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### **FOREWORDS**

#### Dear Friends,

It is a great privilege to be able to welcome you to FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 on behalf of FIBA Europe for the 39th edition of this esteemed competition. Ljubljana and Tel Aviv are two fantastic cities, and we are sure that Slovenia and Israel will be more than accommodating hosts over the course of the next 10 days.

I know how much of an honor it is to host this fantastic event having seen first hand the collective efforts and joy that went into bringing the FIBA Women's EuroBasket tournament to Valencia two years ago. I am sure it will prove to be another amazing spectacle as the level of talent across women's basketball continues to grow.

The long road to this point began in November 2021 for the first of three windows in the Qualifiers as 14 teams battled to secure their tickets alongside the two hosts with the final lineup confirmed earlier this year.

These tournaments are always a great way for the basketball community to come together as a celebration, whilst passionately cheering on favorite players and beloved nations. I truly believe we are better together when it comes to pushing forward basketball in Europe, and this is another opportunity to see the progress that is being made and to keep striving for more.

I would like to wish the very best of luck to all of the participating players, coaches and officials at FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 and look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,



Jorge Garbajosa FIBA Europe President



#### Dear Friends,

Please allow me to welcome you to the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023. We are extremely excited for the latest edition of this highly anticipated event as the best of the best battle it out to be crowned champions of Europe.

The proud recent tradition of two host countries continues with Slovenia and Israel as they take the baton from Spain and France following the success of FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2021. The previous tournament still felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, so it brings great joy to be able to fully open the doors and welcome the basketball community.

Serbia were deserved winners for a second time two years ago in Valencia when they defeated France in the Final. We have a new trophy for this event, and it is the beauty of our sport with its unpredictable nature that all 16 teams will arrive in Ljubljana and Tel Aviv with high hopes as they dare to dream of going all the way and achieving great success.

There is much to play for even beyond the medals of the top three with five teams in total securing their places for the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments to be held in 2024 ahead of the Paris Games.

I would also like to thank the two Local Organizing Committees for their unwavering dedication and hard work in putting on this great celebration of basketball.

The FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 promises to be another great tournament and my best wishes go to all the participants and those involved in helping make this such a special event.

Best regards,

Camil Novak

Kamil Novak
FIBA Executive Director Europe



#### Dear Basketball friends,

The Israeli Basketball Association is thrilled and proud to host FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023, which is the biggest event for women's basketball in Europe and the largest women's basketball event ever held in Israel.

Just over a year ago, the basketball association took on the responsibility of hosting this prestigious tournament. Since then, our association's team, along with the sports department of the Tel Aviv Municipality and the sports venues' staff, have been working tirelessly to ensure that this will be a high-level event, and that it will be an enjoyable sporting experience for all those attending the games in Tel Aviv Arena and those watching on sports channels or other viewing platforms.

One of the goals of the basketball association in hosting these games in Israel is to significantly increase exposure to women's basketball. The association aims to increase the number of young female players interested in playing basketball, and we believe that the exposure to such a large and important event will inspire young girls and their parents to pursue sports, particularly basketball.

I would like to take this opportunity to call on all basketball fans in general and women's basketball and sports fans in particular to come and support the Israeli national team. We believe that we have a good team capable of competing in the advanced stages of the European Championship, but it needs the support of the Israeli crowd, who knows how to create a genuine home atmosphere.

I would like to thank the Ministry of Culture and Sports, led by Minister Mickey Zohar, for their support and assistance, HaPoalim Bank, the main sponsor of the Israeli national team, Sylvan Adams, and all the supporters of the Israeli national teams.

I express my gratitude to the heads of FIBA Europe for their trust in Israeli basketball and the Israeli basketball association. I am convinced that this will be a championship that will be remembered for a long time.

Sincerely,

Amiram Halevy Chairman Israeli Basketball Association



#### לכל משפחת הכדורסל

איגוד הכדורסל הישראלי שמח וגאה לארח את אליפות אירופה בכדורסל לנשים 2023.

מדובר באירוע השיא של כדורסל הנשים באירופה בכלל ואירוע כדורסל הנשים הגדול ביותר בישראל מאז ומעולם.

לפני קצת יותר משנה, לקח על עצמו איגוד הכדורסל את הזכות לארח את הטורניר החשוב הזה ומאז ועד ימים אלו, צוותי האיגוד וההפקה, יחד עם אנשי אגף הספורט של עיריית ת"א ואנשי היכלי הספורט, טורחים ועומלים כדי שזה יהיה אירוע ברמה הגבוהה ביותר, כפי שאנחנו יודעים ורגילים לקיים ושזו תהיה חוויה ספורטיבית מהנה לכל מי שיגיע למשחקים בהיכל קבוצת שלמה ומי שיצפה בהם בערוץ הספורט או בפלטפורמות צפייה אחרות.

לישראל יגיעו 7 נבחרות זרות שישחקו יחד עם נבחרת ישראל בשני בתים. בבית ב' ישחקו יחד עם נבחרת ישראל נבחרות בלגיה, איטליה וצ'כיה ובבית המקביל שישוחק גם הוא בהיכל קבוצת שלמה, ישחקו נבחרת ספרד, יוון, מונטנגרו ולטביה. בסוף ימי המשחקים, 4 נבחרות יעלו לשלב רבע הגמר ויטוסו מכאן לסלובניה שם יתקיימו משחקי ההכרעה.

אחת המטרות לשמן איגוד הכדורסל לקח על עצמו את אירוח המשחקים בארץ, הוא הגדלה משמעותית של החשיפה לכדורסל נשים. איגוד הכדורסל שם לעצמו למטרה, להגדיל את מספר השחקניות הצעירות שפונות לשחק כדורסל ואנו מאמינים שבזכות החשיפה לאירוע גדול וחשוב בסדר הגדול הזה, ילדות צעירות והוריהם, יפנו את הרצון שלהן לעסוק בספורט לכיוון הכדורסל.

זהו לא האירוע הגדול הבינלאומי הראשון של איגוד הכדורסל. בשנת 2017 ארחנו את אליפות אירופה לגברים, בשנת 2019 את אליפות אירופה לנבחרות עתודה לבנים וגם את זו לבנות באילת, בשנת 2021, במהלך משבר הקורונה, ארחנו טורניר מקצור של לפני שבועות מספר מוקדמות אליפות העולם באילת ,X3אליפות אירופה עד גיל 18. במקביל אנו מארחים טורנירים גדולים ב-3 ובחודש ספטמבר נארח את אליפות אירופה לנשים ולגברים בבריכת הסולטן בירושלים. אנו גאים על כך שאיגוד הכדורסל מביא ארצה אירועים ברמה הגבוהה ביותר.

אני מבקש לנצל את ההזדמנות הזו, לקרוא לכל אוהדי הכדורסל בכלל ואוהדי כדורסל וספורט הנשים בפרט, לבוא ולעודד את נבחרת ישראל. אנו מאמינים שיש לנו נבחרת טובה, כזו שיכולה להתמודד על העלייה לשלבים המתקדמים של אליפות אירופה, אבל היא זקוקה לתמיכת הקהל הישראלי שיודע לייצר אווירה ביתית אמיתית

אני מבקש להודות למשרד התרבות והספורט בראשות השר מיקי זוהר על התמיכה והסיוע, לנותן החסות הראשי של נבחרת ישראל בנק הפועלים, לסילבן אדאמס ולשאר התומכים בנבחרות ישראל.

אני מודה לראשי פיב"א אירופה, על האמון בכדורסל הישראלי ובאיגוד הכדורסל ומשוכנע שזו תהיה אליפות שלא תשכח זמן רב.

בכבוד רב עמירם הלוי יו"ר איגוד הכדורסל הישראל

# PARTICIPATING TEAMS



BELGIUM

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 14 BEST FINISH: 3rd



#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 15 BEST FINISH: 1st

**≥ 2005 ≥ 2003** 



#### **FRANCE**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 34 BEST FINISH: 1st

 2009, 2001

 2021, 2019, 2017, 2015, 2013, 1999, 1993, 1970

 2011



#### **GERMANY**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 16 BEST FINISH: 3<sup>rd</sup>



**GREAT BRITAIN** 

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 5 BEST FINISH: 4<sup>th</sup>



GREECE

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 10 BEST FINISH: 4<sup>th</sup>



#### HUNGARY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 32 BEST FINISH: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**3** 1956, 1950



#### **ISRAEL**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7 BEST FINISH: 8<sup>th</sup>



#### **ITALY**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 34 BEST FINISH: 1st

¥ 1938 ¥ 1995



#### LATVIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 10 BEST FINISH: 4<sup>th</sup>



#### **MONTENEGRO**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 7
BEST FINISH: 6<sup>th</sup>



#### SERBIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 10

BEST FINISH: 1st

2015 2021

**≅ 2015, 2021 ≅ 2019** 



#### SLOVAKIA

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 13 BEST FINISH: 2<sup>nd</sup>

¥ 1997 ¥ 1993



#### **SLOVENIA**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 4
BEST FINISH: 10<sup>th</sup>



#### **SPAIN**

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 22 BEST FINISH: 1st

≦ 2019, 2017, 2013, 1993 ≦ 2007 ≦ 2015, 2009, 2005, 2003, 2001



#### TURKEY

FINAL ROUND APPEARANCES: 10 BEST FINISH: 2<sup>nd</sup>

2011 2013

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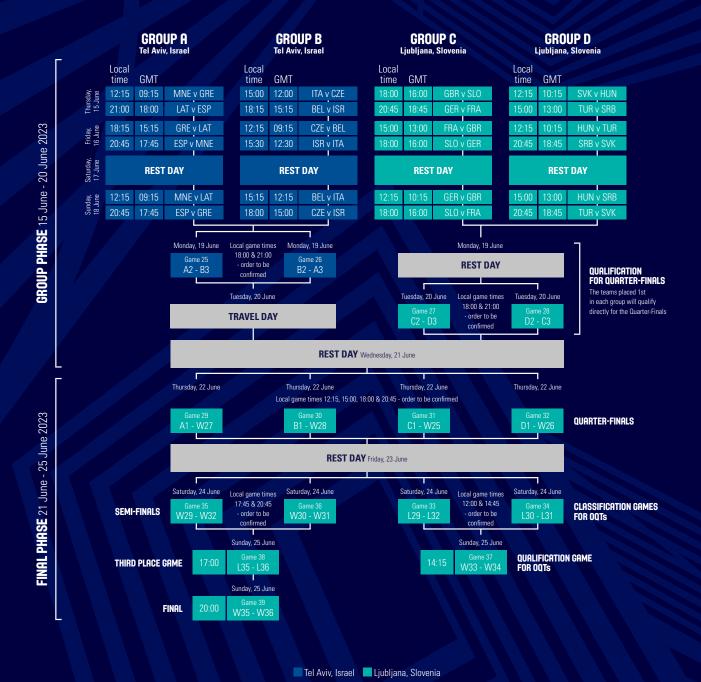


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### COMPETITION SYSTEM





### **HOST CITY TEL AVIV**

Tel Aviv, Israel's largest metropolitan area, serves as a hub for innovation, culture, and creativity. Tel Aviv is the second largest city in Israel, with an estimated population of 467,000. The city is situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline, with a land area of 51.8 square kilometers (20.0 sq mi).

It is the largest and most populous city in the metropolitan area of Gush Dan and it is governed by the Tel Aviv-Yafo municipality. Tel Aviv was founded in 1909 on the outskirts of the ancient port city of Jaffa, in 1950 Tel Aviv and Jaffa were merged into a single municipality in 1950.

In "Tel Aviv Nonstop City" you will find beautiful beaches, diverse cultural scene, top-notch cuisine, and vibrant nightlife.

There's always something to see and do in Tel Aviv, since the city serves as a meeting point between old and new, reflecting tradition and history while embracing innovation, pluralism, and diversity. Tel Aviv's unique blend of an urban metropolis and a beach paradise makes it an ideal vacation spot that promises an unforgettable experience!











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### **HOST CITY LJUBLJANA**

Ljubljana is one of the smallest European capitals with a population of 293,000. It's never too crowded — but also never boring. Around 50,000 university students give it its youthful appeal, and as an economic and cultural hub of Slovenia, it has a lot to offer to locals and visitors alike. Ljubljana is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and is well known for being an extremely picturesque and green city. The Old Town is full of outstanding architecture, a combination of styles from different periods in history - most notably the Baroque - bound together into one of the 20th century's most amazing total works of art by the famous Ljubljana-born architect and urban planner Joze Plecnik. The ongoing commitment to sustainability and a number of high-profile international accolades make Ljubljana a destination whose overall tourist development has been carefully planned and well thought-out.

One of the things that contribute to the residents' satisfaction with the quality of life, and are also important to visitors, is the feeling of safety. According to the safety index compiled by Numbeo (2020), Ljubljana ranks as high as 11th among 129 European cities and Slovenia as high as 8th among 80 countries worldwide. Ljubljana is a city built on a human scale and one that puts its people first. The city center has long ago banished cars to make room for more outdoor cafes and restaurants, cultural events, open-air markets, bike lanes, shopping areas and much more. The joy of living in this city emanates from its every corner. Come and let the Ljubljana variety of dolce vita come over you.









Just do it.

# THE BRAND-NEW FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET TROPHY



The redesigned FIBA Women's EuroBasket trophy was presented at the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 draw in Slovenia, marking a new era for Europe's flagship women's basketball competition.

The sleek and elegant design seeks to provide the premium tournament a representation of its offer with a trophy that holds true to its traditions whilst emulating the values of the competition in contemporary way.

Made from 16 unique cast shapes representing the number of teams, it comes together to form a blossoming flower-like symbol.

With gold interior and silver exterior with hints of gold, it mirrors the men's trophy in an elegant manner, strengthening the cohesion between the two competitions, and also holds a recognizable silhouette of its predecessor.

The re-design of FIBA's trophies is part of the ongoing process of enhancing the brand and position of FIBA's competitions, which began in 2017.

The new trophy will be awarded for the first time at FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023, with the Final taking place at the Stozice Arena in Ljubljana.

## MEET THE OFFICIAL MASCOTS OF FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023!



Representing the hosts, Israel and Slovenia, twin sisters Isa and Sia exhibit a unique set of strengths and abilities and are both ready to do amazing things through passion and unity.

Is a loves the ocean and would be hitting the waves in Tel Aviv if she wasn't in full on training mode.

Meanwhile, Sia prefers the mountains as they fill her with both power and calmness, which she then brings to the court in Ljubljana.

When one of them has an especially great day, she lights up making sure to push the other one to do the same. Double the effort, double the fun!











**MONTENEGRO** 



LATVIA



**SPAIN** 



**GREECE** 

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Thursday, June 15	Montenegro - Greece Latvia - Spain	12:15 21:00
Friday, June 16	Greece - Latvia Spain - Montenegro	18:15 20:45
Sunday, June 18	Montenegro - Latvia Spain - Greece	12:15 20:45



#### **OUT TO EXTEND THE TRACK RECORD OF UPSETS**

Still one of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket all-time fairytales, relative minnows Montenegro are taking to the court for a phenomenal seventh straight appearance. Amazing for a country who only debuted at the event in 2011 and has managed to spoil the party for so many of their opponents.

Back again, the track record and now a rich underdog tradition is likely to be extended. The caveat for an eye-catching run from Montenegro is that they didn't exactly impress in the Qualifiers when facing only Austria and Denmark, even losing to the latter in one of the matchuos.

Nevertheless, they made it through and will be quietly confident of success and maybe repeating the Quarter-Finals slot they landed on their debut 12 years ago and then also in 2015 too.

Even if the qualifying campaign was barely mediocre performance and results-wise, there are a couple of reasons for the Montenegro team and fans to be more confident than a lot of neutrals. Firstly, they know that their younger ballers played some brilliant basketball at youth level last summer and have shown nice maturity and progress since.

Secondly, they have replenished their naturalized choice, moving from Markeisha Gatling to the powerful and talented forward Natasha Mack who might prove to be a walking double-double if she can find a high gear as the team hopes.

Head coach Jelena Skerovic could have argued her frontcourt rotation is as good as most now that Mack is on board. She was penciled in

to play alongside the veteran warrior Jelena Dubljevic. However, she announced her retirement in the leadup and the team will certainly miss her trademark intensity at both ends of the floor

While somewhat more understated but no less effective, Milica Jovanovic could be back and the forward is one of the most underrated frontcourt stars around. She got injured playing with DVTK last year in Hungary and missed a chunk of the club seasons, so should have plenty still left in the tank, but hopefully not undercooked.

As usual, the backcourt and wings will determine how successful Montenegro can be. It's where they arguably have less in terms of players competing regularly at the very highest level, but they at least do still have experience to get them through. The trio of Bozica Mujovic, Jelena Vucetic and Jovana Pasic have all seen and done it many times before, so they will carry the main load.

Meanwhile, there is excitement over the possible contribution of some younger players such as teenage playmaker, Marija Lekovic who continues to be on an impressive upwards trajectory.

The mission has not really changed for Montenegro over the years and is likely to remain the same again. They will make life difficult for everyone they face and will look to make the most of their interior players in particular to fuel their prospects of adding more upsets to their impressive 12-year resume.



Player	<b>Height</b> (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2022-23
Marija LEKOVIC	1.66	PG	21/07/03	Buducnost Podgorica
Sofija ZIVALJEVIC	1.76	PG	24/12/97	VBW Arka Gdynia (POL)
Zorana RADONJIC	1.73	PG	13/06/02	Buducnost Podgorica
Bozica MUJOVIC	1.76	PG/SG	07/01/96	Piestanske Cajky (SVK)
Jelena VUCETIC	1.82	PG/SG	14/09/93	Cadi La Seu (ESP)
Dragana ZIVKOVIC	1.79	SG	23/01/01	Buducnost Podgorica
Anastasija DROBNJAK	1.81	SG/SF	13/08/02	Buducnost Podgorica
Milena JAKSIC	1.83	SG/SF	27/12/98	ZKK Niksic
Jovana PASIC	1.83	SG/SF	12/05/92	Did Not Play
Milica JOVANOVIC	1.89	PF	14/08/89	DVTK Hun-Therm (HUN)
Bojana KOVACEVIC	1.86	PF/C	16/10/96	Cadi La Seu (ESP)
Natasha MACK	1.93	PF/C	03/11/97	ACS UMCS Lublin (POL)
Maja BIGOVIC	1.95	С	24/09/02	Buducnost Podgorica
Lana VUKCEVIC	1.92	С	08/08/05	Buducnost Podgorica
Ksenija SCEPANOVIC	1.92	С	21/12/02	Buducnost Podgorica

Coach: Jelena SKEROVIC

#### **HOW DID THEY QUALIFY?**

FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifiers 1st in Group F (3 W – 1 L)

#### **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	12th
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	12th
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	16th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	7th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	10th

#### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

			FG		2PT	FG	3PT	FG	F	Г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
DUBLJEVIC Jelena	2	28:59	14/34	41	13/31	42	1/3	33	10/12	83	5,5	4,5	10,0	2,5	2,5	-	-	3,5	19.5
KOVACEVIC Bojana	4	30:48	7/29	24	3/17	18	4/12	33	3/6	50	2,5	4,3	6,8	1,5	1,5	1,8	0,3	1,8	5.3
ZIVALJEVIC Sofija	4	26:50	17/32	53	10/16	63	7/16	44	3/4	75	-	2,8	2,8	1,5	1,3	0,3	-	2,8	11.0
PASIC Jovana	1	36:16	5/9	56	3/3	100	2/6	33			1,0	2,0	3,0	1,0	3,0	2,0	-	1,0	12.0
VUKCEVIC Lana	2	03:22	0/1	0	0/1	0					-	-	-	-	0,5	-	-	0,5	
RADONJIC Zorana	3	15:38	3/8	38	2/6	33	1/2	50	2/2	100	0,3	0,7	1,0	0,7	0,7	0,7	-	2,3	3.0
ZIVKOVIC Dragana	4	22:03	16/31	52	13/21	62	3/10	30	3/3	100	1,5	4,3	5,8	-	1,5	0,5	0,5	1,8	9.5
RAKOVIC Kristina	1	17:36	2/4	50	1/2	50	1/2	50			1,0	-	1,0	3,0	4,0	-	2,0	3,0	5.0
MUJOVIC Bozica	3	25:56	8/27	30	5/17	29	3/10	30	8/11	73	-	1,7	1,7	3,3	2,7	1,0	-	2,0	9.0
JAKSIC Milena	3	05:56									-	0,3	0,3	-	1,0	0,3	-	0,3	
LAZAREVIC Violeta	1	01:48	0/1	0	0/1	0					1,0	-	1,0	-	1,0	-	-	1,0	
BIGOVIC Maja	2	05:29	1/3	33	1/3	33					-	1,5	1,5	-	-	-	1,0	0,5	1.0
VUCETIC Jelena	3	20:29	5/16	31	3/8	38	2/8	25			-	4,0	4,0	1,7	2,3	1,7	-	3,3	4.0
SCEPANOVIC Ksenija	3	07:41	4/5	80	2/2	100	2/3	67	1/2	50	-	1,0	1,0	0,3	0,3	-	0,3	1,0	3.7
LEKOVIC Marija	4	22:00	12/31	39	10/23	43	2/8	25	9/13	69	1,3	2,0	3,3	2,8	2,0	2,0	-	3,3	8.8
GATLING Markeisha	1	31:24	11/13	85	11/13	85					4,0	8,0	12,0	2,0	4,0	1,0	-	4,0	22.0
JOVANOVIC Milica	1	28:20	2/6	33	0/1	0	2/5	40			1,0	3,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	1,0	-	3,0	6.0
TOTALS			107/250	43	107/250	47	30/85	35	39/53	74	8,2	18,8	27,0	9,0	12,0	5,5	1,3	14,3	70.8

# SROUP A

#### COACH Jelena SKEROVIC



Nationality: Montenegrin
Date of Birth: 23/12/80
Place of Birth: Podgorica
Club Team 2022-23:
VBW Arka Gdynia (Poland-BLK)
International Career:
Montenegro (2019-)
Instagram: skera5

#### Milica JOVANOVIC





Height: 1.89
Position: Power Forward
Date of birth: 14/08/89
Place of birth: Niksic
Club Team 2022-23:
DVTK Hun-Therm (Hungary-A)

The forward has a valid claim to be considered as one of the most underrated forwards in the European game since she has often been overshadowed by some of her peers. However, her country will once again benefit from her experience and quality in the frontcourt.

With fellow veteran Jelena Dubljevic unavailable, there is added responsibility on the shoulders of Jovanovic, but she will relish the challenge. Not least because her EuroLeague Women club season with Miskolc was cut short by an injury and so she will be raring to go.

A very capable scorer and rebounder, she has been with Montenegro from the beginning and this will be a staggering seventh consecutive appearance at the FIBA Women's EuroBasket and is looking to register a double-digit scoring return for the third edition in a row.

