted Kyst, Denmark

Capacity: 1,400

Year opened: 1971

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:

www.rungsted.is

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RungstedSeierCapital

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/rungstedseiercapital

YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqWJwtnC703tw0iEPWEA5w)

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CLUB STAFF

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Sport Director: Morten Hagen

Head Coach: Erik Hjalmarsson

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24 hours before a match to get accreditation.

TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Marcus Olsson: Marcus has played four seasons and is now starting his fifth season with the club. During his time with Rungsted, he had the pleasure of being the captain four times. You can often find Marcus playing with Mattias Person.

Mattias Person: Mattias is called the magician, because his skills are out of this world. Mattias has been with Rung-

sted for four seasons and is now starting his fifth season with the club. You can often find him playing with Marcus Olsson.

Nikolaj Rosenthal: Nikolaj is starting his ninth season with Rungsted. Nikolaj has the third most points of any player in Rungsted's history. In the 2018/19 Danish playoffs, Rosenthal scored a remarkable 14 goals in 14 games.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Ville Kolpanen, G, Ilves Tampere (Liiga)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Erik Hjalmarsson's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It means a lot to participate in the CHL. First of all, it denotes that you have done something good in your domestic league and it is very exciting to measure yourself against clubs from other countries. We are a team that tries to play with the puck, and when we don't have it, we work hard to retrieve it immediately through our pressure. I think it is an interesting group. I do not know a lot about the other clubs but I think there will be tough competition within the group to advance. Our goal is to reach the Playoffs.

Head Coach Erik Hjalmarsson's comments about the other teams in the group:

KAC Klagenfurt: "They are probably the favourites of the group. They have quality players throughout the roster and a top goaltender."

Rouen Dragons: "Another tough opponent. They have a lot of experience in the CHL, both their players as well as the club."

HC Donbass Donetsk: "A very successful club in Ukraine. They will be a challenging opponent."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Leonid Trukhno

Stefan Elvenes

Nicolai Clausen

CLUB TRIVIA

Our biggest milestone in the CHL was when we defeated Finnish side HPK Hämeenlinna in the 2019/20 season.

It is common among Danish fans to throw pool inflatables onto the ice when their opponent is eliminated from the playoffs.

Our mascot is Rundolph a big deer, who can skate and walk among the fans before a match.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

David Grubak is our backup goalie. During last season's playoffs, he saved both of the shots he faced, meaning that he had a perfect save percentage.

Mattias Persson had the second most points of any player in the Danish league last season.

BEYOND HOCKEY

We have four Swedes on our roster, but five of our players live in Sweden (Three Swedes and two Danes).

André Pison designs a fashion line, to go along with his hockey career.

Morten Jensen likes to sharpen his own skates.

Nikolaj Rosenthal gets paid in bitcoin.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Is hockey

Faceoff = Faceoff

Offside = Offside

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockey stav

Goal = Maal

Penalty = Udvisning

Referee = Dommer



SØNDERJYSKE VOJENS



Founded: 2004

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2020

National titles: 6 - 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015

Other: 4 Danish Cup titles – 2010, 2011, 2013, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2015/16: Group Stage (3rd in Group C)

2014/15: Group Stage (3rd in Group J)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

2019/20 IIHF Continental Cup Winners

ARENA INFO

Name: Frøs Arena

Address: Stadionparken 7,
6500 Vojens, Denmark

Capacity: 5,000

Year opened: 2011

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
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Facebook:
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Twitter:
twitter.com/Seishockey

Instagram:
www.instagram.com/sehockey

YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/soenderjysketv

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Head Coach: Mario Simioni

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Patrick Galbraith: Local born goalie (1986), brother of defenceman Daniel Galbraith and son of legendary player George Galbraith, who was also a goalie. This is his second time playing for SønderjyskE. He left the club in 2009 for IF Björklöven in the Swedish Allsvenskan, and afterwards played in the Liiga, SHL, DEL, Slovak Extraliga and EIHL before

returning to SønderjyskE in 2018. He has played in the Champions Hockey League for both Krefeld Pinguine and Nottingham Panthers and has represented Denmark at the IIHF World Championship a total of 10 times.

Mike Little: An elegant and offensive blueliner (born 1987), who is good at both ends of the rink. He was named the best defenceman of the Continental Cup Final when SønderjyskE won in January 2020. He is American and played for Krefeld Pinguine in the 2016/17 Champions Hockey League season.

Steffen Frank: Local born winger (1989) who came back to SønderjyskE in 2017 after three years away. He was SønderjyskE's top scorer when the club won the IIHF Continental Cup in January 2020. In 2011, he won bronze with SønderjyskE at the same tournament, and like head coach Mario Simioni he won the silver medal with Herning Blue Fox in 2016. Both are now back at SønderjyskE. In 2014/15, he played for SønderjyskE in the Champions Hockey League.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Mike Szmatala, F, Jacksonville Icemen (ECHL)

Mathieu Foget, F, HK Nitra (SVK Extraliga)

Shawn O'Donnell, F, Esbjerg Energy (Metal Ligaen)

Anton Öhman, D, MODO Hockey (Allsvenskan)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Mario Simioni's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Obviously we play to win every game we play! But because of our Continental Cup

win we are in a very tough group with some great hockey teams. We are definitely the lowest budget team in our group, but we will do our very best to force our opponents to play their best hockey to try to beat us. Of course, we may have to play a much more defensively responsible game against our well-respected opponents. As the saying goes; where there is a will, there is always a way!"

