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HOCKEY LEAGUE**

MEDIA GUIDE

2022/23

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		CZE	Extraliga	Oceláři Třinec	Třinec	TRI 31
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 **App:**
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(available for [iOS](#) & [Android](#))

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

Game related hashtags:
e.g. [#FHCvsRBM](#)

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ACCREDITATION TO CHL GAMES

Authorised 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 may 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.

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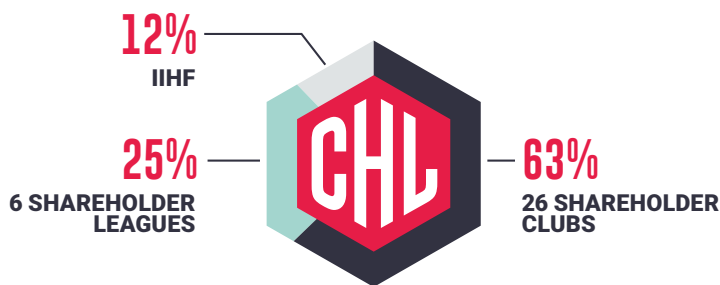
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ABOUT THE CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE

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:



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, Linköping HC, Luleå Hockey

CHL HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL

- Launched in 2014/15
- 7 successfully completed seasons
- 973 games played
- 100 clubs involved
- 14 leagues & 20 countries involved
- 4 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

PRIZE MONEY FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

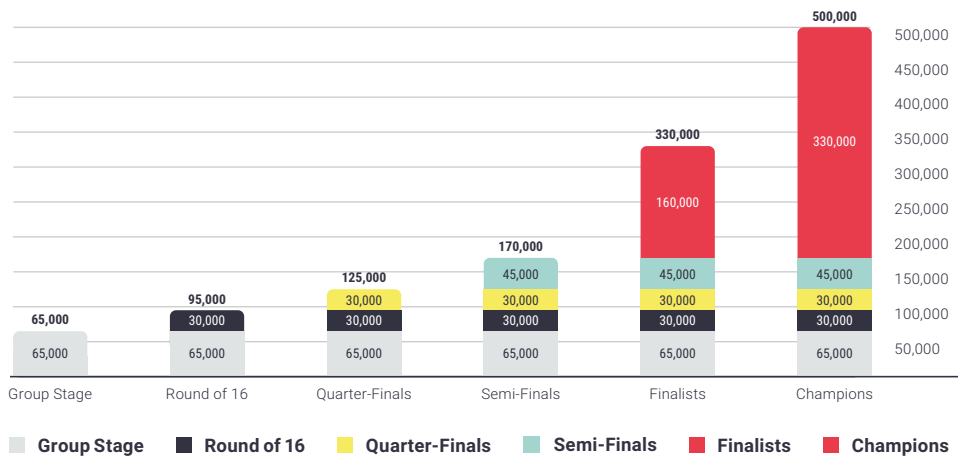
The prize money distribution for the 2022/23 CHL season is as follows:

- **Group Stage:** €65,000
- **Round of 16:** €30,000
- **Quarter-Finals:** €30,000
- **Semi-Finals:** €45,000
- **Runners-Up:** €160,000
- **Champions:** €330,000

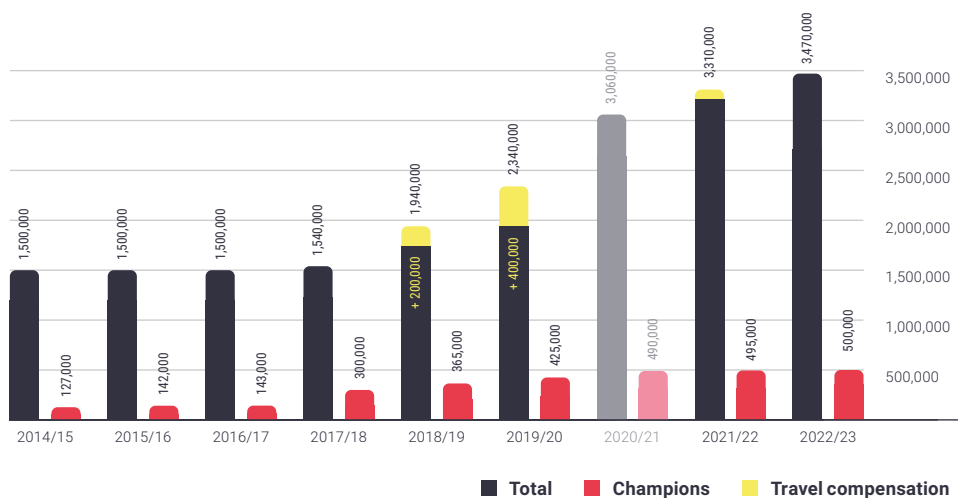
In total, an amount of €3.47 million will be distributed to the participating teams. The CHL Champions will collect a total of €500,000.

Thanks to the growth and the development on a stable foundation, the Champions Hockey League has been able to increase the prize money for the participating teams significantly over the course of the past few years: from a total of €1.5 million in 2014/15 to almost €3.5 million in 2022/23.

PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN 2022/23 SEASON


































PRIZE MONEY DEVELOPMENT



Prize money is subject of approval by the CHL Board every season.
Currency = Euro

BROADCASTING

	COUNTRY	BROADCASTER
	Austria	ORF
      	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro & Serbia (non-exclusive)	Arenasport
	Brazil	ESPN
	Bulgaria	A1 Bulgaria
	Canada	TSN
  	Czech Republic, Hungary & Slovakia	Sport 1/2 (AMC)
	Denmark	TV2
	Estonia	ERR
	Finland	MTV (Cmore)
	France	Fanseat
	Germany	Sport1
	Israel	Sport 1/2 (Charlton)
	Latvia	Best4Sport
	Lithuania	LRT Sport 1
	Norway	Viaplay
	Poland	Polsat
	Slovenia	RTV Sport TV
	Sweden	SVT Viaplay
	Switzerland	SRG MySports
	Ukraine	XSport
	United States, its territories and possessions	NHL Network
 	UK & Ireland	FreeSports
	Other territories	CHL Website/App (unless a Broadcasting contract is signed)

*As per 2 August 2022. You can find the latest overview [here](#). Bold = Shareholder Leagues.

HALL OF FAME

Champions

2022



RÖGLE ÄNGELHOLM



2-1



Catena Arena
Ängelholm, Sweden

2020



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



1-3



ČPP Arena
Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

2019



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



3-1



Scandinavium
Gothenburg, Sweden

2018



JYP JYVÄSKYLÄ



0-2



Vida Arena
Växjö, Sweden

2017



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



4-3^{OT}



Frölundaborgs Isstadion
Gothenburg, Sweden

2016



FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



1-2



Oulun Energia-Areena
Oulu, Finland

2015



LULEÅ HOCKEY



4-2



Coop Norrbotten Arena
Luleå, Sweden

HALL OF FAME

LGT MVPs

2022

11 FREDERIK TIFFELS



Position: Forward
Nationality: Germany
Birthday: 20.05.1995

10 GAMES PLAYED
14 POINTS
+9 PLUS/MINUS

2020

81 RYAN LASCH



Position: Forward
Nationality: USA
Birthday: 22.01.1987

13 GAMES PLAYED
22 POINTS
+5 PLUS/MINUS

2019

84 TREVOR PARKES



Position: Forward
Nationality: Canada
Birthday: 13.05.1991

9 GAMES PLAYED
12 POINTS
+5 PLUS/MINUS

2018

30 ŠIMON HRUBEC



Position: Goalie
Nationality: Czech Republic
Birthday: 30.06.1991

10 GAMES PLAYED
1.07 GOALS AGAINST
96% SAVES

2017

20 JOEL LUNDQVIST



Position: Forward
Nationality: Sweden
Birthday: 02.03.1982

13 GAMES PLAYED
14 POINTS
+9 PLUS/MINUS

2016

81 RYAN LASCH



Position: Forward
Nationality: USA
Birthday: 22.01.1987

13 GAMES PLAYED
16 POINTS
+6 PLUS/MINUS

2015

41 MATHIS OLIMB



Position: Forward
Nationality: Norway
Birthday: 01.02.1986

13 GAMES PLAYED
26 POINTS
+12 PLUS/MINUS

HALL OF FAME

LGT Top Scorers

2022

81 RYAN LASCH



18 POINTS

Goals 4
Assists 14

2020

81 RYAN LASCH



22 POINTS

Goals 6
Assists 16

2019

81 RYAN LASCH



22 POINTS

Goals 5
Assists 17

2018

71 FREDRIK PETTERSSON



16 POINTS

Goals 9
Assists 7

2017

9 CASEY WELLMAN



14 POINTS

Goals 8
Assists 6

2016

81 RYAN LASCH



16 POINTS

Goals 7
Assists 9

2015

41 MATHIS OLIMB



26 POINTS

Goals 8
Assists 18

all-timerecords

185 POINTS

Frölunda Gothenburg

6 SHUTOUTS

Sami Aittokallio Kärpät Oulu,
Danny aus den Birken Red Bull Munich
and Lukas Flüeler ZSC Lions Zurich

**fastest
5 SECONDS**

AFTER FACE-OFF



Rhett Rakhshani
Stavanger Oilers vs Malmö
Redhawks, 26 August 2017

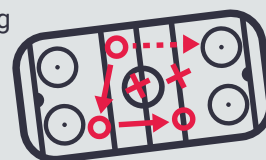
attendance
record

14,567

SC Bern vs Sparta Prague
7 December 2016

**85 GAMES
COACHED**

Roger Rönnerberg
Frölunda Gothenburg



85 GAMES

Frölunda Gothenburg

youngest
scorer

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



oldest
scorer

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

**77 GAMES
PLAYED**

Joel Lundqvist
Frölunda Gothenburg

longest
winning
streak

Luleå Hockey in 2019/20

**10
GAMES**

topscorer
109 POINTS

Ryan Lasch
Frölunda Gothenburg,
SC Bern, TPS Turku



SPORT IN BRIEF

The Competition Format

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

The CHL format is based on clear and measurable qualification criteria. Teams have to be the champions, or top place-finishers 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 regular seasons and in the

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

Participating Leagues

The 2022/23 season will take place with the following participating leagues:

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

*includes Hungary and Slovenia.

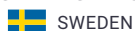
The awarding of wild cards to the champions of challenger leagues is subject to formal approval by the CHL board each season.

CHAMPIONS

of participating leagues



RÖGLE ÄNGELHOLM



SWEDEN

CHL winners



FÄRJESTAD KARLSTAD



SWEDEN



EV ZUG



SWITZERLAND



EISBÄREN BERLIN



GERMANY



TAPPARA TAMPERE



FINLAND



OCELÁŘI TŘINEC



CZECH REPUBLIC



RED BULL SALZBURG



AUSTRIA/ICE



OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA



SLOVENIA

Wild Card



BELFAST GIANTS



ELITE ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE



GRENOBLE



FRANCE



SLOVAN BRATISLAVA



SLOVAKIA



STAVANGER OILERS



NORWAY



GKS KATOWICE



POLAND



ALBORG PIRATES



DENMARK



COMARCH CRACOVIA



POLAND

IHF Continental Cup winners

THE 2022/23 FIELD OF COMPETITORS CONSISTS OF:

- The Champions Hockey League winners
- 13 national champions
- 1 regular season winners
- 5 regular season runners-up
- 6 regular season third-placed teams
- 4 regular season fourth placed teams
- 1 regular season fifth-placed team
- 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 champions following the regular season (not in the playoffs).

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 the calculation of the points, the previous four CHL seasons are taken into consideration (weighted 100, 75, 50 and 25 per cent – in which the most recent season counts the most).

However, in January 2022 the CHL Board decided to use the state of the CHL League Ranking at the end of the 2019/20 CHL season for the allocation of places for the 2022/23 season and to not take the results of the 2021/22 season into consideration since cancelled games in the Playoffs, several teams missing players due to the Covid-19 protocol and the isolated groups due to the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament in the Group Stage had quite an impact on the tight situation in the League Ranking.

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

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 (ICE)	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

According to the CHL League Ranking, each Shareholder League will receive the following number of places in the 2022/23 season:

- **5 places:** Sweden and Switzerland
- **4 places:** Germany and Finland
- **3 places:** Czech Republic and Austria (ICE)

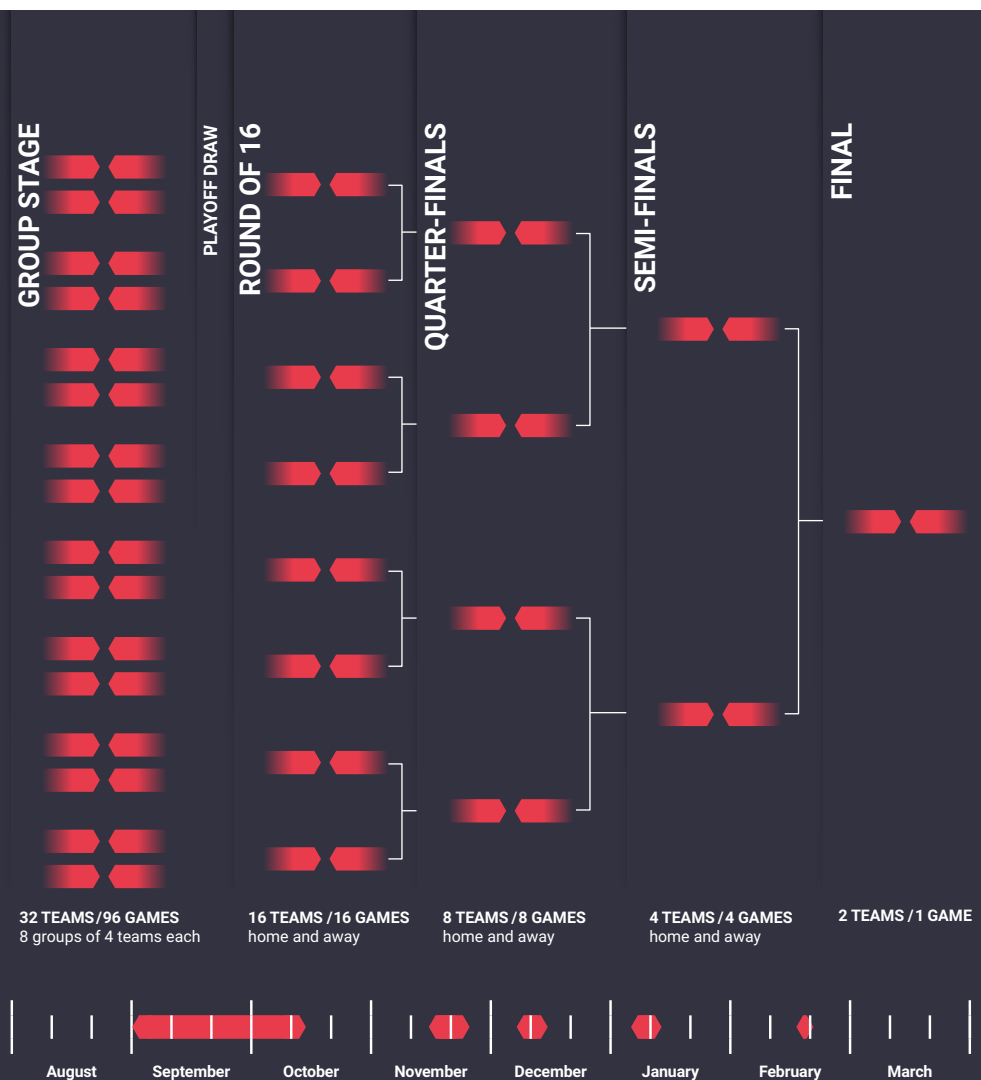
The granted place to the 2022 CHL Champions, Rögle Ängelholm, is included in the five qualification places for Sweden.

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

PLAYING FORMAT

Between September and February, 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. Two teams in each group will advance to the Round of 16.

With the exception of the Final, all match-ups in the Playoffs will be played in a two-game, home-and-away aggregate scoring series format.



2022/23 CHL CALENDAR

- **Group Stage:**

1 September – 12 October 2022

- 1–4 September
- 8–11 September
- 4/5 October
- 11/12 October

- **Round of 16:**

15/16 November + 22/23 November 2022

- **Quarter-Finals:**

6/7 December + 13 December 2022

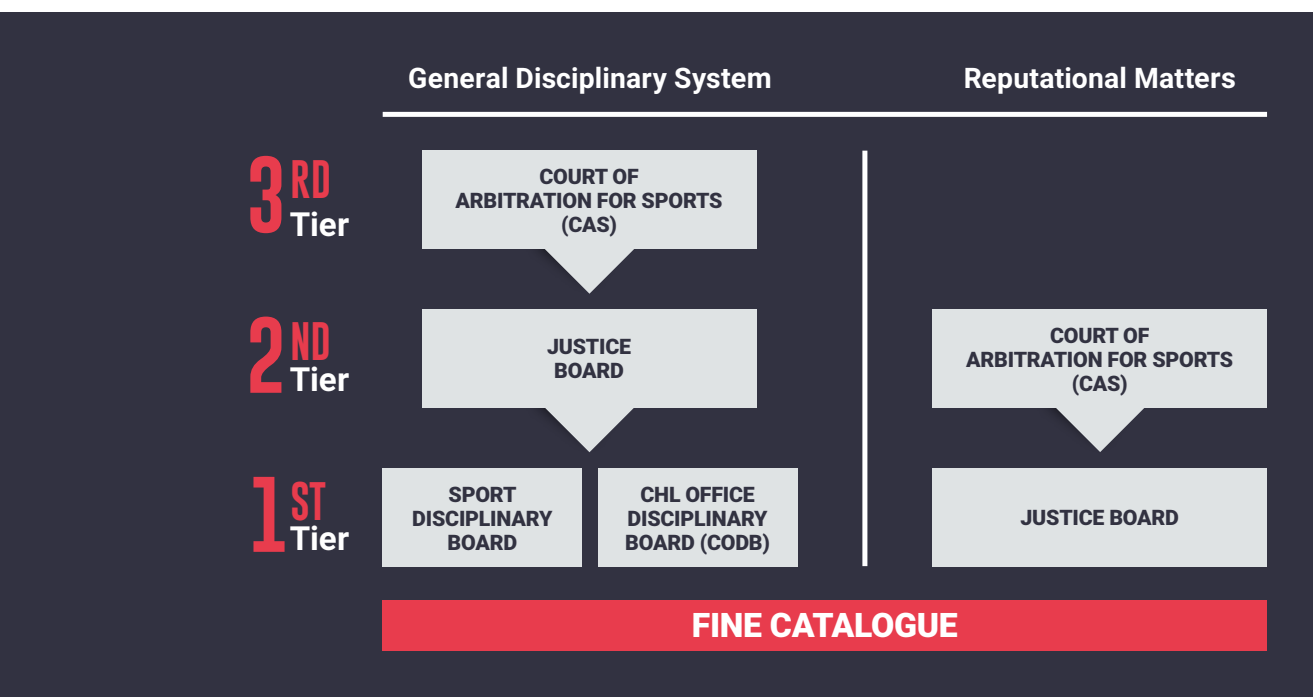
- **Semi-Finals:**

10/11 January + 17/18 January 2023

- **Final:** 18 February 2023

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 officials penalties
- All serious situations, regardless of if a penalty was 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 work?