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#### **Marija LEKOVIC**



Height: 1.66
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 21/07/03
Place of Birth: Cetinje
Club Team 2022-23: But

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### **Bozica MUJOVIC**



**Height:** 1.76 **Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 07/01/96 Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje

Club Team 2022-23: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-

Extraliga)





#### **Jovana PASIC**



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 12/05/92 Place of Birth: Cetinje

Club Team 2022-23: Did Not Play

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#### Dragana ZIVKOVIC



Height: 1.79

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 23/01/01 Place of Birth: Cetinje

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)





#### Milena JAKSIC



Height: 1.83

**Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 27/12/98 Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2022-23: ZKK Niksic (Montenegro-

Superleague)

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#### Lana VUKCEVIC



Height: 1.92
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 08/08/05
Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### **Bojana KOVACEVIC**



Height: 1.76
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 24/12/97
Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2022-23: Arka Gdynia (Poland-BLK)

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#### Natasha MACK



**Height:** 1.93 **Position:** Power Forward/ Center

Date of Birth: 03/11/97
Place of Birth: Texas (USA)

Club Team 2022-23: ACS UMCS Lublin (Po-

land-BLK)

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#### Maja BIGOVIC



Height: 1.95 Position: Center Date of Birth: 24/09/02 Place of Birth: Cetinje

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### Anastasija DROBNJAK



Height: 1.81
Position Shooting Guard/Small Forward
Date of Birth: 13/08/02

Place of Birth: Bijelo Polje

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### **Jelena VUCETIC**



Height: 1.82

Position: Point Guard/ Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 14/09/93 Place of Birth: Kotor

Club Team 2022-23: Cadi La Seu (Spain-LF)

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#### Sofija ZIVALJEVIC



Height: 1.76
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 24/12/97
Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2022-23: Arka Gdynia (Poland-BLK)

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#### **Zorana RADONJIC**



Height: 1.73

Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 13/06/02
Place of Birth: Bar

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### Ksenija SCEPANOVIC



Height: 1.92 Position Center Date of Birth: 21/12/02 Place of Birth: Podgorica

Club Team 2022-23: Buducnost Podgorica

(Montenegro-Superleague)

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#### **BACK WITH SOME BOUNCE IN THEIR STEPS**

After a very positive qualifying campaign which saw Gundars Vetra and his team navigate their way past both Israel and Sweden in a tricky three team group, their unbeaten run has made people sit up and take notice again.

Not least because they didn't even make it to the Final Round two years ago and having missed out in Strasbourg and Valencia, they're back with reason to be confident they can continue the good work from those Qualifiers.

While the retirement less than two months ago of experienced playmaker Elina Babkina is no doubt a blow because of the scoring, creative touch and know-how she brought, cast your eye down this roster and there is still an exciting fusion of veterans and rising stars.

We will soon see how this comes together, but the bounce that Latvia have in their steps right now is that competition for spots in this roster was probably as fierce as it has been for quite some time.

Plus, if we push the rewind button just six years ago, Latvia showed what is possible when they made the Quarter-Finals and claimed a top six spot during the 2017 edition.

Anete Steinberga was an absolute warrior and colossus at that tournament and having not played at Final Round since, it is very likely that her presence can spark the same kind of run — if things come together for the team. She will be pushing for a double-double in every game she plays, while also setting the standard physically and playing some hard-nosed defense.

Pushing her hard for the status of being Latvia's marquee player is Kitija Laksa, who was also terrific at the 2017 edition. While Steinberga was a handful in the paint, her teammate rained down triples and has since shown in EuroLeague Women that she can be an elite level scorer.

There is a big dose of precious experience and capability in the shape of leva Pulvere and Aija Jurjane too. These Galatasaray colleagues will reunite for national team duties, with the former oozing smarts and the ability to knock down the three, while Jurjane will bring it in the paint.

There is excitement around the emerging players such as forward Aleksa Gulbe who played with Perfumerias Avenida last season and also Digna Strautmane who could win her fitness race having played in the competition with Olympiacos before she was sidelined.

The main challenge looks set to be distributing the minutes and production of the now departed Babkina. The guard dished out more than 7 assists per game in the qualifying games before hanging up her game shoes and now someone has to pick up that responsibility.

The bigs will be ready to go to work and with shooting talent like Laksa and Pulvere, Latvia can utilize a nicely balanced inside-outside game. But so much is going to hinge on them having someone who can execute, dictate the tempo and slow down the opposition too.

Ilze Jakobsone will be ready to step up and her success or otherwise may have a significant bearing on whether Latvia fade away or continue their momentum of qualification and post a repeat of their run to the Quarter-Finals in 2017.



#### **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	11th
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	13th
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	6th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	13th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	13th

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leva PULVERE

Kate VILKA

Kitija LAKSA

Katrina OZOLA

Karline PILABERE

Aija JURJANE

Aleksa GULBE

Anete STEINBERGA

Laura MELDERE

Marta MISCENKO

Coach: Gundars VETRA

Paula STRAUTMANE

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21/05/96

23/03/97

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29/01/90

01/06/01

27/11/95 TTT Riga

Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring (TUR)

Virtus Segafredo Bologna (ITA)

Cadi La Seu (ESP)

Alma Basket Patti (ITA)

Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring (TUR)

Perfumerias Avenida (ESP)

Tango Bourges Basket (FRA)

Umana Reyer Venezia (ITA)

TTT Riga

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
STRAUTMANE Paula	4	18:57	3/13	23	3/6	50	0/7	0			0,8	1,5	2,3	1,0	0,8	0,3	1,8	1,8	1.5
VIHMANE Ketija	1	13:57	0/1	0			0/1	0			-	2,0	2,0	3,0	-	1,0	-	-	
BABKINA Elina	3	26:00	9/27	33	4/10	40	5/17	29	3/3	100	-	3,3	3,3	7,3	2,3	0,3	-	2,0	8.7
PILABERE Karline	4	13:08	7/17	41	7/13	54	0/4	0	3/3	100	1,3	2,0	3,3	0,8	1,0	0,8	0,3	1,0	4.3
JURJANE Aija	4	13:37	12/19	63	9/14	64	3/5	60	0/2	0	0,8	2,5	3,3	0,5	1,5	0,3	0,3	2,3	6.8
STEINBERGA Anete	4	35:44	39/75	52	37/62	60	2/13	15	37/45	82	1,8	9,0	10,8	4,0	2,8	2,0	0,3	2,8	29.3
KLAKOCKA Aija	1	03:30	0/1	0	0/1	0					-	1,0	1,0	-	-	-	-	-	
PULVERE leva	4	26:59	7/15	47	2/7	29	5/8	63	4/4	100	1,0	3,3	4,3	2,0	1,3	0,8	-	3,0	5.8
JAKOBSONE Ilze	4	18:18	2/10	20	0/3	0	2/7	29	4/4	100	-	2,0	2,0	3,5	1,8	-	-	2,5	2.5
GULBE Aleksa	2	19:14	3/9	33	3/7	43	0/2	0	5/6	83	1,5	4,0	5,5	-	3,0	0,5	-	0,5	5.5
LAKSA Kitija	4	32:22	19/45	42	4/19	21	15/26	58	11/12	92	0,5	3,0	3,5	2,0	0,8	1,3	0,3	1,8	16.0
VILKA Kate	2	14:46	0/6	0	0/4	0	0/2	0			-	1,0	1,0	0,5	0,5	-	-	1,0	
TOTALS			101/238	42	101/238	47	32/92	35	67/79	85	5,3	20,5	25,8	13,5	8,8	4,0	1,8	11,5	75.3

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#### COACH Gundars VETRA



Nationality: Latvian
Date of Birth: 22/05/67
Place of Birth: Ventspils
Team 2022-23: Did Not Coach
International Career: Latvia (2022)

#### **Anete STEINBERGA**





Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward/ Center Date of Birth: 29/01/90 Place of Birth: Ogre

Team 2022-23: Tango Bourges Basket (FRA)

One of the most accomplished frontcourt performers in Europe and also bringing vast experience as a veteran star of this team, Steinberga is back in the lineup at the Final Round for the first time since 2017. If she can repeat anything like the form from that edition when she racked up a remarkable tournament double-double, then Latvia could be in business for a repeat of their Quarter-Finals slot.

She was badly missed on their last outing in 2019 at the event and they will be grateful to have Steinberga bringing the team a gloriously hard-nosed edge again. It will be much needed at this level, with her impressive physicality and intensity matched by her basketball skills and know-how.

The center comes into the competition having helped Tango Bourges Basket to the EuroLeague Women Quarter-Finals and also having led her nation in points, rebounds and efficiency during the qualifying campaign.

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#### **Aija JURJANE**



Height: 1.90

**Position:** Power Forward/Center **Date of Birth:** 15/01/88

Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring

(Turkey-KBSL)

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#### **Paula STRAUTMANE**



Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 23/03/97 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Cadi La Seu (Spain-LF)





#### **leva PULVERE**



Height: 1.72

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 22/07/90 Place of Birth: Cesis

Team 2022-23: Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring

(Turkey-KBSL)

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#### **IIze JAKOBSONE**



Height: 1.68 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 19/04/94 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: TTT Riga (Latvia-LSBL)

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#### **Aleksa GULBE**



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 05/02/00 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)

Twitter: Instagram:





#### Kitija LAKSA



Height: 1.86

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 21/05/96 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Virtus Segafredo Bologna

(Italy-A1)





#### **Laura MELDERE**



Height: 1.88 Position: Center Date of Birth: 01/06/01 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)





#### **Raina TOMASICKA**



Height: 1.80
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 01/01/05
Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: Loko Trutnov (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)





#### Karline PILABERE



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 16/11/90 Place of Birth: Cesis

Team 2022-23: Alma Basket Patti (Italy-A2)





#### **Ketija VIHMANE**



Height: 1.69
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 05/03/01
Place of Birth: Jurmala

Team 2022-23: Saarlouis Royals (Germany-DBBL)





#### Vanesa JASA



Height: 1.80

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 09/07/03 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: TTT Riga (Latvia-LSBL)





#### **Marta MISCENKO**



Height: 1.96 Position: Center Date of Birth: 27/11/95 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: TTT Riga (Latvia-LSBL)





#### **Kate VILKA**



Height: 1.84

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 14/04/96 Place of Birth: Riga

Team 2022-23: TTT Riga (Latvia-LSBL)





#### Katrina OZOLA



**Height:** 1.88 **Position:** Power Forward

Date of Birth: 09/06/04 Place of Birth:

Team 2022-23: RSU (Latvia-LSBL)

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#### **READY TO RISE BACK UP AGAIN**

Failing to make the Semi-Finals at the previous edition in their role as both co-hosts and reigning champions was a tremendous blow for Spain — as was missing out on the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 in Sydney.

In reality it merely confirmed the need for the pause button to be pressed and some much-needed reflection after the end of a glorious run under Lucas Mondelo which had seen plenty of silverware and historical firsts achieved.

A reboot was initiated and that started with the respected playcaller Miguel Mendez picking up the coaching reins. So far, the signs have been very positive after an unbeaten qualifying campaign which saw the younger and emerging players shining.

Even if 2019 tournament MVP Astou Ndour is unavailable for the current mission which is undeniably a blow, the roster still looks packed with talent and a nice mix of experience and youth.

Without Ndour, it's time for Raquel Carrera to show why she is one of the best players of her generation, not only in Europe, but in the world. The frontcourt star has been tearing it up for Valencia Basket in these last couple of club seasons and she is capable, despite her tender years, of leading Spain in the paint.

Spain also possesses two class leaders when it comes to shifting the momentum and making clutch shots from the wings. Any team containing both Alba Torrens and Maria Conde must be instantly thrust into contention for the title, or at the very least, a podium finish.

Torrens has had some injury frustrations in this past season, but will

hopefully be back near her brilliant best, while Conde has also spent some time on the sidelines too, but her passion, intensity and skills mean she could be the number one baller for Spain in this competition.

The backcourt has so much experience and certainly more than any other team around. Silvia Dominguez, Cristina Ouvina and Leo Rodriguez have been there and done it at all the top tournaments. Maite Cazorla is also a vital part of the rotation having established herself as an accomplished EuroLeague Women performer.

In fact, this entire roster is dripping in players who have made a splash in elite club competitions or previous national team tournaments and that is why you have to think that Spain are highly unlikely to fall short for a second time in a row.

The frontcourt remains the only question mark because of an arguable lack of depth, but the steadying presence of a warrior like Laura Gil dilutes any fears — along with the form of young Carrera. Besides, Spain never had huge options under the basket and yet still rode their way to titles

They may have someone new to oversee matters with Coach Mendez but will have a similar style to past editions. The 'Spanish way' of playing permeates through teams at all levels, including the senior side and we can expect to see tempo, defensive intensity, transition and a dynamic approach that should have fans engaged.

It is also likely to serve as the main ingredients for Spain rising back up, with many observers not questioning whether they will return to the podium or not — just what step they will end up standing on.



#### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

			FG		2PT I	FG	3РТ	FG	FI	Г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
ORTIZ Mariona	2	17:10	7/9	78	5/5	100	2/4	50	0/2	0	-	2,0	2,0	0,5	2,0	1,0	0,5	1,5	8.0
PENA Laura	1	14:12	2/4	50	1/1	100	1/3	33	2/2	100	-	2,0	2,0	5,0	3,0	2,0	-	-	7.0
ETXARRI Irati	4	18:36	13/26	50	12/24	50	1/2	50	3/6	50	1,3	3,0	4,3	0,8	2,0	1,3	0,8	1,3	7.5
SALVADORES Angela	2	14:32	6/12	50	5/10	50	1/2	50	4/5	80	-	1,0	1,0	2,0	2,0	2,0	-	1,5	8.5
OUVINA Cristina	2	12:46	4/10	40	2/5	40	2/5	40	2/2	100	1,5	0,5	2,0	2,0	0,5	2,0	0,5	0,5	6.0
DOMINGUEZ Silvia	2	17:41	0/5	0	0/1	0	0/4	0	6/6	100	0,5	2,0	2,5	4,0	2,5	0,5	-	2,0	3.0
TORRENS Alba	4	18:27	12/31	39	7/18	39	5/13	38	12/12	100	0,5	2,3	2,8	3,0	1,5	0,8	0,5	1,8	10.3
ARAUJO Maria	4	20:32	14/31	45	9/18	50	5/13	38	7/9	78	2,3	5,0	7,3	2,5	1,5	1,8	0,3	1,8	10.0
CASAS Queralt	4	15:46	9/20	45	7/14	50	2/6	33	10/12	83	0,8	2,5	3,3	1,5	1,3	1,3	0,8	0,8	7.5
QUEVEDO Laura	4	18:22	8/23	35	2/5	40	6/18	33	4/6	67	1,0	2,8	3,8	1,8	1,8	1,8	0,3	1,8	6.5
ROMERO Leticia	3	11:22	6/10	60	3/4	75	3/6	50			0,3	0,3	0,7	2,7	0,3	1,0	0,3	1,7	5.0
FLORES Laia	1	12:50	2/2	100			2/2	100			1,0	-	1,0	-	1,0	-	-	2,0	6.0
RODRIGUEZ Leonor	4	17:20	15/28	54	7/12	58	8/16	50	3/5	60	0,5	2,3	2,8	2,3	1,5	0,5	-	1,0	10.3
CAZORLA Maite	4	20:54	8/17	47	3/6	50	5/11	45	6/8	75	0,3	0,5	0,8	2,8	1,0	1,8	-	2,0	6.8
VILARO Andrea	2	19:42	6/13	46	4/6	67	2/7	29			-	2,0	2,0	2,5	1,0	2,5	-	1,5	7.0
CARRERA Raquel	4	23:24	11/25	44	11/23	48	0/2	0	6/8	75	1,5	2,8	4,3	2,3	0,3	1,5	0,3	2,0	7.0
ERAUNCETAMURGUIL Maria	2	16:47	4/9	44	4/9	44			5/6	83	1,5	3,5	5,0	0,5	1,0	0,5	1,0	2,5	6.5
GINZO Paula	5	15:49	19/28	68	19/28	68			7/10	70	1,4	2,4	3,8	1,8	0,4	0,6	0,2	0,4	9.0
CANELLA Marta	2	13:58	3/5	60	2/3	67	1/2	50			1,0	0,5	1,5	4,0	0,5	1,0	0,5	2,5	3.5
CONDE Maria	4	24:55	18/40	45	13/24	54	5/16	31	13/15	87	1,8	5,0	6,8	5,0	2,5	1,5	0,8	0,8	13.5
GIL Laura	3	19:19	6/16	38	5/14	36	1/2	50	11/18	61	2,7	3,3	6,0	1,3	1,3	2,0	1,0	2,3	8.0
YGUERAVIDE Sandra	2	16:20	3/11	27	1/2	50	2/9	22	5/6	83	-	1,0	1,0	1,5	0,5	2,5	0,5	1,5	6.5
NDOUR Astou	1	30:34	8/11	73	8/9	89	0/2	0	5/5	100	-	6,0	6,0	1,0	2,0	2,0	3,0	2,0	21.0
TOTALS			184/386	48	184/386	54	54/145	37	111/143	78	12,8	30,0	42,8	24,7	14,8	14,7	4,7	16,2	88.88

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## COACH Miguel MENDEZ



Nationality: Spanish
Date of Birth: 02/03/67
Place of Birth: Vigo
Team 2022-23:
International Career: Spain (2021-)

#### **Maria CONDE**





Height: 1.86
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 14/01/97
Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

c-ZBL)

It feels like the time is now for Conde to assume the role as the new and clear leader for Spain as they embark on a new chapter and look to get back challenging for the title.

The winger brings the quality and her trademark passion and intensity to the national team and that is a big bonus for Spain who will benefit from her ability to influence games in a big way with her do-it-all displays.

Fearless and able to score from range or slicing to the bucket, it's tough to slow Conde down when she starts turning up the dial, so it will not be a surprise if she is the leading offensive contributor for her country at this event.

She has already shown her class in EuroLeague Women while impressing for ZVVZ USK Praha since the last FIBA Women's EuroBasket and this is destined to be her most impactful yet.





#### **Alba TORRENS**



Height: 1.92

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 30/08/89 Place of Birth: Majorca

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club SAD

(Spain-LF)

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#### Cristina OUVINA



Height: 1.74
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 18/09/90
Place of Birth: Zaragoza

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club SAD

(Spain-LF)





#### **Queralt CASAS**



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 18/11/92 Place of Birth: Girona

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club SAD

(Spain-LF)

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#### **Laura QUEVEDO**



Height: 1.85

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 15/04/96 Place of Birth: Madrid

Team 2022-23: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-

LFB)

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#### Paula GINZO



Height: 1.87

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 16/02/98 Place of Birth: Santona

Team 2022-23: Ensino Lugo (Spain-LF)





#### **Maite CAZORLA**



Height: 1.78

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 18/06/97 Place of Birth: Las Palmas

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)





#### Silvia DOMINGUEZ



Height: 1.66
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 31/01/87
Place of Birth: Montgat

**Team 2022-23:** Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)





#### Leticia ROMERO



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 28/05/95 Place of Birth: Las Palmas

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club SAD

(Spain-LF)





#### Laura GIL



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 24/04/92 Place of Birth: Murcia

Team 2022-23: Basket Landes (France-LFB)





#### **Andrea VILARO**



Height: 1.79
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 09/05/93
Place of Birth: Barcelona

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)





#### **Raquel CARRERA**



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 31/10/2001 Place of Birth: Orense

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club SAD

(Spain-LF)





#### **Lola PENDANDE**



Height: 1.89

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 29/03/00 Place of Birth: Roquetas De Mar

Team 2022-23: University of Miami (USA-NCAA)





#### **Leonor RODRIGUEZ**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 21/10/91 Place of Birth: Las Palmas

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)





#### **Nerea HERMOSA**



Height: 1.99 Position: Center Date of Birth: 20/04/01 Place of Birth: Vitoria-Gasteiz

Team 2022-23: Georgia Tech (USA-NCAA)

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#### **READY TO SPOIL THE PARTY**

Having finished in last spot two years ago, few people will be predicting Greece to make a strong run towards the latter stages, but they're still more than capable of causing an upset.

In fact, they have recent history when it comes to delivering shocks, making a stunning run to the Semi-Finals just six years ago when nobody had given them a chance of even reaching the last eight.

They will step out at this edition happily wearing the label of underdogs and knowing that anyone who underestimates them could be left stung.

Not least because they have the terrific Maria Fasoula, who is a phenomenal force when wearing a national team jersey. In her new role as a leader, she will likely lead in scoring thanks to her size, skill and fantastic shot selection, as well as going to work on the glass. The center comes into this edition having excelled with Perfumerias Avenida and having made the All EuroLeague Women Second Team.

Fasoula forms a nice one-two punch in the paint with Artemis Spanou, whose relentless and aggressive approach epitomizes the way Greece will approach this competition. Not just an experienced warrior, the forward will challenge her frontcourt partner when it comes to leading the way in points and rebounds, having had another excellent year in EuroLeague Women with BC Polkowice.

There is incredible experience in the team, with Aikaterina Sotiriou and Evdokia Stamati aged 39 and 38 respectively. Having seen and done it all before, they've been written off at the Final Round previously but have made people choke on their predictions. The veteran duo played in

every game of the Qualifiers and are gold dust for Coach Petros Prekas in terms of talking to and influencing his younger players.

A huge bonus for Greece will be the presence of the talented Eleanna Christinaki, who missed the last edition in Valencia with a serious injury. Averaging double-digits in the Qualifiers, the wing will be hoping to make the plays needed to turn up the dial and repeat or increase that production.

Elsewhere on the roster, Eleni Bosgana is a highly-rated teenager who debuted two years ago at the Final Found but will be a far greater influence this time around. The same can be said if the athletic Elena Tsineke is in the lineup.

The backcourt will be key and there will be a lot of responsibility on Anna Stamolamprou and Pinelopi Pavlopoulou to raise their game if Greece want to make some surprises.

What matters most is that group-wise, Spain will be runaway favorites, but in Latvia and Montenegro they have two winnable games on paper. And, Greece will no doubt want to avenge their defeat to the latter who blew a hole in their prospects by beating them in the group stage two years ago.

Matching six years ago and making the Semi-Finals looks unlikely, but improving on that 16th spot last time is something they will certainly be aiming for. Perhaps the realistic outlook is something in between those book ends of success and falling short.



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	16th
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	Did not qualify
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	11th
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	4th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	10th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Did not qualify

#### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

Ioanna DIELA

Aikaterina SOTIRIOU

Zafeirenia KARLAFTI

Eleanna CHRISTINAKI

Antigoni CHAIRISTANIDOU 1.88

Eleni BOSGANA

Artemis SPANOU

Maria FASOULA

Eva KOUMANTSIOTOU

Coach: Petros PREKAS

Evdokia STAMATI

1.81

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02/08/84

08/06/98

16/12/96

04/12/03

03/10/90

01/01/93

02/09/97

09/06/04 Aris

Olympiacos

Olympiacos

PAOK

Panathinaikos

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BC Polkowice (POL)

Stanford University (USA)

Perfumerias Avenida (ESP)

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
TZANETATOU Angeliki	1	03:29	0/1	0	0/1	0					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,0	
STAMOLAMPROU Anna	6	24:36	19/43	44	13/22	59	6/21	29	5/8	63	0,2	1,0	1,2	2,0	1,3	0,7	-	2,2	8.2
ALEXANDRI Dionysia	6	11:31	1/7	14	1/5	20	0/2	0	1/4	25	-	1,0	1,0	1,7	0,8	0,7	-	1,5	0.5
PAVLOPOULOU Pinelopi	6	23:20	12/36	33	11/25	44	1/11	9	10/12	83	0,5	2,0	2,5	3,2	2,2	1,2	0,2	1,7	5.8
NIKOLOPOULOU Angeliki	2	28:28	7/15	47	3/8	38	4/7	57	7/8	88	-	4,5	4,5	3,5	2,5	1,5	0,5	3,5	12.5
SOTIRIOU Aikaterina	6	14:08	8/16	50	6/10	60	2/6	33	6/7	86	0,5	0,7	1,2	1,3	0,8	0,7	0,2	1,7	4.0
SPANOU Artemis	6	33:24	28/76	37	24/54	44	4/22	18	18/24	75	2,0	7,2	9,2	3,0	4,3	1,3	0,3	2,2	13.0
CHRISTINAKI Eleanna	4	26:20	13/26	50	11/17	65	2/9	22	14/14	100	1,5	4,0	5,5	0,5	2,8	1,0	-	1,0	10.5
CHAIRISTANIDOU Antigoni	3	09:43	2/3	67	2/3	67			2/2	100	0,7	1,7	2,3	0,7	-	1,0	0,3	-	2.0
DIELA loanna	2	05:31	1/3	33			1/3	33	2/4	50	-	1,0	1,0	-	-	0,5	-	0,5	2.5
FASOULA Mariella	5	34:46	36/64	56	36/64	56			23/27	85	3,6	6,4	10,0	1,6	2,6	1,8	1,0	2,8	19.0
KARLAFTI Zafeirenia	2	08:43	2/4	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	0,5	1,0	1,5	0,5	0,5	1,0	-	1,5	3.0
STAMATI Evdokia	6	26:46	19/42	45	10/12	83	9/30	30	7/12	58	0,2	2,2	2,3	2,5	1,7	1,7	0,5	2,3	9.0
TOTALS			148/336	44	148/336	53	30/113	27	96/124	77	10,0	28,0	38,0	17,0	17,7	9,8	2,3	16,5	70.3

# SROUP A

#### COACH Petros PREKAS



Nationality: Greek
Date of Birth: 03/09/73
Place of Birth: Peristeri
Team 2022-23:
Beretta Famila Schio (Italy-A1)
International Career: Greece (2021-)

#### Mariella FASOULA





Height: 1.92
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 02/09/97
Place of Birth: Amarousion

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-Liga

emenina)

Fasoula is a leading light for Greece now and has taken big strides even since her last Final Round appearance, as evidenced by her inclusion in this season's All-EuroLeague Women Second Team for her work in the competition with Perfumerias Avenida.