Head Coach Mario Simioni's comments about the other teams in the group:

EV Zug: "EV Zug are Swiss champions, and it's very impressive that they won 40 of 52 games in the regular season."

Rögle Ängelholm: "Rögle Ängelholm is an upcoming club that played an excellent season and made it to the SHL finals last season."

Red Bull Munich: "I know Don Jackson, who has coached Red Bull Munich for a number of years, very well. He is one of the winningest coaches, and his teams always play a very aggressive style of ice hockey."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Mads Lund

Kim Lykkeskov

Jan Jensen

Egon Kahl

George Galbraith

CLUB TRIVIA

SønderjyskE was founded in 2004. The club also includes professional football and handball teams. The ice hockey team has won six titles, while the mother club, Vojens IK, won the Danish championship in 1979, 1980, and 1982. The football team won the Danish Cup in July 2020.

Notable fans include the Danish comedian Thomas Warberg.

The mascots of the club are two lions named Kedde and Midde

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Mike Little and **Patrick Galbraith** both played in the Champions Hockey League for Krefeld Pinguine in 2016/17. Head coach **Mario Simioni** has also been part of Krefeld Pinguine, but that was back in 2004/05.

Defenceman **Daniel K. Hansen** (born 1995) and forward **Martin Eskildsen** (1996) have been teammates since childhood, both playing for SønderjyskE and the Vojens Ishockey Klub junior teams. Together they have won national titles at the junior level, along with three national championships and a Danish Cup title with SønderjyskE. They played in all of SønderjyskE's 10 CHL games across the 2014/15 and 2015/16 seasons. In total, Eskildsen has played 450 games for SønderjyskE, and Hansen has laced up the skates 441 times for the club.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Since 2008, the team has been active every year in November with Movember, growing moustaches and raising money for charitable causes that not only support men's health issues, but also help children. The supporters club is also involved in this initiative.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Ishockey

Faceoff = Faceoff

Offside = Offside

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockeystav

Goal = Mål

Penalty = Udvisning

Referee = Dommer



ROUEN DRAGONS



Founded: 1970

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 2 – 2012, 2016

National titles: 16 – 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2021

Other: French Cup 2002, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2015, 2016

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2018/19: Round of 16

2016/17: Group Stage (3rd in Group B)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Patinoire Nathalie Péchalat

Address: Avenue Jacques Chastellain, 76000 Rouen, France

Capacity: 3,279

Year opened: 1992

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Website:**

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 **Facebook:**

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 **Instagram:**

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CLUB STAFF

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Sport Director: Guy Fournier

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Dylan Yeo: Arrived this summer. A solid Canadian blueliner who does not hesitate to throw down the gauntlet. He arrives in Rouen after seven seasons in the German DEL and has a wealth of experience from other top leagues.

Matija Pintaric: Our goaltender since 2017. A Slovenian international and a showman who is loved by Rouen's fans and is top of the league's goaltending statistics table every year. Was outstanding

in Rouen's run to the CHL Playoffs in 2018/19.

Anthony Guttig: French international. Arrived in 2017. Assistant captain for the past few seasons who is respected in the dressing room. Talented and skillful player who registered the most assists in the Ligue Magnus last season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Dylan Yeo, D, Schwenninger Wild Wings (DEL)

Marc-André Dorion, D, Black Wings Linz (ICE)

Kelsey Tessier, F, EC Bad Nauheim (DEL2)

Sacha Guimond, D, Bratislava Capitals (ICE)

David Gilbert, F, Motor České Budějovice (TELH)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Fabrice Lhenry's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"The objective of the club and our team for this Champions Hockey League season is to qualify for the Playoffs. We have done it once before and we would like to repeat this performance. Playing in this competition for as long as possible is a privilege for the Rouen Dragons. But we also know that without a great performance in each match, this will not be possible. We will meet very competitive teams that will have the same objective."

Head Coach Fabrice Lhenry's comments about the other teams in the group:

KAC Klagenfurt: "Klagenfurt will be one of the favourites in our group. They managed to keep a lot of players from last season. It will be an advantage for them to know each other well at the start of the season."

Rungsted Seier Capital: "Rungsted kept the backbone of their team. They have experienced foreign players to guide their team."

HC Donbass Donetsk: "As regards Donetsk, they are still a relative unknown. They have not yet carried out all their transfers or their re-signings. We will have to wait to get an opinion on this team. But in general, they can expect to have some good Russian players who will add a lot. They will also be a very competitive team."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Franck Pajonkowski

Eric Doucet

Guy Fournier

Carl Malette

Marc-André Thinel

CLUB TRIVIA

Our name comes from the legend of the Dragon of Rouen, who terrorized the local population during medieval times and was burned on the exact site of where our rink stands today.

Our mascot Body-Buddy is really famous and popular with our fans at our home matches.