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.
5. Ideally, 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 CHL Sport Director Alex Jäger, is in charge of receiving requests and reviewing incidents, aided by a panel of six members 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 are not accountable to anyone for their decisions. Furthermore, the members are known to 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 is 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 must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of receiving the Sport Disciplinary Board's decision.

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

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

2022/23



RED BULL SALZBURG



Austria

Founded: 2000

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2010

National titles (AUT): 9 – 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2022

League titles (ICE): 7 – 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Round of 16

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

League Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Eisarena Salzburg

Address: Hermann Bahr-Promenade 2, 5020 Salzburg, Austria

Capacity: 3,400

Year opened: 1960

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Website:**

www.redbulls.com/icehockey

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www.facebook.com/ECRedBullSalzburg

 **Twitter:**

twitter.com/ECRBS

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www.instagram.com/ecredbullsalzburg

 **YouTube:**

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

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App:

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CLUB STAFF

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Sport Director: Helmut Schlögl

Head Coach: Matt McIlvane

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Peter Schneider: Came to Salzburg before last season and took the crown of top scorer in the ICE during his first year in Salzburg. The 31-year-old forward recorded 52 points (28 goals, 24 assists) in the regular season and was awarded the ICE regular season MVP award for his



performances. He also showed his qualities as a forward at the 2022 IIHF World Championship in Finland and was not only the best Austrian player with three goals and six assists, but also the fourth best World Championship player after the group stage.

Atte Tolvanen: Came to Salzburg during the 2021/22 season and won ICE championship with Salzburg six months later. The Finn became a dependable goalie of Salzburg and recorded a 95.2 saving percentage in eight playoff games, for which he was honored as ICE playoff MVP. The 27-year-old goalie is also a good skater, reads the game very well and plays well with the puck.

Benjamin Nissner: Came to Salzburg in the summer of 2021 from the Vienna Capitals and was, among other things, named young star of the season of the then EBEL. The forward seamlessly carried on with his great performances with Salzburg during the 2021/22 championship season and ended up having his best season so far, recording 18 goals and 35 assists in 60 games. He also showed his fighting qualities in the defense and was the best player in the +/- rating after the regular season.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Dennis Robertson, D, HC Dynamo Pardubice (Czech Extraliga)

Troy Bourke, F, Kärpät Oulu (Liiga)

David Kickert, G, Vienna Capitals (ICE)

Tyler Lewington, D, Providence Bruins (AHL)

Chay Genoway, D, Brynäs IF (SHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"Our goal in the Champions Hockey League is very simple. We are going to focus on a game-by-game basis. But our big goal is the same in everything we do in professional sports – we want to win."

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

Stavanger Oilers: "Definitely a team with skills and speed."

Ilves Tampere: "With Ilves we are expecting a lot of structure. They are a team that is very disciplined, but they also have a high level of skills to complement that."

Fribourg-Gottéron: "With Fribourg-Gottéron we are expecting a team that was a top team in the Swiss league with a lot of speed and skill. A team that is going to make us compete for everything."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Greger Artursson

Frank Banham

Daniel Welser

Manuel Latusa


Matthias Trattnig

CLUB TRIVIA

Mascot is called Rob, wears No. 87.

First playoff home game of the year is called "**White Night**" – all fans wear white to show their support.

Salzburg won the championship playoffs



in 2022 with a 12-game sweep without losing a game, becoming the second team after the Vienna Capitals (2017) to win the ICE with this record.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Eishockey

Faceoff = Spielbeginn

Offside = Abseits

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Eishockeyschläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



VILLACH SV



Austria

Founded: 1923

GLORY TIMES

League titles (ICE): 6 – 1981, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2002, 2006

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

Name: Stadthalle Villach

Address: Tiroler Straße 47,
9500 Villach, Austria

Capacity: 3,300

Year opened: 1969


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Alexander Rauchenwald: Alexander comes from a very hockey driven family. His father Gerald played for Villach SV for 12 seasons, his uncle Peter Raffl is one of the club's legends and his two cousins, Michael and Thomas Raffl are among the best Austrian players in the last decade. Born and raised in Villach, Alexander made



his first professional appearance in 2012 at the age of 19. The following season Alexander proved his talent and attracted several teams in the local league as well as in other leagues. He decided to move to Red Bull Salzburg and won two championships during his seven years in Salzburg. After a short period in Sweden (Västerås IK - Allsvenskan) he finally moved back to his home club Villach SV and is one of the team's leaders.

Robert Sabolič: Robert Sabolič joined the team this summer. At 33 years-old he is in his best hockey years and has already played in the DEL, Extraliga, SHL, KHL and NL. He is a very talented forward, an excellent skater and has a powerful shot as well as tremendous hockey IQ. He reads the game very well and had a point average between 0.45 and 0.75 PPG in the top leagues he played so far. He also played for Ambri-Piotta and Sparta Prague in the Champions Hockey League.

Jean Philippe Lamoreux: With a GAA of 2.38 and a SV% of 92,7 in 440 league games in the ICE, Jean Philippe, more commonly known as JP, is one of the best goaltenders in league history. From 2012 to 2016, JP played for Villach SV. After three seasons in Vienna and another three seasons in Salzburg, winning two league championships on the way, JP joined Villach again this summer. He shows leadership on the ice as well as off the ice and is a great team player.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Robert Sabolič, F, Krefeld Pinguine (DEL)

Jean-Philippe Lamoreux, G,
Red Bull Salzburg (ICE)

Andrew Desjardins, F, Adler Mannheim (DEL)

Nicolas Mattinen, D, Laval Rocket (AHL)

Simon Després, D, Eisbären Berlin (DEL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Rob Daum's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"The Champions Hockey League is very competitive. Any team that takes part has won their way into the competition, so all teams are good and every game is intensely competitive. Obviously, our team wants to be successful in the preliminary round and advance but at the very least the CHL games will prepare us very well for the beginning of our ICE season."

Head Coach Rob Daum's comments about the other teams in the group:

Färjestad Karstad: "Obviously they are the favourites in our group. Swedish teams historically have been dominant in the Champions Hockey League and Färjestad are no exception. It will be a terrific opportunity for us to play one of the top teams in Europe."

Straubing Tigers: "Over the last number of seasons the Tigers have become a consistently top team in the DEL. They play a fast-paced game and have a rabid home fan base and they are historically extremely difficult to beat at home because of their fan base."

Comarch Cracovia: "Consistently one of the top teams in Poland. For me this is the team I know the least about, but I know any team that qualifies for the Champions Hockey League is a competitive team and it will be an interesting challenge to face a team we know little about."



TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Giuseppe Mion (1975 – 1994)

Peter Raffl (1975 – 1998)

Helmut Petrik (1977 – 1994)

Günther Lanzinger (1987 – 2010)

Wolfgang Kromp (1988 – 2010)

CLUB TRIVIA

Our hockey organisation is the most popular sports team in the region with around 3,500 people at every home game. The club was founded in 1923 so we are not only celebrating our second Champions Hockey League participation but also our 100th anniversary. So far, we have won six national championships and we are commonly known as one of the top clubs for up-and-coming hockey talents. For most of the people in our hometown Villach hockey means everything. We actually had two huge hockey games at Wörthersee Stadion, the football arena in Klagenfurt, against our local rival KAC with over 30,000 fans watching the games. And guess what.... Of course we won :)

We are also the only hockey organisation in Austria with three former club players who made it to the NHL. Michael Grabner, Derek Ryan and Michael Raffl. Michael Grabner and Michael Raffl are locals and grew up here in Villach.

Our mascot as well as our team sign is the eagle.

At the end of every home game which is won by our club we have a special tradition, more like a ritual, where the whole team kneels down in front of our fanclubs and we have a big chant called UFTA. Some people here say that you can even hear it outside the rink.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Our best-known player is **Andrew Desjardins**. He played 461 games in the NHL, 235 games in the AHL and 223 games in the DEL and made three Champions Hockey League appearances with Adler Mannheim. He won the Stanley Cup in the 2014/15 season with the legendary Chicago Blackhawks team around Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith. After signing for Adler Mannheim in the DEL he also won the DEL championship in the season 2018/19 and had the best +/- rating in the whole league.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Our player **Chris Collins** has actually been an actor in a Western series called "Hell on Wheels" in season three of the tv show.

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Referee = Schiedsrichter



FEHÉRVÁR AV19

 Hungary
Founded: 1977

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 13 – 1981, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Interliga titles: 2 – 2003, 2007

Hungarian Cup: 11 – 1979, 1982, 1984, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2019

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Ifjabb Ocskay Gábor Ice Hall

Address: Raktár utca 1.,
8000 Székesfehérvár, Hungary


Capacity: 3,350

Year opened: 1977

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

János Hári

Csanád Erdély

Alex Petan



NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Olivier Roy, G, Augsburger Panther (DEL)

Brett Findlay, F, HC Bolzano (ICE)

Ben Betker, D, HC TWK Innsbruck (ICE)

Andrew O'Brien, D, Red Bull Munich (DEL)

Patrick Newell, F, Stjernen Hockey (NOR)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Kevin Constantine's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We approach all situations the same, no matter what kind of game it is. We want to be the best we can be. We want to play at our best."

Head Coach Kevin Constantine's comments about the other teams in the group:

Rögle Ängelholm: "I don't really know Rögle. But the SHL is considered as one of, if not the best, leagues in Europe so we understand we will face stiff competition playing them."

ZSC Lions Zurich: "I do remember Zurich from the time I coached HC Ambri-Piotta in Switzerland. They were always a strong team in the league. But it has been ten years since then, so I am not familiar with the current Zurich team."

GKS Katowice: "Katowice are the team I know the best because I coached in Poland during the 2020/21 season. In fact, the team I coached in Poland (Oswiecim) lost in the playoffs to Katowice two seasons ago. Katowice have been one of the strongest teams in the league for the past few seasons. They have a good group of players, a great goaltender and are well coached. We had an exciting six-game playoff series against Katowice with two of the games going into overtime during that series. I look forward to revisiting that rivalry."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Gábor Ocskay Jr.

Krisztián Palkovics

Csaba Kovács Jr.

Frank Banham

CLUB TRIVIA

The team was called Székesfehérvári Volán in the 80s and later was sponsored by Alba Volán, a local state bus company. During the 90s and early 2000's the team used the name Alba Volán. The name of the team changed in 2009, after the tragic and sudden death of its cult player, Gábor Ocskay Jr.

Fehérvár AV19 symbolizes the city, AV is the abbreviation of Alba Volán, the former main sponsor, and 19 is a tribute to Gábor as it was his jersey number.

Many fans still call the team Volán because of the history of the name.

A new facility is being built for the team and is expected to be ready in 2023.

Székesfehérvár is called "The city of champions" and has nine professional sports teams, all teams visit each other's games and competitions and work closely together.

The team's mascot is a devil. The logo of the team depicted a devil until 2016 and it was renewed in 2022.

The old-fashioned arena of the team is nicknamed "The Devil's Cauldron".

The team's logo symbolizes the city of Székesfehérvár. It focuses on the old castle as the name of the city means white castle.



Many players were born in Transylvania and consider themselves Székely or have Székely roots.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Andrew Sarauer passed his 400 games played mark in the league in November 2021. This season he will pass 400 games played mark in Fehérvár as well.

National team players with experience:
Stipsicz, Bartalis, Hári, Magosi, Erdély

Alex Petan plays for the Italian national team.

Anze Kuralt plays for the Slovenian national team.

Horváth D., Horváth M. Szabó, Dobmayer, Ambrus G, Ambrucs Cs, Mihály, Németh, Rétfalvi, Erdély come from the youth program in Fehérvár, the Gábor Ocskay Jr. Ice Hockey Academy.

Viktor Szélig, the general manager of the team, is a cult player of Dunaújváros, a rival team of Alba Volán in the 90s.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Horváth D.: has nice tattoos, has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).

Stipsicz: has an MA in Biology.

Horváth M.: has two sisters, both play hockey, Imola is a member of the women's national team, has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).

Szabó: has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).

Campbell: his nickname is Soupy (comes from a US soup brand).

Dobmayer: has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).

O'Brien: has a Hungarian passport, mother is of Hungarian descent.

Ambrus G.: a young Szekely player from Transylvania.

Bartalis: has roots in Transylvania, organizes camps for kids with his brother, Balázs Bartalis (skills coach for HC Genève-Servette), father also played hockey and was the member of team Alba Volán from 1990 to 1996.

Magosi: has three kids.

Mihály: has a BA in coaching, a young Szekely player from Transylvania, he is a total dog person.

Németh: has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).


Petan: has nice tattoos, organized a charity golf tournament with his brother, Nic Petan.

Rétfalvi: has spent his whole career in Fehérvár (since the age of 5).

Terbócs: has nice tattoos, keeps snakes as pets, fishing is his hobby.

Sarauer: his hobby is playing golf, has Hungarian citizenship.

Erdély: has a brother who also plays hockey, has an MA In sports economy, has roots in Transylvania.



Ambrus Cs.: just graduated secondary school in June 2022, a young Szekely player from Transylvania.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = jégkorong

Faceoff = buli

Offside = les

Puck = korong

Hockey stick = hokiütő

Goal = kapu (or if goal refers to what players score it's gól)

Penalty = büntetés

Referee = játékvezető



OCELÁŘI TŘINEC



Czech Republic

Founded: 1929

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 4 – 2011, 2019, 2021, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Group Stage (3rd in Group F)

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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739 61 Třinec, Czech Republic

Capacity: 5,400

Year opened: 2014

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After 1 September 2022: Release of new website. Special accreditation form under section Press and media.



TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Martin Růžička: Forward Martin Růžička signed for Třinec in 2009 and has since become the most productive player in the club's history. Růžička has played 555 games and recorded 587 points (267 + 320). Alongside Erik Hrňa, he is the only active player to have won all four of Třinec's titles (2011, 2019, 2021, 2022). In 2010 he won a gold medal at the World Championship with the Czech national team and also appeared at the Olympic Games in 2018.

Martin Marinčin: Came to Třinec during the summer of 2021. Since then he has become a key player of the Třinec defence. Former NHL player who is also part of the Slovakian national team. He won a bronze medal at the 2022 Olympic Games. He also won the Calder Trophy in 2018 with the Toronto Marlies.

Marek Mazanec: Is an experienced goaltender with 31 NHL games to his name (playing for the Nashville Predators, New York Rangers and the Vancouver Canucks). The two-time Czech Extraliga champion (2013, 2022) had a key role in his former team Mountfield HK's road to the 2020 CHL Final.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Kārlis Čukste, D, Lahti Pelicans (Liiga)

Jakub Jeřábek, D, Spartak Moskva (KHL)

Marek Ročák, D, Oceláři Třinec (academy)

Daniel Voženílek, F, Motor ČB
(Czech Extraliga)

Alan Łyszczarczyk, F, Frydek-Místek
(Czechia2)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Zdeněk Moták's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We are looking forward to playing on a high level in each game. I hope we make our mark on an international level."

Head Coach Zdeněk Moták's comments about the other teams in the group:

Skellefteå AIK: "Swedish hockey has historically been on a very high level, not only internationally, but also on a club level. Skellefteå's team is very good and has many players who represent their countries internationally."

HC Davos: "Davos is top-notch team in the NL, they played in the playoff semi-final last season. Games against them will be important on many levels: to compare how prepared we are, to study and learn their system. Davos' quality is multiplied by experienced players who represent their countries."

I would like to point out that their forward Matěj Stránský played in Třinec two years ago and he was one of the best players in the Czech Extraliga, he became part of the national team and last season he also succeeded in the NL. From our point of view his performances are signs of great quality."

Belfast Giants: "The Belfast Giants have a quality team which is composed of experienced expats. Alongside Brits there are also American and Canadian players who add important experience into their game. We are thrilled to confront our hockey with theirs. And I can't forget to mention their fanbase, which is huge! We really look forward to playing against them and we hope for the best possible atmosphere at both rinks."



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

Four-time champions of the Czech Extraliga – completed the “golden hattrick” in 2022 (won three times in a row: 2019, 2021, 2022*)

Mascot: Dráček Werkáček

Werk Arena is one of the newest hockey stadiums in the Czech Republic, also hosted the IIHF World Junior Championship in 2020.

Oceláři stands for “steelers”. Name refers to steelwork plant Železářny Třinec which is around 500 meters from the Werk Arena.

* 2020 playoff was canceled due to pandemic situation around the world

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Martin Růžicka: Gold medal from World Championship (2010), five Czech Extraliga titles, four whilst with Oceláři Třinec and one with Sparta.

Martin Marinčin: Slovakian defender with 151 NHL games under his belt (Toronto Maple Leafs). He won the Calder Trophy with the Toronto Marlies (AHL) in 2018. He played at the Winter Olympic Games in Peking (2022) and won a bronze medal alongside his two teammates from Oceláři Třinec, Marko Dano and Milos Roman.