An imposing physical presence, she is someone who can use it effectively in both the high and low post, with her shot selection particularly impressive and a major contributor to her classy and efficient performances. Daughter of a former men's EuroBasket champion, Fasoula is from a basketball family and it shows in her game.

Leading Greece in efficiency, scoring and rebounding during their qualification campaign, expect Fasoula to repeat that feat at the main event this time around, as she looks to spearhead her nation's quest to improve on their 16th place finish two years ago.

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#### **Artemis SPANOU**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 01/01/93 Place of Birth: Rhodes

Team 2022-23: BC Polkowice (Poland-BLK)

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#### **Eleanna CHRISTINAKI**



Height: 1.84
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 16/12/96
Place of Birth: Paralimni (CYP)

**Team 2022-23:** Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

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#### **Anna STAMOLAMPROU**



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard/
Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 26/08/95
Place of Birth: Thessa-

loniki

Team 2022-23: Olympiacos

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#### **Eleni BOSGANA**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 04/12/03 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2022-23: Stanford (USA-NCAA)

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#### Pinelopi PAVLOPOULOU



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 03/03/96 Place of Birth: Amaroussio

Team 2022-23: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)





#### **Evdokia STAMATI**



Height: 1.78
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 02/08/84
Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2022-23: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)





#### loanna DIELA



**Height:** 1.81 Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward Date of Birth: 02/06/90 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2022-23: Olympiacos (Greece-A1)





#### **Zafeirenia KARLAFTI**



Height: 1.82
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 08/06/98
Place of Birth: Irakleio
Team 2022-23: PAOK (Greece-A1)

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#### Elena TSINEKE



Height: 1.70

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 07/11/99 Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2022-23: University of South Florida

(Greece-A1)

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#### **Athina LEXA**



Height: 1.76

**Position:** Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 03/04/02 Place of Birth: Thessaloniki

Team 2022-23: Canisius College (USA-NCAA)





#### Aikaterina SOTIRIOU



Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 03/01/84 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2022-23: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)





#### **Eva KOUMANTSIOTOU**



Height: 1.88
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 09/06/04
Place of Birth: Thessaloniki
Team 2022-23: Aris (Greece-A1)

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#### **Dionysia ALEXANDRI**



Height: 1.70

Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 24/10/89 Place of Birth: Athens

Team 2022-23: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

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#### **Antigoni CHAIRISTANIDOU**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 03/10/90 Place of Birth: Veroia

Team 2022-23: Panathinaikos (Greece-A1)

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#### **HEADING INTO THE UNKNOWN?**

Quite a bit has changed since the Cats turned up for the previous edition and ended up standing on the third step of the podium for the second time in their history. It was bitter-sweet, since while they were grateful to replicate their bronze medal success of 2017, the experience was tinged with regret having felt they could and should have made their first ever title game.

Since signing off in Valencia, they are onto their third coach. The long-serving Philip Mestdagh who skillfully shaped Belgium's success and delicious brand of basketball having been replaced by Valery Demory, who in turn, has been succeeded by Rachid Meziane.

Additionally, there has been a loss of some players central to Belgium's epic rise to the top tier of the women's game, including the likes of the now retired Kim Mestdagh and Marjorie Carpreaux.

They still have their marquee star in Emma Meesseman who is universally recognized as one of the top players in the world and with her on board anything is possible. As she has demonstrated so many times, including All-Star Five spots in 2017 and 2021. Meesseman is capable of putting this team on her back and carrying them through when needed. Whether it is scoring, clutch plays, rebounding, passing or playing defense, she will do it to the highest level.

Yet even taking into account her immeasurable skills and influence, Meesseman has recently admitted that even she is not sure where Belgium should pitch expectations.

The caution is understandable with the coaching changes and loss of some experienced personnel, but surely another podium finish is a

strong possibility?

Julie Allemand is such a quality playmaker and even if she is recovering from some injury issues, will no doubt demonstrate once again that she is one of the best in the competition.

While the loss of Mestdagh's three-point power in particular might be missed, the arrival of Hind Ben Abdelkader back onto the scene after her lengthy hiatus from national team action is a huge boost. Julie Vanloo is also a massively capable performer and so the guard spots look nicely stocked with players that can deliver.

Antonia Delaere continues to be one of the most underrated small forwards around and the Umana Reyer wing will be a rock as always for her country. Battling for some minutes in that position is one of the Cats' rising stars in the shape of the dynamic and athletic Maxuella Lisowa-Mbaka who just posted a strong season in EuroCup Women.

As well as Meesseman patrolling the paint, look out for Kyara Linskens who will have a big job to do alongside her, as might young Billie Massey. Meanwhile, we could also get to see Bethy Mununga for the first time at the Final Round, with the powerhouse forward having put up phenomenal numbers with ACS Sepsi-Sic in EuroCup Women this season.

So yes, there are some reasons why Belgium might feel they are heading into the unknown. Yet equally, it also feels like so many of the ingredients needed for medal success will be available and so now we hold our collective breath in anticipation to see what way it goes.



Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	5th
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	7th
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Bronze
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	5th
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	4th
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Bronze
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Did not qualify
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Did not qualify

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Ine JORIS

Nastja CLAESSENS

Laure RESIMONT

Becky MASSEY

Billie MASSEY

Bethy MUNUNGA

Emma MEESSEMAN

Serena-Lynn GELDOF

Coach: Rachid MEZIANE

Kyara LINSKENS

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25/07/01 House of Talents Spurs

Waregem

21/03/00 Estudiantes (ESP)

21/03/00 Estudiantes (ESP)

13/11/96 BLMA (FRA)

Kangoeroes Mechelen

ACS Sepsi-SIC (ROU)

02/03/97 Casademont Zaragoza (ESP)

Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding (TUR)

02/12/04

29/01/98

22/07/97

13/05/93

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
RAMETTE Elise	6	10:41	4/12	33	2/6	33	2/6	33	2/4	50	0,5	0,5	1,0	1,8	0,7	0,8	0,2	0,5	2.0
DELAERE Antonia	6	24:37	25/41	61	14/23	61	11/18	61	10/10	100	0,8	1,7	2,5	3,0	1,7	2,2	-	1,7	11.8
RESIMONT Laure	6	11:11	5/18	28	1/4	25	4/14	29	0/2	0	0,5	1,8	2,3	0,7	0,8	0,3	-	0,5	2.3
MEESSEMAN Emma	6	27:48	51/87	59	46/75	61	5/12	42	9/11	82	2,5	6,0	8,5	4,8	1,0	2,2	0,8	1,5	19.3
LINSKENS Kyara	6	23:06	27/51	53	24/42	57	3/9	33	12/16	75	1,3	5,5	6,8	2,8	1,8	1,2	1,0	2,7	11.5
CLAESSENS Nastja	3	09:59	10/18	56	5/10	50	5/8	63	2/3	67	1,7	0,7	2,3	2,0	0,3	1,3	-	1,0	9.0
BEN ABDELKADER Hind	4	21:12	21/38	55	14/18	78	7/20	35	3/3	100	0,3	4,3	4,5	2,3	1,3	1,0	0,3	1,0	13.0
MESTDAGH Hanne	2	09:06	2/4	50			2/4	50	3/3	100	-	-	-	0,5	-	-	-	1,5	4.5
GELDOF Serena-Lynn	4	07:47	6/11	55	6/10	60	0/1	0	2/6	33	0,8	0,5	1,3	0,3	0,3	0,5	0,3	1,8	3.5
MASSEY Becky	6	11:58	11/20	55	8/12	67	3/8	38	3/6	50	0,8	1,2	2,0	1,7	0,7	0,3	-	1,5	4.7
LISOWA MBAKA Maxuella	6	14:17	10/20	50	9/17	53	1/3	33	5/8	63	2,3	1,2	3,5	1,7	0,8	0,8	-	3,3	4.3
NAUWELAERS Heleen	1	01:26									-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MASSEY Billie	2	07:57	2/6	33	2/5	40	0/1	0	0/3	0	-	1,5	1,5	1,0	0,5	1,0	-	2,5	2.0
VANLOO Julie	6	25:34	23/49	47	8/11	73	15/38	39	8/8	100	-	2,0	2,0	6,5	3,0	1,3	-	1,2	11.5
RAMAN Jana	2	15:58	2/6	33	0/1	0	2/5	40			0,5	2,0	2,5	1,5	1,5	-	-	2,5	3.0
ALLEMAND Julie	2	31:05	5/10	50	4/5	80	1/5	20			-	2,0	2,0	4,5	5,0	2,5	-	1,0	5.5
JORIS Ine	3	09:34	7/12	58	3/5	60	4/7	57	2/2	100	0,3	0,3	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	-	0,7	6.7
TOTALS			211/403	52	211/403	60	65/159	41	61/85	72	12,5	27,3	39,8	28,5	15,7	12,3	2,3	18,0	91.3

# SROUP B

# COACH Rachid MEZIANE



Nationality: French
Date of Birth: 10/02/80
Place of Birth: Clermont-Ferrand
Team 2022-23:
Villeneuve d'Ascq LM(France-LFB)
International Career: Belgium (2022-)

#### **Emma MEESSEMAN**





Height: 1.92
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 13/05/93
Place of Birth: leper

Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding(Tur-

ey-KBSL)

Few players in world basketball have the kind of gravitas, influence and allaround brilliance when representing their national teams than the outstanding Meesseman. Her track record is stunning and her qualities are straight from the top drawer. Ever since she debuted in 2017 she has lit it up in a massive way, inspiring Belgium to their historic bronze medal at that first edition, also landing herself in the All-Star Five.

Meanwhile at the last edition in 2021, she repeated the feat as the standout figure for the Cats with another All-Star Five berth off the back of delivering another bronze for Belgium. Even in between during 2019 when Belgium didn't fulfil their potential, Meesseman still showed out and finished in the top three for scoring at the tournament.

This time around, the new-look Cats might be venturing into the unknown, but you can take it to the bank that Meesseman will be a tour de force yet again.

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#### **Billie MASSEY**



Height: 1.86
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 21/03/2000
Place of Birth: Ostend

Team 2022-23: Estudiantes (Spain-LF)

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# **Becky MASSEY**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Center
Date of Birth: 21/03/2000
Place of Birth: Ostend

Team 2022-23: Estudiantes (Spain-LF)





# Serena-Lynn GELDOF



Height: 1.96
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 02/03/97
Place of Birth: Oostende
Team 2022-23: Casademo

Team 2022-23: Casademont Zaragoza (Spain-LF)

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#### **Julie ALLEMAND**



Height: 1.73
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 07/07/96
Place of Birth: Liege

Team 2022-23: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-LFB)



#### **Julie VANLOO**



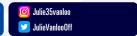
Height: 1.68

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 10/02/93 Place of Birth: Oostende

Team 2022-23: BLMA (France-LFB)





#### Maxuella LISOWA MBAKA



Height: 1.78

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 14/05/01 Place of Birth: Charleroi

Team 2022-23: Gesam Gas Le Mura Lucca

Italy-A1)

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# **Kyara LINSKENS**



Height: 1.85 Position: Center Date of Birth: 13/11/96 Place of Birth: Bruges

Team 2022-23: BLMA (France-LFB)





#### **Elise RAMETTE**



Height: 1.77 Position: Guard Date of Birth: 03/11/98 Place of Birth: leper

Team 2022-23: Cadi La Seu (Spain-LF)

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#### **Antonia DELAERE**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 01/08/94 Place of Birth: Antwerp

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)





# **Bethy MUNUNGA**



Height: 1.84

Position: Power Forward/Center
Date of Birth: 22/07/97
Place of Birth: Kinshasa (COD)
Club Team 2022 23: ACS Sepai Si

Club Team 2022-23: ACS Sepsi-SIC (Roma-

nia-D1)

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#### **Laure RESIMONT**



Height: 1.85

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 29/01/98 Place of Birth: Mechelen

Team 2022-23: Kangoeroes Mechelen (Bel-

gium-D1)





# Nastja CLAESSENS



Height: 1.84

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 02/12/04 Place of Birth: Kortrijk

Team 2022-23: Waregem (Belgium-D1)

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## **HIND BEN ABDELKADER**



Height: 1.69 Position: Guard Date of Birth: 21/07/95 Place of Birth: Brussels

Team 2022-23: Villeneuve D'Ascq LM(-

France-LFB)

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#### Ine JORIS



Height: 1.83

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 25/07/01
Place of Birth: Antwerp

Team 2022-23: House of Talents Spurs (Bel-

gium-D1)



#### THE START OF SOMETHING SPECIAL?

After years of fuelling a stunning youth talent pipeline, Italy may be about to enter an era when they will harvest such spectacular fruits and begin to realize their potential to become a leading women's basketball nation.

That is the optimistic vision of course, but why not? After all, they have a quality blend of experience and rising stars ready to make a splash – plus a load more who have impressed in FIBA youth tournaments waiting in the wings for future editions.

For the past few tournaments, the Quarter-Finals have been the clearly stated ambition, but at the past four editions they have achieved this only once — in 2017 when they finished 7th. Heading into this year's competition, surely they can not only aspire for the Quarter-Finals, but perhaps also target and chase down a top five finish.

Their 9th spot two years ago in Valencia felt like an under achievement, but with the younger players having had precious extra experience since then, some new teenage young guns arriving and pushing for places, plus Italian basketball riding the positive wave of Beretta Famila Schio's historic run to the EuroLeague Women Final Four, the feel good factor is fierce.

Importantly, Italy still have their leader and clutch baller Cecilia Zanadalsini who showed the way in 2017 when she erupted onto the scene and inspired that Quarter-Finals ticket with some epic performances. She will be able to share that experience with the younger members of the roster. Meanwhile she will also be looking to replicate those displays herself and put Italy onto the front foot with all

of her amazing offensive capabilities and desire to have the ball in her hands at the death.

As mentioned, Schio's run has given a platform for many players to show their value and talent at the highest club level, including Jasmine Keys in particular. The forward is likely to play a far different role from 2021 and see a significant boost in both minutes and influence off the back of her classy offerings in EuroLeague Women.

Her Schio teammate Costanza Verona will also likely pick up playmaking duties and she has been a real standout figure, so is great competition for the experienced Nicole Romeo in the backcourt.

There is also likely to be a spot for the brilliant youngster Matilde Villa who has turned heads with her exceptional performances at youth level. She is rated highly by everyone and is likely to be a leading figure for the next 10-15 years for her country. Meanwhile, Ilaria Panzera is another big talent who continues to push for selection and is one to potentially watch out for.

The frontcourt will also have Olbis Andre using her size and rebounding prowess to great effect, Martina Bestagno offering her know-how, with the likes of Sara Madera, Valeria Trucco and Lorela Cubaj likely challenging for court time too.

The real beauty of this Italian team is the depth of options compared to previous years. The spread of minutes during the qualifiers demonstrates the level of competition within the squad and now opportunity knocks loudly. Not only in this edition, but in this next era in general. Italian fans have every reason to be excited by what awaits.



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#### **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	9th
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	9th
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	7th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	15th
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	8th

Coach: Lino LARDO

Nicole ROMEO

Matilde VILLA

Laura SPREAFICO

Ilaria PANZERA

Cecilia ZANDALASINI

Silvia PASTRELLO

Martina FASSINA

Valeria TRUCCO

Jasmine KEYS

Sara MADERA

Lorela CUBAJ

Olbis Futo ANDRE

Martina BESTAGNO

PG/SG

SG/SF

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08/07/02

16/03/96

24/02/01

08/01/99

01/11/99

08/10/97

28/06/00

25/12/98

14/08/90

Passalacqua Ragusa

Umana Reyer Venezia

Gernika Bizkaia (ESP)

Virtus Segafredo Bologna

Fila San Martino Di Lupari

Umana Reyer Venezia

Beretta Famila Schio

Umana Reyer Venezia

Beretta Famila Schio

08/01/99 Umana Reyer Venezia

Virtus Segafredo Bologna

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# FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
KEYS Jasmine	6	19:40	23/43	53	22/37	59	1/6	17	9/11	82	3,2	3,7	6,8	1,8	0,7	0,7	1,2	1,3	9.3
VILLA Matilde	2	05:15	3/3	100	2/2	100	1/1	100			-	0,5	0,5	1,0	-	-	-	1,0	3.5
ROMEO Nicole	6	18:56	19/38	50	2/6	33	17/32	53	7/7	100	0,3	1,2	1,5	3,2	1,0	1,0	0,2	1,8	10.3
BESTAGNO Martina	6	17:58	15/31	48	12/24	50	3/7	43	18/25	72	1,7	0,7	2,3	1,3	1,3	0,7	0,2	1,5	8.5
CARANGELO Debora	3	17:33	2/12	17	1/4	25	1/8	13	1/2	50	1,0	1,3	2,3	1,3	1,0	1,0	-	1,3	2.0
TAGLIAMENTO Marzia	2	07:54	4/14	29	3/5	60	1/9	11	2/2	100	-	1,0	1,0	-	1,0	0,5	-	0,5	5.5
VERONA Costanza	6	19:42	24/39	62	15/20	75	9/19	47	3/4	75	0,7	3,3	4,0	2,7	2,0	0,5	-	1,7	10.0
ZANDALASINI Cecilia	6	23:59	27/67	40	24/43	56	3/24	13	7/14	50	0,7	3,3	4,0	6,8	1,0	1,3	0,3	1,2	10.7
TRUCCO Valeria	5	15:11	6/11	55	3/4	75	3/7	43			1,4	2,4	3,8	2,0	1,2	0,2	0,2	2,4	3.0
MADERA Sara	3	13:36	8/11	73	3/4	75	5/7	71	1/2	50	-	2,3	2,3	1,0	0,7	0,7	-	-	7.3
BARBERIS Beatrice	2	12:35	0/2	0			0/2	0			1,0	2,5	3,5	1,0	2,0	1,0	-	2,5	
SANTUCCI Mariella	1	15:35	2/4	50	1/2	50	1/2	50	1/4	25	1,0	1,0	2,0	2,0	4,0	-	-	4,0	6.0
FASSINA Martina	4	18:33	12/28	43	11/17	65	1/11	9	6/10	60	0,5	3,0	3,5	3,0	1,0	1,0	0,5	0,5	7.8
ANDRE Olbis	4	21:42	19/29	66	19/29	66			4/4	100	3,0	3,5	6,5	1,5	0,8	1,0	1,0	1,8	10.5
SPREAFICO Laura	4	18:39	10/24	42	0/3	0	10/21	48	1/1	100	0,3	1,0	1,3	1,8	1,0	0,5	-	8,0	7.8
PANZERA Ilaria	1	14:48	3/7	43	0/1	0	3/6	50			-	1,0	1,0	-	-	1,0	2,0	1,0	9.0
ATTURA Beatrice	4	11:28	3/14	21	2/7	29	1/7	14	1/2	50	0,3	1,3	1,5	1,3	0,8	0,8	-	1,0	2.0
CUBAJ Lorela	2	12:45	6/10	60	6/9	67	0/1	0	1/2	50	0,5	2,5	3,0	1,5	1,0	2,0	1,0	0,5	6.5
PENNA Elisa	1	10:29	1/3	33			1/3	33			1,0	1,0	2,0	-	-	-	-	2,0	3.0
CRUDO Sara	2	14:41	0/7	0	0/3	0	0/4	0	1/2	50	0,5	3,5	4,0	1,0	-	1,5	0,5	1,5	0.5
TOTALS			187/397	47	187/397	57	61/177	35	63/92	69	14,2	29,2	43,3	25,5	13,2	9,2	3,8	16,2	83.0

# SROUP B

#### COACH Lino LARDO



Date of Birth: 16/07/59
Place of Birth: Albenga
Team 2022-23:
Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1)
International Career: Italy (2020-)

Nationality: Italian

#### **Cecilia ZANDALASINI**





Height: 1.85 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 16/03/96 Place of Birth: Broni

Team 2022-23: Virtus Segafredo Bologna

(Italy-A1)

The FIBA Women's EuroBasket has always held a special place in the basketball journey of Zandalasini. It was during a spectacular debut in 2017 when she truly announced her arrival on the big stage and made the world sit up and take notice of her skills. Such was the impression made, she gained All-Star Five status even though Italy finished in a modest 7th place.

Second top scorer in the whole competition during 2017, Zandalasini has since top scored for Italy at both the 2019 and 2021 editions, so expect that trend to continue. The winger has it all from an offensive standpoint and can score from so many different positions on the court. A momentum-shifter and a baller built for the clutch, Zandalasini is not just a go-to player, but is also a leader on the floor for her country.

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#### **Martina BESTAGNO**



Height: 1.89
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 14/08/90
Place of Birth: San Remo

Team 2022-23: Beretta Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

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#### **Martina FASSINA**



**Height:** 1.83 **Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth:** 07/04/99

Place of Birth: Castelfranco Veneto

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

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#### **Jasmine KEYS**



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 08/10/97
Place of Birth: Venezia

Team 2022-23: Beretta Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

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#### **Nicole ROMEO**



Height: 1.66

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 29/08/89 Place of Birth: Adelaide (AUS)

Team 2022-23: Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1)



#### **Olbis Futo ANDRE**



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 25/12/98

**Place of Birth:** Castel San Pietro Terme **Team 2022-23:** Virtus Segafredo Bologna

(Italy-A1)

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#### **Matilde VILLA**



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 09/12/04 Place of Birth: Milano

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

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#### **Lorela CUBAJ**



Height: 1.93
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 08/01/99
Place of Birth: Terni

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

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#### **Ilaria PANZERA**



Height: 1.80
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 08/07/02
Place of Birth: Carate Brianza
Team 2022-23: Allianz Geas (Italy-A1)

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#### Valeria TRUCCO



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 01/11/99 Place of Birth: Turin

Team 2022-23: Allianz Geas (Italy-A1)

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#### **Sara MADERA**



**Height:** 1.86 **Position:** Power Forward/Center

Date of Birth: 28/06/00
Place of Birth: Livorno

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

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#### **Laura SPREAFICO**



Height: 1.81

**Position:** Shooting Guard/ Small Forward

Date of Birth: 19/06/91 Place of Birth: Erba

Team 2022-23: Gernika Bizkaia (Spain-LF)

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#### **Mariella SANTUCCI**



Height: 1.70 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 18/06/97 Place of Birth: Bologna

Team 2022-23: Umana Reyer Venezia (Italy-A1)

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#### Costanza VERONA



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Rirth: 06/08/

Date of Birth: Palermo

Team 2022-23: Beretta Famila Schio (Italy-A1)

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#### Silvia PASTRELLO



Height: 1.80 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 24/02/01 Place of Birth: Padova

Team 2022-23: Fila San Martino Di Lupari

(Italy-A1)

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#### WILL THEY STOP THE FINAL ROUND ROT?