All our supporters break into a traditional dance when we score a goal.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Loïc Lampérier graduated as a kinesi-therapist while playing for the Dragons and the national team. He even finished first in his class.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hockey sur Glace

Faceoff = Engagement

Offside = Hors-jeu

Puck = Palet

Hockey stick = Crosse de hockey

Goal = But

Penalty = Pénalité

Referee = Arbitre



FRISK ASKER



Founded: 1922

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 4 – 1975, 1979, 2002, 2019

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Group Stage (4th in Group A)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Winners

ARENA INFO

Name: Askerhallen

Address: Brages vei 2, 1387 Asker,
Norway

Capacity: 2,900

Year opened: 1969


WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA


 **Website:**
www.friskaskerhockey.no

 **Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/Friskasker

 **Twitter:**
twitter.com/Friskasker

 **Instagram:**
www.instagram.com/friskaskeralag

 **YouTube:**
[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCXm-Ck0CFMPIYbnscfAwFRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXm-Ck0CFMPIYbnscfAwFRQ)

 **LinkedIn:**
[www.linkedin.com/company/frisk-asker-
hockey](https://www.linkedin.com/company/frisk-asker-hockey)

CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Hampus Gustafsson: Gustafsson is a Swedish forward who has been an important player on the team since he joined in the middle of the 2018/19 season. Ham-

pus is one of our most skilled players and has been a strong contender for the golden helmet in our league throughout his time here. The golden helmet goes to the player on each team who produces the most points. Gustafsson is an important figure on the team, both as a role model for younger players and as a vice captain.

Anders Bastiansen: Anders was born and raised just 10 minutes from the rink. He started playing for the club when he was four years old, and at the age of 23, he signed his first international contract with the Swedish club IFK Arboga. He has played in several Olympic Games and has been an important figure on the Norwegian national team for many years. After eleven seasons abroad, Anders joined our team for the 2015/16 season and has been playing here ever since.

Nicklas Dahlberg: Nicklas has been one of the best goalies in the Norwegian league since he started playing here in 2012. Last season, his save percentage was an impressive 93.3%. He won the Norwegian league's MVP award back in 2019/20. Nicklas is also known for being calm, focused and an important team player.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Jacob Lagacè, F, Rouen Dragons (Ligue Magnus)

Niklas Nevalainen, D, Vaasan Sport (Liiga)

Esbjörn Fostad Vold, F, EHC Olten (SL)

David Morley, F, Stavanger Oilers (Fjordkraft-ligaen)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jan André Aasland's and Vidar Wold's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our main goal and focus is to qualify from the Group Stage. It will also be an interesting experience to play against international teams. We are looking forward to seeing firsthand how they manage their clubs and arenas as we are in the phase of moving into our new arena this season."

Head Coach Jan André Aasland's and Vidar Wold's comments about the other teams in the group:

HC Bolzano: "The team is known for always having experienced and top-notch imports. Many of their players are regulars on the Italian national team, which says a lot about the quality of the roster. We have learned from watching the ICE Hockey League that HC Bolzano have been a strong competitor for the national championship over recent years. We are excited to play against them, both in our home arena and in Italy."

Red Bull Salzburg: "First, we must mention their fantastic arena, which we are looking forward to playing in and learning from. Red Bull Salzburg have, the last couple of seasons, been a strong competitor in the CHL. Their experience and the quality of the team is impressive. We are looking forward to meeting one of the best teams in Europe."

JKH GKS Jastrzębie: "We are not that familiar with the Polish league, but ever since the CHL Draw, we have been trying to catch up on Jastrzębie. There is no doubt about the fact that they are a very interesting team, which we must not underestimate. As of now, they are rebuilding their team, and we are excited to see the result in September. We are looking

forward to playing tough games against them.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Morten Johansen

Morten Sætereng

Thor Martinsen

Johnny Nilsen

Petter Kristiansen

CLUB TRIVIA

The club, which was founded on 5 February, 1922, will celebrate its centenary next year.

Every year we sell teddy bears and let the fans toss them on the ice after the first goal. All the money and all the teddy bears go to helping children with special needs.

Our mascot is called Friskus.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Anders Bastiansen has played more than 110 matches for the Norwegian national team. He has also played more than 500 matches in the SHL and has participated in three Olympic Games.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Our head coach **Vidar Wold**, who used to be our goalie, had to step in as an emergency backup in the 2018/19 season, 12 years after he retired, due to injuries on the roster.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Is hockey

Faceoff = Dropp

Offside = Offside

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockeykølle

Goal = Mål

Penalty = Utvisning

Referee = Dommer



JKH GKS JASTRZĘBIE



Founded: 1963

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 1 – 2021

Other: Polish Cup Champions: 4 – 2012, 2018, 2019, 2020 / Visegrad Cup Champions: 1 – 2020 / Polish Supercup Champions: 1 – 2020

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Lodowisko Jastor

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Capacity: 1,900

Year opened: 2005

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/jkhgks

Twitter:

twitter.com/jkh_gks

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/jkh_gks_jastrzebie

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/c/jkhgksjastrzebie

Snapchat:

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Maciej Urbanowicz: Captain and forward of JKH GKS Jastrzębie and the Polish national team. He was born on 12 July 1986, in Gdańsk, but spent most of his career with JKH GKS Jastrzębie (2009–2015 and again from 2019 till now). With our club, he has won one Polish title and three Polish Cups, along with a Polish Super Cup and Visegrad Cup title. An interesting fact is that his father is Janusz Urbanowicz, one of the most successful Polish rugby players.

Urbanowicz is a real team captain. He rules the locker room and the ice, but leads the team not as a boss, but as the leader on the frontlines who sets an example for his younger teammates. The popular “Urban” never gives up and his ability to play through injury is legendary.