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

Karlis Čukste: The promising defender is new acquisition for Třinec's defence. Tall, strong and experienced player played in the KHL, NCAA and Liiga.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Vladimír Dravecký: Loving father of two children. Older son Vladimír jr. is member of U16 Slovakian national team. Younger daughter Valentína also stays close to the ice rink as she does figure skating for a hobby. Vladimír Dravecký himself is quite a good chef, he uses an IG account DravoZdravo for healthy food recipes, tips and ideas.

Petr Vrána: Captain, enthusiastic fisher and widower, who lost his wife in March 2021. Raises his son Leo as a single father. Currently in a relationship with Nikola Ogrodnikova, who is a Czech athlete specialising in the javelin throw. She competed in Tokyo 2021 (Summer Olympic Games). Her biggest accomplishment is a silver medal at the 2018 European Championships.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = lední hokej

Faceoff = bulý

Offside = postavení mimo hru

Puck = puk

Hockey stick = hokejka

Goal = gól, branka

Penalty = vyloučení

Referee = rozhodčí



MOUNTFIELD HK

 **Czech Republic**
Founded: 1926

GLORY TIMES

None

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Runners-Up
2018/19: Group Stage (4th in Group F)
2017/18: Group Stage (4th in Group F)






QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Winners

ARENA INFO

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Capacity: 6,890
Year opened: 1957

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Radek Smoleňák: Radek began his hockey journey in Kladno where Czech hockey legend Jaromír Jágr also started his career. He was drafted in 2005 by the Tampa Bay Lightning in the third round and spent six seasons playing in North America. He was chasing his dream of one day playing in the NHL and he made it, be it only for



seven games. After six seasons away he returned to Europe to play in Finland, the KHL, SHL and also in Switzerland. At this point in his career he was also captain of the Czech national team. Since 2018 he has been an integral part of Mountfield HK. He is captain of the club and now he is also the best goal scorer in the club's history.

Jakub Lev: Czech Extraliga "Iron Man" who has played over 600 games in a row without missing a single one! Jakub Lev was born in Pilsen, Czech Republic where he also started his hockey journey. He played in the Czech Extraliga for the very first time in 2009. After eight years he signed with Vítkovice. The strong forward, who is very good at faceoffs, also played 13 games for the Czech national team. After two seasons playing for Vítkovice he moved to Brno. But then one day before Christmas Eve in 2019 he was traded to Hradec Králové. Since that moment he has been one of the most important players in Mountfield HK.

Jérémie Blain: Our Québec-born defenseman was destined to become a hockey player. His brother also played ice hockey in North America. Jérémie wanted to go to the NHL through Major Junior in Canada. He played for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan and also the Victoriaville Tigers. He was drafted into the NHL in 2010 by the Edmonton Oilers in the 4th round but he signed his Entry Level Contract with the Vancouver Canucks. He never made it into the NHL, so he chose Europe for the next chapter of his career. After two years in Austria, he signed a two-year deal with Sparta Prague and in his very first season in the Czech Extraliga he was the best-scoring defenseman of the whole league. After two years in Prague, he signed with Mountfield HK and has become a key

member of the squad since. The offensive defenseman signed a contract extension with the club last year which means that he will be in Hradec Králové for another two seasons.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Radovan Pavlík, F, Kometa Brno

(Czech Extraliga)

Jan Růžička, G, BK Mladá Boleslav

(Czech Extraliga)

River Rymsha, D, HK Poprad

(Slovak Extraliga)

Marek Zachar, F, Bílí Tygři Liberec

(Czech Extraliga)

Petr Moravec, F, Tri-City Americans

(WHL)

Oliver Okuliar, F, SaiPa Lappeenranta

(Liiga)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Tomáš Martinec's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We have top teams in our group, both for us as well as for the fans. I'm glad we were drawn against such great teams that will test us. On the other side, it will be quite challenging with all that travel because of the long distances. Qualitatively they are all really great teams, it will be a fight with each one of them but we will do our best."

Head Coach Tomáš Martinec's comments about the other teams in the group:

Eisbären Berlin: "They have been one of the best German teams for a long time, winning the DEL two times in a row confirms this. We had a pre-season game against Berlin three years ago, so I expect the level of the games in the CHL to be even higher."



Frölunda Gothenburg: "I was hoping to get Frölunda, even though they are a team from far away I feel we are destined to face each other. We faced Frölunda in the 2019/20 Group Stage and then we met again in the Final. Even though the season didn't go too well for them last year, I still think they are probably the best team in Europe. Anyway, we have already managed to beat them before, so we will try to do that again."

Grenoble: "Grenoble are one of the best teams in France. They have qualified for the Champions Hockey League for the third time and again as the league champions. The French league isn't as popular with fans in our country, but it definitely has its quality, which is exactly what this team confirms all the time."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jaroslav Kudrna

Jan Hrdina

Martin Hosták

Jaroslav Bednář

CLUB TRIVIA

Name of mascot: Mounty (a lion).

Name of club: Mountfield HK (it's a combination of the company Mountfield and of HK = Hradec Králové). The company Mountfield and the city Hradec Králové are joint club owners.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Petr Koukal: played at five World Championships (won gold in 2010 and bronze in 2012), is a three-time Czech Extraliga

champion, former captain of Pardubice (Mountfield HK's biggest rival).

Jakub Lev: "Ironman" of the Czech Extraliga – has played over 601 games in a row without missing a single one (14. 9. 2012 – present).

Jordann Perret: played at five World Championships.

Nikita Scherbak: drafted into the NHL in 2014, first round, #26 overall by the Montréal Canadiens.

Radek Smoleňák: drafted into the NHL in 2005, third round, #73 overall by the Tampa Bay Lightning, played over 100 games in the KHL, AHL, OHL, Liiga and ELH; Czech national team captain in 2014/15.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Jérémie Blain: after his hockey career he wants to live on Bali.

Michael Gaspar: does pilot courses.

Bohumil Jank: is very handy and loves camping.

Kevin & Kelly Klima: twins in one team, Kevin is older than Kelly by about four minutes.

Petr Koukal: likes golf, owns a turtle, organises camps for children.

Filip Pavlík: is a collector of historic motorcycles and classic cars, enjoys fishing and hunting.

Radek Smoleňák: starred in the Czech comedy Babovřesky 2.



ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = lední hokej

Faceoff = buly, vhazování

Offside = postavení mimo hru, ofsajd

Puck = puk, kotouč

Hockey stick = hokejka, hokejová hůl

Goal = gól, branka

Penalty = trest, vyloučení

Referee = rozhodčí, sudí, arbitr



SPARTA PRAGUE



Czech Republic

Founded: 1903

GLORY TIMES

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

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Quarter-Finals

2016/17: Runners-Up

2015/16: Round of 16

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

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Capacity: 14,144

Year opened: 1962

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Vladimír Sobotka: Sobotka's immense international experience easily makes him one of the team's biggest stars. The forward spent 11 seasons in the NHL and three in the KHL. Upon his arrival to the Czech capital he immediately formed one of the league's best lines with Michal Řepík and Roman Horák.

Jakub Kovář: Kovář ranks among the best active Czech goalies. With nine KHL seasons and many years of national team experience under his belt, he perfectly fits into Sparta's experienced roster. Last season he played in the Swiss NL finals against his younger brother Jan.

Michal Řepík: Our team captain with great international experience. Řepík has also captained the Czech national team many times. He was drafted 40th overall by the Florida Panthers in 2007, also played in the AHL, KHL, Finnish Liiga and Swiss NL. Řepík is a force to be reckoned with!

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Jakub Kovář, G, ZSC Lions Zurich (NL)

Jakub Krejčík, D, Dinamo Minsk (KHL)

Josef Kořenář, G, Arizona Coyotes (NHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"We are honored to represent the Czech Republic on an international stage once again. Our group is strong and we cannot wait to see how we'll compare to our opponents. We want to win every single game – we are excited!"

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

Luleå Hockey: "Luleå, SHL finalists, will probably be our toughest opponent. They skate and battle a lot. This confrontation will be very interesting."

Jukurit Mikkeli: "Finnish teams are well known for their fast skating. Jukurit will be no different. I expect good powerplays and lots of short-handed play from them."

Aalborg Pirates: "The Pirates have a very organised style. Their powerplay is very effective, they will be strong on their home ground. Their fans are very passionate, I am really looking forward to playing them!"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Legendary players still working for the club:

Jan "Gusta" Havel: legendary forward, now team manager for our U20 category.

Richard Žemlička: legendary forward, now U20 head coach.

Jiří Zelenka: legendary forward, now grade six head coach and grade eight assistant coach.

Pavel Šrek: legendary defenceman, now our Youth Manager.

Jiří Kročák: legendary defenceman, now grade seven and nine head coach.

František Ptáček: legendary defenceman, now U18 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 were 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: comes from the old Greek city of 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: An old Spartan soldier and a Spartan superhero. The soldier represents our name's origin and the Spartan history, while the superhero is all about the Spartan future.

Special traditions: Annually organised projects: Spartan Blood (charitable blood donation in cooperation with our partners and the 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 thanking ritual with 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

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

David Němeček: briefly played for TPS Turku.

Michal Řepík: Czech Extraliga 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).

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

Jakub Kovář: national team experience, played for ZSC Lions Zurich last season.

Josef Kořenář: NHL experience (San Jose Sharks, Arizona Coyotes).

Jakub Krejčík: significant national team experience, two-time Czech Extraliga champion.

Erik Thorell: World Junior Champion, World U18 silver medallist, Swiss NL champion, SHL champion, played for Rögle Ängelholm, Färjestad Karlstad, TPS Turku, EV Zug.

BEYOND HOCKEY

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 piano.

Erik and Gustaf Thorell brothers playing on the team.

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Hockey stick = Hokejka

Goal = Gól

Penalty = Vyloučení

Referee = Rozhodčí



TAPPARA TAMPERE



Finland

Founded: 1955

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 18 – 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2003, 2016, 2017, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Runners-Up
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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

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Capacity: 12,500
Year opened: 2021

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Jori Lehterä: Lehterä is a 34-year-old forward who last played in Tappara 12 years ago. Last season, Lehterä played for KHL club Spartak Moskva. The elite forward has played 307 NHL games.



Niko Ojamäki: Ojamäki is a 27-year-old forward who played for KHL team Vityaz Podolsk last season and won the KHL's goal crown. Ojamäki already played for Tappara between 2017 and 2020. His trophy cabinet contains an Olympic gold medal, World Championship gold and silver medals, as well as a silver and bronze medal from Finland's highest league, Liiga.

Christian Heljanko: Heljanko is a 25-year-old goalkeeper who has played for Tappara's A team since 2017. Heljanko has played a total of 12 Champions Hockey League games. Last season, Heljanko became Tappara's number one goalkeeper with a save percentage of 92.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Valtteri Kemiläinen, D, Rögle Ängelholm (SHL)

Antti Virtanen, D, Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks (NCAA)

Kasper Kulonummi, D, Kiekko-Vantaa (Mestis)

Niko Ojamäki, RW, Vitjaz Podolsk (KHL)

Jori Lehterä, C, Spartak Moskva (KHL)

Tyler Kelleher, RW, HV71 (Allsvenskan)

Philip Granath, RW, Rögle Ängelholm (SHL)

Maksim Matushkin, D, Sparta Prague, (Czech Extraliga)

STATEMENTS

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

"Our goal is to have great and new experiences from playing against top teams in Europe. I think we are playing in the toughest group in this season of the CHL. It will be a great challenge to finish in the top two of our group. I expect high quality

games and a good atmosphere in the Group Stage. I'm looking forward to the games already!"

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

Red Bull Munich: "Munich are a hard-working team and we have to be ready to fight them hard in front of the net. We played against them last season and that was a really challenging hockey game."

Rapperswil-Jona Lakers: "Rapperswil-Jona Lakers have a lot of talent, we have to be really tight on the defense."

HC Slovan Bratislava: "Slovan are an experienced team, we have to be effective in our scoring chances."

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 closed its own competitive hockey business. The change was made because the training work of the Swedish school no longer produced enough player material for the club, and the new Finnish name attracted many new young people playing hockey.

Under their new name, Tappara won their first championship in 1959.



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

Valtteri Kemiläinen played in Röggle Ängelholm last season and won the Champions Hockey League. Has also won Olympic gold with the Finnish national team.

Mikael Seppälä won World Championship gold with the Finnish national team.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Many of Tappara's team players play golf and padel.

Christian Heljanko is a passionate real estate investor.

Kristian Tanus plays roller hockey in the summertime at Finnish championship level.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = jääkiekkomaila

Goal = maali

Penalty = jäähy

Referee = tuomari



JUKURIT MIKKELI



Finland

Founded: 1970

GLORY TIMES

None

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

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Year opened: 1982

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www.youtube.com/c/MikkelinJukuritOfficial/featured

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Newsletter:

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Pekka Jormakka: This right-handed 31-year-old forward has played in over 200 KHL games during his career and represented Finland's national team in the 2014 and 2018 IIHF World Championships.

Frans Tuohimaa: This goaltender played in the KHL last season and won gold for Finland's national team in both the Olympics and IIHF World Championships in 2022.

Juhamatti Aaltonen: This 2011 IIHF World Champion is an experienced forward, known especially for his cunning play. The 37-year-old forward also won Liiga in 2007, 2008 and 2014.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Juhamatti Aaltonen, F, Kärpät Oulu (Liiga)

Miikka Pitkänen, F, KalPa Kuopio (Liiga)

Frans Tuohimaa, G, Neftekhimik Nizhnekamsk (KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Olli Jokinen's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Of course we want to go far in the tournament. But the big thing for me is that the players get the opportunity to play against these big clubs from all over Europe. In that way they can compare their skills against top players from other countries. This is a great opportunity for all of our players to showcase themselves."

Head Coach Olli Jokinen's comments about the other teams in the group:

"I think it's a tough group. We'll play a big Swedish club Luleå Hockey, a big Czech club Sparta Prague and then Danish club the Aalborg Pirates. I honestly don't know that much about the last one. But both Sparta and Luleå had really good regular seasons and both of them played in the finals of their domestic league last season. So there is definitely a huge challenge ahead of us."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Retired numbers:

#12 – Antti Laakso

#22 – Martti Salminen

#24 – Lasse Kanerva

#31 – Petri Lehtonen

CLUB TRIVIA

Jukurit's mascot is called Heimo.

Special traditions: Fans chant "Zigi Zagi" after every goal Jukurit score.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Jääkiekko

Faceoff = Aloitus

Offside = Paitsio

Puck = Kiekko

Hockey stick = Maila

Goal = Maali

Penalty = Rangaistus

Referee = Tuomari



ILVES TAMPERE



Finland

Founded: 1931

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 16 – 1936, 1937, 1938, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1972, 1985

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

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Capacity: 12,500

Year opened: 2021

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Late applications for accreditation or requests by telephone are not supported.



TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Eemeli Suomi: Eemeli has been a shining star and top scorer for Ilves in the past seasons. He has captained the team since 2018/19 and has been one of the corner stones of the team's performance improvements in recent years. He has gone through all of Ilves' junior teams, representing only Ilves throughout his entire professional hockey career. Eemeli plays to make a difference every night and sets an example for his teammates on the ice.

Marek Langhamer: The Czechia international played a key role in returning Czechia back into the medal positions during the last World Championship. He was drafted in 2012 by the Phoenix Coyotes and played in North America (NHL, AHL) before moving to the KHL. He then spent a season with Czech team Kometa Brno before signing for Ilves last season.

Dominik Masin: Another Czechia international who was drafted by the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2014. He has vast experience from North America, as well as the KHL, and now enters his second season with Ilves. He often plays a defensive hockey style and has captained junior teams of the Czech Republic, proving what a great leader he can be.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Jakub Malek, G, VHK Vsetín (Czechia2)
Jyrki Jokipakka, D, Sibir Novosibirsk (KHL)
Otto Latvala, D, HPK (Liiga)
Kevin Czuczman, D, Iowa Wild (AHL)
Samu Bau, F, HIFK U20 (Liiga)
Tommi Tikka, F, HPK (Liiga)
Miro Ruokonen, F, HPK (Liiga)
Aku Rätty, F, Kärpät Oulu (Liiga)
Emil Järventie, F, Ilves U20 (Liiga)
Eetu Tuulola, F, Stockton Heat (AHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jouko Myrrä's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We were seeded into Pot 3 for the CHL Draw. Our target is to qualify first into the Playoffs and move step-by-step towards February's big Final. It will be a long, challenging journey, but our loyal fans will help us to move on. Our new Nokia Arena is excited to host our international quests alongside our local supporters."

Head Coach Jouko Myrrä's comments about the other teams in the group:

Red Bull Salzburg: "One of the most successful Austrian teams in recent years. The club is well managed, has an excellent and high quality team with good coaches. Obviously, their entire organisation is doing a great job raising the standards year after year which correlates with their results on the ice."

Fribourg-Gottéron: "A top Swiss team maintaining high performance throughout the season. A lot of high quality players who love to play good, active hockey."



Stavanger Oilers: "We got the best team in our group from Pot 4. Stavanger are a very disciplined, prosperous and well coached team that is used to succeeding."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Retired Jersey numbers:

Jarmo Wasama

(2 December 1943 – 2 February 1966), D,

#2: Jarmo had a very promising career ahead of him and was chosen Finnish player of the year in 1965 at the age of only 21. He tragically passed away in a traffic accident on his way home from a team practice session. Despite his short career, he represented team Finland over the course of five years, including at Olympic Games and World Championships. The Finnish Liiga honoured him by naming the best rookie of the season award after him.

Aarne Honkavaara (1924 – 2016), F, #7:

Aarne was involved with Ilves in all possible ways; as a player, a coach and even a chairman. He spent his entire club career with Ilves and had a long term pivotal role with the Finnish national team. The Finnish Liiga named the best regular season goal scorer award after him in his honour.

Risto Jalo, F, #13: Risto played 670 games in Liiga, representing Ilves in 12 seasons and featuring as team captain in nine of them. He was the first CEO for Ilves Hockey in the new millennium era and returned as CEO in the spring of 2017. Since then, Risto has renewed the entire club operations and steadily taken Ilves back to the top by sports and economic measures.