It's to their absolute credit that a relatively short-handed Czech Republic find themselves back at the top table and competing again, having posted an eye-catching qualifying campaign.

There is also a strong sense of déjà vu about this scenario since this has been the case for the last few years - only for their appearances at the Final Round to end up in real disappointment. They were 15th of 16 two years ago, also finishing in the same spot in 2019, having posted a 13th placed finish as hosts in 2017.

It's a far cry from the halcyon days of the past when Czech Republic won the title in 2005, or when only 13 years ago, found themselves competing with the USA in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2010 title game. Things have certainly changed. If not dramatically, then undeniably a lot.

Successfully rediscovering past triumphs and high tide marks does not feel realistic. While a first Quarter-Finals ticket in a decade sounds nice, surely the first aim for this current Czech team is to improve on the last two or three Final Round appearances by causing some surprises in their new status as underdogs.

To emerge as surprise packages, they will rely heavily on the experience of Renata Brezinova, their captain and rock - someone who will provide a great foundation to build from at this tournament. Especially since the team has received the hammer blow of losing marquee center Julia Reisingerova to an injury.

Thankfully forward Natalie Stoupalova has been tremendous in the preparation games and could be a real sleeper at this tournament for her team. If she continues this form, it will really help fill the void left by the absent Reisingerova.

Having effective players with double-digit scoring returns is going to be the biggest challenge for head coach Romana Ptackova. The playcaller took the reins midway through the qualifying process from her predecessor Stefan Svitek and the fact she is renowned in her homeland for working with younger players is also evidence that the Czechs are turning a page and in transition.

If they are to find the offensive firepower they need to keep pace at this event, then it will most likely have to be another collective effort. There will certainly be pressure on the backcourt and wings to produce, with a strong emphasis on ZVVZ USK Praha colleagues Veronika Vorackova and Tereza Vyoralova. Both have been playing EuroLeague Women for many seasons and have several Final Round appearances previously, so know what the top level is all about. Vorackova in particular will be determined to show she has not plateaued and can re-discover the promise she showed when younger.

With an arguably limited and shorter quality rotation and fewer standout star names than most other teams, it's tough to see Czech Republic making a deep run at this year's event. But on the flip-side, Coach Ptackova has done a fine job so far integrating some new players and the team has played with freedom and a real verve in preparation. If they can replicate some of that form, they might just spring a surprise and stop the rot of their last three lowly finishes.



# FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

2015

2014

2013

Julia REISINGEROVA

Coach: Romana PTACKOVA

Klara VOJTIKOVA

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16/06/94 Hradec Kralove

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FIBA Women's EuroBasket

FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup

Budapest (HUN)

Istanbul (TUR)

Orchies (FRA)

11th

9th

6th

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	T		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
BREZINOVA Renata	3	20:35	9/21	43	5/10	50	4/11	36	12/13	92	1,0	3,3	4,3	2,3	1,0	1,7	-	1,3	11.3
ZEITHAMMEROVA Katerina	3	12:53	4/10	40	1/5	20	3/5	60			-	1,0	1,0	1,3	0,7	0,3	-	1,7	3.7
ANDELOVA Gabriela	3	24:06	9/24	38	6/14	43	3/10	30	4/4	100	0,7	1,3	2,0	1,7	1,7	0,7	0,7	1,3	8.3
STOUPALOVA Natalie	4	19:56	11/33	33	10/24	42	1/9	11	9/10	90	1,5	3,3	4,8	0,5	1,5	-	0,8	2,3	8.0
POSPISILOVA Julie	1	19:15	3/6	50	2/3	67	1/3	33			-	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	1,0	-	-	7.0
BRABENCOVA Kristyna	1	06:48	1/3	33	1/2	50	0/1	0	1/2	50	-	-	-	1,0	-	2,0	-	1,0	3.0
PAUROVÁ Dominika	1	04:39	0/1	0			0/1	0	1/2	50	-	1,0	1,0	-	1,0	-	-	-	1.0
VORACKOVA Veronika	4	27:54	16/34	47	13/27	48	3/7	43	3/5	60	0,5	4,8	5,3	5,5	3,5	2,3	1,3	2,0	9.5
HAMZOVA Eliska	4	24:57	7/16	44	6/12	50	1/4	25	8/11	73	1,0	3,5	4,5	2,5	2,8	2,8	-	3,8	5.8
KOPECKA Anezka	2	04:09	1/1	100	1/1	100					-	-	-	-	-	0,5	-	2,0	1.0
VYORALOVA Tereza	3	24:12	7/20	35	5/10	50	2/10	20			1,0	4,0	5,0	2,0	1,7	1,0	-	1,7	5.3
HOLESINSKA Petra	4	17:04	8/25	32	4/11	36	4/14	29	10/11	91	1,0	2,0	3,0	1,0	0,8	1,3	0,5	1,5	7.5
KREJZOVA Michaela	1	03:42	0/1	0			0/1	0			-	-	-	-	-	1,0	-	2,0	
GALICKOVA Katerina	1	03:14	1/2	50	0/1	0	1/1	100			-	2,0	2,0	-	1,0	-	-	1,0	3.0
VOJTÍKOVA Klara	1	08:04	1/2	50	1/2	50					-	2,0	2,0	-	1,0	-	-	1,0	2.0
MALIKOVA Petra	1	03:06									-	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	-	
SIPOVA Veronika	1	21:45	1/2	50	1/2	50			6/9	67	2,0	3,0	5,0	2,0	-	4,0	1,0	4,0	8.0
CECHOVA Emma	2	04:11	1/2	50	1/2	50					-	1,5	1,5	0,5	-	-	-	1,0	1.0
EFFANGOVA Pamela-Therese	1	05:02	1/2	50			1/2	50			1,0	-	1,0	-	-	-	-	2,0	3.0
REISINGEROVA Julia	2	26:58	13/19	68	13/19	68			5/7	71	2,0	3,5	5,5	1,0	2,0	1,0	0,5	3,5	15.5
SKLENAROVA Simona	3	06:53	3/8	38	3/6	50	0/2	0	2/2	100	0,7	0,3	1,0	1,3	1,0	0,7	-	1,3	2.7
ZAPLATOVA Petra	1	28:13	1/5	20	0/3	0	1/2	50	2/2	100	-	2,0	2,0	5,0	4,0	4,0	1,0	3,0	5.0
TOTALS			98/237	41	98/237	47	25/83	30	63/78	81	9,0	29,8	38,8	19,5	17,5	13,3	3,8	21,8	

# SROUP B

#### COACH Romana PTACKOVA



Nationality: Czech
Date of Birth: 09/12/66
Place of Birth: Bruntal
Team 2022-23:
Hradec Kralove (Czech Republic-ZBL)
International Career:
Czech Republic (2022-)

#### Veronika VORACKOVA





Height: 1.75
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 21/06/99
Place of Birth: Ceske Budejovice

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

ic-ZBL)

Vorackova is preparing to appear at her fourth edition of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket, even though she is only 23-years-old. This is set to be her biggest tournament yet and it needs to be. Previously she has not found her scoring touch at the event, but her nation needs her to show that she can compete at this level and be a difference-maker and leader. It feels like it is time for her to come alive and grab the opportunity.

She's shown with some big EuroLeague Women performances during past seasons with ZVVZ USK Praha that she can put points on the board against the biggest teams. While this past campaign was relatively quiet, on her day she can be the one to take Czech Republic to a win. If she can make some shots early, the confidence will flow and her team has a game-winner in their ranks.

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# **Gabriela ANDELOVA**



Height: 1.73

**Position:** Point Guard / Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 21/03/96
Place of Birth: Pelhrimov

Team 2022-23: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-Ex-

traliga)

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#### Tereza VYORALOVA



Height: 1.76

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 16/01/94
Place of Birth: Weissenfels (GER)

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)





#### Veronika SIPOVA



Height: 1.81

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 07/01/98 Place of Birth:

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)

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#### **Natalie STOUPALOVA**



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 13/07/98 Place of Birth: Brno

Team 2022-23: Zabiny Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)



#### Renata BREZINOVA



Height: 1.91 Position: Center Date of birth: 06/01/90

Place of birth: Rychnov nad Kneznou Team 2022-23: San Giovanni Valdarno (ITA)

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#### Anezka KOPECKA



Height: 1.82
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 29/03/00
Place of Birth: Havirov

Team 2022-23: KP Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)

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#### Eliska HAMZOVA



Height: 1.82 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 01/10/01 Place of Birth: Hnanice

Team 2022-23: Zabiny Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)





#### **Emma CECHOVA**



Height: 1.95
Position: Power Forward/ Center
Date of Birth: 12/07/04
Place of Birth: Brussels (BEL)

Team 2022-23: Zabiny Brno (Czech Republic-ZBL)





#### **Petra HOLESINSKA**



Height: 1.73

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 12/03/97 Place of Birth: Vracov

Team 2022-23: Gran Canaria (Spain-LF)





#### Simona SKLENAROVA



**Height:** 1.81 **Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 20/05/00 Place of Birth: Pilsen

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)

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#### **Katerina ZEITHAMMEROVA**



Height: 1.60
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 07/04/02
Place of Birth: Hnanice

Team 2022-23: Hradec Kralove (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)

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#### **Pamela-Therese EFFANGOVA**



Height: 1.78
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 17/04/98
Place of Birth: Prague

Team 2022-23: Hradec Kralove (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)

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## Klara VOJTIKOVA



Height: 1.85
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 16/06/94
Place of Birth: Uherske Hradiste

Team 2022-23: Hradec Kralove (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)





#### **READY TO END LOSING STREAK**

A full 12 years after their last appearance at the event, Israel look well placed to potentially make an impact on their belated return and make up for having missed five editions.

You have to turn the clock back 32 years to when they last won in the competition, taking down Czechoslovakia in a 91-90 thriller during the 1991 edition. They head into this year's event looking to snap a 20-game losing streak at the Final Round and might just have the roster to not only do that, but maybe push towards the Quarter-Finals.

While their ticket for this event was always guaranteed because of their status as co-hosts, the Qualifiers showed enough to suggest that they may be able to cause some problems, having completed a win double over Sweden and having also competed hard with Latvia.

Critically, Israel are not reliant on a main star player and can look to at least three or four of their players to make the big plays and carry the team when needed. Alyssa Baron can be a scoring machine and the guard is likely to be the most likely to hold the hot hand in this tournament having displayed her skills in EuroCup Women with Elitzur Landco Ramla as well as during the Qualifiers.

In the backcourt alongside her, Eden Rotberg was superb in the games against Sweden and Latvia, putting up 28 points in a clash with the latter. If she can replicate that kind of form, it could prove transformational for Israel's prospects.

One of the biggest reasons to be confident is through the all-action

approach of Jennie Simms, who is a baller for all occasions and will just love this kind of platform to showcase her talent. Whether it is scoring, passing the rock or going to some serious work on the glass, she will truly be ready to do it all.

Alexandra Cohen will have to get through a lot of the dirty stuff in the paint, but her size in a team that is not exactly the tallest in the tournament is precious. She also has the capacity to score too, so will be another cog in an offensive machine that could surprise some observers if everything clicks into place.

Elsewhere on the roster, there may be an opportunity for the highlyrated teenage forward Yarden Garzon who has previously excelled during summer FIBA youth events. Garzon possesses the capability to transfer some of those elements to the senior team on her Final Round debut

It's likely the effectiveness of the supporting cast being able to step onto the floor and make positive contributions that could be what determines Israel's finishing position. Even with some nice headline performers, the co-hosts will know they will only offer a punch worthy of note if it is a big team effort.

Extending their involvement beyond Tel Aviv and getting on the plane to Ljubljana would be the dream, although the first task is simply to snap that losing run and get a first victory on the board for more than three decades



FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifiers

# **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	Did not qualify
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Did not qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Did not qualify
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Did not qualify

# FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

Emma RINAT

Eden ROTBERG

Alyssa BARON

Gili EISNER

Tslil VATURI

Eden ZIPEL

Tal SAHAR

Daniel RABER

Yarden GARZON

Drew EDELMAN

Alexandra COHEN

**Coach: Sharon DRUCKER** 

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Jennie SIMMS

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27/12/02

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05/09/96

23/11/03

16/12/01

25/04/95

University of Rhode Island (USA)

Elitzur Landco Ramla

Elitzur Landco Ramla

Maccabi Ramat Gan

Maccabi Haifa

Elitzur Holon

Hapoel Rishon

Maccabi Ashdod

Indiana University (USA)

Maccabi Bnot Ashdod

Oklahoma State University (USA)

Elitzur Holon

01/06/93 Maccabi Bnot Ashdod

			FG		2PT	FG	3PT	FG	F	Т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
BARON Alyssa	3	32:43	18/45	40	12/29	41	6/16	38	19/20	95	0,3	6,3	6,7	1,7	2,0	2,3	0,3	3,3	20.3
EDELMAN Drew	2	11:27	2/4	50	2/4	50			1/2	50	1,5	3,0	4,5	-	2,5	0,5	0,5	3,0	2.5
LEV Tal	1	13:48	0/1	0			0/1	0			-	1,0	1,0	-	1,0	-	-	2,0	
ROTBERG Eden	4	28:17	21/51	41	14/34	41	7/17	41	10/11	91	0,8	1,8	2,5	2,0	2,5	0,5	-	1,8	14.8
COHEN Alexandra	4	29:38	20/38	53	11/21	52	9/17	53	11/14	79	1,0	5,5	6,5	1,0	3,8	1,0	0,8	2,8	15.0
EISNER Gili	4	22:40	2/14	14	0/4	0	2/10	20	0/2	0	0,3	2,0	2,3	3,3	1,5	0,8	-	1,5	1.5
KARSH Daniel	3	22:12	7/18	39	7/15	47	0/3	0	1/3	33	-	2,7	2,7	3,3	2,0	1,7	-	2,0	5.0
HADAD Hadar	2	08:46	3/8	38	2/3	67	1/5	20			-	1,0	1,0	-	-	-	-	1,0	3.5
FLEISCHER Jennifer	4	10:01	3/5	60	3/5	60			1/4	25	1,3	4,3	5,5	0,3	1,0	-	-	1,0	1.8
GARZON Yarden	1	24:32	5/11	45	1/4	25	4/7	57	2/2	100	-	4,0	4,0	-	3,0	-	1,0	4,0	16.0
ZIPEL Eden	4	17:45	5/10	50	3/5	60	2/5	40	0/2	0	-	1,3	1,3	0,3	0,8	0,5	0,3	1,0	3.0
KARSH Hila	1	01:24	1/1	100	1/1	100					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
KAYUF Noor	1	00:26	1/1	100	1/1	100					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
RABER Daniel	4	21:21	7/23	30	7/22	32	0/1	0	2/2	100	0,5	4,5	5,0	1,3	2,5	1,8	0,3	3,8	4.0
SIMMS Jennie	1	35:41	2/8	25	1/7	14	1/1	100	2/3	67	2,0	14,0	16,0	8,0	5,0	2,0	-	1,0	7.0
TOTALS			97/238	41	97/238	42	32/83	39	49/65	75	4,3	23,3	27,7	9,2	12,8	5,5	1,3	13,7	68.8

# SROUP B

# COACH Sharon DRUCKER



Nationality: Israeli
Date of Birth: 26/07/67
Place of Birth: Petah Tivka
Team 2022-23:
Hapoel Haifa (Israel-Winner League)
International Career: Israel (2022-)

#### **Jennie SIMMS**





Height: 1.84

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 21/04/94 Place of Birth: Maryland (USA) Team 2022-23: Elitzur Holon (Israel-D1)

Simms rides into this tournament off the back of a breathtaking individual season when she was regularly on fire with Elitzur Holon and recorded some extraordinary numbers in EuroCup Women. Her do-it-all approach resulted in her averaging almost 20 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists per outing, which gives a clear indication of her value to Israel as the co-hosts return for the first time since 2011.

Having a go-to baller like Simms who is instant offense and always ready to deliver in the clutch could be a huge difference-maker when it comes to Israel springing a surprise and potentially advancing beyond the Group stage. She will be top of the scouting list for Israel's opponents and she may have to deal with a lot of defensive attention, but she is smart enough to exploit that for the benefit of her teammates if it comes, so there's a lot to love with her on the roster.

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# **Alyssa BARON**



Height: 1.76

**Position:** Shooting Guard/Point Guard

Date of Birth: 16/04/92 Place of Birth: Miami (USA)

Team 2022-23: Elitzur Landco Ramla (Israel-D1)

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#### **Eden ROTBERG**



Height: 1.86

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 01/07/98 Place of Birth: Tel Aviv

Team 2022-23: Elitzur Landco Ramla (Israel-D1)

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#### **Alexandra COHEN**



Height: 1.96
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 01/06/93
Place of Birth: Wisconsin (USA)

Team 2022-23: Maccabi Bnot Ashdod (Israel-D1)

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#### **GIII EISNER**



Height: 1.76

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 06/08/01 Place of Birth: Peta Tivkah

Team 2022-23: Maccabi Haifa (Israel-D1)



#### **Daniel RABER**



Height: 1.83 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 05/09/96 Place of Birth: Ramla

Team 2022-23: Elitzur Holon (Israel-D1)

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#### **May REVAHE**



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 14/02/02
Place of Birth:

Team 2022-23: Maccabi Haifa (Israel-D1)

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#### **Eden ZIPEL**



Height: 1.83

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 27/12/02 Place of Birth: Ramat Gan

Team 2022-23: Hapoel Rishon (Israel-D1)

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#### **Lior GARZON**



Height: 1.83
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 16/12/01
Place of Birth: Petah Tikva

Team 2022-23: Oklahoma State (USA-NCAA)

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#### **Daniel KARSH**



Height: 1.75
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 04/04/01
Place of Birth: Petah Tivka
Team 2022-23: Ramat Hasharon (Israel-D1)

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#### **Tal SAHAR**



Height: 1.82
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 31/03/97
Place of Birth: Los Angeles (USA)
Team 2022-23: Maccabi Ashdod (Israel-D1)

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#### Yarden GARZON



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 23/11/03 Place of Birth: Ra'Anana

Team 2022-23: Indiana (USA-NCAA)

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#### **Emma RINAT**



Height: 1.72 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 22/09/03 Place of Birth: Zafririm

Team 2022-23: University of Rhode Island (USA-

NCAA)

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#### **Drew EDELMAN**



Height: 1.93

Position: Power Forward / Center Date of Birth: 25/04/95 Place of Birth: California (USA)

Team 2022-23: Maccabi Bnot Ashdod (Israel-D1)

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#### **TSIII VATURI**



Height: 1.72

Position: Shooting Guard / Small Forward

Date of Birth: 21/06/98

Place of Birth: Rabat Gan

Team 2022-23: Maccabi Ramat Gan (USA-

NCAA)

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**GREAT BRITAIN** 



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Thursday, June 15	Great Britain - Slovenia Germany - France	18:00 20:45
Friday, June 16	France - Great Britain Slovenia - Germany	15:00 18:00
Sunday, June 18	Germany - Great Britain Slovenia - France	12:15 18:00



#### A TOUGH BATTLE TO MAKE IT SIXTH TIME LUCKY?

After a jaw-dropping run of five consecutive Final defeats, France looked all set to end their silver streak and use their amazing talent and depth to be crowned champions for the first time since 2009.

Installed as the pre-tournament favorites and by some distance according to many observers, that viewpoint was diluted considerably when it was unexpectedly confirmed they would have to cope without big-hitters Marine Johannes and Gabby Williams.

Consequently, ending a staggering 14 years without the title just got a lot more difficult. But even without two of their leading lights, this is a France team stacked with talent. One that if it plays to its revised potential, should still be able to make a tilt at the title and anything less than a podium finish would be a considerable disappointment.

There is an extraordinary mix of youth and experience in this group of players and about as exciting a combination in this sense as any other team has in the competition.

The legendary Sandrine Gruda is preparing to step out at the event for the eighth time and she is third in the all-time scoring charts for the FIBA Women's EuroBasket. That is all you need to know about why her presence will be so important - especially when the team needs a cool head in the big moments. With her smooth as silk baseline jumper and physical presence, she can lock down the paint, while Helena Ciak also adds even more veteran know-how into the mix.

At the other end of the spectrum, it is the pupil still learning from the teacher in the shape of Iliana Rupert. Still only 21 years old and getting better and better with every tournament, she is a star in her own right now.

Rupert will be a big force with Gruda inside, either working in tandem or swapping as part of the center rotation. She is likely to post some leading performances for her team as she continues to learn from those around her.

On the wing, the team could be led at this event by Valeriane Vukosavljevic, a player who is arguably in the best form of her entire career right now and has the capacity to transform her national team contributions. In the past, the small forward has not always been able to shine, but this time she needs to reset the dial, step up and offer more of a scoring threat - something she is very capable of doing.

In the backcourt, there is tremendous responsibility on young gun Marine Fauthoux, who will continue her outstanding evolution. She has previous FIBA Women's EuroBasket experience on her resume already as well as Olympic and World Cup experiences, so she knows what it takes despite her young age. Fauthoux has added clutch to her game and can be trusted even in the most pressurized moments.

Throw in the likely presence of EuroLeague Women Young Player of the Year Pauline Astier, who is also coming into contention for minutes, and it illustrates what a tremendous blend France will have.

Getting an elusive first gold since 2009 can't be ruled out even if they are missing two heavyweight players and while it will be difficult, perhaps the one silver lining for France is that it might just reduce the previous weight of pressure and expectation.