Roman Rac: The club’s Slovak goal-scoring machine. He was born on 28 December 1990, in Dubnica nad Vahom, and he made his national team debut in 2014/15. For almost his entire career, he plied his trade in the Czech Republic and Slovakia but moved to Poland late in the 2019/20 season. After a brief spell in Gdańsk, Rac joined JKH GKS Jastrzębie before the 2020/21 season.

Rac, who has a contract until 2023, was instrumental in winning the triple crown (Polish Ekstraliga, Polish Cup and Polish Super Cup), and in addition he was the main hero of the Polish Cup final against Unia Oświęcim (3-2), in which he scored the second goal and assisted on the third.

Patrik Nechvatal: A super reliable goaltender from the Czech Republic. He was born on 8 July 1992, starting his career at

HC Karlovy Vary. He has experience from the Czech Republic, France, and Slovakia, and joined JKH GKS ahead of the 2020/21 season.

Nechvatal is remarkably calm on the surface. This feature, rarely seen in goaltenders, allows him to avoid costly mistakes. The Czech shotstopper’s top qualities are his reliability and reflexes. He is accomplished at stopping breakaway chances and can truly keep his team in the game. Nechvatal was one of the main heroes of the final of the Polish championship against Comarch Cracovia, in which he managed to stop the opponent’s Canadian attackers.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Yauheni Kameneu, D, STS Sanok (PHL)

Ruslan Bashirov, F, Zagłębie Sosnowiec (PHL)

Frenks Razgals, F, Zemgale Līu (LAT)

Arturs Sevchenko, F, Gothiques d’Amiens (Ligue Magnus)

Vitalijs Pavlovs, F, Dornbirn Bulldogs (ICE)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Robert Kalaber’s comments about the team’s goals in the Champions Hockey League:

“In the Champions Hockey League every point is important, every point is unique and we’ll try to score as many points as possible.”

Head Coach Robert Kalaber’s comments about the other teams in the group:

HC Bolzano: “HC Bolzano is an international league finalist. Many players in the line-up, as many as 10, played in Riga at the IIHF World Championship. The other half of the players are foreigners from

overseas. A really tough opponent with a rich history.”

Red Bull Salzburg: “Red Bull Salzburg is also rich in history. The club is known for its excellent work with young people at the Red Bull Hockey Academy, where they have the best conditions for training talented players from Austria. Maybe they have less staff than in other years, but they are still a high-level team that always has high goals.”

Frisk Asker: “As for the Norwegians, we don’t know too much about this team, but the Champions from close to the capital of Oslo will be a very demanding opponent, the more so because there are a lot of Swedes in the team.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Leszek Laszkiewicz
Sławomir Wieloch
Andrzej Frysztański
Richard Kral

CLUB TRIVIA

Our Club name means:

JKH:

J – Jastrzębie (town)
K – Club
H – Hockey
Jastrzębie’s Hockey Club

GKS:

G – Mining
K – Club
S – Sport
Mining Sport Club, because our town is a mining town.

Famous Fan: Jarosław “LEON” Sendal – the most famous fan of Jastrzębie’s sport clubs (hockey, volleyball, soccer). He is famous for his loud shouts of “LEEEEOO” and he comes to every game.

Mascot: We have a mascot and his name is Jastrząbek, a name coined by the fans. Our mascot is a large hawk, it equates to the name of our town Jastrzębie-Zdrój and the name of the JKH GKS Jastrzębie club. Jastrząbek is green, black and yellow, in honour of the club’s colours, and he wears the club’s jersey.

Traditions: Every year before freezing the ice at the Ice Rink Jastor, assistant coach Rafał Bernacki puts a gold medal with a €1 coin under the faceoff circle. This medal gives us good luck for the upcoming season.

BEYOND HOCKEY

When **Mateusz Bryk** fails to score in a game, he leaves his hockey stick in the bathroom in the locker room in order to chase away bad emotions.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hokej na lodzie

Faceoff = Wznowienie / Bulik

Offside = Spalony

Puck = Krążek

Hockey stick = Kij hokejowy

Goal = Gol

Penalty = Rzut karny

Referee = Sędzia



SLOVAN BRATISLAVA



Founded: 1921

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2004

National titles: 9 – 1979, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2012

Other: Spengler Cup: 3 – 1972, 1973, 1974

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

Wild Card team

ARENA INFO

Name: Ondrej Nepela Arena

Address: Odbojárov 9,
83104 Bratislava, Slovakia

Capacity: 10,055

Year opened: 1940 (2011 rebuilt)

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Kristers Gudlevskis: The Latvian goaltender, born in 1992, joined Slovan in February 2021. He was selected in the 2013 NHL Entry Draft by the Tampa Bay Lightning and is the only player in history to have played in the ECHL, AHL, NHL, Olympic Games and IIHF World Championships in the same season (2013/14). He made his first NHL start on 11 April 2014 for the Lightning, stopping 36 shots in a 3-2 win against the Columbus Blue Jackets. At the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Kristers got the start for Latvia in the country's quarter-final matchup against Canada, saving 55 of 57 shots. He helped Latvia stay alive until late into the third period, eventually falling in a 2-1 loss. In the 2021/22 season, he is expected to be a starting goalie for Slovan.