Lasse Oksanen, F, #14: Lasse played 19 seasons for Ilves and featured in Liiga's All Stars Team a record breaking nine times. He represented Team Finland at three Olympic Games and 11 World Championships. He was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 1999. The Finnish Liiga named the season's best player award in his honour

Jukka Tammi, G, #30: Played 25 seasons for Ilves; 14 in Liiga (608 games) and 11 in juniors. He was a member of the last Ilves team to have won the Finnish national championship in 1985. He represented Finland at seven World Championships, four Olympic Games and two Canada Cup tournaments.

Raimo Helminen, F, #41: Raimo had an exceptional 26-year international career, only playing for Ilves whilst in Finland. He represented Team Finland a record breaking 331 times, including at six Olympic Games and 11 World Championships and was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2012.

CLUB TRIVIA

Ilves was founded by Niilo Tammisalo in 1931. The name Ilves means Lynx which is a regional animal of the Tampere area.

Our team colours are green, yellow and black.

There are three books published about Ilves ice hockey; Pelimiehiä Tulisieluja (1981), Veijareita ja Virtuoosia (2001), Tuntematon Huoltaja (2021).



Tampereen Ilves is the biggest sports club in Finland when measured by registered players. Besides ice hockey, Ilves is also represented in football, floorball, futsal and ringette.

Our Head Equipment Manager, Lasse Laukkanen, has been working at the club since 1970, spending over 50 years with Ilves.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Jouko Myrrä, our Head Coach, played seven seasons (01/02 – 07/08) in Austria before retiring and starting his coaching career.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Les Lancaster is studying to be a pilot.

Santeri Virtanen goes to the sauna the day before each game.

Tuomas Salmela his nickname is "Horse".

Jouko Myrrä (Head Coach) goes jogging outdoors wearing shorts before each game, even when it's minus 20 degrees outside.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Jääkiekko

Faceoff = Aloitus

Offside = paitsio

Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = Jääkiekkomaila

Goal = maali

Penalty = jäähy

Referee = Tuomari



TPS TURKU



Finland

Founded: 1922

GLORY TIMES

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

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Group Stage (4th in Group A)

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Gatorade Center

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Year opened: 1990

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Arttu Ilomäki: A skilled forward who can do some real hockey magic! Great puck-handling skills and always a smile on his face.

Lassi Lehtinen: One of the best goalies in Liiga. Good positioning and skilled and comfortable play on the puck.



Pavol Skalicky: Big forward who will make an impact in the CHL this season! Always dangerous when on the ice. Will score some great goals in the CHL from the very start.

Olimpija Ljubljana: "This is a new challenge for us. The Slovenian team could be a "dark horse" in our group so we have to play at a very high level to beat them, that's for sure."

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Arttu Ilomäki, F, Lukko Rauma (Liiga)
Lassi Lehtinen, G, Lukko Rauma (Liiga)
Pavol Skalicky, F, Lukko Rauma (Liiga)
Antti Tuomisto, D, Univ. Of Denver
Scott Kosmachuk, F, Villach SV (ICE)
Anthony Rech, F, Grizzlys Wolfsburg (DEL)
Viljami Marjala, F, Quebec Remparts (QMJHL)

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. The CHL is great for hockey! We will have to play at the highest level to get some good results. Every game is a new chance and we just have to make most of it against every opponent. Our group is very interesting and we are excited to play against some new teams."

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

EV Zug: "A very good team and it's good to have them in the same group with us. A very exciting opponent!"

Grizzlys Wolfsburg: "Like EV Zug, Wolfsburg are also a very strong opponent. They have a strong, physical team with some great individual talent. It will be fun to play against them!"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Hannu Virta
Reijo Leppänen
Saku Koivu
Timo Nummelin
Juhani Wahlsten
Rauli Tammelin

CLUB TRIVIA

This is TPS's 100th anniversary!

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

TPS has played in the Liiga finals two years in a row and won two silver medals.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Ari Moisanen has coached in the Finnish national team and in the KHL.

Jussi Ahokas has won World Championships with Finland's U18 and U20 national teams.

Arttu Ilomäki won the World Championship with Team Finland in 2019.



BEYOND HOCKEY

Ruben Rafkin likes to go fishing.

Topias Haapanen loves barefoot shoes.

Aarne Intonen loves going to the sauna.

Jonne Tammela is a good friend of NHL star Roope Hintz.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Jääkiekko

Faceoff = Aloitus

Offside = paitsio

Puck = kiekko

Hockey stick = maila

Goal = maali

Penalty = jäähäy

Referee = tuomari



EISBÄREN BERLIN



Germany

Founded: 1954

GLORY TIMES

European Trophy titles: 1 – 2010

National titles (Germany): 9 – 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022

National titles (German Democratic Republic): 15 – 1966, 1967, 1968, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Group Stage (3rd in Group E)

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 2022/23 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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Twitter:

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Instagram:

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YouTube:

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

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

TikTok:

[@eisbaeren_berlin](https://www.tiktok.com/@eisbaeren_berlin)

Newsletter:

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CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Frank Hördler: Hördler is a German ice hockey legend. He has been playing for Eisbären Berlin for 20 years and has won nine national championships with the club, making him the most successful player in Germany.

Marcel Noebels: Noebels joined the Eisbären in 2014. In 2020 and 2021 he was the forward of the year and player of the year of the DEL.

Leo Pföderl: Pföderl has been with the Eisbären since 2019/20. He scored 37 points (21 goals) in 45 games in his debut season. In the 2021/22 season, he scored 52 points (22 goals) in 51 games.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Marco Nowak, D, Düsseldorfer EG (DEL)

Julian Melchiori, D, Grizzlys Wolfsburg (DEL)

Juho Markkanen, G, SaiPa Lappeenranta (Liiga)

Frank Mauer, F, Red Bull Munich (DEL)

Peter Regin, F, HC Ambri-Piotta (NL)

Brendan Guhle, D, San Diego Gulls (AHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"It is always an honour to play in the CHL. It is a big challenge to face the best European teams. We just take one step after the other and just think from game to game. But our goal is to be qualified for the Round of 16."

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

Frölunda Gothenburg: "With Frölunda we have one of the best teams in Europe in our group. They already won the CHL four times, so it will be a huge task for us."

Mountfield HK: "We already played against Mountfield HK a couple of years ago. They are a very good hockey club and one of the best teams in the Czech Republic. They have a very skilled and physical team. It will be a very hard task for us."

Grenoble: "Grenoble are the champions of France and the best French team. We cannot underestimate them. In the past, French teams have always surprised and beat stronger teams. They will be two interesting games."

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
Micki DuPont
Petri Vehanen

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: nine-time national champion – he is the most successful player in Germany.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Eric Hördler is captain Frank Hördler's son. He just signed his first professional contract with the Eisbären. It is their dream to play on the same team.

Eric Mik is the chaperone of the Eisbären Kids Club.

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Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



RED BULL MUNICH



Germany

Founded: 1998

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 2016, 2017, 2018

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Semi-Finals

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

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

Capacity: 5,533

Year opened: 1967

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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[www.youtube.com/c/
EHCRedBullMünchen](https://www.youtube.com/c/EHCRedBullMünchen)

TikTok:
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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Patrick Hager: Has been the captain of Red Bull Munich since 2019, has been playing here since 2017. He won his first championship in 2014 with ERC Ingolstadt. In February 2018, Hager earned a



silver medal with the German national team at the Olympic Games. Just two months later, he celebrated his second German championship with Munich.

Ben Smith: He's a player with an undeniable leadership mentality. Always has the team in mind, skates extremely well and works hard at both ends of the ice. So far, Smith has had a very successful career. He is a two-time NCAA champion with the Boston College, won the Stanley Cup with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2013, the Calder Cup with the Toronto Marlies in 2018 and the DEL championship in 2019 with Adler Mannheim.

Trevor Parkes: Trevor is a top-tier goal scorer with incredible physicality. The Canadian right winger netted more often than any other forward (9) in the 2018/19 Champions Hockey League season, earning him the MVP award of the competition. In 2019/20 and 2020/21 Parkes outshot all his competitors in the DEL, scoring 28 and 23 goals respectively.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Mathias Niederberger, G, Eisbären Berlin (DEL)

Ryan McKiernan, D, Rögle Ängelholm (SHL)

Andreas Eder, F, Straubing Tigers (DEL)

Chris DeSousa, F, Grizzlys Wolfsburg (DEL)

STATEMENTS

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

"We have experienced the Champions Hockey League many times over the years. This year, we hope to make a bigger run, learn from each game and win the trophy."

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

Tappara Tampere: "Their Head Coach, Jussi Tapola, is very successful and has a lot of expertise. They will undoubtedly be keen to win because they were Runners-Up in the previous season of the Champions Hockey League. They will be in good shape this year."

Rapperswil-Jona Lakers: "Stefan Hedlund is starting his second season as the Head Coach of the club. He's worked his way up in the coaching ranks. In his first year he qualified for the Champions Hockey League by securing fourth place with Rapperswil in the National League."

Slovan Bratislava: "With Jan Pardavy they have a Head Coach that brings a big playing career together with a good offensive team. Bratislava have a few North American players with a lot of scoring power. They're going to be tough to beat."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Keith Aucoin

Jason Jaffray

Frank Mauer

Joey Vollmer

Michael Wolf

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 journalists.

In 2010 Munich won the championship of the 2. Bundesliga and were promoted to the DEL – Germany's top tier.



In 2010 Munich also made ice hockey history with the longest penalty shootout worldwide to date, which Munich lost to Straubing after the 42nd penalty!

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:

Munich have been playing in special Oktoberfest jerseys for several years now, to pay tribute to the city's famous beer fest.

Superstar Justin Bieber practiced with Munich in September 2016.

Munich played a hockey game on top of Germany's highest mountain, Zugspitze (2.962 m above sea level).

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

In February 2020 **Yannic Seidenberg** became just the sixth player in DEL history to reach the milestone of a thousand league games. He won three German championships with Red Bull Munich as well as a silver medal with the national team at the 2018 Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. Besides Seidenberg also Daryl Boyle, Danny aus den Birken, Frank Mauer, Yasin Ehliz and Patrick Hager were part of the Olympic silver medal team in 2018.

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

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Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tooor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter ("Schiri")



GRIZZLYS WOLFSBURG



Germany

Founded: 1992

GLORY TIMES

German Cup: 1 – 2009

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

2016/17: Round of 32

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Eis Arena Wolfsburg

Address: Allerpark 5,
38448 Wolfsburg, Germany

Capacity: 4,503

Year opened: 2006

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Instagram:
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Sport Director: Karl-Heinz Fliegeauf

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Dustin Strahlmeier: 30-year-old goaltender
who plays for the German national team.

Dustin Jeffrey: Two-time Spengler Cup
winner with Team Canada, Swiss Cup
winner in 2021 with SC Bern.

Rhett Rakhshani: 34-year-old forward
from the USA, is a two-time SHL champi-
ons and a two-time CHL champion.



NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Nolan Zajac, D, Timrå IK (SHL)

Rhett Rakhshani, F, Djurgården
Stockholm (SHL)

Tyler Morley, F, Tappara Tampere (Liiga)

Justin Pogge, G, Kölner Haie (DEL)

Jean-Christophe Beaudin, F, Laval Rocket
(AHL)

Dustin Jeffrey, F, SC Bern (NL)

Laurin Braun, F, Krefeld Pinguine (DEL)

Lucas Dumont, F, Kölner Haie (DEL)

Valentino Klos, F, Adler Mannheim (DEL)

STATEMENTS

**Head Coach Mike Stewart's comments
about the team's goals in the Champions
Hockey League:**

"The CHL is a big challenge for us and a
reward for a very good last season. We
are excited to play against the best teams
in Europe. We are looking forward to the
2022/23 season."

**Head Coach Mike Stewart's comments
about the other teams in the group:**

EV Zug: "Top team of the group.
Very skilled and talented team."

TPS Turku: "Skilled and well-organized
team. Will be hard to play against."

Olimpija Ljubljana: "CHL newcomer.
An exciting challenge for us."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Sebastian Furchner

Tyler Haskins

Jeff Likens

Norm Milley

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Armin Wurm: Has been playing for the
Grizzlys since 2009.

Rhett Rakhshani: Two-time CHL champion.

Björn Krupp & Gerrit Fauser: Silver
medallists at the 2018 Olympic Games in
Pyeongchang.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Dustin Strahlmeier: Tattoos and MMA
fighting.

Rhett Rakhshani: is the brother in law of
Spencer Machacek – they have a great
relationship.

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Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



STRAUBING TIGERS



Germany

Founded: 1941

GLORY TIMES

None

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Eisstadion am Pulverturm

Address: Am Kinseherberg 23,
Straubing, Germany

Capacity: 5,635

Year opened: 1967

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Jason Akeson: Top scorer of the DEL in 2021/22; played in the NHL, AHL, SHL, KHL.

Brandon Manning: Former NHL player for the Edmonton Oilers, the Chicago Blackhawks and the Philadelphia Flyers.

Marcel Brandt: Is well known because he does community work in the area. He has a foundation for junior and kids athletics, he also is a German national team player, that was born and raised in the area of Straubing.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Mark Zengerle, F, Eisbären Berlin (DEL)

Gerrit Festerling, F, Grizzlys Wolfsburg (DEL)

Bastian Eckl, F, Red Bull Munich (DEL)

Florian Bugl, G, Red Bull Salzburg (ICE)

Luke Adam, F, Iserlohn Roosters (DEL)

Hunter Miska, G, Colorado Eagles (AHL)

JC Lipon, F, Sibir Novosibirsk (KHL)

Yuma Grimm, F, Eisbären Juniors Berlin (U20)

Travis Turnbull, F, Schwenninger Wild Wings (DEL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Tom Pokel's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"This is our second time qualifying for the CHL in the past three seasons. However, after qualifying in 2020 for the first time in our club's history, we were unable to play in the 2020/2021 CHL season since it was cancelled as a result of COVID. This is a special CHL appearance for our Straubing Tigers Club. We will be competing against

Europe's best teams and able to meet them on our home ice in front of our fans for the first time.

We are very excited and determined entering the upcoming CHL campaign. The very name "Champions Hockey League" means exactly what it is. Champions Hockey! The winners, the best teams in Europe. Our Team is no different. We want to win. "

Head Coach Tom Pokel's comments about the other teams in the group:

Färjestad Karlstad: "The current SHL champions are most certainly the top team in our group and one of the favourites in the CHL. The Swedish club has won seven SHL championships in the last 25 seasons. Färjestad Karlstad have a strong mix of speed and skill, NHL experience and young NHL prospects as well. An exciting matchup for us to say the least."

Villach SV: "Villach are a team playing in the ICE right in our backyard. The league is similar to our league with teams able to play with 8 - 10 foreigners. Villach are a strong, traditional team in Austria. They pride themselves in developing a lot of home talent including Michael Raffl (Philadelphia Flyers, Dallas Stars). The Villach team has some familiar faces with DEL experience. Head Coach Rob Daum (Iserlohn), defenseman Derek Joslin (Nürnberg, Red Bull Munich) along with forwards Andrew Desjardins (Mannheim) and Robert Sabolic (Ingolstadt, Krefeld). Villach are a team we have to view as an even matchup with us because when given the opportunity they can be very dangerous."

Comarch Cracovia: "Comarch Cracovia is an unknown variable. A team that will have the underdog mentality looking to beat or upset anybody and everybody. A



team that is structured around Polish, Czech and Slovak talent – they will definitely have that eastern European style. Seeing as though we play Comarch Cracovia in our first game in Krakow, it will be essential that we are ready, and determined against a motivated team.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Günter Lupzig

Andreas Lupzig

Robin & Bob Laycock

Eddie Zawatsky & Dough Kirton

Calvin Elfring

Billy Trew

CLUB TRIVIA

Ice hockey in Straubing celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2021.

Star chef Luggi Maurer and Bavarian comedian Hannes Ringlstetter are famous fans of the Straubing Tigers.

Our mascot is named “Tigo”; All Information about him can be found under the following link: www.straubing-tigers.de/tigo

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Mark Zengerle won the DEL with Eisbären Berlin two times.

Marcel Brandt and **Mario Zimmermann** play in the German national team; Marcel Brandt took part in the Olympics in 2022.

Philipp Dietl became the youngest goaltender (17 years-old) to record a shutout on his DEL debut on Feb 15 2022. He was voted to be the Junior of the Season for 2021/22.

Jason Akeson was the top scorer of the DEL in 2021/22.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Marcel Brandt and **Cody Lampl** coach amateur teams at EHC Straubing.

Marcel Brandt has his own coffee brand and is a well-known football player in a team in the area of Straubing playing during the summer break.

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Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Schläger

Goal = Tor

Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



EV ZUG



Founded: 1967

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 1998, 2021, 2022

Swiss Cup: 1 – 2019

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Group Stage (3rd in Group D)

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: BOSSARD Arena

Address: General-Guisan-Strasse 4,
6303 Zug, Switzerland

Capacity: 7,200

Year opened: 2010

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Website:**

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 **Twitter:**

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 **Instagram:**

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 **YouTube:**

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 **TikTok:**

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 **Newsletter:**

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Please note that the deadline for such applications is at 12:00 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

Peter Cehlárik: The Slovak joined Swiss champions EV Zug in the summer after spending a season with Avangard Omsk (KHL) where he was top scorer in the playoffs with 12 points in 13 games. The 188cm tall forward started his career in his hometown with MšHK Zilina before moving to the Arctic Circle to join Luleå Hockey in the junior division in 2011 at the age of 16. Just one year later, Cehlárik made his debut in Sweden's top division and won the Champions Hockey League with Luleå in 2015.

In 2013, the Boston Bruins drafted the winger 90th overall in the 3rd round of the NHL Draft. The forward played in the NHL and for Boston's AHL team, Providence Bruins, between 2016 – 2020. Cehlárik brings experience from 208 SHL, 194 AHL, 40 NHL and 52 KHL games and has made 64 appearances for the Slovak national team. At the 2022 Olympic Games, Cehlárik won a bronze medal with Slovakia.

Jan Kovář: Kovář won the Czech Extraliga in 2013 with HC Pilsen before moving to KHL side Metallurg Magnitogorsk, where he won the Gagarin Cup in 2014 and 2016. In 2018/19 he tried his hand in the organisation of the New York Islanders and the 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 title of Top Scorer of the Swiss National League. In the 2021/22 season, he sported the captain's "C" on his chest for the first time in Zug and led the team to a consecutive championship title after winning their first in 23 years the year prior.