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Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	7 <sup>th</sup>
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Bronze
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Silver
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	Silver
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	5 <sup>th</sup>
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Silver
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	4 <sup>th</sup>
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Silver
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	7 <sup>th</sup>
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	Silver

# FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

Valeriane VUKOSAVLJEVIC 1.84

Coach: Jean Aime TOUPANE

Marie-Paule FOPPOSSI

Alexia CHARTEREAU

Janelle SALAUN

Sandrine GRUDA

Helena CIAK

Iliana RUPERT

Marieme BADIANE

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29/04/94 ZVVZ USK Praha (CZE)

BLMA

25/06/87 LDLC ASVEL Feminin

15/12/89 LDLC ASVEL Feminin

12/07/01 Virtus Segafredo Bologna (ITA)

LDLC ASVEL Feminin

Villeneuve d'Ascq LM

28/01/98 Tarbes

05/09/98

05/09/01

24/11/94

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	Г		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	T0	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
BANKOLE Ornella	1	08:25	0/1	0			0/1	0			1,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	1,0	-	-	-	
FAUTHOUX Marine	4	21:23	9/19	47	6/12	50	3/7	43	4/4	100	0,5	1,5	2,0	3,8	2,0	1,0	-	1,5	6.3
MIYEM Endene	2	13:54	6/15	40	5/13	38	1/2	50	6/8	75	1,0	0,5	1,5	-	-	0,5	-	1,0	9.5
CHARTEREAU Alexia	4	21:03	15/35	43	13/25	52	2/10	20	7/7	100	0,3	3,8	4,0	0,8	1,0	0,3	0,3	2,0	9.8
GRUDA Sandrine	2	24:39	7/18	39	7/18	39			2/2	100	2,5	3,5	6,0	1,0	1,5	2,5	-	2,0	8.0
MICHEL Sarah	5	15:48	14/20	70	9/13	69	5/7	71	5/7	71	-	2,2	2,2	2,2	1,4	3,0	0,2	1,8	7.6
VUKOSAVLJEVIC Valeriane	4	23:51	14/27	52	9/17	53	5/10	50	16/24	67	0,5	2,8	3,3	2,5	2,0	1,8	-	1,5	12.3
RUPERT Iliana	3	12:40	4/10	40	3/8	38	1/2	50	4/4	100	1,0	2,3	3,3	1,0	0,7	1,0	-	2,0	4.3
SALAUN Janelle	4	13:06	11/16	69	7/9	78	4/7	57	2/4	50	1,0	0,5	1,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	-	1,5	7.0
WILLIAMS Gabby	4	21:58	20/40	50	17/30	57	3/10	30	6/7	86	0,5	2,8	3,3	3,3	1,3	2,0	0,5	2,0	12.3
CIAK Helena	4	10:40	6/9	67	6/9	67			4/4	100	1,3	2,8	4,0	-	0,8	0,5	0,3	2,0	4.0
BADIANE Marieme	4	20:35	18/31	58	18/30	60	0/1	0	2/2	100	1,0	3,5	4,5	1,5	1,3	1,3	-	1,8	9.5
JOHANNES Marine	6	23:29	35/70	50	20/37	54	15/33	45	7/8	88	0,3	1,3	1,7	3,7	2,2	0,7	0,2	2,3	15.3
TOURE Mamignan	6	15:44	17/38	45	12/25	48	5/13	38	5/5	100	0,2	1,0	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,5	0,3	2,2	7.3
POUYE Tima	2	05:06	3/5	60	3/4	75	0/1	0	1/2	50	0,5	-	0,5	-	0,5	0,5	-	0,5	3.5
GAYE Aby	1	01:16									-	1,0	1,0	-	1,0	-	-	-	
HERIAUD Caroline	4	14:22	6/10	60	5/6	83	1/4	25	6/8	75	0,3	1,0	1,3	3,5	1,0	1,5	-	2,3	4.8
BERNIES Romane	2	15:06	1/1	100	1/1	100					-	1,0	1,0	3,0	-	0,5	0,5	1,0	1.0
PAGET Marie-Eve	2	21:19	4/11	36	1/4	25	3/7	43	2/2	100	-	0,5	0,5	2,0	1,5	2,0	0,5	2,0	6.5
CHERY Kendra	3	18:47	4/12	33	4/10	40	0/2	0	1/1	100	1,3	2,3	3,7	0,3	0,7	2,0	0,3	2,3	3.0
ASTIER Pauline	4	08:19	7/11	64	7/9	78	0/2	0	1/2	50	-	0,5	0,5	2,0	2,0	1,0	-	1,5	3.8
Total			201/399	50	201/399	55	48/119	40	81/101	80	8	24,3	32,3	21,3	14,8	14,6	1,8	21	88.5

# ROUP C

# COACH Jean Aime TOUPANE



Nationality: French
Date of Birth: 12/01/58
Place of Birth: Kaolack (SEN)
Team 2022-23: Did Not Coach
International Career:
France Women (2021-)

# **Valeriane VUKOSAVLJEVIC**





Height: 1.84

Position: Small Forward

Date of Birth: 29/04/94

Place of Birth: Bordeaux

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

lic-ZBL)

The time is now for the athletic wing to step up and cement her place as a leading light for France. With a couple of high-profile absences potentially impacting on the roster, her role and influence must be accelerated. Vukosavljevic has always made modest contributions, but now she could be the difference-maker for the team with her athleticism and ability to score inside and out.

Interestingly, the small forward has never posted a double-digit scoring return across any previous tournament and missed the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 in Sydney, but looks primed to make a big step up for her side.

The 29-year-old comes into this edition of the tournament having played some of the best basketball of her life this past season in EuroLeague Women with ZVVZ USK Praha. If she can replicate this level of play, then it could help fuel a gold medal outcome for her country.

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## **Marine FAUTHOUX**



Height: 1.73 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 23/01/01 Place of Birth: Pau

**Team 2022-23:** Basket Landes (France-LFB)

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#### Iliana RUPERT



Height: 1.93 Position: Center Date of Birth: 12/07/01 Place of Birth: Sevres

Team 2022-23: Virtus Segafredo Bologna (Italy-A1)

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### Sandrine GRUDA



Height: 1.93

Position: Center/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 25/06/87

Place of Birth: Cannes

Team 2022-23: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-

LFB)

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#### Helena CIAK



Height: 1.96
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 15/12/89
Place of Birth: Dunkerque

Team 2022-23: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-

LFB)



#### **Alexia CHARTEREAU**



Height: 1.91 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 05/09/98 Place of Birth: Le Mans

Team 2022-23: LDLC ASVEL Feminin (France-

LFB)

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#### **Pauline ASTIER**



Height: 1.81 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 15/02/02 Place of Birth: Tarbes

Team 2022-23: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

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#### Sarah MICHEL



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 10/01/89 Place of Birth: Ris-Orangis

Team 2022-23: Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

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#### **Janelle SALAUN**



Height: 1.88
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 05/09/01
Place of Birth: Paris

Team 2022-23: Villeneuve d'Ascq LM (France-LFB)

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### **Mamignan TOURE**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 19/12/94 Place of Birth: Nevers

Team 2022-23: BLMA (France-LFB)

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#### **Romane BERNIES**



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 27/06/93
Place of Birth: Agen
Team 2022-23: BLMA (France-LFB)

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#### **Marieme BADIANE**



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 24/11/94 Place of Birth: Brest

Team 2022-23: BLMA (France-LFB)

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#### Leila LACAN



Height: 1.80

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 02/06/04 Place of Birth: Rodez

Team 2022-23: Angers (France-LFB)

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## **Caroline HERIAUD**



Height: 1.65

Position: Point Guard

Date of Birth: 22/12/96

Place of Birth: Saint-Sebastien-sur-Loire Team 2022-23: Villeneuve d'Ascq LM (France-LFB)

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#### **Marie-Paule FOPPOSSI**



Height: 1.84

**Position:** Small Forward / Power Forward

Date of Birth: 28/01/98 Place of Birth: Strasbourg Team 2022-23: Tarbes (France-LFB)

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#### **READY TO MAKE A SPLASH AFTER 12 YEARS AWAY?**

It's been quite a wait, but having missed no fewer than five editions, Germany are ending their agonizing 12-year absence from Final Round action.

The last time they appeared was during 2011 in Poland when they bowed out at the group stage with losses to Spain, Montenegro and the hosts. With this in mind, perhaps the first target on their return will be to win their first game at this level since 2007.

The current players taking to the court can certainly take a lot of heart from the feat of those who went before them. Their predecessors posted a seismic level shock by taking down defending champions Czech Republic after holding them to less than 50 points.

As well as drawing some inspiration from the accomplishments of the relatively distant past, Germany's players will no doubt be excited and energized by the lure of playing on home soil at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2026 after the recent hosting announcement.

It's one of the reasons their Final Round reunion is so important and maybe also why they have chosen to replace Walt Hopkins Jnr who oversaw their successful qualifying campaign with former Canada playcaller, Lisa Thomaidis.

Despite her experience of multiple global tournaments with her homeland, Thomaidis will be expecting a tough initiation. Although Germany have some uber-talented players, they are missing one of their biggest hitters in Satou Sabally and maybe also don't have the standout backcourt performer of a EuroLeague Women standard that they might need for crunch time.

Despite this imbalance in depth comparing the backcourt to the frontcourt, what is most important is that they have some real game-winners and classy operators who can get it done.

Look no further than Leonie Fiebich. A player for all occasions, her versatility to handle the ball, rebound like crazy and score from inside or out, as well as guarding multiple positions means she will surely be the standout figure. Impressive in the Qualifiers and also in EuroCup Women last season with Casademont Zaragoza, Fiebich is the go-to for the team.

But she is not alone. Marie Guelich forms a potent double act, with the center having enjoyed a highly productive club campaign with Valencia Basket. Her power and prowess around the basket is always welcome and in punching Germany a ticket for this event, she shared a 26 point per game contribution to the team with Fiebich. With Luisa Geiselsoder, Ama Degbeon, Sonja Greinacher and maybe 21-year old rising star Emily Bessoir to also call upon, the rotation in the paint is impressive.

The experienced Svenja Brunckhorst did a good job in qualification with 5.5 assists per game and the 31-year-old will be a reference baller in the backcourt. But there is no getting away from the fact that they might need more scoring production from the guard and wing spots if they want to make a splash on their eagerly anticipated return.

While the outcome with the ball in the hands of their 'bigs' looks reassuringly predictable, their prospect of success could hinge on whether the likes of Brunckhorst, Emma Stach, and Alexandre Wilke for example can turn up the dial with some consistent scoring contributions. If they do, then Germany might just make some headlines.



#### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS TO STLIBLK PF PTS ARTHUR Rachel 2 10:05 1/5 20 1/3 33 0/2 0 4/7 57 0,5 0,5 0,5 - 1,0 3.0 WII KF Alexandra 2 25:36 1,0 2.5 3,5 1,0 5/8 63 3/4 75 2/4 50 1,0 2,0 2.0 6.0 SIMON Theresa 02:21 0 0/1 1,0 SCHINKEL Laura 2 07:32 1/4 25 1/3 33 0/1 0 0.5 0.5 1.0 1,5 1,0 1,0 1,5 1.0 EICHMEYER Emma 1 02:43 1.0 1,0 -2,0 **GUELICH Marie** 6 25:50 35/72 49 33/61 54 2/11 18 11/13 85 2,8 4,0 6,8 1.7 1,8 2,0 1,5 2,0 13.8 LAPPENKUPER Anna 3 06:13 0/1 0 0/1 0 0,3 0,3 0,7 0,7 0,7 0,7 1,0 HEBECKER Laura 2 22:48 6/15 40 2/6 33 4/9 11 1/2 50 0.5 0.5 1.5 2.0 8.5 FIEBICH Leonie 6 30:55 28/73 38 20/41 49 8/32 25 15/16 94 1,8 6,5 8,3 3,7 2,2 2,3 13.2 1.5 GREINACHER Sonja 6 18:22 12/29 41 10/19 53 2/10 20 6/9 67 1,5 2,7 4,2 1,8 0,3 0,2 5.3 0,8 1,8 **GEISELSODER** Luisa 6 14:38 17/30 57 17/29 59 0/1 0 7/13 1,2 2.7 3.8 0.8 2.8 2.8 6.8 HARTMANN Alina 10:56 7/13 6/12 1/1 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.3 5.0 BRUNCKHORST Svenia 6 21/49 43 9/27 33 0,7 5,0 9.5 28:34 12/22 55 6/8 4.3 5.5 2.7 1.0 0.2 1.8 **REICHERT Marie** 01:09 1,0 BRODERSEN Levke 2 03:47 0/1 1,0 1.0 **DEGBEON** Ama 22:26 14/28 7/11 2,0 1,8 3,8 1,8 2,2 0,3 BROßMANN Patricia 33 1/2 50 1,0 2 0 1 03:26 1/3 0/1 Ω 3/4 STACH Emma 11:14 36 1/3 33 3/8 38 75 0,5 1,0 1,5 1,0 1,0 0,5 0,5 3.5 BAR Romy 4 22:47 8/20 40 5/9 56 3/11 27 8/8 100 0,3 3,0 3,3 4,3 3,3 2,5 1,5 2,0 6.8 SCHIFFER Jessika 2 03:41 1/1 0,5 2.5 2/3 67 100 1/2 162/366 162/366 40/134 13,3 | 27,7 | 41,0 | 21,0 | 20,2 | 10,2 | 4,0 | 18,2 | 72.0

# **Lisa THOMAIDIS**



Nationality: Canadian **Date of Birth:** 21/03/72 Place of Birth: Ontario (CAN) Team 2022-23: University of Saskatchewan (Canada-U Sports) International Career: Germany (2023-

#### **Leonie FIEBICH**





Height: 1.92

**Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth: 10/01/00** Place of Birth: Landsberg

Team 2022-23: Casademont Zaragoza (Spain-LF)

A youth star for her country as part of an exciting and emerging generation, Fiebich now finds herself as a centerpiece at the senior level as Germany make their belated return to the Final Round having been absent for more than a decade.

Multi-talented and able to play multiple positions, it's normally on the wing that the 23-year-old is found, since that allows her to showcase her ball handling, scoring skills and then step up and use her size in the paint to score at the hoop and rack up big numbers on the glass.

While debuting at the event, fans have already seen her quality in the Qualifiers when she put up some big numbers in scoring and rebounding, as well as in EuroCup Women. Fiebich starred for Casademont Zaragoza, who made a deep run in the competition.

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## Luisa GEISELSODER



Height: 1.90 **Position:** Center **Date of Birth: 10/02/00** Place of Birth: Ansbach

Team 2022-23: La Roche Vendee BC (France-LFB)





# Svenja BRUNCKHORST



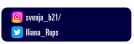
Height: 1.79

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 19/10/91 Place of Birth: Rotenburg

Team 2022-23: Team Bundeswehr (3x3)





### **Marie GUELICH**



Height: 1.95

Position: Power Forward/ Center Date of Birth: 28/05/94 Place of Birth: Altenkirchen

Team 2022-23: Valencia Basket Club (Spain-LF)



#### **Anna LAPPENKUPER**



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard **Date of Birth: 24/03/98** Place of Birth: Herne

Team 2022-23: Inexio Royals Saarlouis (Germa-

ny-DBBL)

#### **Alexandra WILKE**



Height: 1.75

**Position:** Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 29/09/96 Place of Birth: Berlin

Team 2022-23: Rutronik Stars Keltern (Germa-

ny-DBBL)

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# Sonja GREINACHER



Height: 1.90

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 01/07/92 Place of Birth: Essen

Team 2022-23: Team Bundeswehr (3x3)

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#### **Emma STACH**



Height: 1.75

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 04/10/96 Place of Birth: Buchholz

Team 2022-23: Niki Lefkada (Greece-D1)

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# **Emily BESSOIR**



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 19/11/01 Place of Birth: Munich

Team 2022-23: UCLA (IUSA-NCAA)

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#### Alina HARTMANN



Height: 1.85

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 23/10/95 Place of Birth: Bamberg

Team 2022-23: Zamarat (Spain-LF)

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#### **Britta DAUB**



Height: 1.77

Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 20/01/99
Place of Birth: Gottiengen

Team 2022-23: GDESSA (Portugal-LF)

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#### **Rachel ARTHUR**



**Height:** 1.73

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 21/06/94 Place of Birth: Texas (USA)

Team 2022-23: Rutronik Stars Keltern (Germa-

ny-DBBL)

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#### **Jennifer CROWDER**



Height: 1.64
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 10/04/96

Place of Birth: Gottingen

Team 2022-23: BG74 Veilchen Goettingen

(Germany-DBBL 2)

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#### **Ama DEGBEON**



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 16/12/95 Place of Birth: Berlin

Team 2022-23: BGK Prima (Hungary-D1)

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#### **Lina SONTAG**



Height: 1.91

Position: Power Forward/ Center Date of Birth: 24/11/03 Place of Birth: Kleinmachnow Team 2022-23: UCLA (USA-NCAA)

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#### **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

The fact that Great Britain made a stunning, surprise and historic run to the Semi-Finals at the 2019 edition but then didn't even qualify at all in 2021 is an indicator as to why all outcomes this year are seriously possible - at the far ends of the spectrum.

Yes, the Brits could completely flop and not make it out of the Group Phase due to a modest level of preparation time, a lack of guard depth and limited experience in the squad of these events. On the flip-side, they could make another deep run, with some people having even labeled them as dark horses off the back of some new faces and the return of their leader Temi Fagbenle.

Their entire campaign seemed to have been hanging on whether the frontcourt ace would recover from the serious hand injury that curtailed her EuroLeague Women season with ZVVZ USK Praha, but Fagbenle is not only fit to play, she has been made captain. That is a rich reward for the standout figure and driving force behind their spectacular top four finish in Belgrade when she was the tournament's leading scorer and landed in the All-Star Five. You can expect her to lead the team in terms of points and rebounds, as well as being a big influence in the locker room.

Great Britain look particularly solid in the paint, with Fagbenle joined by Kristine Anigwe whose size, presence and skill is always welcome and she has the capacity to be a big force. Throw in the fact that the British Women's British Basketball League MVP Kiki Herbert Harrigan will make her debut and brings previous WNBA experience and there is a lot to love. She also adds strength and poise inside, with all three having played in EuroLeague or EuroCup Women - as well as Stateside.

Debuting players are certainly the theme, with Savannah Wilkinson getting ready to shine too. The forward is highly rated and has played in Qualifiers previously, but is now ready for the big show having posted an impressive College career. Smart and with a range of moves, she could be one of the ballers to watch if she gets some early confidence.

Similarly in the backcourt, there is massive excitement, potential and also a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of young Holly Winterburn. Exceptional for London Lions domestically and in EuroCup Women, she came alive in the last Qualifiers window to show what a massive talent she is. The guard has the ability to be a momentum-shifter with her scoring and creative ability. It's little wonder she has been listed as one of the tournament's rising stars to focus on.

Another player ready for a first FIBA Women's EuroBasket is Sydeny Wallace, the newly naturalized guard that could be the difference between an early flight home or extending the stay until the latter rounds of the competition. She may not have experience of the international stage but has veteran know-how from club level and if there is chemistry with her and Winterburn, it would be a huge boost to Great Britain's chances.

As with any team, the supporting cast will be important, while playcaller Chema Buceta will insist on his players wearing his famous 'positive glasses' in terms of their mentality. But as to how far they will go, it's truly anyone's guess.



Holly WINTERBURN

Gabby NIKITINAITE

Savannah WILKINSON

Erin MCGARRACHAN

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Harriet OTTEWILL-SOULSBY 1.95

Hannah ROBB

Georgia GAYLE

Kirsty BROWN

Shequila JOSEPH

Kristine ANIGWE

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08/09/92

28/01/99

London Lions

Leicester Riders

Sheffield Hatters

BCF Elfic Fribourg (SUI)

Southern Methodist U. (USA)

Passalacqua Ragusa (ITA)

E. Michigan Uni. Eagles (USA)

ZVVZ USK Praha (CZE)

Caledonia Gladiators

Leicester Riders

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14/08/95 Durham Palatinates

FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats Qualifiers — 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group G (3 W — 3 L)

#### **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	Did not qualify
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2021	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	4 <sup>th</sup>
2018	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	Did not qualify
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	20 <sup>th</sup>
2014	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	9 <sup>th</sup>

#### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

			FG		2PT FG		3PT FG		FT		REB								
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
CHARLES Chantel	2	00:42									-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GREEN Cheridene	4	20:09	12/22	55	12/22	55			11/16	69	1,0	1,8	2,8	1,3	2,8	1,5	-	2,3	8.8
WINTERBURN Holly	4	26:35	14/29	48	8/16	50	6/13	46	9/10	90	0,5	2,8	3,3	4,8	2,8	3,3	-	1,8	10.8
GAYLE Georgia	6	15:53	10/27	37	3/9	33	7/18	39	8/13	62	0,8	1,0	1,8	1,5	1,0	0,5	0,2	1,5	5.8
VANDERWAL Rachael	2	21:27	3/6	50	2/5	40	1/1	100			0,5	4,0	4,5	2,5	1,0	-	0,5	2,0	3.5
HANDY Chantelle	6	26:47	20/60	33	7/13	54	13/47	28	3/4	75	0,5	2,3	2,8	2,3	2,5	1,0	0,2	2,0	9.3
BECKFORD-NORTON Shanice	4	14:15	8/25	32	7/19	37	1/6	17	12/13	92	1,0	1,5	2,5	0,8	2,3	0,3	-	2,0	7.3
JOSEPH Shequila	4	08:36	4/14	29	1/6	17	3/8	38	2/2	100	1,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	0,8	0,8	-	1,0	3.3
FAGBENLE Temi	4	29:26	34/48	71	32/44	73	2/4	50	16/19	84	1,8	5,5	7,3	3,3	3,3	2,5	1,3	2,8	21.5
MONAKANA Janice	1	06:05	0/4	0	0/2	0	0/2	0			-	1,0	1,0	1,0	-	-	1,0	1,0	
BROWN Kirsty	1	11:40	0/3	0	0/3	0			1/2	50	1,0	4,0	5,0	-	-	1,0	-	1,0	1.0
ROBB Hannah	5	17:32	10/21	48	6/9	67	4/12	33	3/3	100	0,8	1,6	2,4	1,8	0,6	0,6	-	1,2	5.4
LEONARD Kennedy	4	23:28	4/14	29	2/6	33	2/8	25	6/10	60	0,3	3,0	3,3	5,3	2,5	0,3	0,3	1,5	4.0
ANIGWE Kristine	4	27:20	16/30	53	16/29	55	0/1	0	7/15	47	1,5	4,8	6,3	2,0	2,8	0,5	0,3	1,5	9.8
SIMPSON Eilidh	4	14:57	4/16	25	3/8	38	1/8	13	4/5	80	0,5	0,5	1,0	1,5	0,3	0,3	-	2,3	3.3
SAMUELSON Karlie	2	24:42	5/18	28	2/7	29	3/11	27	6/6	100	0,5	3,0	3,5	2,5	3,5	-	-	-	9.5
STEWART Azania	6	18:24	16/28	57	16/27	59	0/1	0	3/4	75	2,2	3,2	5,3	0,5	0,3	1,0	0,5	1,7	5.8
Total			160/365	44	160/365	52	43/140	31	91/122	75	11,8	26,8	38,7	20,8	18,3	9,3	2,3	17,2	75.7

# COACH Chema BUCETA



Nationality: Spanish
Date of Birth: 15/09/56
Place of Birth: Madrid (ESP)
Team 2022-23: Did not coach
International Career: Spain (1985-92);
Bulgaria (2009-12); Great Britain (2015-)

#### **Temi FAGBENLE**





Height: 1.93

Position: Power Forward / Center Date of Birth: 08/09/92 Place of Birth: London

Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech Repub-

ic-ZBL)

Still very much the marquee player for Great Britain, Fagbenle brings immense quality and strength to their frontcourt. She was the pivotal figure when the underdogs made an amazing run to the Semi Finals in 2019, deservedly making the All-Star Five lineup in Belgrade after finishing the tournament's top scorer with more than 20 points per game.

As well as her scoring touch, Fagbenle is a big contribution on the glass and offers smarts alongside that power inside. She led the team in efficiency, scoring, rebounding and blocks during the Qualifying games and that speaks volumes about how her influence is still huge.

At club level, Fagbenle impressed in EuroLeague Women during this past season, helping ZVVZ USK Praha punch another Final Four ticket, having made a switch from CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld — although a hand injury prematurely curtailed her involvement.