Michal Sersen: The 35-year-old defenceman is the long-time captain of Slovan, where he began his professional career in 2002. He has played 14 seasons for Slovan so far and only needs to ice eight more times to become the all-time franchise leader in games played. As a solid defenceman, Sersen helped Slovan win three Slovak titles and he played for Slovan in all seven seasons of the club's KHL tenure. In 2012, he was a member of the Slovak national team that won the silver medal at the IIHF World Championship in Helsinki.

Brant Harris: Brant is a Canadian forward who has been with Slovan since the start of the 2020/21 season. He previously played in the NCAA, ECHL, AHL, Allsvenskan and ICE Hockey League. Last season, Harris was the club's first-line center and finished the season as Slovan's third top scorer, averaging more than a point

per game. Of all the players on the current roster, he has the most CHL experience. For his previous club Red Bull Salzburg, he played 20 games in the CHL, scoring 17 points.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Adam Bezák, F, Bratislava Capitals (ICE)

Samuel Hlavaj, GK, Sherbrooke Phoenix (QMJHL)

Andrej Golian, D, Tri-City Americans (WHL)

Joona Jääskeläinen, F, BK Mladá Boleslav (TELH)

Samuel Takáč, F, HK Dukla Michalovce (SVK Extraliga)

William Rapuzzi, F, Dornbirn Bulldogs (ICE)

Andrew Yogan, F, Dornbirn Bulldogs (ICE)

Daniel Gachulinec, D, HK 07 Detva (SVK Extraliga)

Matt Mackenzie, D, Dornbirn Bulldogs (ICE)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Robert Döme's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Participating in the Champions Hockey League means a lot for our club. We are celebrating our 100th anniversary this year and it's a great opportunity to be part of the CHL. This competition is a genuine celebration of hockey in Europe, and it is the highest level that you can achieve as a European hockey club. We are very pleased to take part. As a wild card holder, we want to be a great challenger. It will be a big test for our team, and it will be a reality check for the whole club as it will show us if we are ready to compete on the international level. I know the character and integrity of my team. We will definitely be an honest and hardworking competitor."

Head Coach Robert Döme's comments about the other teams in the group:

Oceláři Třinec: "Oceláři Třinec is no doubt one of the biggest clubs in the region of East-Central Europe. They are a fast and strong team."

Leksands IF: "I have been living in Sweden for the past ten years. So naturally, I know Leksands IF very well. They were one of the best teams in the SHL last season. I know quite a few players from their past season's roster."

Fribourg-Gottéron: "Fribourg-Gottéron have been one of the top teams in Switzerland for several years now."

the club was changed in 1948 to Slovan Bratislava, and this has remained to this day. Slovan means "A Slav" or "Slavic" in the Slovak language.

For many years following World War II, Slovan Bratislava was the only Slovak ice hockey club in the Czechoslovak top tier federal league. They achieved many second place finishes in the championship, and finally won their first and only Czechoslovak title in 1979.

The traditional nickname of the club is Belasí (The Skyblues). Surprisingly enough, Slovan only rarely had played in this colour, their common players kit includes navy blue, white and burgundy red.

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Václav Nedomanský

Peter Šťastný

Miroslav Šatan

Jozef Golonka

Other cult and notable players:

Ján Starší, Vladimír Dzurilla, Marián Šťastný, Milan Kužela, Dárius Rusnák, Dušan Pašek, Zdeno Cíger, Richard Kapuš, Ľubomír Višňovský.

The Slovaks play their home games in Ondrej Nepela Arena, a 10,000+ all-seat arena, the venue of the IIHF 2011 and 2019 World Championships. The arena was built in 1940 and completely rebuilt between 2009 and 2011.

Slovan is one of only a few European hockey clubs that have two of their former players inducted in to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Peter Šťastný was inducted in 1998 and Václav Nedomanský was inducted in 2019. There are six Slovan players inducted in the IIHF Hall of Fame.

CLUB TRIVIA

History

Slovan Bratislava was founded in December 1921 and played their first official game on 29 January 1922. Consequently, the club will celebrate its centenary during the 2021/22 season.

The original name of the club was 1. ČsŠK Bratislava which meant First Czechoslovak Sports Club Bratislava. The name of

Slovan have had the privilege to play two games against NHL teams. In 2008 vs. Tampa Bay Lightning (2-3 SO), in 2011 vs. New York Rangers (1-4).

Mascot

Since 2013, Slovan's official mascot is Harvey the Eagle. The name was determined by the team's fans in a public poll. Harvey is a bald eagle, representing the club's logo.

Fans

Slovan boast one of the biggest and most enthusiastic hockey fan bases in the region of East-Central Europe. Their official fan club is called Verní Slovanu. During most of their KHL seasons, Slovan were able to sell out their 10,000+ home arena each game and ranked among Europe's top 10 clubs in terms of average attendance.

Players and fans alike have fallen in love with Slovan's "bearded twins" Robert and Ľudovít, who never missed a single game. One of the pair always had a Slovan logo painted on his beard; the other had the opponent's logo. The jumbotron would always pan to them during games, with ZZ Top's Sharp Dressed Man playing in the background. Sadly, Robert died of complications related to COVID-19 earlier this year.

Slovan's most prestigious fan is Swiss tennis player Belinda Bencic, who is ranked #11 in the world. Her grandfather, who came from Bratislava, played for Slovan at the turn of the 1960s and 1970s.