Leonardo Genoni: The 182 cm tall goaltender made his debut in the National League with the ZSC Lions Zurich in 2003 and in 2007 moved to HC Davos, where he won the championship three times in nine years and the Spengler Cup twice. 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. The Swiss goaltender then moved to Zug. In 2020/21, he earned his sixth Swiss NL title. After the second championship with EV Zug in 2022, he now stands at seven titles. Leonardo Genoni has never lost a playoff final series.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Dario Allenspach, F, EVZ Academy (SL)
Peter Cehlárik, F, Avangard Omsk (KHL)
Luca De Nisco, F, EVZ Academy (SL)
Tobias Geisser, D, Hershey Bears (AHL)
Daniel Neumann, F, EVZ Academy (SL)
Arno Nussbaumer, D, EVZ Academy (SL)
Brian O'Neill, F, Jokerit Helsinki (KHL)
Rémi Vogel, D, EVZ Academy (SL)

STATEMENTS

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

"We want to win the Champions Hockey League. We haven't made it through the Quarter-Finals, yet, and we want to go further than that, finally. Every tournament we participate in, we want to win. But of course, we're also humble and have a lot of respect for all the good teams from a lot of good leagues. We're up against a tough group, as it should be in the Champions Hockey League."



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

Grizzlys Wolfsburg: "Wolfsburg have been a stable top team in Germany. I've seen they have signed some interesting players over the summer. They're going to be a tough opponent for us in the Group Stage. Our assistant coach Niklas Gällstedt is familiar with the club as he was on the coaching staff for Wolfsburg in 2018/19."

TPS Turku: "TPS are a very good Finnish team that participated in the Liiga finals in 2021/22 and were only stopped by CHL Finalists Tappara Tampere. They always put a very competitive team on the ice and it's going to be a great challenge competing with them."

Olimpija Ljubljana: "Ljubljana are going to be a new acquaintance for all of us. We're excited to get to know yet another culture and style of hockey. I'm really looking forward to playing them."

EVZ legend. He came back to EVZ at the same time as Sean Simpson (from Hamburg) in 2003, led the team in scoring twice and was the first EVZ player to make it into the NHL (Phoenix Coyotes, 2006) and the KHL (SKA St. Petersburg, 2007). He is currently the head coach of the Swiss national team.

André Künzi: The long-time national defender came from Bern to Zug in 1990 and was one of the leading figures in the EVZ defense 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.

Fabian Schnyder: After 17 seasons with EVZ, the long-time captain (2012 – 2016) ended his career in the 2019/20 season after 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 between 2014/15 and 2019/20.

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Philipp Neuenschwander: 15 Seasons at EVZ, 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 international 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. The international player (181 games) was an EVZ junior and became champion with Lugano (1999) and Davos (2002) but is still regarded as an

CLUB TRIVIA

EVZ means Eissportverein Zug. EVZ is the only club in Switzerland with "Eissportverein" in its name, what makes it unique for the fans.

In 2014, EV Zug founded "The Hockey Academy", an educational concept which offers young ice hockey players a flexible training model with focus on sporting, professional, academic and social skills. In the 2022/23 season, 10 Academy graduates will be on Zug's roster.

Triple gold club member Peter Forsberg is an official ambassador for "The Hockey Academy".



PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Jan Kovář has won a cup in the Czech Extraliga (HC Pilsen), KHL (Magnitogorsk) and Switzerland (EV Zug).

Leonardo Genoni has won seven Swiss national titles with 3 different teams (HC Davos, SC Bern, EV Zug).

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

Peter Cehlárik won the Champions Hockey League with Luleå Hockey in 2015 and a bronze medal with the Slovak national team at the 2022 Olympic Games.

Assistant Coach **Niklas Gällstedt** was a member of the coaching staff for Grizzlys Wolfsburg in 2018/19.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Sven Senteler is a passionate fisherman.

Dominik Schlumpf is a painter.

Brian O'Neill has a 6.0 Handicap in golfing.

Luca De Nisco studies mechanical engineering at ETH Zurich after graduating from "The Hockey Academy" with a matura diploma.

Leonardo Genoni wears a hearing aid.

Dominik Schlumpf, Sven Senteler and **Josh Holden** (Assistant Coach) are certified sommeliers.

Lino Martschini and **Grégory Hofmann** are official ambassadors for "The Hockey Academy" along with triple gold club member Peter Forsberg.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Faceoff = Bully / Anspiel

Offside = Offside / Offside

Puck = Pögg / Puck

Hockey stick = Iishockeystock / Eishockeystock

Goal = Gool / Tor

Penalty = Straf / Strafe

Referee = Schiri / Schiedsrichter



FRIBOURG-GOTTÉRON



Founded: 1937

GLORY TIMES

None

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Round of 16

2016/17: Semi-Finalist

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

2014/15: Round of 16

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

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Address: Ch. St-Léonard 5, 1701 Fribourg, Switzerland

Capacity: 8,934

Year opened: 2020


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Julien Sprunger: Julien is a local player that was trained by Fribourg-Gottéron, a club with which he made his debut in the NL during the 2002/2003 season and for which he still plays. He was drafted into the NHL by the Minnesota Wild in 2004 in



the fourth round in 117th position. He has been the captain of the team since season 2010/2011.

Last season on 14 December 2020, Julien became Fribourg-Gottéron's highest scorer ever. The captain now has 652 points and there are plenty more still to come.

David Desharnais: David spent nine seasons in the NHL, plying in 524 games and scoring 282 points. During the lockout at the beginning of the 2012/2013 season, he played sixteen games with Fribourg-Gottéron before signing with us for 2019/2020. Davis was voted MVP of the team for the 2020/21 season.

Reto Berra: Reto is a big goaltender (194 cm) and one of the best goalies in Europe. He has played 69 games with the Swiss national team and won two silver medals at World Championships.

Reto spent five seasons in North America, playing 76 games in the NHL with a 0.905 save percentage.

He has played seven seasons in the NL and joined Fribourg-Gottéron in 2018/19. Named MVP for the last season 2021 – 2022.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Marcus Sörensen, F, Djurgården Stockholm (SHL)

Christoph Bertschy, F, Lausanne HC (NL)

Jacob De la Rose, F, Färjestad Karlstad (SHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"Our goal is to go further this year. We have a solid team and we want to qualify

for the next round. That's what you play for – you play to win! But we'll take it step by step."

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

Stavanger Oilers: "The champions of Norway."

Ilves Tampere: "A really solid hockey team with great hockey culture."

Red Bull Salzburg: "Every year they finish in the top of the ICE."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Slava Bykov

Andrei Khomutov

Shawn Heinz

David Aebischer (Goaltender Coach): won the Stanley Cup with Colorado 20 years ago.

CLUB TRIVIA

Fribourg's club logo has a dragon which is because of a legend of a dragon in the old town of Fribourg.

Fribourg were first promoted to the first division in the 4 March 1980.

Fribourg is a bilingual city (Swiss German and French).

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 / But

Penalty = Referee = Arbitre / Schiri



ZSC LIONS ZÜRICH



Founded: 1930

GLORY TIMES

CHL titles: 1 – 2009 (old format)

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

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Round of 16

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 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-Placed

ARENA INFO

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Year opened: 2022


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Patrick Geering: The 32-year-old defence-man, and captain of the team, will mark his 15th season as a pro for Zurich. Including the Champions Hockey League, Geering has played over 800 games for this club. He was the time-on-ice leader of the team with an average of 23:21 minutes in the 2021/22 regular season. Geering is a home-grown player.

Mikko Lehtonen: The newly crowned World Champion Mikko Lehtonen from Finland is the new offensive defender that the ZSC Lions were looking for. He is strong on the puck and a good skater. A complete defender. Lehtonen has played a total of 461 games in the four top leagues: 236 in Finland (TPS, KooKoo, Tappara), 86 in Sweden (HV71), 113 in the KHL (Jokerit, St. Petersburg) and 26 in the NHL (Toronto, Columbus) and has scored 207 points. The left-handed shooter became Swedish champion with HV71 in 2017. He has won gold twice with the Finnish national team – 2019 World Championship and 2022 Olympic Games. The defender was selected for the All-Star team at both tournaments. The 28-year-old also featured in Finland's World Cup squad this year.

Sven Andrighetto: After five years with the Montreal Canadiens and Colorado Avalanche (227 games, 84 points) in the NHL and one season with Avangard Omsk (56 games, 27 points) in the KHL, Sven Andrighetto returned to the ZSC Lions for the 2020/21 season. Signing "Ghetto" was a unique opportunity. He is one of the best forwards in Switzerland with distinctive productivity. The 29-year-old home-grown player has scored 118 points in 125 games so far for the lions.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Šimon Hrubec, G, Avangard Omsk (KHL)

Jeffrey Meier, G, GCK Lions (SL)

Enzo Guebey, D, GCK Lions (SL)

Dean Kukan, D, Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL)

Mikko Lehtonen, D, SKA St. Petersburg (KHL)

Jérôme Bachofner, F, EV Zug (NL)

Kyen Sopa, F, GCK Lions (SL)

Lucas Wallmark, F, ZSKA Moskau (KHL)

Juho Lammikko, F, Vancouver Canucks (NHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Rikard Grönborg's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It will, once again, be a huge honor for our organisation to represent Swiss hockey internationally. We always have as a goal to win whatever league, tournament or cup we're playing so nothing different with this challenge."

Head Coach Rikard Grönborg's comments about the other teams in the group:

Rögle Ängelholm: "Rögle have been a powerhouse in Swedish hockey for a couple of years now and have proven this yet again by winning the Champions Hockey League last year. They have turned over some players from last year's team that beat us in the Quarter-Finals but I expect them to be a top team again this year, both in the SHL and in the Champions Hockey League."

Fehérvár AV19: "I've been to Hungary a couple of times with the Swedish national team to play against the Hungarian national team and every game has been a close one, so I expect them to be a very tough opponent. They are also coached



by a very experienced coach, Kevin Constantine, who will have the team very well prepared and organized.”

GKS Katowice: “I’m not as familiar with Polish hockey but if you look at their line-up with both size and age it appears to be a very experienced team that is a powerhouse in Poland. Again, based on my experience with the Swedish national team, there are many very good players in any top league in Europe, so I expect this Katowice team to be very competitive.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Severin Blindenbacher

Lukas Flüeler

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

Last season, the ZSC Lions ended runners-up after a great final series against EV Zug. The Zurich team boasted ten players in its line-up who had graduated from the club’s impressive youth system, which has 1367 boys and girls in 71 teams. The ZSC women’s team and the U17 junior team both won their respective national title. Investing for the future with the new

Swiss Life Arena (which will be ready in October 2022), the club is also making a significant impact with several social responsibility programs.

Facts

Biggest ice hockey organisation in Switzerland.

71 teams and 1,367 players overall.

PLAYERS’ TRIVIA

Home-grown players on Swiss national team still playing for ZSC Lions

Sven Andrighetto, Dean Kukan.

Home-grown players on Swiss national team playing for other Swiss clubs

Reto Berra, Leonardo Genoni, Melvin Nyffeler, Marco Miranda.

Home-grown players in NHL

Tim Berni (Columbus Blue Jackets), Kevin Fiala (Los Angeles Kings), Denis Malgin (Toronto Maple Leafs), Jonas Siegenthaler (New Jersey Devils), Pius Suter (Detroit Red Wings).

BEYOND HOCKEY

Very active on social media

Jérôme Bachofner

Chris Baltisberger

Justin Sigrist

Kyen Sopa

Ludovic Waeber

Cool things

Sven Andrighetto: wears the “Grossmünster” (landmark of Zurich) as a tattoo.

Chris Baltisberger: DJ in the locker room, produces and sells his own ginger shots.

Phil Baltisberger: has a dog.

Simon Bodenmann: loves Chinese food.

Dominik Diem: gifted soccer player.



Patrick Geering: informatics genius.

Reto Schäppi: parody is a strength of his.

Justin Sigrist: loves elephants.

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Penalty = Strafe

Referee = Schiedsrichter



RAPPERSWIL-JONA LAKERS

 **Switzerland**
Founded: 1945







GLORY TIMES
Swiss Cup: 1 – 2018

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES
None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS
Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO
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8640 Rapperswil, Switzerland
Capacity: 6,100
Year opened: 2006

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Roman Červenka: Forward from the Czech Republic who is in his fourth season with the Lakers. Won Gold at the World Championship in 2010. Was Swiss NL Top Scorer last season (20 goals, 44 assists). Ended 2022 World Championship as tournament Top Scorer and won Bronze.



Melvin Nyffeler: Has been the Lakers' #1 goalie for seven seasons now. Recently signed a new contract until 2025/26.

Emil Djuse: Defenseman from Sweden in his second season with the Lakers. Has great hockey sense and passing skills.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Maxim Noreau, D, ZSC Lions Zurich (NL)

Jordan Schroeder, F, Jokerit Helsinki (ex-KHL)

Nicklas Jensen, F, Jokerit Helsinki (ex-KHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Stefan Hedlund's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our goal is to get to the playoffs and then take it from there."

Head Coach Stefan Hedlund comments about the other teams in the group:

Red Bull Munich: "Munich are a very solid team, well coached by Don Jackson, and have been the German champion in three of the last seven years."

Tappara Tampere: "Tappara Tampere are not only the Finnish champions but also the Finalists of last year's CHL – so obviously a very strong opponent."

Slovan Bratislava: "Slovan Bratislava are like Munich a very solid team and the champion in Slovakia. They also played in the KHL for seven years."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Fritz Bhend

Urban Kohler

Hugo Stössel

Cyrill Geyer

Sven Berger

Antonio Rizzello

Stacy Roest

Mike McParland

CLUB TRIVIA

Founded in 1945, 300+ junior players, 50 employees, 300 volunteers.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Roman Červenka: National League top scorer 2021/22 and World Championships top scorer 2021/22, World Champion 2010.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Fabian Maier: Owns four cows, works on the farm of his brother in his spare time and is a big fan of "Schwingen" – a unique Swiss sport (a bit similar to wrestling).

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Iishockey

Faceoff = Bully

Offside = Offside

Puck = Schiibe

Hockey stick = Stock

Goal = Rahme

Penalty = Penalty

Referee = Schiri



HC DAVOS



Switzerland

Founded: 1921

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 31 – 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1984, 1985, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2015
Spengler Cup titles: 15

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2017/18: Group Stage (3rd in Group E)
2016/17: Round of 32
2015/16: Semi-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fifth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Eisstadion Davos
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7270 Davos Platz, Switzerland
Capacity: 6,585
Year opened: 1979

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Andres Ambühl: Andres grew up in Davos and played in the junior team of HC Davos in his youth. The coming season will be his 19th in the professional team of Davos. At the IIHF World Championship in Finland in 2022, Ambühl became the player with the most games played at World Championships (123 in total).

Magnus Nygren: Magnus has been a leader in our team for years. The Swede is strong defensively and can also create offensive chances with his shots. In the dressing room he is a leader who takes a lot of responsibility.

Enzo Corvi: Enzo has super-fast hands and a brilliant game intelligence. The center often shines in set up play for important goals. He prefers to set up goals rather than score them himself. He is also a quiet guy who doesn't like the spotlight.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Leon Bristedt, F, Rögle Ängelholm (SHL)
Klas Dahlbeck, D, CSKA Moskau (KHL)
Joakim Nordström, F, CSKA Moskau (KHL)
Michael Fora, D, HC Ambrì-Piotta (NL)

STATEMENTS

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

"The Champions Hockey League is a big challenge and of course we want to get as far as possible. But we're playing against the best in Europe, so it won't be an easy task. We'll take it one game at a time and try to beat every opponent."

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

Skellefteå AIK: "It's always very difficult to win against teams from Sweden. It won't be any different against Skellefteå. But that's exactly why we're in the CHL – we want to compete against really strong teams."

Oceláři Třinec: "In the last three years, Třinec was the measure of all things in the Czech Republic and secured the championship title each time. The Czechs are certainly one of the favourites in our group. They have a strong team, and we will stand strong against them."

Belfast Giants: "Belfast are what many experts would call the underdog. But Davos have already had tough games against teams from the UK. We will not underestimate the Giants in any case and press the gas pedal from the beginning."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Bibi Torriani
Hans Cattini
Walter Dürst
Reto von Arx
Sandro Rizzi
Marc Gianola

CLUB TRIVIA

Hosts of the legendary Spengler Cup Davos.

Club history of over 100 Years (1921 – 2022).

Record champion in Switzerland (31).



PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Andres Ambühl: The coming season will be his 19th in the professional team of Davos. He has won 6 Swiss championship titles. He has participated in the World Championship 17 times and is the player with the most games played at World Championships (123 in total).

Matěj Stránský: Played two seasons for Třinec and won the Czech Extraliga in 2020/21.

Leon Bristedt: Was part of Rögle Ängelholm (2018 – 2022) and won the CHL in 2021/22.

Dominik Egli: Was part of Rapperswil-Jona Lakers between 2019 – 2021.

Magnus Nygren: Grew up with Färjestad Karlstad and was captain in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Dennis Rasmussen: Played for the Växjö Lakers between 2011 – 2014 and won the Swedish championship title during a short comeback (20 Games) in 2017/18.

BEYOND HOCKEY

A lot of our Players have dogs (**Ambühl, Corvi, Aeschlimann, Jung**).

Two players from the west of Switzerland (we are in the east), who now play for us, have tattooed features of the canton of Grisons (Capricorn) after one season.

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RÖGLE ÄNGELHOLM



Sweden

Founded: 1932

GLORY TIMES

CHL titles: 1 – 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Champions

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

CHL Champions

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Capacity: 6,310

Year opened: 2008

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Dennis Everberg: Dennis' hard work and goal scoring ability make him one of the most valued players among the fans. After his return to the club after years abroad he became one of the key players in the club's recent success.



Anton Bengtsson: came to Rögle three years ago and has developed into a top player in the SHL. Last season he scored 20 goals in the SHL before he joined team Sweden to play in the World Championship.