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## Savannah WILKINSON



Height: 1.80

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 31/10/98 Place of Birth: London

Team 2022-23: Southern Methodist University

(USA-NCAA)

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## Shequila JOSEPH



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 24/02/95 Place of Birth: London

Team 2022-23: London Lions (Great Britain-WBBL)

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#### **Holly WINTERBURN**



Height: 1.80

Position: Point Guard/ Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 01/10/00 Place of Birth: Northampton

Team 2022-23: London Lions (Great Britain-WB-

BL)

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#### Hannah ROBB



Height: 1.75

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 12/04/98 Place of Birth: Dundee

Team 2022-23: Leicester Riders (Great Britain-WB-

BL)



#### **Kirsty BROWN**



Height: 1.90 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 26/08/99 Place of Birth: California (USA)

Team 2022-23: Leicester Riders (Great Brit-

ain-WBBL)

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#### **Nicolette FAIRLEY**



Height: 1.65
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 14/04/92
Place of Birth: Manchester

Team 2022-23: Sheffield Hatters(Great-Brit-

ain-WBBL)

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#### **Kristine ANIGWE**



Height: 1.93

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 31/03/97 Place of Birth: Arizona (USA)

Team 2022-23: Passalacqua Ragusa (Italy-A1)

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#### Ire OZZY-MOMODU



Height: 1.88
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 28/01/99
Place of Birth: London

Team 2022-23: Eastern Michigan University

Eagles (USA-NCAA)

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# **Sydney WALLACE**



Height: 1.73 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 06/12/93 Place of Birth: Atlanta (USA)

Team 2022-23: Atomeromu KSC Szekszard

(Hungary-D1)

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# **Georgia GAYLE**



**Height:** 1.70 **Position:** Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 02/06/97 Place of Birth: Sheffield

Team 2022-23: Sheffield Hatters (Great Brit-

ain-WBBL)

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#### Mikiah HERBERT-HARRIGAN



Height: 1.85

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 21/08/98

Place of Birth: Island Harbour (AIA)

Team 2022-23: London Lions (Great-Britain-WBBL)

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#### **Erin MCGARRACHAN**



Height: 1.83 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 27/04/92

Place of Birth:

Team 2022-23: Caledonia Gladiators (Great-Brit-

ain-WBBL)

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# **Gabby NIKITINAITE**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard/ Small Forward

Date of Birth: 12/11/98
Place of Birth: Vilnius (LTU)

Team 2022-23: BCF Elfic Fribourg (Switzer-

land-SBL)

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#### **Harriet OTTEWILL-SOULSBY**



Height: 1.95
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 14/08/95

Place of Birth: Capelle Aan Den (NED)
Team 2022-23: Durham Palatinates (Great-Brit-

ain-WBBL)



#### **HOME HOPES IN THE BALANCE**

This will be the fourth successive Final Round appearance for this year's co-hosts and in an ideal world it would provide Slovenia with the chance to excite home fans with a deep run and maybe even offer a first serious tilt at a podium finish.

Since their debut in 2017, they have never missed out on the big show and throughout that time have landed some impressive punches - despite not having an overly deep rotation or talent pool to utilize.

Heading into this competition, it's very much a case of whether the glass is viewed as being half full or half empty.

The positives are that they will have precious and passionate home support behind them, can beat anyone on their day, have some top class players to put on the floor, a starting five that work brilliantly together, the EuroLeague Women Coach of the Year in Georgios Dikaioulakos to mastermind their campaign, as well as some exciting rising stars now emerging.

On the flip side, the performances and results in the Qualifiers were up and down. They will also be without both Nika Baric and Shante Evans who have been an integral part in the rise to prominence, while forwards Marusa Senicar and Teja Gorsic are out injured. Collectively, these absences will impact what was already a shorter rotation than most other nations with similar ambitions.

Thankfully the spine of the team has three top drawer performers in captain and playmaker Teja Oblak who is a general in the backcourt, Zala Friskovec who can light it up from long-range on the wings and Eva Lisec who is an absolute handful for opponents under the basket.

Oblak will be particularly pivotal in this tournament. Her leadership on and off the court means a lot to the team, coaches and staff. She's played in all the big games previously with the national team, as well as at multiple Final Fours with ZVVZ USK Praha. With her ability to score, create and keep a cool head in the clutch, Oblak will be the reference player for Slovenia.

The three-point shooting of Friskovec could be the difference-maker and other teams will feature her prominently on their respective scouting reports after her superb season in EuroLeague Women with BC Polkowice.

Lisec is a warrior and kingpin in the paint. If she can find a high gear in these games then her contribution at both ends of the floor could be priceless. The center has consistently been one of Slovenia's best performers across their three previous Final Round appearances.

Elsewhere on the roster, Tina Jakovina is a rock in the small forward position, rising star Mojca Jelenc is improving all the time in the forward spot, with Aleksandra Kroselj an assured backcourt performer. Meanwhile teenage sensation Ajsa Sivka might just be able to follow in the tradition of players bursting onto the scene at Final Round, but it's a lot of expectation for a 17-year-old to deliver in this kind of situation - as brilliant as she is.

Trying to weigh up all the complicated factors makes it difficult to sketch out what the realistic prospects for Slovenia actually are. But surely the only agreeable conclusion for most people is that home hopes are hanging intriguingly and tantalizingly in the balance.



## FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

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Lara KOZINA BUBNIC

Coach: Georgios DIKAIOULAKOS

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FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup

FIBA Women's EuroBasket

Istanbul (TUR)

Orchies (FRA)

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
LISEC Eva	3	27:18	15/32	47	11/24	46	4/8	50	11/16	69	1,0	4,3	5,3	1,3	3,0	2,0	0,7	4,0	15.0
OBLAK Teja	6	26:59	24/64	38	15/38	39	9/26	35	18/21	86	1,5	3,8	5,3	7,7	2,8	1,8	-	1,7	12.5
CVIJANOVIC Tina	4	16:41	13/17	76	11/12	92	2/5	40	2/2	100	0,5	2,0	2,5	1,5	0,5	0,5	-	1,5	7.5
KROSELJ Aleksandra	5	12:03	9/21	43	4/6	67	5/15	33			-	0,4	0,4	1,8	0,8	0,4	-	1,4	4.6
SENICAR Marusa	6	16:23	12/20	60	11/15	73	1/5	20	1/1	100	2,7	3,0	5,7	1,8	1,2	2,3	1,2	2,0	4.3
GORSIC Teja	2	23:49	10/18	56	8/11	73	2/7	29	1/1	100	2,5	3,0	5,5	2,0	0,5	-	-	1,5	11.5
JAKOVINA Tina	6	21:37	25/47	53	20/32	63	5/15	33			1,5	1,8	3,3	1,7	1,0	0,5	0,2	2,3	9.2
RUPNIK Eva	1	23:37	4/7	57	2/2	100	2/5	40			-	1,0	1,0	8,0	1,0	1,0	-	4,0	10.0
FRISKOVEC Zala	6	24:52	31/65	48	13/23	57	18/42	43			0,5	4,5	5,0	3,7	2,0	1,7	0,5	2,0	13.3
JELENC Mojca	6	18:39	22/33	67	19/29	66	3/4	75	8/10	80	1,2	3,8	5,0	0,3	1,2	0,5	1,8	3,0	9.2
SIVKA Ajsa	4	14:40	7/14	50	6/10	60	1/4	25	2/6	33	1,0	0,8	1,8	1,8	0,5	0,8	-	0,8	4.3
DEBELJAK Lea	4	15:17	10/25	40	2/4	50	8/21	38	2/2	100	0,3	2,0	2,3	2,0	1,0	0,8	-	0,3	7.5
DAUTOVIC Elma	1	10:15	2/3	67	2/2	100	0/1	0			-	-	-	1,0	-	-	-	-	4.0
SROT Zala	1	16:37	2/5	40	1/2	50	1/3	33			1,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	3,0	2,0	1,0	2,0	5.0
VUJACIC Sara	1	19:43	7/13	54	6/9	67	1/4	25	2/2	100	1,0	3,0	4,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	-	1,0	17.0
CEH Blaza	2	12:48	4/8	50	1/1	100	3/7	43	0/4	0	1,0	1,5	2,5	5,5	0,5	1,0	-	0,5	5.5
BARIC Nika	3	25:33	6/19	32	4/9	44	2/10	20	3/4	75	-	3,3	3,3	6,3	1,0	1,7	0,3	2,0	5.7
Total			203/411	49	203/411	59	67/182	37	50/69	73	12,5	27,8	40,3	28,3	13,8	11,3	4,3	18,8	87.2

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# COACH Georgios DIKAIOULAKOS



Nationality: Greek
Date of Birth: 26/01/69
Place of Birth: Athens (GRE)
Club Team 2022-23: Beretta Famila
Schio (Italy-A1)
International Career: Slovenia (2021-)

# Teja OBLAK





Height: 1.72

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 20/12/90 Place of Birth: Kranj

Club Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech

Republic-ZBL)

Ever since Slovenia made their debut in 2017, Oblak has been one of the main turbos behind the co-hosts rising up on the big stage. As they contemplate their fourth successive edition, their 'Captain Fantastic' continues to be the reference point for the team on and off the court.

A born leader, Oblak has established herself as one of the most respected and accomplished guards in EuroLeague Women, helping ZVVZ USK Praha to another Final Four this past season. Her composure, ability to create for teammates or score big buckets all over the floor will now be transferred to a national team vest. Her calm and assured approach will be absolute gold dust for the co-hosts, who will be under big pressure to perform well on home soil. Oblak makes the team tick and if she can find her usual high gear then Slovenia might make the deep run they crave.

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#### **Eva LISEC**



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 17/06/95 Place of Birth: Celje

Club Team 2022-23: Dynamo Kursk (Russia-Pre-

mier League)

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#### **Lara KOZINA BUBNIC**



Height: 1.90 Position: Center Date of Birth: 02/08/99 Place of Birth: Kranj

Club Team 2022-23: Triglav (Slovenia-SKL)

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### **Zala FRISKOVEC**



Height: 1.72

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 10/10/99 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2022-23: BC Polkowice (Poland-BLK)

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#### **Aleksandra KROSELJ**



Height: 1.72 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 25/02/99 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2022-23: Castors Braine (Bel-

gium-D1)

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#### Tina JAKOVINA



Height: 1.82 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 11/08/92 Place of Birth: Postojna

Club Team 2022-23: Crvena Zvezda (Serbia-ZLS)





#### **Tina CVIJANOVIC**



Height: 1.78
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 04/03/98
Place of Birth: Murska Sobota
Club Team 2022-23: Empoli (Italy-A2)





#### **Gala KRAMZAR**



Height: 1.81 Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 30/03/99 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2022-23: Triglav (Slovenia-SKL)





# Ajsa SIVKA



Height: 1.92 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 23/11/05 Place of Birth: Celje

Club Team 2022-23: Beretta Famila Schio (Italy-A1)





# **Mojca JELENC**



Height: 2.00 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 04/01/2003

Club Team 2022-23: Cinkarna Celje (Slove-

nia-SKL)





#### Blaza CEH



Height: 1.81
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 09/12/03
Place of Birth: Murska Sobota

Club Team 2022-23: Cinkarna Celje (Slove-

nia-SKL)





#### Lea DEBELJAK



Height: 1.77

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 25/10/01 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2022-23: Cinkarna Celje (Slove-

nia-SKL)



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### **Zala SROT**



Height: 1.85

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 15/05/04 Place of Birth: Maribor

Club Team 2022-23: San Salvatore (Italy-A2)





### Hana IVANUSA



Height: 1.86

Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 06/09/04 Place of Birth: Ljubljana

Club Team 2022-23: Jezica (Slovenia-SKL)



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#### **Eva RUPNIK**



Height: 1.76 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 18/10/92 Place of Birth: Kranj

Club Team 2022-23: Basket Namur (Belgium-D1)

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Thursday, June 15	Slovakia - Hungary Turkey - Serbia	12:15 15:00
Friday, June 16	Hungary - Turkey Serbia - Slovakia	12:15 20:45
Sunday, June 18	Hungary - Serbia Turkey - Slovakia	15:00 20:45



### **ALL OPTIONS OPEN FOR AMBITIOUS HUNGARY**

Potentially a dark horse for a shot at the Quarter-Finals or maybe even beyond, Hungary will also know that they will have to be focused to avoid an early exit from the competition at the Group Phase.

All options are open and it feels like this is the case because Hungary has enough talent to go on a nice run, but not enough top class depth or bigtime clutch ballers for any days off. Consequently, they can be ambitious but it will be intriguing to see if they will over deliver or under deliver.

One thing they do have heavily in their favor is a terrific frontcourt rotation that is full of size, strength and ability. Leading the way is Bernadett Hatar. Standing at over two meters tall and back from a serious injury that ruled her out for much of the 2022-23 club campaign, the center will be a tower of strength. She will work in the high post, mop up any putback scores down low, dominate the glass and swat some shots.

The terrific work of Virag Kiss in the past two years has also added to Hungary's effectiveness inside. She was superb in EuroCup Women with NKA Universitas PEAC and now Kiss will be looking to continue her good form into this Final Round. Throw the naturalized Cyesha Goree into the mix and it is among one of the best interior rotations in the tournament.

The wing spot will be filled by Reka Lelik who is a go-to player for Hungary and willing to use her skills in the decisive moments. She can make big shots and is normally the player with something of an 'X-Factor' feel. When Lelik is playing well, normally that translates into her team playing well too.

Agnes Studer has shown in EuroLeague Women in these past seasons that she has matured a lot and will be directing traffic from the point guard position. It gives her a platform to underline that she can still take more steps upwards and establish herself as one of the premier guards in the competition, while Dora Ruff-Nagy has deputized nicely in the preparation games.

And, that preparation phase has been highly impressive and included a win-double against Slovenia, as well as taking down tournament favorites Spain.

On the one hand, Hungary perhaps didn't have as much to do in their qualifying campaign as most other nations, managing to beat Iceland and Romania twice to advance. But on the flip-side, even though they lost to Spain twice, they did give a good account of themselves in both games and then third time lucky, beat them in their last friendly game recently.

Missing out on the 2021 edition, the main task was to get themselves back to the Final Round table. But now that they're here, why not make some noise? They grabbed that Quarter-Finals ticket on their last visit in 2019 and could be on course for repeating that feat.



### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013

FIBA Women's EuroBasket

FIBA Women's EuroBasket

FIBA Women's EuroBasket

FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup

Olympics

Franka TOTH

Virag KISS

Cyesha GOREE

Kevin TUMBA

Coach: Norbert SZEKELY

Bernadett HATAR

1.87

2.08

1.94

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04/04/01

24/08/94

12/04/98

04/08/93

Elte BEAC

23/02/91 Phoenix Brussels

Sopron Basket

NKA Universitas PEAC

Atomeromu KSC Szekszard

Tenerife (ESP)

Prague (CZE)

Rio de Janeiro (BRA)

Budapest (HUN)

Istanbul (TUR)

Orchies (FRA)

Did not qualify

Did not qualify

Did not qualify

Did not qualify

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17<sup>th</sup>

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	PT FG FT		REB									
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
MIKLOS Melinda																			
KISS Virag	6	22:43	28/66	42	25/51	49	3/15	20	13/22	59	3,2	2,8	6,0	2,0	1,3	0,5	0,5	1,5	12.0
DOMBAI Reka	5	14:47	11/32	34	5/13	38	6/19	32	6/8	75	0,4	1,2	1,6	1,2	0,6	1,4	-	1,4	6.8
DUBEI Debora	4	25:03	13/28	46	5/11	45	8/17	47	9/15	60	0,3	4,0	4,3	2,8	1,5	1,0	0,3	3,0	10.8
RAKSANYI Krisztina	1	12:00	0/2	0	0/2	0					-	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	-	-	5,0	
LELIK Reka	4	25:57	18/43	42	13/22	59	5/21	24	7/8	88	0,8	5,0	5,8	4,0	2,8	2,5	-	2,0	12.0
KANYASI Veronika	5	14:19	7/27	26	3/15	20	4/12	33	5/6	83	0,8	1,0	1,8	2,6	0,8	1,4	0,2	2,0	4.6
GOREE Cyesha	6	27:48	38/70	54	36/63	57	2/7	29	19/23	83	3,8	5,2	9,0	3,0	0,5	1,0	-	2,2	16.2
STUDER Agnes	6	23:09	17/41	41	10/23	43	7/18	39	6/8	75	2,0	2,0	4,0	4,7	3,0	1,7	0,3	2,7	7.8
GEREBEN Livia	2	07:21	1/2	50	1/2	50					-	-	-	1,5	-	-	-	1,5	1.0
AHO Nina	4	20:34	5/16	31	5/8	63	0/8	0	2/2	100	0,5	2,5	3,0	3,5	1,3	2,0	-	2,8	3.0
TOROK Agnes	4	07:51	4/13	31	2/7	29	2/6	33			1,0	0,5	1,5	0,3	0,5	0,3	-	8,0	2.5
VARGA Aliz	3	12:05	8/15	53	7/12	58	1/3	33	0/2	0	1,3	3,0	4,3	1,3	1,0	-	-	1,0	5.7
WENTZEL Nora Judit	1	09:10	1/4	25	0/1	0	1/3	33			-	-	-	1,0	1,0	2,0	-	-	3.0
HORVATH Bernadett	6	15:42	8/22	36	1/2	50	7/20	35	1/2	50	0,3	0,8	1,2	2,7	0,8	0,2	-	1,0	4.0
KISS Angelika	3	09:51	4/11	36	4/9	44	0/2	0	5/15	33	1,3	1,7	3,0	0,3	0,3	0,3	1,3	0,3	4.3
MERESZ Beatrix	2	09:36	5/9	56	5/8	63	0/1	0	1/2	50	1,0	1,5	2,5	1,0	0,5	0,5	0,5	1,5	5.5
HATAR Bernadett	2	30:00	14/21	67	14/21	67			12/12	100	2,0	5,5	7,5	3,0	2,5	1,5	1,5	3,0	20.0
NAGY Dora	2	09:41	2/5	40	1/2	50	1/3	33	4/6	67	-	2,0	2,0	1,5	1,5	1,0	-	-	4.5
Total			184/427	43	184/427	50	47/155	30	90/131	69	17,5	29,0	46,5	26,0	13,5	11,0	2,5	19,3	84.2

## GROUP D

### COACH Norbert SZEKELY



Nationality: Hungarian
Date of Birth: 15/09/73
Place of Birth: Budapest
Team 2022-23: Did Not Coach
International Career: Hungary (2011-12, 2015, 2017-)

### **Bernadett HATAR**





Height: 2.08
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 24/08/94
Place of Birth: Paszto

Team 2022-23: Sopron Basket (Hungary-A)

Having not long returned back to action after being sidelined for almost a year with a serious injury, Hungary will welcome their giant center with open arms as she gets ready to play her usual leading role in the team. Her sheer height is obviously a massive advantage, but Hatar is about so much more than that. She is such a good mover for her size and executes the pick and roll so, so well. Presenting the kind of matchup headache for her opponents that few other players can, she will exploit the offensive glass for putback scores and generally be a ready made bucket in the paint. Four years ago when Hungary last featured at the Final Round and made the Quarter-Finals, Hatar led Hungary in efficiency, points, rebounds and blocks. Another similar performance at this 2023 edition would be an amazing boost to her team.

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### **Agnes STUDER**



Height: 1.68 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 10/09/98 Place of Birth: Szekszard

Team 2022-23: Atomeromu KSC Szekszard

(Hungary-A)

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### Virag KISS



Height: 1.94 Position: Center Date of Birth: 12/04/98 Place of Birth: Kaposvar

Team 2022-23: NKA Universitas PEAC (Hunga-

ry-A)





### **Debora DUBEI**



Height: 1.81

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 04/01/97 Place of Birth: Oroshaza

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### **Reka LELIK**



Height: 1.79

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 14/04/99
Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2022-23: Castors Braine (Belgium-D1)

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### **Agnes TOROK**



Height: 1.83 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 23/01/98 Place of Birth: Komarom

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### **Bernadett HORVATH**



Height: 1.70 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 27/08/96 Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2022-23: Ludovika-Csata (Hungary-A)

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### **Reka DOMBAI**



Height: 1.79

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 16/09/02 Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### Nina AHO



Height: 1.75

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 24/06/97 Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2022-23: DVTK Hun-Therm (Hungary-A)

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### **Aliz VARGA**



Height: 1.86

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 17/03/01
Place of Birth: Budapest

Team 2022-23: Sopron Basket (Hungary-A)

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### Veronika KANYASI



Height: 1.78
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 27/05/99
Place of Birth: Szolnok

Team 2022-23: DVTK Hun-Therm (Hungary-A)

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### **Cyesha GOREE**



Height: 1.88

Position: Center

Date of Birth: 04/08/93

Place of Birth: Michigan (USA)

Team 2022-23: Atomeromu KSC Szekszard

(Hungary-A)

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### **Agnes TOROK**



**Height:** 1.83

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

Date of Birth: 23/01/98
Place of Birth: Komarom

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### **Dora RUFF-NAGY**



Height: 1.70
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 02/02/95
Place of Birth: Miskolc

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### Franka TOTH



Height: 1.87

Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 04/04/01
Place of Birth: Bologna (ITA)
Team 2022-23: Elte BEAC (Hungary-A)

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### **CHAMPIONS WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT THEIR CROWN**

Nobody expected Serbia to make history in 2015 when they became champions for the first time and even fewer thought they could or would make it two FIBA Women's EuroBasket titles when they landed in Valencia – but they did.

Two years later and nobody probably truly expects Serbia to hang onto their precious crown, but they just love to prove the doubters wrong. Critically, they still have the appetite, talent and of course the revered head coach in Marina Maljkovic to make a strong run and fight for the podium once again.

Yes, they don't have the legendary Sonja Vasic who deservedly took MVP honors at the 2021 edition, or the brilliance of the long-serving Jelena Brooks. But even when they were without both of these gigantic performers and another top player in Aleksandra Crvendakic at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2022, they still made a big impression and got impressive results.

Coach Maljkovic spent months in preparation for Sydney, often talking about the need for Serbia to move on with their new generation and there is no doubt they did. But after the arrival of some new faces, the playcaller is pushing those members on whether they truly have the killer instinct and desire to go the extra distance needed for Serbia to continue pushing for honors.

In some ways, the talk of a new generation takes away some of the attention from the fact that the spine of the team is still brilliant and has so much experience of the historical highs that have peppered their nation's recent rise.

Yvonne Anderson has been terrific for her adopted country and comes into this tournament having excelled with Tango Bourges Basket — so much so that she made the 2023 All-EuroLeague Women Team.

At the other end of the floor, Tina Krajisnik is a warrior and made of steel, meaning Serbia does not have to worry about the work getting done under either basket. Not just a powerful physical presence, the center is a leader and will make the noise in the big games when her team needs it most.

Playing in between Anderson will be the smart wing and forward play of Crvendakic who should be back after missing the Worlds with injury. She took CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld to a historical first ever Final Four in EuroLeague Women and she knows she needs to step up now that Brooks and Vasic are no longer balling in national team jerseys.

The supporting cast is also so adept at making telling contributions, not least Nevena Jovanovic who made so many clutch plays down the stretch at the 2021 edition, while it is telling that Coach Maljkovic almost always has her in the team for crunch time.

The sharp-shooting of Sasa Cado from long-range will also remain highly productive, meaning that most of the question marks will surround those newer members of the roster who must show they can produce consistently. Ballers like Jovana Nogic for example, who caught the eye in Sydney.

The simple message is that writing off Serbia is never an option. All possibilities remain open, from falling short to getting yet another medal and who knows, maybe even a third title. Is it really that unrealistic?