Rivalries

While competing in the federal Czechoslovak league, Slovan's main rivals were Kometa Brno and Sparta Prague. In the Slovak Extraliga, Slovan have fierce rivalries with HC Košice and Dukla Trenčín. During their short spell in the KHL, Lev Prague developed a short-lived rivalry with Slovan, mainly due to the heated public debate over the legality of a hit by Zdeno Chara (Lev Prague) on Slovan legend Miroslav Šatan.

Traditions & rituals

The legendary Zamboni man at Ondrej Nepela Arena, Jozef Brezina, inserts a lucky coin under the faceoff circle in the neutral zone before the ice is laid down ahead of the season.

After each victory, Slovan players kneel around the centre-ice circle and only stand up as the fans sing the famous song Go West by the Pet Shop Boys.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Michal Sersen – Slovan's captain – needs to play in just eight more games to become the club's all-time leader in games played. He is also the only IIHF World Championship medal holder from Slovan's current roster (silver in 2012).

Six players from the current Slovan roster have previously iced in the Champions Hockey League playing for seven different clubs from Slovakia, Czech Republic, Finland, Austria, Italy and France.

Centre **Brant Harris** has the most Champions Hockey League experience of all current Slovan players. For his previous club, Red Bull Salzburg, he played 20 games in the competition, scoring 17 points.

Combined, the players on Slovan's current roster have only played 4 games in the NHL, but over 800 in the KHL and 83 in the IIHF World Championship.

In CHL's Group F, Slovan will meet three players who had recently played for the team. They all are on Oceláři Třinec's roster: **Tomáš Kunderátek**, **Marek Mazanec**, and **Vladimír Dravecký**.

Current Slovan players with at least one cap for national teams: Slovakia: 9 (**Daniel Gachulinec**, **Michal Sersen**, **Martin Štajnoch**, **Rastislav Gašpar**, **Milan Kytnár**, **Tomáš Matoušek**, **Jakub Sukel**, **Samuel Takáč**, **Tomáš Zigo**), Latvia: 1 (**Kristers Gudlevskis**).

BEYOND HOCKEY

Slovan has a long tradition of supporting local and national children's cancer associations.

Slovan's game worn jersey auctions are always a special treat for collectors. The most expensive Slovan game worn jersey ever auctioned is that of team captain Michal Sersen for €3,752, followed by jerseys of **Miroslav Šatan**, **Lubomír Višňovský** and **Jonathan Cheechoo**.

Some Slovan players are passionate fishermen. While **Tomáš Zigo** and **Juraj Valach's** big catches come from the Slovak lakes, **William Rapuzzi's** biggest catch comes from his native Alaska.

Defenceman **Martin Štajnoch** is a tough player who turns into a passionate painter off the ice in private.

There are several pet lovers among Slovan players, such as **Andrew Yogan** and **Joona Jääskeläinen**.

Rastó Gašpar, the best scoring forward of the 2020/21 season, is a talented imitator entertains the locker room by imitating famous Slovak celebrities. After his hockey career, he would like to have his own TV show.

Forward **Tomáš Matoušek** has a reputation of a tough man on the ice. In private, he is obsessed by having his car absolutely clean at all times.

It seems that the team's captain **Michal Sersen** has taken care of the continuity of his name in Slovan. His two sons Michal (10 yrs.) and Mateo (6 yrs.) excel in Slovan's youth program. Recently, he has also made his video debut in a video clip of a famous local rapper.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = ľadový hokej

Faceoff = buly

Offside = postavenie mimo hry

Puck = puk

Hockey stick = hokejka

Goal = gól

Penalty = vylúčenie

Referee = rozhodca



CARDIFF DEVILS



Founded: 1986

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 6 – 1990, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2017, 2018

Other: National Cup titles: 3 – 2006, 2015, 2017

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Group Stage (3rd in Group H)

2018/19: Group Stage (4th in Group G)

2017/18: Group Stage (4th in Group E)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

2019/20 Regular Season Leaders
(No EIHL qualifier from 2020/21 as season was cancelled)

ARENA INFO

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Address: Olympian Drive,
CF11 0JS, Cardiff, UK


Capacity: 3,100

Year opened: 2016

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Brendan Mikkelsen: This will be Mikkelsen's first year with the Devils. Mikkelsen was drafted 31st overall by the Anaheim Ducks in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft. He would then go on to play 5 years in the NHL. In 2015, Mikkelsen left North America and signed in the SHL with Luleå Hockey, where he stayed for 3 years. Mikkelsen then joined the Devils' CHL

opponent Adler Mannheim in the DEL. In 47 games with Mannheim, he put up 14 points. Mikkelsen would then go and play in the ICE Hockey League and Allsvenskan for Red Bull Salzburg and MODO respectively.

Mac Carruth: This will be Carruth's first season with the Devils. Carruth's career started with the Portland Winterhawks in the WHL. In 2012/13 with the Winterhawks, he became a WHL champion. Carruth's North American pro career was split in the AHL and ECHL with the affiliates of the Chicago Blackhawks. In 2017, Carruth left North America and joined Fehervar in the ICE Hockey League, spending two seasons in Hungary before joining Lausitzer Fuchse in the DEL2 where he played for the last two seasons.