Adam Tambellini: The 27-year-old Canadian played in the Olympics in 2022. He scored a team-leading 24 goals in the SHL last season. He also had five goals in eleven CHL games. Tambellini is one of the most dangerous players in the offensive zone in the SHL.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Theodor Niederbach, F, Frölunda Gothenburg (SHL)

Michael Kapla, D, Skellefteå AIK (SHL)

Riley Sheen, F, Bietigheim Steelers (DEL2)

STATEMENTS

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

"Like last year when we entered the tournament, we are in it to win it. This year our goal is to defend our title from last year."

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

ZSC Lions Zurich: "They are an opponent we got the face last year. They're a really good team and we have to be ready for the challenge they will bring."

GKS Katowice: "We haven't played them before and have to be ready. We don't underestimate any team. Katowice won their league and know what it takes to win, and that's something we have to be prepared for."

Fehérvár AV19: "We learned last year how important it is to play well in the Group Stage. I'm sure that Fehérvár will be a re-

ally hungry team so it's up to us to be ready for it."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Stefan Elvenes

Roger Elvenes

Jakob Johansson

Kentth Svensson

Kenny Jönsson

Lennart Åkesson

CLUB TRIVIA

Founded in 1932 as a bandy club at first before joining the hockey federation. Legendary players such as Ulf Sterner, Dave Poulin and Kenny Jonsson have represented the club.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Dennis Everberg has two World Championship gold medals.

Five players will attend the WJC 2022.

Riley Sheen was the goal scoring leader in Germany last year.

Adam Tambellini played for Team Canada in the Olympics.

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FÄRJESTAD KARLSTAD



Sweden

Founded: 1932

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 10 – 1981, 1986, 1988, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2022

Spengler Cup titles: 2 – 1994, 1995

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Round of 16

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Round of 32

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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65108 Karlstad, Sweden


Capacity: 8,250


Year opened: 2001


WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 **Instagram:**
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 **YouTube:**
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CLUB STAFF

President/Chairman: Lars Appelqvist

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Sport Director: Rickard Wallin

Head Coach: Tomas Mitell

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Linus Johansson: Our captain. Since joining from Djurgården Stockholm in 2018 he has had a leading role in the team both on and off the ice. Last year he signed a new long-term contract with the club and we hope to have him around for a long time.

Per Åslund: The team's veteran and the club record holder in most games played. A work horse who seems to get better and better each year.

Joakim Nygård: One of the fastest players in the SHL. Came back to Färjestad from an adventure in Canada with the Edmonton Oilers where he, among other things, outskated Connor McDavid in a skills competition. Nygård signed a six-year contract when he returned and is one of our most important players.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Ville Pokka, D, Avangard Omsk (KHL)

Matt Tomkins, G, Frölunda Gothenburg (SHL)

Axel Bergkvist, D, Mora IK (Allsvenskan)

Henrik Björklund, F, BIK Karlskoga (Allsvenskan)

August Tornberg, D, Västerås IK (Allsvenskan)

Max Lindroth, D, Linköping HC (SHL)

Marcus Westfält, F, Västerviks IK (Allsvenskan)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Tomas Mitell's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our goal is to advance from the group. As a professional team you always want to win every game and go as far as possible

in a tournament. There are a lot of good teams in Europe so it will be a great challenge for the team and the organisation."

Head Coach Tomas Mitell's comments about the other teams in the group:

"It will be a great experience to play in Europe and play against some new teams and travel as a group to new countries. We are really looking forward to the challenge and hopefully meet a different style of hockey than we normally do in the SHL. Regarding the teams – we will take a closer look as we get closer to the season and the games, we will pre-scout them like we normally do and make sure that we are ready for the games. We are looking forward to the season to start and will prepare in the best possible way."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Håkan Loob

Tommy Samuelsson

Thomas Rundqvist

Jörgen Jönsson

Mathias Johansson

Peter Nordström

Rickard Wallin

Milan Gulaš

Jaroslav Špaček

Marcel Jenni

Martin Gerber

CLUB TRIVIA

Founded in 1932 by workers at the local brewery. Färjestad is an area just outside the city centre of Karlstad and its name origins from the old days when there was a ferry port on the river Klarälven on the site. Translated to English, Färjestad means Ferry Town.



PLAYERS' TRIVIA

This season, **Per Åslund** became club record holder in most games played. He also got the SHL MVP award in the playoffs when he helped the club to its 10th championship. It was Per Åslund's third SHL title.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Our arena, Löfbergs Arena, is located on the same location as the first outdoor rink that was built in the 1950's. In 1967 a rink with a roof was built, thus creating Färjestad's Ice Hall. It had a capacity of over 10,000 – all standing!

Over the years it was renovated and seats were put in. In 2001 it had a capacity of just 5,000. The new Löfbergs Arena was built around the existing Ice Hall and when the season was finished the old rink was destroyed and replaced with the brand new arena which now holds 8,250 spectators.

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Referee = Domare



LULEÅ HOCKEY



Sweden

Founded: 1977

GLORY TIMES

CHL titles: 1 – 2015

European Trophy titles: 1 – 2012

National titles: 1 – 1996

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2019/20: Semi-Finals

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

2015/16: Quarter-Finals

2014/15: Champions

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Runners-Up

ARENA INFO

Name: Coop Norrbotten Arena

Address: Gammelstadsvägen 27,
973 34 Luleå, Sweden

Capacity: 6,150

Year opened: 1971

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:
www.luleahockey.se

Facebook:
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Twitter:
twitter.com/LuleaHockey

Instagram:
www.instagram.com/LuleaHockey

YouTube:
www.youtube.com/c/LuleaHockeyOfficial

LinkedIn:
www.linkedin.com/company/luleahockey/

CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Joel Lassinantti: Local goaltender who has been one of the SHL's top goaltenders for many seasons. 2015 Champions Hockey League Champion.

Erik Gustafsson: Team captain and one of the SHL's top defensemen. Averages close to 30 minutes per game. Has played



in both the NHL and KHL and is now going into his fifth season with Luleå Hockey.

Juhani Tyrväinen: A Finnish fan favourite in the north of Sweden. He is one of the SHL's best hitters and can also play a really good two-way game for the team.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Matteus Ward, G, Mora IK (Allsvenskan)

STATEMENTS

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

"Our goal in the CHL is the same as it is with the SHL or any other challenge that we face, and that is to compete to win in every game. We have a team that could go all the way, which we show on the ice in every game."

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

Jukurit Mikkeli: "An interesting Finnish team that are starting to establish themselves in their league. I am sure they will prove to be a really tough team to play against."

Sparta Prague: "One of the most traditional teams in European hockey. A team that we have previously played before and know that they will be a tough challenge."

Aalborg Pirates: "It's always fun to play teams from leagues that we have not played against before. Even if they probably rank the lowest in the group, we know that there are no easy games in the CHL."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Johan Strömwall
Jarmo Myllys
Roger Åkerström
Stefan Nilsson

CLUB TRIVIA

Luleå Hockey is Sweden's biggest hockey club when it comes to the number of active players. We have a solid youth organization for both boys and girls, from the youngest up to our U20 teams. Plus, we have Europe's best women's hockey team, being Swedish champions in five of the last six seasons.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

We have three Finnish players: **Juhani Tyrväinen, Julius Honka** and **Olli Nikupeteri**.

We have two Czech players: **Filip Pyrochta** and **Radek Mužík**.

We have never had any male Danish players on our team.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Konstantin Komarek is a regular at the children's hospital in Luleå.

The entire team tries to meet younger fans and visit schools when asked.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

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Referee = domare



SKELLEFTEÅ AIK



Sweden

Founded: 1921

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 3 – 1978, 2013, 2014

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Round of 16

2019/20: Round of 16

2018/19: Quarter-Finals

2016/17: Round of 32

2015/16: Quarter-Finals

2014/15: Semi-Finals

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Third-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/skellefteaikhockey

Twitter:
twitter.com/skelleftea_ik

Instagram:
www.instagram.com/skellefteaik

YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/skellefteaikhockey

CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Oscar Möller: Team captain and born goal scorer. Has a truly loyal style of play, both on and off the ice, and leads by example through his hard work and dedication. Great in powerplay/penalty kill and also good at faceoffs.

Gustaf Lindvall: Hometown hero who has been showing increased skills of flexibility, perseverance and an overall consistency in his game.

Jonathan Pudas: Valuable defender and highly appreciated amongst the fans. Last season his scoring put him in third place in the team. And he was also voted "defender of the year" in the SHL.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Max Lindholm, F, AIK (Allsvenskan)
Pär Lindholm, F, Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)
Linus Söderström, G, Ässät (Liiga)
Andreas Wingerli, F, Colorado Eagles (AHL)
Arvid Lundberg, D, Växjö Lakers HC (SHL)
Anton Olsson, D, Malmö Redhawks (SHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"We are in a really tough group. First of all, we want to qualify from the Group Stage to the Playoffs. Together with that our aim is to control the game and set the way we want to play."

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

HC Davos: "One of the best teams in Switzerland will definitely be a tough opponent. Their team consists mainly of Swiss players, but also five well-known Swedes."

Oceláři Třinec: "A team that has been in the top of the domestic league for many years, winning three of the last four seasons."

Belfast Giants: "An interesting team, with great home fans! It will definitely be a tough away game for us."

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 practice on ice, the arena is full of fans who come to see the players for the first time of the season and see the team presented. They are also able to get an autograph or skate with the players before the practice.

The club has been working hard with their youths, and gives senior contracts to a few of their own juniors each year. Gustaf Lindvall, Pär Lindholm, Andreas Wingerli, Petter Granberg, Linus Lindström, Simon Robertsson, Albin Sundsvik, Jonathan Pudas and Måns Forsfjäll have all played junior hockey for Skellefteå AIK.



Skellefteå AIK have had many skillful players in the last years that have been given an NHL contract. For example: Adam Larsson, Melker Karlsson, Viktor Arvidsson, Marcus Pettersson, Oskar Sundqvist and Pär Lindholm to name a few.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Gustaf Lindvall: Most impressive is his journey getting to where he is today as a goalkeeper. Born in Skellefteå and playing junior hockey in Skellefteå AIK he then played in the lower Swedish leagues as late as 2014/15 before returning and starting a new hockey chapter.

Andreas Wingerli: Five-time winner of the team triathlon "Thomson Trophy".

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FRÖLUNDA GOTHENBURG



Sweden

Founded: 1944

GLORY TIMES

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

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

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Semi-Finals

2019/20: Champions

2018/19: Champions

2017/18: Round of 16

2016/17: Champions

2015/16: Champions

2014/15: Runners-Up

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Regular Season Fourth-Placed

ARENA INFO

Name: Frölundaborgs Isstadion

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414 76 Gothenburg, Sweden

Capacity: 6,044

Year opened: 2009

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Twitter:
twitter.com/frolunda_hc

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

TikTok:
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CLUB STAFF

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Joel Lundqvist: The team captain and one of the most prominent players in the club's history. Went through Frölunda's development program (Academy) and debuted in the first team as an 18-year-old in 2000. The famous player has won four Swedish championships (2003, 2005, 2016, 2019), four CHL titles (2016, 2017, 2019, 2020), three World Championships (2006, 2013, 2017) and spent three seasons in the NHL playing for the Dallas Stars (2006 – 2009).

Christian Folin: Went through Frölunda's development program but choose a different path to the big leagues. Moved from Sweden to the USA to play college hockey and ended up with an NHL contract with the Minnesota Wild. Spent seven seasons in the NHL/AHL and played for four organisations – Minnesota, Los Angeles Kings, Philadelphia Flyers and Montreal Canadiens.

Joined Frölunda in the summer of 2021 after winning the Swedish championship with Växjö.

Lasse Johansson: Statistically one of the best goalies in European hockey. Won one Swedish championship and one CHL title in his first stay in Frölunda. Won the Gagarin cup with CSKA Moskva in 2019. Represented Sweden at the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Lasse Johansson, G, CSKA Moskva (KHL)

Pontus Johansson, D, Djurgården Stockholm (SHL)

Lucas Nordsäter, D, Södertälje SK (Allsvenskan)

Filip Hasa, D, Modo (SHL)

Jere Innala, F, IFK Helsinki (Liiga)

Tom Nilsson, D, Djurgården Stockholm (SHL)

Petteri Lindbohm, D, Floridan Panthers (NHL)

Anthony Greco, F, New York Rangers (NHL)

STATEMENTS

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

"With our record it is obvious that we take the CHL seriously. We aim for the trophy as we always do but are aware that the tournament gets tougher each year. We are really looking forward to the new CHL season."

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

Mountfield HK: "A top Czech team that we have the utmost respect for. We have played them several times and know them pretty well."

Eisbären Berlin: "Another team we have experience with. A well-organized top German club with a first-class arena."

Grenoble: "A new acquaintance that we have not scouted yet. It will be an interesting experience for us, a good test. And You should always respect a winning team."



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

CLUB TRIVIA

Frölunda Gothenburg have attracted the most spectators in the Swedish hockey league (SHL) for several years and Göteborg is well known for its great interest in hockey. The previous season, Frölunda attracted an average of 10,071 fans for home games.

The club has changed names in the past. The club was founded as Västra Frölunda IF (1944), then changed name to Västra Frölunda Hockey Club (1984) before becoming Frölunda Hockey Club in 1994.

In 2022 the club changed its logo.

The first team has over the years been coached by respectable names such as Leif Boork, Lars Falk, Tommy Boustedt and Conny Evensson. The current Head Coach, Roger Rönnberg, arrived in 2013 and is on a long-term contract that expires in 2025.

In 2016 Frölunda won the double: SHL and CHL.

In 2017 Frölunda won the CHL for the second time.

In 2019 Frölunda won the double again: SHL and CHL.

In 2020 Frölunda won the CHL for the fourth time.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Ryan Lasch has an outstanding record in the CHL. Three CHL titles – 2016, 2019 and 2020. Two-time CHL MVP (2016 and 2020). The competition's Top Scorer with a remarkable 109 points in 72 games – 33 goals and 76 assists.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Since **Anders Grönlund** joined Frölunda, his studies at university, construction engineering, will be on hold. He will continue the studies when his career in hockey comes to an end.

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OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA



Slovenia

Founded: 2004

GLORY TIMES

National titles (Slovenia): 2 – 2019, 2022

League titles (ICE): None

Slovenian Cup: 3 – 2018, 2019, 2021

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

Wild Card

ARENA INFO

Name: Hala Tivoli

Address: Celovška cesta 25,
1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Capacity: 4,083

Year opened: 1965

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Twitter:
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Instagram:
www.instagram.com/hkszo_olimpija

YouTube:
[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCOH5JgTmSo43Je6zysfnG2w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOH5JgTmSo43Je6zysfnG2w)

CLUB STAFF

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- e-mail
- phone number



TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Marc-Olivier (Marco) Vallerand: Marco is from Longueuil, Quebec. He started his career with the Québec Remparts (QM-JHL), continued with the Greenville Road Warriors (ECHL), then moved to Europe, where he has played for teams in Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Great Britain and Slovenia. Marco was part of Olimpija Ljubljana in the 2020/21 season when the club won the Alps Hockey League championship.

Marco has an outstanding professional approach – his positive mindset makes him a true motivator for other players and a true warrior on the ice. For this spirit, he is an absolute fan favourite wherever he plays hockey.

Žiga Pance: Žiga is from Ljubljana. Our team captain made his first ice hockey steps at Olimpija and is one of our legendary players. He has played 619 games in the ICE, won the championship with HC Bolzano in 2015 and with Olimpija he won the Alps Hockey League title in 2021. He is a member of the Slovenian national team and competed at the Sochi 2014 and PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games.

Žiga is a very passionate player, he is a Ljubljana native and the public love him for the heart he puts into the team. He is a true team captain, who knows when to stand up for his teammates.

Žan Us: Žan is a talented goalie from Kranj, a city about 30 km away from Ljubljana. He has played for several teams in Slovenia, in the Czech Republic and France. With Olimpija he became the Alps Hockey League champion in the 2018/19 season.

Žan's amazing performances thrill the audience at Hala Tivoli. He is also a national team goalkeeper.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Marco Vallerand, F, Sheffield Steelers (EIHL)

Carl Neil, D, Kölner Haie (DEL)

Chris Dodero, F, American International College (NCAA)

Anthony Morrone, G, Mulhouse (Ligue Magnus)

Nejc Stojan, D, Jesenice (AHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Mitja Šivic's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It's our first time competing in the Champions Hockey League. We are going to play with very good hockey teams with extremely good individuals. For sure, it is going to be fun, yet very demanding to play those games. However, we don't want to take it as an experience, because in my perspective, this is a losing mentality. We are a hard-working team. We will play hard and see where this brings us. We don't have high goals, but we are not here to participate, we are here to compete."

Head Coach Mitja Šivic comments about the other teams in the group:

EV Zug: "They finished the regular season in first place and became Swiss champions. They have national team players, players with NHL and KHL experience and also players who compete at the World Championships and the Olympic Games. We will do the scouting, we will do our job, but at the same time we are aware who is the favourite in this duel."



Grizzlys Wolfsburg: "They have excellent results, a lot of Canadians on their team, so probably they have a Canadian style of play. The team competes very hard. We will see what we can achieve. It will be exciting and fun to play against them. Excitement will be there from our side, that's for sure."

TPS Turku: "They are one of the top teams in their league. The whole world knows what Finnish hockey stands for. It is all about speed, good skating, defence, responsibility. They are a very good team and it's a privilege to play against them. We will try to give them a little bit of a challenge."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Tomaž Vnuk

Aleš Mušič

Ildar Rahmatullin

Igor Beribak

Dejan Kontrec

Nik Zupančič

Ed Kastelic

Neil Sheehy

Marjan Gorenc

Štefan Seme

Ernest Aljančič

Anton Gale

Rudi Hiti

Gorazd Hiti

Bojan Zajc

Ivo Jan

Darko Prusnik

Boštjan Groznik

Frank Banham

CLUB TRIVIA

Olimpija Ljubljana celebrate 90 years since playing their first hockey game this year, however hockey was played in Slovenia before then. On 21 February 1932 the first game of ice hockey took place in Ljubljana. The first game in which hockey players of Ilirija (later Olimpija) competed against players of KAC Klagenfurt, the latter won 12:1. A week later Ilirija played with the Villacher Sportverein (VSV), the Austrians beat them 4:2.