Player	Height (m)	Position	Date of Birth	Team 2021-22
Yvonne ANDERSON	1.75	PG	08/03/90	Bourges Basket (FRA)
Aleksandra STANACEV	1.61	PG	25/05/94	AZS UMCS Lublin (POL)
Ivana KATANIC	1.74	PG	16/04/99	NKA Universitas PEAC (HUN)
Nevena JOVANOVIC	1.80	SG	30/06/90	Nika Syktyvkar (RUS)
Nadija SMAILBEGOVIC	1.77	SG	05/04/01	Vasas Akademia (HUN)
Sasa CADJO	1.78	SG	13/07/89	BC Polkowice (POL)
Katarina ZEC	1.78	SG	19/03/97	AZS UMCS Lublin (POL)
Jovana NOGIC	1.81	SF	17/12/97	Perfumerias Avenida (ESP)
Aleksandra CRVENDAKIC	1.87	SF	17/03/96	CBK Mersin Yenisehir (TUR)
Kristina TOPUZOVIC	1.83	SF	23/08/94	Herner (GER)
Mina DJORDJEVIC	1.86	PF	23/02/99	Fenerbahce Alagoz H. (TUR)
Ivana RACA	1.88	PF	10/12/99	Fenerbahce Alagoz H. (TUR)
Dragana STANKOVIC	1.95	PF/C	18/01/95	Sopron Basket (HUN)
Tina KRAJISNIK	1.90	С	12/01/91	UMMC Ekaterinburg (RUS)
Masa JANKOVIC	1.87	С	01/02/00	Leganes (ESP)

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### **LAST 10 FIBA EVENTS**

Yea	r	Event	Place	Achievement
2022	2	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Sydney (AUS)	6 <sup>th</sup>
2021	l	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	4 <sup>th</sup>
2021	ı	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Valencia (ESP)	Gold
2019	9	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Belgrade (SRB)	Bronze
2018	3	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Tenerife (ESP)	Did not qualify
2017	7	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Prague (CZE)	11 <sup>th</sup>
2016	6	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Bronze
2015	5	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Budapest (HUN)	Gold
2014	1	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	8 <sup>th</sup>
2013	3	FIBA Women's EuroBasket	Orchies (FRA)	4 <sup>th</sup>

### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

			FG		2PT	FG	3РТ	FG	F	т		REB							
Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
RACA Ivana	3	16:30	5/12	42	5/9	56	0/3	0	7/10	70	1,0	2,0	3,0	0,3	0,3	1,3	-	1,7	5.7
CADJO Sasa	2	19:27	4/12	33	0/1	0	4/11	36			1,0	2,0	3,0	1,5	1,5	0,5	-	2,5	6.0
JOVANOVIC Nevena	4	30:04	8/26	31	6/16	38	2/10	20	3/6	50	1,3	4,5	5,8	3,3	1,3	2,0	-	1,3	5.3
CRVENDAKIC Aleksandra	4	25:51	27/43	63	21/33	64	6/10	60	10/13	77	2,5	2,5	5,0	2,8	1,8	1,5	0,3	2,0	17.5
ANDERSON Yvonne	4	31:16	27/49	55	21/35	60	6/14	43	11/15	73	1,8	3,3	5,0	7,5	2,0	2,5	-	1,5	17.8
STANKOVIC Dragana	4	12:18	7/14	50	7/14	50			1/5	20	1,8	2,3	4,0	1,0	2,0	0,5	1,0	1,8	3.8
VUCKOVIC Katarina	1	03:24	1/2	50	1/1	100	0/1	0			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
NOGIC Jovana	4	21:10	15/32	47	4/8	50	11/24	46	5/6	83	0,5	2,8	3,3	2,3	1,3	1,5	0,3	1,5	11.5
TOPUZOVIC Kristina	2	15:51	1/7	14	0/3	0	1/4	25	4/6	67	0,5	1,5	2,0	1,5	0,5	-	0,5	2,0	3.5
STANACEV Aleksandra	2	04:58	1/4	25	0/3	0	1/1	100			-	-	-	2,0	-	0,5	-	0,5	1.5
JANKOVIC Masa	3	06:39	3/4	75	3/3	100	0/1	0	3/6	50	0,7	1,0	1,7	0,3	0,7	-	0,3	3,3	3.0
KRAJISNIK Tina	4	26:28	26/48	54	26/47	55	0/1	0	9/15	60	3,8	4,8	8,5	1,3	2,8	2,0	1,0	3,0	15.3
KATANIC Ivana	2	06:12	2/4	50	2/3	67	0/1	0			-	0,5	0,5	-	1,5	1,0	-	1,0	2.0
ZEC Katarina	3	04:11	0/4	0	0/1	0	0/3	0			0,7	0,3	1,0	0,3	-	0,3	-	-	
DJORDJEVIC Mina	3	06:03	2/7	29	2/4	50	0/3	0	4/6	67	0,3	-	0,3	-	-	0,3	0,3	0,7	2.7
OLIC Sofija	1	05:51	0/2	0			0/2	0	2/2	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,0	2.0
SMAILBEGOVIC Nadija	1	05:35	1/2	50	1/2	50					-	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	2,0	2.0
TURUDIC Teodora	1	03:17	0/2	0	0/2	0					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total			130/274	47	130/274	54	31/89	35	59/90	66	16,8	26,8	43,5	21,3	15,3	12,5	3,3	19,0	87,5

## SROUP D

### COACH Marina MALJKOVIC



Nationality: Serbian
Date of Birth: 26/09/81
Place of Birth: Belgrade
Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding (Turkey-KBSL)
International Career: Serbia (2012-16, 2017-)

### **Aleksandra CRVENDAKIC**





Height: 1.87
Position: Small Forward
Date of Birth: 17/03/96
Place of Birth: Loznica

Team 2022-23: CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld

(Turkey-KBSL)

The transition from being a prominent and important player to an actual leader of this team was delayed for Crvendakic when she was unable to participate at the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022 in Sydney. However, it's now time for the forward to turn up the dial in terms of her role, since this Serbia team needs to turn the page as they defend the title they won two years ago.

Without the legendary Sonja Vasic and Jelena Brooks, Serbia needs other players for the clutch moments and certainly, Crvendakic can answer the call. Her ability to make big shots from outside and pull great moves inside is vital and she showed her class for Serbia in the qualifying games.

She comes into this edition having also inspired CBK Mersin Yenisehir to their first EuroLeague Women Final Four and indeed their maiden Final.

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### Sasa CADJO



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 13/07/89 Place of Birth: Sarajevo (BIH)

Team 2022-23: BC Polkowice (Poland-BLK)

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### Ivana RACA



Height: 1.88

Position: Power Forward

Date of Birth: 10/12/99

Place of Birth: Larnaca (CYP)

Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding

(Turkey-KBSL)





### **Nevena JOVANOVIC**



Height: 1.80

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 30/06/90 Place of Birth: Kraljevo

Team 2022-23: Nika Syktyvkar (Russia-Premier

League)

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### **Tina KRAJISNIK**



Height: 1.90 Position: Center Date of Birth: 12/01/91 Place of Birth: Sarajevo (BIH)

Team 2022-23: UMMC Ekaterinburg (Rus-

sia-Premier League)

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### **Yvonne ANDERSON**



Height: 1.75
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 08/03/90
Place of Birth: Springdale (USA)

Team 2022-23: Tango Bourges Basket (France-LFB)

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### **Mina DJORDJEVIC**



Height: 1.86 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 23/02/99 Place of Birth: Aleksinac

Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding

(Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Dragana STANKOVIC**



Height: 1.95

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 18/01/95 Place of Birth: Ljubovija

Team 2022-23: Sopron Basket (Hungary-A)

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### Katarina ZEC



Height: 1.78
Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 19/03/97
Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2022-23: AZS UMCS Lublin (Poland-BLK)

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### Masa JANKOVIC



Height: 1.87
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 01/02/00
Place of Birth: Belgrade
Team 2022-23: Leganes (Spain-LF)

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### Ivana KATANIC



Height: 1.74 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 16/04/99 Place of Birth: S. Palanka

Team 2022-23: NKA Universitas PEAC (Hungary-A)

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### **Jovana NOGIC**



Height: 1.81

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 17/12/97 Place of Birth: Belgrade

Team 2022-23: Perfumerias Avenida (Spain-LF)

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### **Aleksandra STANACEV**



Height: 1.61 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 25/05/94 Place of Birth: Kikinda

Team 2022-23: AZS UMCS Lublin (Poland-BLK)

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### Kristina TOPUZOVIC



Height: 1.83

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 23/08/94 Place of Birth: Sabac

Team 2022-23: Herner (Germany-DBBL)

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### Nadija SMAILBEGOVIC



Height: 1.77

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 05/04/01 Place of Birth: Novi Pazar

Team 2022-23: Vasas Akademia (Hungary-A)

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### THE SAME UNDERDOG STATUS AS USUAL

Almost every time in recent memory that Slovakia have stepped out at the Final Round they have been written off and deemed to be rank outsiders with no chance of making any kind of impression.

This year is no different. Perhaps one of the reasons being that they effectively punched their ticket off the back of wins against Switzerland and Luxembourg, with some observers pointing out that this was not exactly the stiffest of tests in the qualifiers.

To be fair, Slovakia did push group winners Italy hard in the first meeting which ended up as just a one-shot game. Additionally, you only have to go back six years to show what is possible when they made a surprise and impressive run to the Quarter-Finals.

Being underdogs won't bother head coach Juraj Suja or his players. It's such a well-worn label that it will probably only serve to galvanize the group as they look to replicate 2017 and spring some upsets.

With arguably less firepower than most of their rivals, defense will be a big part of their strategy and if they disrupt opposing offenses well, they will have the opportunity to potentially win games.

But it will be tough and leading the way will be playmaker Barbora Wrzesinski who has been the leader for some time and her backcourt play in controlling the tempo will be so precious. She knows what it takes to perform at the highest level having been at ZVVZ USK Praha in recent seasons when they have made back to back EuroLeague Women Final Four tournaments.

Miroslava Mistinova really came alive in the Qualifiers and the winger's scoring ability and do-it-all mentality will be a big boost if she can continue the momentum. She is also a baller for crunch time if Slovakia do manage to stay in contention during games.

She can also line up in the shooting guard slot and can rotate nicely with Terezia Palenikova who has played this past season in the highly competitive Spanish League, starting with Tenerife and finishing with EuroLeague Women side Girona.

Sabina Oroszova will look to turn up the dial in the frontcourt and will play a lot of minutes in the paint, while Ivana Jakubcova was excellent in the qualifiers. Her scoring and rebounding really gave the team a great foundation to build from.

The rest of the cast also have hugely important roles to play and this group should have enough experience to make people sit up and take notice and show they need to be respected.

Two years ago in Valencia, much of this team stung Belarus, a nation that in the same tournament beat the then reigning champions and co-hosts Spain, eventually riding their way to the Semi-Finals. It showed that on their day, Slovakia can get it done.

Yes, they're underdogs probably by their own admission, but if you don't turn up with your 'A-game', then expect to get bitten.



Nikola DUDASOVA

Natalia MARTISKOVA

Alexandra BUKNOVA

Terezia PALENIKOVA

Alexandra ERDELYIOVA

Miroslava MISTINOVA

Stella TARKOVICOVA

Sabina OROSZOVA

Tereza SEDLAKOVA

Vanda KOZAKOVA

Alica MORAVCIKOVA

Ivana JAKUBCOVA

Diana MIKOVCAKOVA

Coach: Juraj SUJA

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02/06/97

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15/10/98

05/12/94

20/08/94

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Piestanske Cajky MBK Ruzomberok

Girona (ESP)

Sopron Basket (HUN)

GiroLive Panthers O. (GER)

Sosnowiec (POL)

Uni Gyor (HUN)

CD Talent (ESP)

Piestanske Cajky

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FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifiers Accumulated Stats Qualifiers —  $2^{nd}$  in Group H (4 W – 2 L)

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Year	Event	Place	Achievement
2021	Olympics	Tokyo (JPN)	Did not qualify
2019	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Beijing (CHN)	Did not qualify
2017	FIBA EuroBasket	Istanbul (TUR)	19th
2016	Olympics	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Did not qualify
2015	FIBA EuroBasket	Lille (FRA)	13th
2014	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Madrid (ESP)	Did not qualify
2013	FIBA EuroBasket	Ljubljana (SLO)	9th
2012	Olympics	London (GBR)	Did not qualify
2011	FIBA EuroBasket	Kaunas (LTU)	21st
2010	FIBA Basketball World Cup	Istanbul (TUR)	Did not qualify

### FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET 2023 QUALIFIERS ACCUMULATED STATS

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Name	G	Min	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	0	D	Tot	AST	то	STL	BLK	PF	PTS
JAKUBCOVA Ivana	6	24:13	26/52	50	15/30	50	11/22	50	5/5	100	2,0	5,5	7,5	0,5	0,7	1,2	0,3	2,3	11.3
REMENAROVA Veronika	6	14:16	7/16	44	6/12	50	1/4	25	1/2	50	0,7	1,0	1,7	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,5	1,7	2.7
STASOVA Radka	4	19:14	12/24	50	7/11	64	5/13	38	7/8	88	0,5	1,0	1,5	3,5	2,3	1,5	-	1,3	9.0
MARTISKOVA Natalia	5	12:20	9/18	50	5/8	63	4/10	40			-	1,4	1,4	1,2	0,8	0,4	-	1,8	4.4
PALENIKOVA Terezia	3	21:53	17/33	52	8/16	50	9/17	53	5/7	71	0,3	3,0	3,3	0,7	2,3	-	-	2,3	16.0
HRUSCAKOVA Zofia	2	25:03	8/20	40	5/15	33	3/5	60	5/8	63	3,0	6,5	9,5	2,0	1,0	-	0,5	3,5	12.0
OROSZOVA Sabina	6	26:48	16/49	33	10/22	45	6/27	22	7/11	64	3,0	4,7	7,7	1,2	0,8	1,0	0,8	2,2	7.5
MISTINOVA Miroslava	6	25:09	31/67	46	22/35	63	9/32	28	11/15	73	1,3	3,3	4,7	2,7	0,5	1,0	-	1,2	13.7
SVETLIKOVA Sona	2	07:45	1/1	100	1/1	100			3/4	75	0,5	0,5	1,0	-	-	-	0,5	1,0	2.5
MORAVCIKOVA Alica	6	09:46	1/11	9	1/9	11	0/2	0	2/4	50	1,8	1,8	3,7	0,5	1,2	0,7	0,3	1,3	0.7
BUKNOVA Alexandra	4	17:58	3/17	18	2/12	17	1/5	20	1/3	33	0,3	1,8	2,0	3,3	0,8	1,3	0,8	1,3	2.0
TARKOVICOVA Stella	2	11:31	2/8	25	1/1	100	1/7	14	6/6	100	-	1,0	1,0	1,5	-	1,0	0,5	1,0	5.5
HAVRANOVA Viktoria	2	05:54	1/1	100	1/1	100			1/1	100	1,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	-	-	-	1,0	1.5
WRZESINSKI Barbora	4	32:04	17/55	31	10/34	29	7/21	33	18/24	75	8,0	2,0	2,8	6,5	4,0	1,3	0,3	1,5	14.8
DUDASOVA Nikola	4	23:23	10/31	32	4/13	31	6/18	33	3/3	100	0,5	3,5	4,0	2,0	3,0	0,8	-	2,3	7.3
Total			161/403	40	161/403	45	63/183	34	75/101	74	13,3	29,2	42,5	18,3	12,8	8,3	3,2	17,7	76.7

## GROUP D

### COACH Juraj SUJA



Nationality: Slovakian
Date of Birth: 17/11/80
Place of Birth: Lucenec
Team 2022-23: Did Not Coach
International Career: Slovakia (2019-)

### **Barbora WRZESINSKI**





Height: 1.79
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 15/12/94
Place of Birth: Coscide

Club Team 2022-23: ZVVZ USK Praha (Czech

Republic-ZBL)

A classy playmaker who has done some excellent things for her country throughout her career and also since a young age, Wrzesinski is back at the Final Round with Slovakia for the first time since 2017, having missed 2021 with an injury. The last time she played at the main event, the guard was typically influential and led her country with more than 12 points and 4 assists per game as they made a surprise run to the Quarter-Finals.

Her composure, experience and leadership in the backcourt will be a huge benefit to Slovakia this time around too, with Wrzesinski able to step up in the big moments and take control of the tempo when they need to. She has got great club experience too, recently participating at the EuroLeague Women Final Four with ZVVZ USK Praha.

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### Sabina OROSZOVA



Height: 1.92 Position: Power Forward Date of Birth: 05/06/93 Place of Birth: Bratislava

Team 2022-23: Uni Gyor (Hungary-A)

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### Radka STASOVA



Height: 1.69
Position: Point Guard
Date of Birth: 14/03/97
Place of Birth: Kosice

Team 2022-23: Al-Qazeres (Spain-LF)

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### Terezia PALENIKOVA



**Height:** 1.78 **Position:** Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 16/08/95 Place of Birth: Bratislava Team 2022-23: Girona (Spain-LF)

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### Nikola DUDASOVA



Height: 1.78

Position: Shooting Guard
Date of Birth: 17/03/95
Place of Birth: Banska Bystrica
Team 2022-23: Atomeromy KSC

Team 2022-23: Atomeromu KSC Szekszard

(Hungary-A)

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### **Alica MORAVCIKOVA**



Height: 1.90 Position: Center Date of Birth: 05/12/94 Place of Birth: Cetinje

Team 2022-23: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-Ex-

traliga)

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### Natalia MARTISKOVA



Height: 1.70 Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 24/06/99 Place of Birth: Nitra

Team 2022-23: Piestanske Cajky (Slovakia-Ex-

raliga)

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### Ivana JAKUBCOVA



Height: 1.98
Position: Center
Date of Birth: 20/08/94
Place of Birth: Bratislava
Team 2022-23: Angers (France-LFB)

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### Alexandra ERDELYIOVA



Height: 1.66
Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward
Date of Birth: 25/09/04

Place of Birth: Kosice

Team 2022-23:Sopron Basket (Hungary-D1)

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### Miroslava MISTINOVA



Height: 1.83

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 02/06/97 Place of Birth: Handlova

Team 2022-23: Sosnowiec (Poland-BLK)

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### **Diana MIKOVCAKOVA**



Height: 1.85 Position: Center Date of Birth: 16/08/00 Place of Birth: Kosice

Team 2022-23: Young Angels (Slovakia-Extra-

liga)

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### **Alexandra BUKNOVA**



Height: 1.77

Position: Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 28/10/99 Place of Birth: Dolny Kubin

Team 2022-23: MBK Ruzomberok (Slovakia-Ex-

traliga)

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### Vanda KOZAKOVA



Height: 1.85
Position: Powerl Forward / Center
Date of Birth: 15/10/98
Place of Birth: Kosice

Team 2022-23: Slavia Banska Bystrica (Slova-

kia-Extraliga)

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### Stella TARKOVICOVA



Height: 1.81

Position: Small Forward Date of Birth: 16/07/99 Place of Birth: Bratislava

Team 2022-23: GiroLive Panthers Osnabruck

(Germany-DBBL)

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### Tereza SEDLAKOVA



Height: 1.86
Position: Power Forward
Date of Birth: 30/05/97
Place of Birth: Bratislava

Team 2022-23: CD Talent (Spain-LF2)

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### **READY TO START CLIMBING UPWARDS AGAIN?**

It's been an undeniably lean six years or so for Turkey who had previously established themselves as a major power when famously reaching a maiden Final in 2011 and then also landing bronze in 2013.

They even played at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, but since then, it has been a steady decline and one that everyone associated with Turkish basketball would love to reverse.

Even in 2017 when they did still make the Quarter-Finals, they suffered a humiliating blowout at the hands of arch rivals Greece and have since posted uninspiring finishes of 14th at subsequent editions.

The big question is whether they are now set to turn the curve upside down and switch it from illustrating a steady decline to the start of a movement heading skywards again – just like the good old days.

One of the key elements of those halcyon times when they stood on the podium steps was having some truly top class players, such as the legendary duo of Nevriye Yilmaz and Birsel Vardarli Demirmen. Heading into this year's edition, the presence of the naturalized Teaira McCowan may resurrect that ability to throw the ball into someone who can do some special things.

Even if the center might not take an incredible clutch shot or hand out a stunning assist like those marquee players who went before her, she can put up some seriously special numbers. The kind of towering double-doubles that will give Turkey the platform to take on anyone. The big caveat being that she has been unable to play during preparation because of an injury and the team are sweating on her ability to win her fitness race to be ready for the tournament.

Of course, it takes a whole lot more than one player to deliver Final Round success. But luckily Turkey are likely to have Tilbe Senyurek alongside her in the paint, with the forward having rejuvenated her career by playing in Poland and in EuroCup Women after she had endured some serious injuries.

Now playmaker and recently crowned EuroLeague Women champion Olcay Cakir Turgut is also leaving her homeland to play abroad after penning a deal with Perfumerias Avenida. Spreading her wings is an interesting factor and she will be a massively important performer as usual in this competition.

One backcourt blow is not having Pelin Bilgic lining up alongside her, since she led the way in assists during the Qualifiers and her absence could be telling.

Yet for Turkey to turn the corner, stop the rot and get back to climbing the tournament ladder again, they need more from their roster and that continues to be the unknown. The know-how of veteran center Esra Ural Topuz will be useful to a group containing a few inexperienced players, but there are not a load of strong offensive contributors and that is an issue.

Someone else needs to have a breakout tournament and really step up alongside McCowan, Senyurek and Cakir Turgut otherwise you might argue Turkey will be the most predictable team present at the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023.



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## GROUP D

### COACH **Ekrem MEMNUN**



**Nationality:** Turkish Date of Birth: 16/07/69 Place of Birth: Sagmalcilar Team 2022-23: CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld

International Career: Turkey (2015-2018,

### **Tegira MCCOWAN**





Height: 2.04 Position: Center Date of Birth: 28/09/96 Place of Birth: Texas (USA)

Team 2022-23: Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring

(Turkey-KBSL)

A walking double-double in any game, McCowan is a towering presence and nightmare for opposing defenses because of her sheer size alone. Joining Turkey during the last qualifying windows, the center made an instant impression with some eye-bulging numbers in points and rebounds. This also reflected her stellar work in taking Galatasaray to the EuroCup Women 2023 Finals, picking up multiple monthly MVP accolades along the way.

A nightmare matchup for any team, she will clean up on the glass, convert an array of putback scores, exploit the pick and roll and drop anchor defensively in the paint too. McCowan is likely to be Turkey's marquee player in this campaign and it would be a shock if she did not produce some epic performances for her adopted country.