Brodie Dupont: Dupont is another new face to the Devils roster. He was drafted by the New York Rangers in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft and he would go on to play only one game in the NHL. The past three seasons Dupont has played in Europe, in 2018 he joined Dornbirner EC in the ICE Hockey League, putting up 35 points in 51 games. Dupont would then go and sign in Denmark for the Herning Blue Fox where he has played for the past two years.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Brodie Dupont, F, Herning Blue Fox (Metal Ligaen)

Brodie Reed, F, Kansas City Mavericks (ECHL)

Justin Crandall, F, IF Björklöven (Allsvenskan)

Matt Register, D, Allen Americans (ECHL)

Brendan Mikkelsen, D, MODO Hockey (Allsvenskan)

Ben O'Connor, D, Sheffield Steelers (EIHL)

Mac Carruth, G, Lausitzer Füchse (DEL2)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jarrod Skalde's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our team's goal as always is to qualify from the Group Stage, we have a tough group but with the roster we've assembled this year there is no reason why we cannot compete with the teams in our group. The Devils came very close to qualifying for the knockout rounds two years ago so as an organisation we would like to keep that momentum going."

Head Coach Jarrod Skalde comments about the other teams in the group:

Lukko Rauma: "Lukko Rauma are one of the best teams in the competition, they are highly skilled, play a fast-paced game and will be a very tough test."

Adler Mannheim: "We are looking forward to testing ourselves against one of Germany's best teams and one of the most storied franchises in Europe."

Lausanne HC: "Another fantastic team, we cannot wait to test ourselves against a team like Lausanne."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Doug McEwen (#7 retired for the Devils):

Doug McEwen is widely regarded as one of, if not the most, talented Devils ever to ice for the club. Hugely skilled and an effortless skater, "MC" could change and win games with his relentless backchecking, prolific scoring ability and total reliability in all situations. So revered was McEwen that during the Heineken era he acquired the nickname "God" from the Devils faithful. Most famous for the "skat-

ing lesson goal” when he led a chasing, hapless Rocky Saganiuk twice around the Cardiff net before leaving him for dead, skating coast to coast and roofing the puck in possibly the greatest ever Devils goal, Doug McEwen will always be a true legend of the club and synonymous with our most successful era.

John Lawless (#9 retired for the Devils):

John Lawless is quite simply the father of the Cardiff Devils, and the “biggest” of all the retired jerseys at the club. Though diminutive in stature his charisma, drive and ability were the measure of anyone in the game and he used these to make the Devils the powerhouse of the Heineken era. On the ice and off he led the Devils, famously stepping out of retirement several times to help the team, and his legendary goal celebration of “shooting the clock” is the most iconic sight in Devils history.

Lawless was in charge when each of our retired jersey players were signed or developed, and his passion for junior development saw the likes of Nicky Chinn, Neil Francis, Stevie Lyle, and Jason Stone come through the ranks in Cardiff.

Jason Stone (#10 retired for the Devils):

“Stoney” graced the Devils for over two decades and leads all players with 1,167 appearances between 1988 and 2010. In his 22-year Devils career, Jason Stone’s list of accolades include four leagues championships, three play-off titles and two Challenge Cup Trophies. In the inaugural season of the Super league, Stone was picked as the Best British Defence-man en route to the Devils’ league title that same season. Like his name, Stoney was rock solid, dependable, and consistent. Not a flashy player, he nevertheless scored several big goals for the club and could play huge minutes when required.

Steve Moria (#19 retired for the Devils):

Mo was prolific throughout his entire career - which spanned an incredible 27 years as a professional – but it is his time in Cardiff that made the most impact, brought us the most success, and mean that just like Stoney’s appearance record, Mo’s scoring for the Devils will likely never be beaten.

His first season in Cardiff heralded the nightmares he would cause netminders for the next four years, as he posted an unbelievable 85 goals and 178 points in a mere 24 games. In his first four seasons with Cardiff, he amassed 655 points in 126 games, and he is the all-time leading scorer for Cardiff with 778 goals and 1,655 points.

Brad Voth (#26 retired for the Devils):

Voth’s career spanned seven seasons for the Devils, from 2005 to 2012, but his impact on the club and around the Elite League remains. Every team, including the Devils, is always looking for that Voth-like player, a rare combination of heavy hitting, intimidation, toughness, and a scoring touch. He was the face of the franchise for his 7 years as a Devil and was probably the most feared and most talked about player in the league at that time. In 2007/08, his second year as captain of the Devils, he scored 30 goals, and racked up 328 minutes in penalties, leading his team in both categories. That isn’t just a rarity in professional ice hockey, that is unheard of. The Devils’ tough guy, maybe the toughest in the league back then, was also the Devils’ top goal scorer. Many fans credit him as the reason they fell in love with the sport and with the Devils.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Matt Register is a 3-time Kelly Cup Champion (ECHL)

Brendan Mikkelsen played for Adler Mannheim in 2018/19

Ben O'Connor played for Leksands IF in 2018/19

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey =

Faceoff =

Offside =

Puck =

Hockey stick =

Goal =

Penalty =

Referee =

*None of these exist in Welsh.



HC DONBASS DONETSK



Founded: 2001

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2013

National titles: 8 – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2021/22 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

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Capacity: 6,113

Year opened: 1960

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Viktor Zakharov: Ukrainian forward born in 1994. He started his career in the HC Donbass system in the 2012/13 season.