Mascot of Olimpija: Dragon Paki (Zmajček Paki).

Paki is the best hockey player among dragons. He lives in the Tivoli Hall in Ljubljana, where he vigilantly accompanies all hockey players, who gain their skills on the ice. Paki is a good-hearted dragon who, as an aspiring hockey player, likes to watch hockey games at the legendary Hala Tivoli and it is very likely that you will see him at our games.

There are other Olimpija teams in Ljubljana – in basketball, football, floorball, gymnastics etc. However, the most iconic for the city of Ljubljana are Olimpija teams in ice hockey, basketball and football. The club used several names, like Ilirija, Team Ljubljana, before becoming Olimpija in the early 1960's. Since then, the name Olimpija has inseparably been connected to the city of Ljubljana. The names might have changed over the years, but the colours have remained the same: green and white.

Famous fans:

Frontman of Slovenian rock band Big Foot Mama Gregor Škofar is a big fan of all the Olimpija teams, he attends games on a regular basis. The band also produced a hymn for all Olimpija fans.



Another rock singer, Pero Lovšin, is the author of the hymn Olimpija, again for all the Olimpija teams that are based in Ljubljana.

The goalkeeper of FC Olimpija, Nejc Vidmar, is a huge supporter of all Olimpija teams.

At the end of each game, Olimpija players usually greet and thank the fans in their own special way on the ice, which results in fans singing: Sha-la-la-la-la-Olimpija.

The fans – Green Dragons and United Olimpija Supporters – usually sing a legendary song from the 1960's about Ljubljana called "Na vrhu nebotičnika (At the top of a skyscraper)" during the game.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Žiga Pance: two-time Olympian (Sochi 2014, PyeongChang 2018), 2015 ICE champion (with HC Bolzano), 619 ICE/EBEL games played.

Joona Erving: 2017/18 Mestis champion.

Aleksandar Magovac: 2018 French champion (Grenoble), World Championship (D1A) Gold medal in 2022.

Carl Neill: Universiade bronze medal (2019), USports all-rookie team (2017/18).

Chris Doderio: NCAA (AHA) Champion (2017/18, 2020/21, 2021/22), NCAA (AHA) Best defensive forward (2020/21).

Marco Vallerand: ECHL All-star game (2010/11), EIHL most goals (2017/18), AlpsHL Most Goals – 32 (2018/19), EIHL All-star first team (2021/22).

Miha Zajc: EBYSL champion (2013/14), AlpsHockey scorer of championship winning goal (2018/19), World Championship (D1A) Gold medal (2022).

BEYOND HOCKEY

Nik Simšič spent his high school years in Sweden at a hockey academy, speaks fluent Swedish. He is a great cook and likes to experiment with different national cuisines, loves to read and studies computer science.

Žiga Pance is a family man, likes children and spending time with them. He also likes to spend time with the junior teams and pass on his experience.

Jaka Šturm is a music lover and therefore the team's DJ. He is the one who prepares the music for the warmup and the dressing room.

Joona Erving is not only a professional hockey player, but also a student of information systems.

Head Coach Mitja Šivic is a huge fan of cycling. He comes to practices on his bicycle from Radovljica to Ljubljana, which takes him about 1 hour and 20 minutes and is 42 km one way.

Tine Klofutar was diagnosed with diabetes as a child, but this hasn't kept him from the one thing he loves most – hockey. He spent several years in Norway bettering his hockey skills. He knows how to handle his condition and still train and compete at a professional level.

Miha Zajc is a tattoo lover. He also enjoys spending time with his dog. His father is legendary Olimpija hockey player Bojan Zajc.



Kristjan and Mark Čepon: are brothers, both defencemen. They started at Olimpija as young boys, still going strong for the team.

Tadej Čimžar: lives at the foothills of the Alps and is a passionate mountaineer.

Žan Us and Aleksandar Magovac: both became fathers for the first time last season.

Marco Vallerand: likes to stay busy when he's off the ice. He loves to play golf, he likes motorcycles, cooking, and renovating houses! That's when he doesn't work out or play hockey.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hokej

Faceoff = Začetni met

Offside = Nedovoljen položaj

Puck = Plošček

Hockey stick = Hokejska palica

Goal = Gol

Penalty = Kazen

Referee = Sodnik



AALBORG PIRATES



Denmark

Founded: 2012

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 2 – 2018, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: Sparekassen Danmark Isarena

Address: Willy Brandts Vej 31,
9220 Aalborg Øst, Denmark

Capacity: 5,000

Year opened: 2007

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:

www.aalborgpirates.dk

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/AalborgPirates/

Instagram:

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YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/user/](https://www.youtube.com/user/AalborgPirates)

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Head Coach: Garth Murray

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Julian Jakobsen: The 35-year-old Danish international started his career in Aalborg at the age of 17 playing two seasons for the club. From Aalborg he went to league rivals the Odense Bulldogs where he also spent two seasons. Then Sweden called and the Dane ended up spending three seasons with Södertälje SK before moving to Germany to play for the Hamburg Freezers for four seasons. In 2016 he re-



turned home to Aalborg and has spent the last six seasons here. In that time, he has played in 317 games and recorded 292 points and is regarded as one of the best centers in the league.

He is a two-time Danish Champion with Aalborg. He has also played for Denmark at 12 World Championships and at the Olympic Games, playing a combined 85 games for his country.

Patrick Bjorkstrand: The 29-year-old Danish international, and the older brother of Columbus Blue Jackets player Oliver Bjorkstrand, is a Herning native and rose through their youth program which has fostered many famous Danish players. From Herning he went on a tour of the world playing for eight different teams over the course of nine years in countries and leagues such as Sweden, Finland and the AHL and NHL, but last year he returned home to Denmark, joining the Pirates on a four-year deal.

He has played for the Danish national team at five different World Championships, the last in 2022 after a five-year break from international duty. He has won three Danish championships in his career, two with the Herning Blue Fox, and his third last season with the Aalborg Pirates.

Kirill Kabanov: The 29-year-old Russian player has become a fan favourite in Aalborg. He spent most of his youth playing in Russia before moving overseas to play in the QMJHL where he won two championships. He was drafted by the New York Islanders but only ended up playing in the AHL before returning to Europe. After almost two seasons in Sweden he returned to Russia but only played 13 games in two seasons.

In 2017, he signed with Aalborg with a goal of getting back into shape to fight with the club for the championship. He succeeded in both and earned a move to Krefeld in the DEL. After one season he returned to Aalborg where he has remained since.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Victor Rollin Carlsson, C, Unia Oswiecim (PLH)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Garth Murray's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our team is excited for the challenges that await us in the CHL. We relish the opportunity to compete against the best, as that is what drives everybody involved in professional sports. We will enjoy it, learn from it, and look to make some noise."

Head Coach Garth Murray's comments about the other teams in the group:

Luleå Hockey: "Luleå will come with speed, skill, structure, and high compete. Those are the common traits in the SHL, one of the best leagues in the world, so there's no doubt our hands will be full against them. It will be a fast-paced game where time and space won't come easy, so the right mindset must be there from puck drop."

Jukurit Mikkeli: "A top team in Liiga, Jukurit Mikkeli won't be lacking in skill and compete level. They will play hard and they will play the right way, that's what is to be expected any time you play teams from Finland."



Sparta Prague: "Sparta Prague are a team rich in history from a proud hockey nation in the Czech Republic. A top team from a top league, they will come with speed, skill, and a high pace that we must be ready for."

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Ronny Larsen (GM): Is a former player, with his number retired and hanging in Aalborg's arena.

Heinz Ehlers: The head coach of the Danish national team also has his number retired and hanging in Aalborg's arena. Is the dad of the best Danish player in the NHL, Nikolaj Ehlers.

CLUB TRIVIA

We are the biggest ice hockey club in Denmark. We have the highest average attendance, the biggest arena and have been in the top two four times in the past five years.

This year we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary as the Aalborg Pirates. Before the club had other names and owners.

Famous fans:

Nicolaj Ehlers from the Winnipeg Jets in the NHL. He is from Aalborg and spends all his summers here training with our players.

Sven-Ole Thorse the Hollywood actor and stuntman (Gladiator, Hunt for Red October, Predator ect)

Our mascot is Captain Ding Dong, a feared pirate from the year 1600 – 1700. He is based on a real figure from Danish history.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Julian Jakobsen: Club captain Julian Jakobsen fulfilled a life-long dream of playing for the Danish national team at the Olympic Games in 2022.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Julian Jakobsen: When Julian Jakobsen played at the Olympic Games, so did his sister for Denmark's women's national team.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Ishockey

Faceoff = Face-Off

Offside = Off-Side

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockeystav

Goal = Mål

Penalty = Straf

Referee = Dommer



GRENOBLE

 France
Founded: 1963

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 8 – 1981, 1982, 1991, 1998, 2007, 2009, 2019, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO


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Address: Avenue d'Innsbruck,
38100 Grenoble, France


Capacity: 4,208

Year opened: 2001


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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Damien Fleury: The forward is the captain of the French national team and has won the French championship four times with Grenoble.

Kyle Hardy: Kyle Hardy arrived in Grenoble in 2016 and quickly became a real star. He was the best defenseman of the championship in 2017/2018 with Grenoble.

Jakub Štěpánek: Arrived in 2021 in Grenoble. Jakub won the Swiss NL with Bern.

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jyrki Aho's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"It's a great opportunity to grow the team but also the whole organisation. We will rub shoulders with the best European teams, we will progress."

Head Coach Jyrki Aho's comments about the other teams in the group:

Eisbären Berlin: "They have a very physical game. They have a great infrastructure. German hockey is developing very strongly. There's a lot of fan enthusiasm."

Mountfield HK: "They have a technical game, the level of the Czech championship is very high, there are many former NHL players."

Frölunda Gothenburg: "They're a fast team, very defensive!"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Cristobal Huet

Jean Leblond

Philippe Treille

Alexandre Texier

Christophe Tartari

CLUB TRIVIA

Why "Brûleurs de Loups"?

Albert Fontaine, a journalist, who was watching a Grenoble game saw how the strikers put pressure and encircled the opposing net. He therefore referred to this famous battering and nicknamed the Grenoble ice hockey team the Grenoble "Wolf Burners".

Grenoble is the most visited hockey team in France with an average attendance of more than 3,600 spectators per game (capacity 4208 places).

Grenoble was the first French club to organize the Winter Games in front of 19,767 spectators in 2016.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Damien Fleury: Top scorer in French championship last season: 94 points (45 goals, 49 assist) in 62 games.

Jakub Štěpánek : Has won the French championship (2022), Czech Extraliga (2021), Swiss NL (2016), and he also won the World Championship with team Czech Republic in 2010.



BEYOND HOCKEY

Sacha Treille loves cats!

Damien Fleury is a great cycling enthusiast.

Janne Jalasvaara always folds his jersey carefully after a match.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hockey sur Glace

Faceoff = Engagement

Offside = Hors Jeu

Puck = Palet

Hockey stick = Crosse

Goal = But

Penalty = Pénalité

Referee = Arbitre



STAVANGER OILERS



Norway

Founded: 2000

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2014

National titles: 8 – 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

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

2015/16: Round of 32

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

Name: DNB Arena

Address: Ishockeyveien 1,
4021 Stavanger, Norway

Capacity: 4,250

Year opened: 2012

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Facebook:
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Twitter:
twitter.com/StavangerOilers

Instagram:
www.instagram.com/stavangeroilers

YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/stvgoilers>

TikTok:
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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Henrik Holm: The team's netminder. For several seasons also the Norwegian national team goalie. Henrik has been at the club since 2011, the second longest of all Oilers players still active today.

Dan Kissel: His nickname "Kissel the missile" says a lot. Assistant captain and a notorious goal scorer, especially when it comes to the big games. Except for a two-season intermission playing in Switzerland, the Chicago-born winger has been with the Oilers since 2012.

Tommy Kristiansen: In his second stint with the Oilers. Previous career in the DEL and SHL, as well as in the Norwegian national team. The team's assistant captain and the supporters' and audience's big hero. The bad guy on the ice, but at the same time the most soft-hearted boy outside the rink. Plays a crucial part in the club's charity work.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Colton Beck, F, Ilves Tampere (Liiga)

Paul Bittner, F, Düsseldorfer EG (DEL)

Bryce Gervais, F, Iowa Heartlanders (ECHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Todd Bjorkstrand's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"We like our draw. All of us know that it will be a difficult challenge. We are the underdogs in our group and our goal is to advance to the Playoffs and show everyone that our team is very competitive and hardworking."

Assistant Coach Juha Kaunismäki's comments about the other teams in the group:

Ilves Tampere: "A modern Finnish team. Strong skaters. Focus on the defending part of the game. Look at their team's age – 24 on average, and with plenty of NHL Draftees!"

Red Bull Salzburg: "A physical team. As many other teams from the ICE, with a strong North American influence. They move the puck at high speed through the middle zone. A lot of changes in the team since the national title last season, which will be exiting to follow in the season to come."

Fribourg-Gottéron: "Like Salzburg, a team with a North American influence. But watch out, this is an even better version. They did not lose any points in the CHL Group Stage last season. A record. Watch out for Julian Sprunger – he is playing in his 20th season for Fribourg. A true veteran!"

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Jari Kesti & Tomi Suoniemi: Finnish forwards who played a leading role on the Oilers' journey from the Norwegian third tier to the top of the first. Both jerseys (#7 and #22) are retired in the DNB Arena.

Juha Kaunismäki: A Helsinki-born defender, came to Stavanger in 2003. Changed his citizenship and played five World Championships and one Olympic Tournament for the Norwegian national team. Oilers' captain during the first three championships. Head Coach of the Oilers' junior academy and now assistant coach in the club.



Dennis Sveum: A true club veteran. Our captain has been in Stavanger since 2007 and is still playing. Say no more.

CLUB TRIVIA

Our name, Stavanger Oilers, comes out of our city's role as Norway's leading oil city. Our mascot's name is Oily. A happy dinosaur, living in the DNB Arena. He is really looking forward to a new CHL season!

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Our new player **Colton Beck** came from Ilves Tampere, one of our opponents in the CHL Group Stage.

Our player **Greg Mauldin** spent five seasons with Fribourg-Gottéron, our Group Stage opponents. Often referred to as "Mr. T" in the Swiss club.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Five players in the Oilers have very small dogs. Dogs so small, even cats are bigger.

Five players in the squad became fathers last season. Each of them had a lovely little girl.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Ishockey

Faceoff = Nedslepp

Offside = Offside

Puck = Puck

Hockey stick = Hockeykølle

Goal = Scoring

Penalty = Utvisning

Referee = Dommer



GKS KATOWICE



Poland

Founded: 1964

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 7 – 1958, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1968, 1970, 2022

Polish Cup: 1 – 1970

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

None

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO


Name: Jantor

Address: Nałkowskiej 11,
40-108 Katowice, Poland

Capacity: 1,417


Year opened: 1964

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 **Twitter:**
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 **Instagram:**
www.instagram.com/gksgieksakatowice

 **YouTube:**
www.youtube.com/c/GKSGieKSaKatowice

 **TikTok:**
[@gksgieksakatowice](https://www.tiktok.com/@gksgieksakatowice)

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Sport Director: Roch Bogłowski

Head Coach: Jacek Płachta

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Grzegorz Pasiut: Captain of the team. One of the most experienced players in the Polish league. Six-time Polish champion and two-time Belarusian champion. We call him “The Professor” due to his experience, sports skills and strong positive influence on teammates.

Maciej Kruczek: One of the best defenders in the Polish league. He is leading his team by example. Head Coach of the team can always depend on him. Three-time Polish champion.

John Murray: Legendary goaltender of the Polish national team. Five-time Polish champion. He is called “Jasiek Murarz” – polish word “Murarz” means bricklayer and Murray is well-known in Poland for his phenomenal abilities of shot stopping.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Christian Blomqvist, F, Wings HC Arlanda (Sweden)

Shigeki Hitosato, F, Tohoku Free Blades (Japan)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Jacek Płachta’s comments about the team’s goals in the Champions Hockey League:

“First and foremost, we are proud that we can compete with so many elite teams. We knew from the beginning that it wouldn’t be easy for us, but we are just happy to be here, representing GKS and the whole city of Katowice.”

Head Coach Jacek Płachta’s comments about the other teams in the group:

Fehérvár AV19: “Logistically it’s the easiest trip for us. Polish people and Hungarians are like brothers to themselves, so we are expecting a good atmosphere in the stands and we will try to do our best to give our fans good entertainment.”

ZSC Lions Zurich: “Zurich is a beautiful city, so we are very excited about this trip. The Lions are a very strong team and we will be the underdogs in this one, but it doesn’t change our attitude. We will make it as hard as we can for them.”

Rögle Ängelholm: “It doesn’t get any better. We are going to face the Champions. What can I say? We can only prepare ourselves the best way we can and try to do everything to throw them off their game. It’s an exciting challenge.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Janusz Świerc

Andrzej Fonfara

Maksymilian Lebek

Kazimierz Małysiak

Henryk Reguła

Sylwester Wilczek

Andrzej Tkacz

CLUB TRIVIA

Besides ice hockey, we also have men’s and women’s football teams and a men’s volleyball team.

GKS means Górniczy Klub Sportowy (miners sports club) – at the beginning we were sponsored by the mines. But



nowadays we actually don't have any connections with the mines besides our history.

We have a mascot called "GieKSik – he's a male mascot that looks like a traditional Silesian (Silesia is a historic region of Poland).

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Grzegorz Pasiut is the most experienced player on the team. He has won eight championship titles (six in Poland, two in Belarus). He doesn't have any big achievements in the national team, because we are not an "elite" team in Europe.

Our goalie, **John Murray**, is from the United States, but he has Polish citizenship. He has played in Poland since 2013 and has played for four different teams (ST Sanok, Orlik Opole, GKS Tychy, GKS Katowice).

The son of our Head Coach is **Matthias Plachta** – he plays for the German national team.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Mathias Lehtonen and **Joona Monto** like to play golf together.

John Murray likes to wear a flat cap.