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### **Asena YALCIN**



Height: 1.66 Position: Point Guard Date of Birth: 04/04/91 Place of Birth: Adana

Team 2022-23: CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld

(Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Bahar CAGLAR OKTEN**



Height: 1.90

Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

**Date of Birth: 28/09/88** Place of Birth: Izmir

Team 2022-23: Emlak Konut (Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Derin ERDOGAN**



Height: 1.70 Position: Point Guard **Date of Birth: 28/06/02** Place of Birth: Sisli

Team 2022-23: Northeastern University (USA-

NCAA)

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### **Ilayda GUNER**



Height: 1.92 Position: Center Date of Birth: 05/11/99 Place of Birth: Gungoren

Team 2022-23: Nesibe AydiN (Turkey-KBSL)



### **Olcay CAKIR**



Height: 1.82 **Position:** Point Guard Date of Birth: 13/07/93 Place of Birth: Konak

Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding

(Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Zeynep Sevval GUL**



Height: 1.93 Position: Power Forward/ Center Date of Birth: 01/01/01

Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2022-23: St Louis University (USA-NCAA)





### **Elif BAYRAM**



Height: 1.85

**Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth:** 18/09/01 Place of Birth: Bakirkoy

Team 2022-23: Besiktas (Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Feride Sevval AKALAN**



Height: 1.85 **Position:** Small Forward **Date of Birth: 14/10/01** Place of Birth: Fatih

Team 2022-23: Nesibe Aydin (Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Sevgi UZUN**



Height: 1.70

**Position:** Shooting Guard Date of Birth: 25/11/97 Place of Birth: Fatih

Team 2022-23: Botas (Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Meltem YILDIZHAN**



Height: 1.88 **Position:** Power Forward Date of Birth: 05/08/99

Place of Birth: Kucukcekmece

Team 2022-23: Galatasaray Cagdas Factoring

(Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Goksen FITIK**



Height: 1.75

Position: Shooting Guard/Small Forward

Date of Birth: 11/08/01 Place of Birth: Seyhan

Team 2022-23: CBK Mersin Yenisehir Bld

(Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Melis GULCAN**



Height: 1.87

Position: Small Forward / Power Forward

**Date of Birth: 28/05/96** Place of Birth: Istanbul

Team 2022-23: Botasspor Adana (Turkey-KBSL)

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### **Tilbe SENYUREK**



Height: 1.92

Position: Power Forward/Center Date of Birth: 26/04/95 Place of Birth: Syhan

Team 2022-23: InvestIn TheWest Enea Gorzow

(Poland-BLK)

o tilbesenyurek

### **Alperi ONAR**



Height: 1.70

Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard

Date of Birth: 02/01/96 Place of Birth: Seyhan

Team 2022-23: Fenerbahce Alagoz Holding

(Turkey-KBSL)







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## QUALIFIERS

The field for FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 was finalized following the conclusion of the Qualifiers. Played over three windows in November 2021, November 2022 and February 2023, the Qualifiers saw the European national teams compete for places in the 39th edition of the continent's flagship women's basketball event.

With co-hosts Israel and Slovenia qualified automatically, the rest of the 16-team field was completed by the 10 group winners and four best-ranked second-placed teams. Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Montenegro, Serbia, Spain and Turkey booked their tickets as winners of their respective groups, while Germany, Great Britain, Hungary and Slovakia were the four runners-up to qualify.

### **GROUP A**

						Games				
Ra	ank	BEL	GER	ВІН	MKD	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	BEL		84-55	100-60	112-41	6	5	1	+218	11
2	GER	44-69		97-58	73-41	6	4	2	+72	10
3	BIH	87-81	61-92		66-68	6	2	4	-90	8
4	MKD	43-102	47-71	64-80		6	1	5	-200	7

### **GROUP B**

							Games			
Ra	ınk	FRA	UKR	LTU	FIN	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	FRA		109-88	83-56	103-77	6	5	1	+99	11
2	UKR	90-71		71-65	74-59	6	4	2	+6	10
3	LTU	75-83	81-62		69-59	6	3	3	-3	9
4	FIN	46-82	71-77	56-65		6	0	6	-102	6

### **GROUP C**

							Games			
Ra	ınk	ESP	HUN	ISL	ROU	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	ESP		77-66	120-54	107-52	6	6	0	+233	12
2	HUN	62-66		89-49	74-58	6	4	2	+157	10
3	ISL	34-88	58-115		68-58	6	1	5	-213	7
4	ROU	32-75	40-99	65-59		6	1	5	-177	7

### **GROUP D**

							Games			
Ra	ank	TUR	POL	SLO	ALB	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	TUR		52-41	80-74	140-44	6	5	1	+175	11
2	POL	76-72		71-78	125-19	6	4	2	+185	10
3	SLO*	62-78	58-65		124-52	6	3	3	+149	9
4	ALB	48-98	50-136	28-127		6	0	6	-509	6
GROUP	E							_		

### **GROUP E**

						Games			
R	ank	SRB	CRO	BUL	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	SRB		85-57	79-51	4	4	0	+100	8
2	CRO	66-84		93-74	4	2	2	-16	6
3	BUL	76-102	73-84		4	0	4	-84	4

### **GROUP F**

						Games			
Ra	ank	MNE	DEN	AUT	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	MNE		81-84	65-48	4	3	1	+31	7
2	DEN	60-67		82-48	4	2	2	+27	6
3	AUT	60-70	66-63		4	1	3	-58	5

### **GROUP G**

							Games			
Ra	ink	GRE	GBR	POR	EST	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	GRE		72-65	64-57	86-61	6	5	1	+42	11
2	GBR	66-73		78-48	100-45	6	3	3	+75	9
3	POR	66-60	69-76		62-43	6	3	3	+5	9
4	EST	65-67	72-69	52-76		6	1	5	-122	7

### **GROUP H**

							Games			
Ra	ınk	ITA	SVK	LUX	SUI	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	ITA		81-60	82-48	78-29	6	6	0	+181	12
2	SVK	66-69		114-59	78-50	6	4	2	+94	10
3	LUX	51-109	57-77		54-58	6	1	5	-133	7
4	SUI	63-79	50-65	43-81		6	1	5	-142	7

### **GROUP I**

						Games			
Ra	ınk	CZE	NED	IRL	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	CZE		69-49	74-57	4	4	0	+58	8
2	NED	66-71		82-60	4	2	2	+0	6
3	IRL	54-70	56-59		4	0	4	-58	4

### **GROUP J**

						Games			
Ra	ınk	LAT	ISR	SWE	Played	Won	Lost	Diff.	Points
1	LAT		79-73	89-70	4	4	0	+37	8
2	ISR*	56-62		71-57	4	2	2	+9	6
3	SWE	65-71	68-75		4	0	4	-46	4

<sup>\*</sup>Israel and Slovenia were qualified for the Final Round automatically as hosts

All second-placed teams were ranked according to the Official Basketball Rules, with results against fourth-placed teams disregarded in all groups of four for purposes of the ranking.

As approved by the FIBA Europe Board, runners-up from Group F and Group I were not in contention to qualify as the best second-placed teams as a consequence of the decision to withdraw Belarus and Russia from the FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2023 Qualifiers.

#	TEAM	RECORD	+/-
1	Hungary (Q)	2-2	82
2	Slovakia (Q)	2-2	51
3	Great Britain (Q)	2-2	23
4	Germany (Q)	2-2	16
5	Israel	2-2	9
6	Poland	2-2	-7
7	Ukraine	2-2	-15
8	Croatia	2-2	-16

BELGIUM							SPAIN
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Team Name
Israel	100	3	3	0	203	153	Greece
Montenegro	100	1	1	0	66	64	Israel
Slovenia	66	6	4	2	448	403	Turkey
Turkey	66	3	2	1	205	193	Great Britain
Germany	62	8	5	3	580	525	Serbia
Slovakia	50	8	4	4	557	567	Latvia
Hungary	33	6	2	4	327	422	Belgium
Italy	31	16	5	11	925	1077	Montenegro
France	25	8	2	6	494	545	Slovakia
Greece	25	4	1	3	235	258	Germany
Latvia	20	5	1	4	309	331	Czech Republi
Serbia	20	5	1	4	353	364	France
Czech Republic	14	7	1	6	416	511	Italy
Spain	12	8	1	7	468	592	Hungary
Great Britain	0	2	0	2	119	130	Slovenia
Total	37	90	33	57	5705	6135	Total

ıst		Team Name	Win %	Played
		Greece	100	2
		Israel	100	3
		Turkey	100	4
		Great Britain	100	2
		Serbia	87	8
		Latvia	87	8
		Belgium	87	8
7		Montenegro	75	4
7		Slovakia	75	8
		Germany	72	11
		Czech Republic	69	13
7		France	66	12
		Italy	45	11
	/	Hungary	40	10
		Slovenia	N/A	0
5		Total	72	104
		FRANCE		
ıst		Team Name	Win %	Played

CZECH R	EPUBL	.IC				
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Israel	100	3	3	0	251	166
Great Britain	100	2	2	0	126	100
Belgium	85	7	6	1	511	416
Italy	80	5	4	1	368	293
Latvia	80	5	4	1	324	245
Germany	71	7	5	2	510	431
Turkey	60	5	3	2	333	293
Greece	50	6	3	3	396	373
Hungary	50	2	1	1	127	129
Spain	30	13	4	9	814	883
France	25	12	3	9	795	850
Slovakia	0	3	0	3	203	235
Montenegro	0	2	0	2	109	141
Serbia	0	1	0	1	59	75
Slovenia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	52	73	38	35	4926	4630

FRANCE						
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Germany	100	8	8	0	538	385
Greece	100	10	10	0	661	566
Israel	100	3	3	0	226	168
Great Britain	100	3	3	0	222	180
Belgium	75	8	6	2	545	494
Slovenia	75	4	3	1	294	230
Slovakia	75	8	6	2	483	401
Czech Republic	75	12	9	3	850	795
Latvia	71	7	5	2	475	384
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	235	193
Turkey	57	7	4	3	411	376
Italy	57	19	11	8	1111	1061
Serbia	55	9	5	4	643	576
Hungary	45	22	10	12	1240	1282
Spain	33	12	4	8	760	812
Total	66	135	89	46	8694	7903

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GREAT B	KIIHIN					
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Belgium	100	2	2	0	130	119
Hungary	100	1	1	0	62	59
Germany	75	4	3	1	282	255
Latvia	66	3	2	1	201	183
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	227	216
Israel	60	5	3	2	389	387
Greece	50	2	1	1	138	138
Slovakia	50	2	1	1	137	139
Serbia	33	3	1	2	185	225
Czech Republic	0	2	0	2	100	126
France	0	3	0	3	180	222
Italy	0	2	0	2	100	131
Spain	0	2	0	2	128	146
Turkey	0	1	0	1	57	64
Slovenia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	46	35	16	19	2316	2410

GREECE							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Agains	
Belgium	75	4	3	1	258	235	
Israel	75	8	6	2	577	487	
Hungary	60	5	3	2	345	333	
Germany	50	2	1	1	120	130	
Turkey	50	2	1	1	134	116	
Czech Republic	50	6	3	3	373	396	
Great Britain	50	2	1	1	138	138	
Montenegro	50	2	1	1	131	133	
Serbia	50	4	2	2	266	291	
Slovenia	50	2	1	1	138	119	
Slovakia	33	6	2	4	367	429	
Latvia	33	6	2	4	352	392	
Italy	28	7	2	5	395	445	
Spain	0	2	0	2	101	135	
France	0	10	0	10	566	661	
Total	41	68	28	40	4261	4440	

GERMANY						
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
Greece	50	2	1	1	130	120
Israel	50	8	4	4	598	538
Hungary	44	9	4	5	486	566
Belgium	37	8	3	5	525	580
Italy	33	9	3	6	514	548
Latvia	33	3	1	2	189	202
Serbia	33	3	1	2	197	242
Czech Republic	28	7	2	5	431	510
Spain	27	11	3	8	639	758
Great Britain	25	4	1	3	255	282
Slovakia	20	5	1	4	324	366
Montenegro	0	3	0	3	164	199
Turkey	0	1	0	1	63	76
France	0	8	0	8	385	538
Slovenia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	81	24	57	4900	5525

HUNGARY							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Slovenia	100	4	4	0	303	208	
Israel	87	8	7	1	594	445	
Belgium	66	6	4	2	422	327	
Slovakia	61	13	8	5	859	841	
Spain	60	10	6	4	720	709	
Germany	55	9	5	4	566	486	
France	54	22	12	10	1282	1240	
Italy	53	26	14	12	1535	1416	
Czech Republic	50	2	1	1	129	127	
Latvia	50	2	1	1	119	126	
Greece	40	5	2	3	333	345	
Turkey	0	3	0	3	187	199	
Great Britain	0	1	0	1	59	62	
Montenegro	0	2	0	2	138	151	
Serbia	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	57	113	64	49	7246	6682	

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORDS

ISRAEL	ISRAEL							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against		
Germany	50	8	4	4	538	598		
Turkey	50	6	3	3	425	452		
Serbia	50	2	1	1	161	135		
Great Britain	40	5	2	3	387	389		
Latvia	33	3	1	2	226	226		
Slovenia	33	3	1	2	175	202		
Slovakia	33	3	1	2	199	236		
Greece	25	8	2	6	487	577		
Hungary	12	8	1	7	445	594		
Italy	0	2	0	2	129	153		
Spain	0	3	0	3	153	245		
Czech Republic	0	3	0	3	166	251		
Belgium	0	3	0	3	153	203		
France	0	3	0	3	168	226		
Montenegro	N/A	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	27	60	16	44	3812	4487		

Total	27	60	16	44	3812	4487		
ITALY								
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against		
Israel	100	2	2	0	153	129		
Slovenia	100	1	1	0	75	57		
Great Britain	100	2	2	0	131	100		
Montenegro	75	4	3	1	257	243		
Greece	71	7	5	2	445	395		
Belgium	68	16	11	5	1077	925		
Germany	66	9	6	3	548	514		
Slovakia	62	8	5	3	513	500		
Spain	54	11	6	5	764	746		
Serbia	50	4	2	2	300	269		
Hungary	46	26	12	14	1416	1535		
Latvia	44	9	4	5	556	557		
France	42	19	8	11	1061	1111		
Czech Republic	20	5	1	4	293	368		
Turkey	14	7	1	6	375	431		
Total	53	130	69	61	7964	7880		

LATVIA							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Belgium	80	5	4	1	331	309	
Germany	66	3	2	1	202	189	
Greece	66	6	4	2	392	352	
Israel	66	3	2	1	226	226	
Slovenia	66	3	2	1	210	205	
Turkey	60	5	3	2	354	343	
Italy	55	9	5	4	557	556	
Hungary	50	2	1	1	126	119	
Montenegro	50	2	1	1	146	129	
Serbia	40	5	2	3	334	338	
Great Britain	33	3	1	2	183	201	
Slovakia	33	9	3	6	627	694	
France	28	7	2	5	384	475	
Czech Republic	20	5	1	4	245	324	
Spain	12	8	1	7	451	558	
Total	45	75	34	41	4768	5018	

MONTENEGRO							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Germany	100	3	3	0	199	164	
Hungary	100	2	2	0	151	138	
Slovenia	100	2	2	0	145	116	
Czech Republic	100	2	2	0	141	109	
Slovakia	66	3	2	1	231	204	
Latvia	50	2	1	1	129	146	
Greece	50	2	1	1	133	131	
France	33	3	1	2	193	235	
Great Britain	33	3	1	2	216	227	
Serbia	33	3	1	2	216	227	
Italy	25	4	1	3	243	257	
Spain	25	4	1	3	241	276	
Turkey	20	5	1	4	277	307	
Belgium	0	1	0	1	64	66	
Israel	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	49	39	19	20	2579	2603	

SLOVENIA							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Israel	66	3	2	1	202	175	
Greece	50	2	1	1	119	138	
Turkey	50	4	2	2	259	263	
Latvia	33	3	1	2	205	210	
Belgium	33	6	2	4	403	448	
France	25	4	1	3	230	294	
Hungary	0	4	0	4	208	303	
Slovakia	0	4	0	4	225	305	
Italy	0	1	0	1	57	75	
Montenegro	0	2	0	2	116	145	
Serbia	0	1	0	1	69	88	
Spain	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Czech Republic	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Great Britain	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Germany	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	26	34	9	25	2093	2444	

Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Agains
Slovenia	100	4	4	0	305	225
Czech Republic	100	3	3	0	235	203
Germany	80	5	4	1	366	324
Greece	66	6	4	2	429	367
Israel	66	3	2	1	236	199
Latvia	66	9	6	3	694	627
Great Britain	50	2	1	1	139	137
Belgium	50	8	4	4	567	557
Hungary	38	13	5	8	841	859
Italy	37	8	3	5	500	513
Montenegro	33	3	1	2	204	231
Spain	25	8	2	6	504	605
France	25	8	2	6	401	483
Turkey	0	4	0	4	222	283
Serbia	0	1	0	1	74	76
Total	48	85	41	44	5717	5689

SERBIA							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Slovenia	100	1	1	0	88	69	
Slovakia	100	1	1	0	76	74	
Czech Republic	100	1	1	0	75	59	
Belgium	80	5	4	1	364	353	
Germany	66	3	2	1	242	197	
Great Britain	66	3	2	1	225	185	
Montenegro	66	3	2	1	227	216	
Latvia	60	5	3	2	338	334	
Israel	50	2	1	1	135	161	
Italy	50	4	2	2	269	300	
Greece	50	4	2	2	291	266	
France	44	9	4	5	576	643	
Turkey	25	4	1	3	262	282	
Spain	12	8	1	7	545	611	
Hungary	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	51	53	27	26	3713	3750	

TURKEY							
Team Name	Win %	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Germany	100	1	1	0	76	63	
Hungary	100	3	3	0	199	187	
Slovakia	100	4	4	0	283	222	
Great Britain	100	1	1	0	64	57	
Italy	85	7	6	1	431	375	
Montenegro	80	5	4	1	307	277	
Serbia	75	4	3	1	282	262	
Slovenia	50	4	2	2	263	259	
Israel	50	6	3	3	452	425	
Greece	50	2	1	1	116	134	
France	42	7	3	4	376	411	
Latvia	40	5	2	3	343	354	
Czech Republic	40	5	2	3	293	333	
Belgium	33	3	1	2	193	205	
Spain	0	4	0	4	230	269	
Total	59	61	36	25	3908	3833	

### **POINTS** Player Points Edition Opponent / Result Romualda Gruszcynska-Olesiewicz (POL) 52 1956 vs Austria 92-44 Hilkka Hakola (FIN) 41 1956 vs Switzerland 70-54 Marija Veger-Demsar (YUG) vs Poland 90-81 41 1976 Marija Veger-Demsar (YUG) 40 1970 vs Belgium 115-56 Marija Veger-Demsar (YUG) 1970 vs Bulgaria 77-66 40 Judith Balogh (HUN) 39 1995 vs Moldova 73-79 Irene Guidotti (FRA) 1974 vs Bulgaria 74-76 39 Malgorzata Dydek (POL) 38 2001 vs Yugoslavia 76-82 Alina lagupova (UKR) 38 2019 vs Spain 77-95 Katalin Ratvay-Czirakine (HUN) 38 1966 vs Netherlands 70-73

REBOUNDS	REBOUNDS								
Player	Rebounds	Edition	Opponent / Result						
Jonquel Jones (BIH)	24	2021	vs France 70-72						
Malgorzata Dydek (POL)	21	2003	vs Spain 81-87						
Quanitra Hollingsworth (TUR)	21	2017	vs Italy 54-53						
Maria Vadeeva (RUS)	21	2017	vs Greece 58-62						
Anete Steinberga (LAT)	20	2017	vs Belgium 58-62						
Jonquel Jones (BIH)	19	2021	vs Sweden 82-63						
Kiah Stokes (TUR)	19	2019	vs Slovenia 55-62						
Marlies Askamp (GER)	18	1999	vs Czech Republic 86-76						
Malgorzata Dydek (POL)	18	2003	vs Slovakia 78-61						
Sancho Lyttle (ESP)	18	2017	vs Ukraine 76-54						

ASSISTS			
Player	Assists	Edition	Opponent / Result
Katalin Honti (HUN)	13	2015	vs Slovakia 86-74
Irina Osipova (RUS)	13	2015	vs Serbia 77-53
Jelena Skerovic (MNE)	13	2015	vs Ukraine 84-71
Nika Baric (SLO)	12	2019	vs Turkey 62-55
Gordana Kovacevic (YUG)	12	1999	vs Croatia 88-61
Bozica Mujovic (MNE)	12	2021	vs Serbia 75-87
Isil Alben (TUR)	11	2015	vs Czech Republic 59-48
Julie Allemand (BEL)	11	2021	vs Slovenia 92-57
Carmen Miloglav (CRO)	11	2015	vs Slovak Republic 62-84
Teja Oblak (SLO)	11	2021	vs Bosnia and Herzegovina 91-81

STEALS			
Player	Steals	Edition	Opponent / Result
Romana Hamzova (CZE)	9	1997	vs BIH 91-62
Irina Routskovskaia (RUS)	8	1997	vs Hungary 75-66
Petra Kremer (GER)	8	1997	vs Yugoslavia 73-74
Multiple players	7		

BLOCKS				
Player	Blocks	Edition	Opponent / Result	
Olga Arteshina (RUS)	7	2007	vs Greece 86-47	
Malgorzata Dydek (POL)	6	2003	vs Czech Republic 66-74	
Natalia Vieru (RUS)	6	2015	vs Spain 57-66	
Multiple players	5			

YEAR	VENUE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2021	Valencia (ESP), Strasbourg (FRA)	Serbia	France	Belgium
2019	Belgrade, Nis, Zrenjanin (SRB), Riga (LAT)	Spain	France	Serbia
2017	Hradec Kralove, Prague (CZE)	Spain	France	Belgium
2015	Timisoara, Oradea (ROU), Sopron, Szombathely, Debrecen, Gyor, Budapest (HUN)	Serbia	France	Spain
2013	Lille, Mouilleron-le-Captif, Orchies, Trelaze, Vannes (FRA)	Spain	France	Turkey
2011	Bydgoszcz, Katowice, Lodz (POL)	Russia	Turkey	France
2009	Riga (LAT)	France	Russia	Spain
2007	Chieti (ITA)	Russia	Spain	Belarus
2005	Ankara, Bursa, Izmir (TUR)	Czech Republic	Russia	Spain
2003	Pyrgos, Amaliada, Patras (GRE)	Russia	Czech Republic	Spain
2001	Orleans, Gravelines, Le Mans (FRA)	France	Russia	Spain
1999	Poznan, Pruszkow, Katowice (POL)	Poland	France	Russia
1997	Pecs, Zalaegerszeg, Budapest (HUN)	Lithuania	Slovak Republic	Germany
1995	Brno (CZE)	Ukraine	Italy	Russia
1993	Perugia (ITA)	Spain	France	Slovak Republic
1991	Tel Aviv (ISR)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Hungary
1989	Varna (BUL)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Bulgaria
1987	Jerez, Puerto Santa Maria, Cadiz (ESP)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Hungary
1985	Vicenza, Treviso (ITA)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Hungary
1983	Miskolc, Zalaegerszeg, Budapest (HUN)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Hungary
1981	Ancona, Senigallia (ITA)	Soviet Union	Poland	Czechoslovakia
1980	Maglaj, Bosanski Brod, Prijedor, Banja Luka (YUG)	Soviet Union	Poland	Yugoslavia
1978	Konin, Torun, Zielona Gora, Poznan (POL)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Czechoslovakia
1976	Moulins, Le Mont-Dore, Vichy, Clermont-Ferrand (FRA)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Bulgaria
1974	Sassari, Nuoro, Cagliari (ITA)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Italy
1972	Varna, Bourgas (BUL)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia
1970	Rotterdam, Leeuwarden (NED)	Soviet Union	France	Yugoslavia
1968	Catania, Ragusa, Palermo, Messina (ITA)	Soviet Union	Yugoslavia	Poland
1966	Sibiu, Cluj (ROU)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	German Democratic Republic
1964	Budapest (HUN)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia
1962	Mulhouse (FRA)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Bulgaria
1960	Sofia (BUL)	Soviet Union	Bulgaria	Czechoslovakia
1958	Lodz (POL)	Bulgaria	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia
1956	Prague (TCH)	Soviet Union	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1954	Belgrade (YUG)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Bulgaria
1952	Moscow (URS)	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Hungary
1950	Budapest (HUN)	Soviet Union	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1938	Rome (ITA)	Italy	Lithuania	Poland

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