Zakharov has won six national titles with Donbass and he also won the title in Kazakhstan with Irtysh Pavlodar. Currently, he leads the team in games played, points and assists. Viktor Zakharov made his national team debut at the age of 19 and became the youngest captain in the history of the Ukrainian national team.

In the 2013/14 season, Viktor Zakharov inscribed his name in Ukrainian hockey history when he became the youngest Ukrainian to play in the KHL. At the time of his debut on 17 November 2013, Zakharov was aged 19 years and 313 days. He has won multiple medals at the IIHF World Championship for Ukraine's junior and senior teams.

Andrey Sigarev: Russian forward who joined Donbass in July 2020. Before joining the Donetsk club, he spent seven seasons in the KHL. In addition, the 28-year-old forward has extensive experience in the VHL and MHL. In the KHL, Sigarev wore the jerseys of SKA St. Petersburg, Admiral Vladivostok, Lokomotiv Yaroslavl and Sibir Novosibirsk.

In 2020/21, Sigarev was the Ukrainian Hockey League's top point scorer, top goal scorer, and he was also named as the league's top import. Last season, he also broke Donbass' record for goals scored in a single UHL season.

Mikhail Stefanovich: A Belarusian hockey icon. A graduate of Dynamo Minsk's junior system, Stefanovich began his professional career with Dynamo Minsk's farm

team in the Belarusian Extraleague. In 2007, Stefanovich moved to the Quebec Remparts of the QMJHL, and he was drafted 98th overall by the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs in 2008.

After his spell in North America, Stefanovich moved to the KHL's Dynamo Minsk in 2010. He spent some time in the VHL before carving out a prolific career in the Belarusian topflight in the jerseys of HK Gomel, Neman Grodno and Yunost Minsk. Stefanovich is a five-time champion of Belarus, remarkably winning all five of these titles in consecutive seasons, and he was the league's top sniper and points scorer in 2018/19.

Stefanovich also has experience in the Champions Hockey League, dressing in a total of 15 matches for Neman Grodno and Yunost Minsk.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2021/22

Mikhail Stefanovich, F, Yunost Minsk (BLR Extraleague)

Andrei Makarov, G, HC Slovan Bratislava (SVK Extraliga)

Janis Voris, G, Dinamo Riga (KHL)

Feliks Morozov, F, Sokol Kiev (UHL)

Dmytro Danylenko, F, Bilyy Bars Bila Tserkva (UHL)

Jalen Smereck, D, Tucson Roadrunners (AHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Pavel Mikulchik's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Donbass always sets high goals, so the season promises to be interesting. First of all, we need to go through the Group Stage. Our group is very strong, but we will do our best to perform with dignity.

Getting to the Playoffs is exactly the goal that needs to be achieved first."

Head Coach Pavel Mikulchik's comments about the other teams in the group:

KAC Klagenfurt: "The most balanced team in our group. There are good players with NHL experience. The roster hasn't changed much from the previous season. A large number of players play for the Austrian national team."

Rouen Dragons: "An experienced, good team. They have won their national league multiple times and they are a two-time Continental Cup winner. I am sure that their line-up will be even stronger this season. There are very good defensive pairings and the team is fast and strong."

Rungsted Seier Capital: "The team is at the stage of forming the roster. According to the available information, the team is still recruiting players, but it can already be noted that Rungsted have good imports. The team is good, fast, interesting, and we will definitely follow their updates."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Ruslan Fedotenko

Sergei Varlamov

Yevgeni Dadonov

Peter Podhradský

Clay Wilson

Denis Kochetkov

CLUB TRIVIA

During the team's participation in the KHL, hockey stars such as two-time Stanley Cup champion **Ruslan Fedotenko, Alexey**

Ponikarovsky, Anton Babchuk, Evgeny Dadonov, Sergey Varlamov and many others with NHL experience played for Donbass.

In January 2013, Donbass Donetsk became the first and only Ukrainian club to win the prestigious IIHF Continental Cup. In the Superfinal, the games of which were played at the Donetsk Arena Druzhba from 11 to 13 January, the champion of Ukraine defeated Metallurg Zhlobin (Belarus), HC Bolzano (Italy), and Rouen Dragons (France), gaining all nine points.

Donbass also participates in various social and charitable projects. The club has implemented dozens of projects for Ukrainian school students and a number of programs aimed at supporting the youth of the Donbass region. Every year, representatives of Donbass Donetsk commemorate veterans of the Donetsk region on Victory Day, provide support to socially vulnerable citizens, talented students and gifted athletes, and also provide assistance to lonely old people, people with disabilities, veterans, and orphans.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Viktor Zakharov made his national team debut at the age of 19 and became the youngest captain in the history of the Ukraine National team. He is also the youngest Ukrainian player to ever ice in the KHL. At the time of his debut on 17 November 2013, Victor was aged 19 years and 313 days.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Head coach **Pavel Mikulchik's** brothers Oleg and Alexander have also worked for Donbass Donetsk.

Oleg Mikulchik was the head coach of Donbass-2 in the 2011/12 and 2012/13 seasons and won two national championships. Alexander was the team's strength coach from 2011 to 2014.

HC Donbass assistant coach **Igor Kugut** won two national titles as a defenceman for the club.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Хокей

Faceoff = Вкидання

Offside = Позиція грою

Puck = Шайба

Hockey stick = Ключка

Goal = Гол

Penalty = Штраф

Referee = Арбітр



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