Jakub Wanacki is doing well as a sports commentator.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = hokej na lodzie

Faceoff = mecz

Offside = spalony

Puck = krążek

Hockey stick = kij hokejowy

Goal = gol

Penalty = karny

Referee = sędzia



COMARCH CRACOVIA

 Poland

Founded: 1906

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2022

National titles: 12 – 1937, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017

Polish Cup: 3 – 2013, 2015, 2021

Super Cup: 3 – 2014, 2016, 2017

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

IIHF Continental Cup Winners

ARENA INFO


Name: Lodowisko im. Adama Rocha Kowalskiego


Address: Siedleckiego 7,
31-538 Kraków, Poland

Capacity: 2,514

Year opened: 2006

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 **Twitter:**
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 **Instagram:**
www.instagram.com/mkscracovia

 **YouTube:**
www.youtube.com/c/MKSCracoviaTV/featured

 **TikTok:**
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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Damian Kapica: Polish national team player, top scorer for Poland at 2019 IIHF World Ice Hockey Championship, three-time Polish Ekstraliga champion and three-time Polish Cup winner. The youngest player to play in the PHL in 2009/2010 (was 17).

Patryk Wronka: New signing of Comarch Cracovia. His father, Adam Wronka, and grandfather, Tadeusz Kacik, were also hockey players. Polish champion with GKS Katowice, current Polish international who played at the 2016 and 2017 IIHF World Ice Hockey Championships and 2019 and 2022 IIHF World Ice Hockey Championships.

Roman Rác: Former Slovak international during the 2014 Deutschland Cup. Former star of JKH GKS Jastrzębie, new signing of Comarch Cracovia ahead of the 2022/2023 season. In 2021, he won the treble in Poland (championship, cup and supercup with Jastrzębie).

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Patryk Wronka, F, GKS Katowice (PHL)

Martin Kasperlík, F, JKH GKS Jastrzębie (PHL)

Daniel Krejčí, F, HC Slavia Praha (Czechia2)

Roman Rác, F, JKH GKS Jastrzębie (PHL)

Marek Račuk, F, LKH Jestřábi Prostejov (Czechia2)

Mateusz Michalski, F, GKS Katowice (PHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Rudolf Roháček's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"Our goal is to get out on the ice with a winning mentality, so it doesn't matter who we face, we will compete with everyone. Every single match will be a great experience for us. Our players will have a chance to show their talent on an international level and prove they deserve to play in a better, stronger league than ours."

Head Coach Rudolf Roháček's comments about the other teams in the group:

Villach SV: "The Austrian team competes in a very strong league, ICE, which presents a higher level than the Polish Ekstraliga. With a stroke of luck and being in good shape, we can fight with them to get the points essential for our future in the Champions Hockey League."

Straubing Tigers: "We played against Red Bull Munich a few years ago so we know how the German team presents. It will be a challenge for us because many Canadian players play in their team, which means that their hockey is based on a physical style of play. Our squad needs to defend and look for chances on the counter-attack."

Färjestad Karlstad: "The Swedish team are one of the main favourites to win not only our Group, but also the whole season. When we faced them a few years ago we didn't get a single point. We will give it everything we've got. It will be a great opportunity to promote not only our club, but also our players. I hope the game in Sweden will be exciting for our fans!"



TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Leszek Laszkiewicz
Czesław Marchewczyk
Adam "Roch" Kowalski
Andrzej Wołkowski
Rafał Radziszewski
Damian Słaboń
Roman Steblecki
Bogdan Migacz.

CLUB TRIVIA

Cracovia is the Latin version of our city name.

The first Canadian hockey rules game was played in the city of Cracow.

Cracovia became the first Polish club to win the IIHF Continental Cup in 2022.

Our famous fans are: singer Maciej Maleńczuk, violinist Nigel Kennedy, food critic Robert Makłowicz.

Our two most famous fans were Pope John Paul II and Józef Piłsudski – former Chief of Poland, Marshal of Poland and Prime Minister of Poland, one of the fathers of Polish independence in 1918.

Our club mascot is Lajkonik – a bearded man on his horse, the unofficial symbol of Cracow.

BEYOND HOCKEY

Erik Nemec: is a member of a rock band, called Vinyl Rock.

Jiří Gula: likes to read books, especially crime thrillers and to drink coffee from every corner of the world.

Damian Kapica: is a huge fan of English football.

Jakub Šaur: is also a music fan – he likes travelling to music festivals.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = Hokej na lodzie

Faceoff = Wznowienie

Offside = Spalony

Puck = Krążek

Hockey stick = Kij hokejowy

Goal = Bramka

Penalty = Rzut karny

Referee = Sędzia



SLOVAN BRATISLAVA



Slovakia

Founded: 1921

GLORY TIMES

IIHF Continental Cup titles: 1 – 2004

National titles: 10 – 1979, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2022

Spengler Cup titles: 3 – 1972, 1973, 1974

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

2021/22: Group Stage (4th in Group F)

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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Address: Odbojárov 9,
83104 Bratislava, Slovakia

Capacity: 10,055

Year opened: 1940 (2011 rebuilt)

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VK:
www.vk.com/hcslovan

Newsletter:
www.hcslovan.sk/sk/newsletter/index

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

Samuel Takáč: Born 3 December 1991, “Taki” is a classic example of a late boomer. At the age of 30, he made it into the national team line-up for the very first time, and at the 2022 Beijing Olympics, as well as at the recent World Championships in Finland, he was one of the best players and scorers of the Slovakian national team. In his club career, he has played in Slovakia and France. He signed for Slovan before the 2021/22 season and immediately became one of the most productive forwards as well as a fan favourite.

Brant Harris: Born 8 October 1989, 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. Last season, he led Slovan’s top scorers with 72 points in 65 games. He takes on the role of the center forward in the starting attacking line. Of all the players on the current roster, he has got the most experience with the Champions Hockey League. In total, he has played 22 games in the CHL (20 of them for Red Bull Salzburg), in which he has scored 17 points.

Marcel Haščák: Born 3 February 1987, “Haki” is a two-time Czech champion with Kometa Brno and also has two championship titles in Slovakia, the last one with Slovan Bratislava, which he joined in the middle of last season. He is a natural leader and scorer and has been the league’s most productive players on numerous occasions, scoring important power play goals and not shying away from taking the responsibility on his shoulders during crucial moments of games. His biggest personal success is winning a silver medal at the 2012 IIHF World Championship.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Samuel Baroš, G, HC Frýdek-Místek (Czechia2)

Carl Akered, D, Graz 99ers (ICE)

Jakub Minárik, F, HK DUKLA Trenčín (Slovak Extraliga)

Tomáš Török, F, HKM Zvolen (Slovak Extraliga)

Liam Pecararo, F, Greenville Swamp Rabbits (ECHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Ján Pardavý’s comments about the team’s goals in the Champions Hockey League:

“It has always been a great privilege for Slovan to play on the international scene. Slovan is an international hockey trademark that needs to regularly compete with other European teams. Therefore, we are proud to be a part of the Champions Hockey League for the second consecutive time, this time as Slovak Extraliga champions. Last year, in a very tough group, Slovan were not able to get a single point. So the obvious goal is to do much better this time. On the other hand, we must fully respect the quality and talent of



our Group Stage opponents. We are ready to face the truth that we will not be the favourites in any of the Group Stage games so every point we possibly get will count. We will do everything in our power to further establish Slovan on the European club hockey stage."

Head Coach Ján Pardavý's comments about the other teams in the group:

Tappara Tampere: "Tappara are the champions from the country of the reigning World Champions and Olympic gold medal winners. That speaks for itself. For me personally, they are one of the major favorites for winning the European Trophy this year. Their current roster is full of talents skillfully led by one of the most progressive coaches of today's hockey."

Red Bull Munich: "Munich are a great consolidated team, multiple DEL champions in recent years, with a fervent fan base. They made it to the Semi-Finals in the Champions Hockey League last year and will certainly not have lower goals this year. It will be fun and a privilege to play against them."

Rapperswil-Jona Lakers: "The Lakers are perhaps the fastest growing and improving team from the Swiss NL. On the roster they have the best scorer of the recent World Championship as well as some other skilled and experienced players with a lot of NHL and KHL games under their belts."

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, Dárus Rusnák, Dušan Pašek, Zdeno Cíger, Richard Kapuš, Ľubomír Višňovský.

CLUB TRIVIA

History

Slovan Bratislava were founded in December 1921 and played their first official game on 29 January 1922. Thus, during the whole year of 2022, Slovan have been celebrating their 100th anniversary.

The original name of the club was 1. ČsŠK Bratislava which meant "First Czechoslovak Sports Club Bratislava". The name of the club was changed to Slovan Bratislava in 1948 and has been kept until today. 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 federal top tier league. They achieved many second-place finishes in the championship. Therefore, they were sometimes referred to as the "crown prince" of the league. Slovan finally won their one and only Czechoslovak championship title in 1979.

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

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



Slovan have had the privilege of playing two games against NHL franchises: in 2008 against the Tampa Bay Lightning (2:3SO), in 2011 against the New York Rangers (1:4).

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 rivals in HC Košice and Dukla Trenčín. During their short spell in the KHL, Lev Prague developed a short-lived rivalry with Slovan, mainly due to public discussion over the fairness of the hit by Zdeno Chara (Lev Prague) on Slovan's cult player Miroslav Šatan.

Mascot

Since 2013, Slovan's official mascot is Harvy the Eagle. The name was determined by fans in a public poll. His appearance of a bald eagle is derived from 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 for every home game and ranked in top 10 among European clubs' average attendance.

During Slovan home games in the last decade, players and fans had fallen in love with two particular Slovan fans – bearded twins Robert and Ľudovít. They didn't miss a single home game. One always had a Slovan logo painted on his beard, the other the opponent's logo. The jumbotron always showed them when a song by ZZ Top 'Sharp dressed man' was

aired in the arena. Sadly, last year Robert died of COVID-19.

One of Slovan's most prestigious fans is 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games gold medal winner, Swiss tennis player Belinda Bencic. Her grandfather, who came from Bratislava, had played for Slovan at the turn of the 1960s and 1970s.

Traditions & Rituals

After each won game, the Slovan players kneel around the centre circle and only stand up as the fans sing to the tunes of the famous song 'Go West' by Pet Shop Boys.

Before the start of each season, the legendary Zamboni man at Ondrej Nepela Arena Jozef Brezina inserts a lucky coin before first watering the ice rink under the face off spot in the neutral zone.

PLAYERS' TRIVIA

Michal Sersen: Sersen, Slovan's captain, recently became the player with the most franchise all-time games played. He has so far played in 708 games for Slovan, and still counting. He is followed by a current assistant head coach Richard Kapuš with 655 games.

Brant Harris has got the most experience with the Champions Hockey League of all Slovan players on the current roster. For his previous club, Red Bull Salzburg, he played 20 games in the CHL, in which he scored 17 points. Last year he added two more games for Slovan.

Combined, the players on Slovan's current roster have only played one game in the NHL (Milan Kytnár for the Edmonton Oilers), but over 100 games at the IIHF World Championships, and almost 600 in the KHL.



Current Slovan players with at least one cap for national teams (all for Slovakia):

Daniel Gachulinec, Michal Sersen, Jakub Minárik, Marcel Haščák, Milan Kytnár, Tomáš Matoušek, Samuel Baroš, Andrej Golian, Patrik Maier, Juraj Valach, Samuel Takáč, Tomáš Zigo, Daniil Fominykh).

Slovan has two World Championship silver medal winners (**Michal Sersen**, **Marcel Haščák**, 2012) and one Olympics bronze medal winner (**Samuel Takáč**, 2022).

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 euros, followed by jerseys of Miroslav Šatan, Ľubomír Višňovský and Jonathan Cheechoo.

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

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

Goaltender **Samuel Baroš** has admitted that he has only read one book in his life but it was the book that greatly influenced and inspired him – the biography of famous Swedish footballer Zlatan Ibrahimovic. His story about a difficult childhood of an outsider from a family of emi-

grants fascinated him so much that Baroš had images of several of Ibra's tattoos on his goalie mask.

There are two players with a university degree on the current roster of Slovan – **Daniel Gachulinec** and **Tomáš Török**.

Forward **Miroslav Preisinger** takes care of his teammates' modern hairstyles in the locker room. He has recently completed a barber course and after his career as a hockey player, he definitely wants to open his own professional barber shop.

It seems that team captain **Michal Sersen** has taken care of the continuity of his name in Slovan. His two sons Michal (11 yrs.) and Mateo (7 yrs.) are excelling in Slovan's youth teams. Recently, he also made his video debut in a video clip by a famous local rap artist.

ICE HOCKEY VOCABULARY IN OUR LANGUAGE

Ice Hockey = ľadový hokej

Faceoff = bulý

Offside = postavenie mimo hry

Puck = puk

Hockey stick = hokejka

Goal = gól

Penalty = vylúčenie

Referee = rozhodca



BELFAST GIANTS



Elite Ice Hockey League

Founded: 2000

GLORY TIMES

National titles: 6 – 2002, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2019, 2021

Challenge Cup: 4 – 2009, 2018, 2019, 2021

Playoff Champions: 2 – 2003, 2010

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE APPEARANCES

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

QUALIFIED FOR THE 2022/23 CHL SEASON AS

National Champions

ARENA INFO

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ACCREDITATION FOR CHL HOME GAMES

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TEAM SECTION

THREE STARS ON THE TEAM

David Goodwin: Last season, Goodwin was at the core of one of the most prolific top lines in Belfast Giants history, running riot across the Elite Ice Hockey League alongside JJ Piccinich and Scott Conway. Captaining the Giants to their historic Premier Sports Elite League and Challenge Cup double, he personally notched up 27 goals and 53 assists, good for 80 total points.

A firm fan favourite making an impact on and off the ice, 'Goody' returns for his second season as captain, as the Giants seek to defend their championship titles and gear up for a competitive Champions Hockey League campaign in 2022/23.

Mark Cooper: Cooper arrived in Belfast from the ECHL's Carolina Stingrays, where he was an assistant captain for two seasons. His ability to score goals led to frequent call-ups to the AHL stretching all the way back to his first pro contract out of college.

During his debut season for the Belfast Giants, winger Cooper was awarded an alternate captaincy by Adam Keefe last year. The 30-year-old from Toronto, Ontario played a huge role in the Giants' 2021/22 EIHL League and Cup championship double.

Playing on the second line, Cooper's offensive contribution was huge; notching 30 goals and 40 assists for a total of 70 points in 65 games played.

Scott Conway: Scott Conway skates for the Giants for the second time in 2022/23. The talismanic forward ran roughshod over the Elite Ice Hockey

League in 2021/22 on a powerhouse top line alongside JJ Piccinich and Captain David Goodwin, as the Belfast Giants clinched an EIHL League and Challenge Cup double in style.

Conway finished last season with an astonishing record of 100 points in 65 games played, scoring 40 goals, and adding 60 assists. He was named Forward of the Year, joint Top Points Scorer and OSC Player of the Year at the 2021/22 Belfast Giants Awards.

NEW PLAYERS FOR 2022/23

Peyton Jones, G, Utah Grizzlies (ECHL)

Gabe Bast, D, KalPa Kuopio (Liiga)

Matt Foley, D, Wheeling Nailers (ECHL)

Colby McAuley, F, Hershey Bears (AHL)

Steven Owre, F, Cergy-Pontoise (Ligue Magnus)

Chad Butcher, F, Allen Americans (ECHL)

Darik Angeli, F, Florida Everblades (ECHL)

David Gilbert, F, Rouen Dragons (Ligue Magnus)

Will Cullen, D, Idaho Steelheads (ECHL)

STATEMENTS

Head Coach Adam Keefe's comments about the team's goals in the Champions Hockey League:

"This is an exciting time for our organisation, but also for the city of Belfast as a whole – with the Champions Hockey League coming to Northern Ireland for the second time.

Facing Oceláři Třinec, Skellefteå AIK, and HC Davos presents us with a tough challenge in our group, with impressive rosters and a highly skilled level of ice hockey on the table. I know our fans are excited at the opportunity of watching us (both at home and away) go toe-to-toe with three



great club teams, and our players will be eager to go when the puck drops in September.”

Head Coach Adam Keefe’s comments about the other teams in the group:

Oceláři Třinec: “Facing Oceláři Třinec away on 2 September will not only be our CHL opener of the season, but our first game of 2022/23 altogether. Filled with quality players, skating an offensive hockey game, and contending in the highest Czech hockey league since 1995 – we’ll have to be on top of our game against this opposition come September.”

Skellefteå AIK: “Playing in the SHL, the highest level of hockey in Sweden, and with a Swedish dominance on their roster – Skellefteå will be a challenging opponent for the Giants. We’ll meet this side on the 4th and 11th of October, which gives us time to find our feet in the initial stages of the campaign. We’ll make sure we’re prepared and focused on our own performance on the ice.”

HC Davos: “We’re fully aware that HC Davos are a strong force in the CHL and being one of Switzerland’s most popular hockey clubs, we’re expecting a large fan following to come alongside a fast-paced hockey performance with this side. Saying that, we have full faith that the Teal Army will match their passion! We’re looking forward to visiting the Vaillant Arena this season.”

TRIVIA SECTION

LEGENDARY PLAYERS IN THE CLUB

Adam Keefe: now Head Coach

Jersey retirements

#4 Shane Johnson

#11 Colin Ward

#16 Rob Stewart

#18 Graeme Walton

#27 Paxton Schulte

#44 Todd Kelman

#19 Colin Shields

CLUB TRIVIA

Founded in 2000.

Only professional ice hockey club on the island of Ireland.

Rebranded in 2021, with an update to the iconic Belfast Giants logo, based on mythical legend, Finn McCool.

Famous fans: James Nesbitt

Mascot: Finn McCool

PLAYERS’ TRIVIA

Long: Four-time medal winner with Team Great Britain.

Ben Lake: Before joining the Giants, Lake scored the game-winning goal for his then team Coventry Blaze to defeat the Cardiff Devils in the final game of the season. The result saw the Giants crowned league champions and secured qualification for their first appearance in the CHL in 2019.

Mark Garside: Mark is the Giants’ longest tenured player. Currently in his 13th consecutive season with Belfast. Last season, in 2021/22, Mark Garside played his 600th game for the Belfast Giants, and his 800th Elite Ice Hockey League game.



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